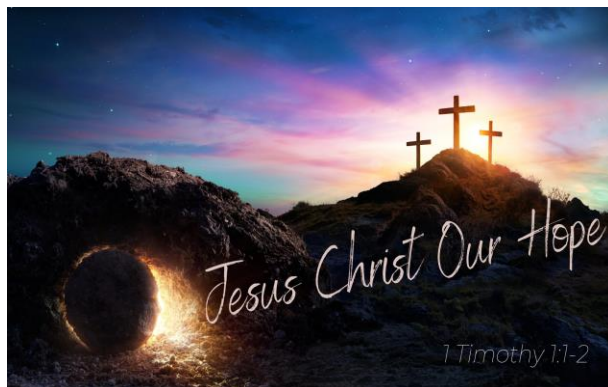


WELCOME

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SAT. JUNE 24/SUN. JUNE 25, 2023



“HOPE IN THE WORLD”

AS WE GATHER

It is not easy to live in this world as a believer in the one true God. Faith is challenged, truth is questioned, and persecution is faced. Though hardships and challenges are there and will continue, we are reminded this is nothing new since the fall into sin. The Lord doesn't leave us though in midst of doubt and despair as we deal with division and even danger. In the Old Testament, the prophet Jeremiah and his people faced hardships, yet they modeled how our witness and testimony can be ones of boldness and confidence as we sing to and praise the Lord, for He “delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers” (Jeremiah 20:13). As Paul would face countless challenges in his Gospel proclamation to the ends of the earth, he reminds us that, even amid the battle of sin, we have received grace and that the “free gift of God is eternal life” (Romans 6:23). Jesus also reminds us that as divisiveness and persecution can be expected even from those closest to us, because of His everlasting promises we are able to “fear not.” The world around us won't change until Christ returns, but the Lord doesn't change either. In and through Him, with faith and confidence we keep our trust.

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” *LSB 809*

**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

**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!**

**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

**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!**

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *from Psalm 91*

Pastor: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

People: I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”

Pastor: For He will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence.

People: He will cover you with His pinions, and under His wings you will find refuge; His faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

Pastor: You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day,

People: nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.

Pastor: For He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

People: On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: **I, a poor miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

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HYMN OF PRAISE

(LSB 793, Sts. 1 & 4)

**Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven
To His feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore His praises sing:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.**

**Angels, help us to adore Him;
You behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,
All who dwell in time and space,
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, our refuge and our strength and ever-present hope in times of need, grant Your abiding presence as we walk through this wayward world that, as You come to us still today, we walk in faith following You until the Last Day when the Son of Man comes and makes all things new; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Jeremiah 20:7–13 (Jeremiah's complaint and God's assurance)*

⁷ O LORD, you have deceived me,
and I was deceived;
you are stronger than I,
and you have prevailed.

I have become a laughingstock all the day;
everyone mocks me.

⁸ For whenever I speak, I cry out,
I shout, "Violence and destruction!"
For the word of the LORD has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.

⁹ If I say, "I will not mention him,
or speak any more in his name,"
there is in my heart as it were a burning fire
shut up in my bones,
and I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.

¹⁰ For I hear many whispering.
Terror is on every side!
"Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"

say all my close friends,
watching for my fall.
“Perhaps he will be deceived;
then we can overcome him
and take our revenge on him.”
¹¹ But the LORD is with me as a dread warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble;
they will not overcome me.
They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.
Their eternal dishonor
will never be forgotten.
¹² O LORD of hosts, who tests the righteous,
who sees the heart and the mind,^[a]
let me see your vengeance upon them,
for to you have I committed my cause.
¹³ Sing to the LORD;
praise the LORD!
For he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hand of evildoers.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Romans 6:12–23 (Alive in Christ)*

¹² Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. ¹³ Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace ¹⁵ What then? Are

we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, ¹⁸ and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

²⁰ For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

(LSB p. 205)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 10:5a, 21–33 (Warnings and promises as Jesus sends out the Twelve)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them,

²¹ Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, ²² and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³ When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

²⁴ “A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵ It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.

²⁶ “So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. ²⁷ What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. ²⁸ And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰ But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹ Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³² So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, ³³ but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ

HYMN OF THE DAY “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” *LSB 702*

**1. My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine.**

**Now hear me while I pray;
Take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day
Be wholly Thine!**

**2. May Thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart;
My zeal inspire!
As Thou hast died for me,
Oh, may my love to Thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be,
A living fire!**

**3. While life's dark maze I tread
And griefs around me spread,
Be Thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray
From Thee aside.**

**4 When ends life's transient dream,
When death's cold, sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll,
Blest Savior, then, in love,
Fear and distrust remove;**

**O bear me safe above,
A ransomed soul!**

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OLIVET 664 6664 John 1:29, 36;
Heb. 12:2–3; Eph. 3:12; Rev. 2:10–11

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Timothy Oswald

CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who never leaves us alone in this world but has overcome this world through His death and resurrection and will overcome once and for all when the Son of Man comes. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS

(LSB page 208)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24;
Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed,

took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

1 Corinthians 11:26

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. *Revelation 22:20*

THE LORD’S PRAYER

(Tune: LSB 707)

**Our Father, God, who art in heav’n,
All hallowed be Thy name;
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done
In earth and heav’n the same.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
And, as we those forgive
Who sin against us, so may we
Forgiving grace receive.**

**Into temptation lead us not;
From evil set us free;
The kingdom, power, and glory, Lord,**

Ever belong to Thee. Amen.

