



Sept. 12, 2021
9am Service
Pentecost
Lectionary 24

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Our Mission Statement:

As God's people, abounding in HOPE and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we invite all to share in the unfolding experience of Jesus Christ.

Remembrance of 9-11

Lighting the Candle of Remembrance

Moment of Silence

Prayer

Opening Hymn O God, Our Help in Ages Past (Vss. 1-3, 6)

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1. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

2. Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.
3. Before the hills in order stood or earth received its frame,
from everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.
6. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last and our eternal home

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Special Music

"Then Sings My Soul"

Vicki & Dan Kastel, Nancy Hallin

Word

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my

face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ⁹It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? The Word of our Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

Mark 8:27-38

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. ³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." ³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The Gospel of our Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Follow the Leader

1. “Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”
2. “Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer pray’r in you and you in me?”
4. “Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?”
5. Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I’ll move and love and grow in you and you in me.

Introducing and Welcoming New Members

We are here this morning to welcome these new members into our community at Hope Lutheran Church. We are not a building, but the gathered family of God. We are brothers and sisters in Christ, given this new identity through our baptism into Jesus’ death and resurrection. AS GOD’S PEOPLE, WE ABOUND IN HOPE. Today we welcome you as members of this family in the larger body of Christ.

And so we ask, do you desire to join the membership of Hope Lutheran Church? If so please answer: “EMPOWERED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, yes, we do!”

New Members: “EMPOWERED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, yes, we do!”

To the congregation, do you promise to welcome these new members, to invite them to participate in worship and song? Will you work shoulder to shoulder with them in acts of mission to the world? Will you listen to their wisdom and new ideas, will you laugh and rejoice with them in celebration, will you support and embrace them through sorrow and trial? If so, please respond, "EMPOWERED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, yes, we do!"

Congregation: "EMPOWERED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, yes, we do!"

Let's proclaim our common faith using the words of the Apostle's Creed:

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

New members, we welcome you into the family of our congregation and into the ministry of the church. As active followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to spread the Good News.

Congregation: We welcome you into our fellowship and into the mission we share. God grant that you may find here a fellowship of love and service. May we walk side by side as together we SHARE IN THE UNFOLDING EXPERIENCE OF JESUS CHRIST.

Let us pray: We thank you for bringing these new members into the community at Hope Lutheran Church. As we walk together as your people, may your Holy Spirit empower us to respect and cherish one another. Guide us ever forward into deeper faith in you as we proclaim your love and serve in your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers for the People

Prayer Petitions will end with “Lord in Your Mercy”

Prayer response is “**Hear Our Prayer**”

Meal

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Words of Institution

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Distribution

Invitation to Communion and Distribution

*All are welcome to receive the sacrament. Gluten free wafers are available at your request.
If you are unable to come forward, please inform an usher and you will be served in your pew.*

Post Communion Prayer

Sending

Blessing of Pastoral Partners

Benediction

Sending Hymn

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain*
3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

Dismissal

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you. **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Worship Leaders

Ministers	The People of Hope Lutheran Church
Presiding Pastor	Pr. Mary Erickson
Assistant Liturgist	Les Munnik
Greeters	Ken and Linda Anderson
Ushers	Mark Lason, Dave Swan
Lector	Ken Anderson
Communion Servers	Lynne Helbach, Linda Johnson, Alice Bates
Music Director	Jim Newman
Organist	Donna Benrud
Technology Team	Sara Bates, Ann Miloszewicz, Kailey Bates Jim Newman, Jacob Yates

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