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PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI “The Lamb” (*LSB 547, St. 1 & 2*)

**The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where’s the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes God will provide the Lamb of price!
Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!**

**The Lamb, the Lamb, One perfect final offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav’n His praise to sing.
Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!**

+DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION+

By communing, a person says publicly that they -

- are baptized and confirmed*
- believe Christ’s words*
- repent of their sins*
- fully agree with all that the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod teaches.*

How to receive –

- anyone may come to the altar but keep hands folded if not receiving Communion*

- *the center of the tray has a cup with just a drop of wine for those who must minimize alcohol*
- *smile, exude your joy, but keep a reverent demeanor as others commune*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN “Just A Closer Walk with Thee”

**I am weak but Thou art strong;
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I’ll be satisfied as long
As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.**

Refrain:

**Just a closer walk with Thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to Thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

**Through this world of toil and snares,
If I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.**

Refrain

**When my feeble life is o’er,
Time for me will be no more;
Guide me gently, safely o’er
To Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore.**

Refrain

Unknown: Traditional Folk Song

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

(LSB, p. 181)

**Thank the Lord and sing His praise;
Tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let ev'ryone who seeks the Lord
Rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises
And leads His people forth in joy
With shouts of thanksgiving.
Alleluia, alleluia.**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that as we have come to You weary and burdened and sinful, You come to us still through this Means of Grace through which You have strengthened us in faith and forgiven our sins. We thank You for the foretaste of the feast to come when the Son of Man returns, when being free from sin, struggle, and sorrow in this world, we will live with You who lives and reigns, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

CLOSING SENTENCES *Revelation 22:12–13; 17; 20–21*

Pastor: “Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay everyone for what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

People: **The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.**

Pastor: He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.”

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” *LSB 733*

**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 Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.**

**3. Before the hills in order stood
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.**

**4. A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night**

Before the rising sun.

**5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten as a dream
Dies at the op'ning day.**

**6. O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last
And our eternal home!**

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ST. ANNE C M Psalm 90; 2 Cor. 4:16–18; Rom. 8:18; Ps. 46:1–3**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish, Series A, Quarter 3.

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- **CAR SHOW:** Hope's 22nd annual Car Show will be held on Saturday, July 8. Please see the signup sheets on the narthex table to find out how you can help.
- **HELP IS NEEDED:** Additional Ushers and Sunday Fellowship assistants are needed. See Dick Cooke if you can help.
- **PLASTIC RECYCLING:** Hope is collecting clean plastic bags of all types by the mailboxes. When we reach our goal, we will receive a free park bench. Any questions, please see Mary Ann.

- **SHARING CENTER:** The Sharing Center appreciates our volunteers and donations. Since school is out, we are now focusing on "kid-friendly" foods. In particular, peanut butter, jelly, pudding/jello/fruit snack packs, microwavable pull-tab soups/chili and other healthy snacks are needed. There is still a great need of Summer clothing for children (birth through teen) and light-weight blankets.
- Please call (757-831-6948) or e-mail Pastor Oswald (oswald1@charter.net) with your prayer requests.
- **Preacher:** Rev. Dr. Timothy Oswald
- **Liturgist (Sun.):** Rev. Maurice Lind, Pastor Emeritus
- **Sat. Organist:** Lina Schaal
- **Sun. Organist:** George Kelm
- **Choir Director:** Gail Feick
- **Ensemble Coordinator:** Tabra Gonski
- **A/V Team:** Stan & Cheryl Grey,
Brian & Amanda Larie and Josh Walton,

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY

Reader: Gail Feick
Communion: Mike Gonski
Acolyte: Amanda Siemers
Ushers: Paul & Carol Trettin
Fellowship: Beth Schneider

NEXT WEEK

Reader: Amanda Siemers
Communion: Gary Schaetten
Acolyte: Maddie Herrera

Ushers: Sue Robinson & Gary Schaetten
Fellowship: Peggy Tueting

BIRTHDAYS

6/25 Phyllis Klen
6/29 Pearl Estes
6/30 Erv Hintz
7/1 Erna Wishnew

ANNIVERSARY

6/29 Jeannine & John Clark

Opportunities to Serve the Lord This Week

6/26/23 – 7/2/23

Wednesday: 5:30pm Confirmation Class

Saturday: 9:30am Worship Service

Sunday: 9:00am Worship Service

10:20am Bible Study “Book of Acts”