

WELCOME

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SAT. OCTOBER 21 / SUN. OCTOBER 22, 2023**



“TRUSTING AGAINST ALL ODDS”

AS WE GATHER

The most profound comfort lies in the assurance that God is always working out His purpose no matter the circumstances or the people. God’s saving purpose cannot be thwarted. Isaiah lived in an age of bad news and despair, but he was confident that God could overcome them all. In the short term, this redemption came through an unlikely messianic figure named Cyrus. At the appointed time, however, the true Messiah would come and save Israel and all who trust in Him. God is in charge—not just of the ups and downs of this world’s good and bad news but for the sake of His saving work. Jesus’ power is greater than every other power, and His saving purpose will prevail. This is our comfort.

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN “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.**

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John 1:29, 36; Heb. 12:2-3; Eph. 3:12; Rev. 2:1**

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 121:2, 7*

Pastor: My help comes from the LORD,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: The LORD will keep you from all evil;

People: He will keep your life.

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

“All Glory Be to God Alone”

[LSB 948, St. 1 & 2]

All glory be to God alone,
Forevermore the highest one,
Who did our sinful race befriend
And grace and peace to us extend.
Among us may His gracious will
All hearts with deep thanksgiving fill.

We praise You, God, Your name we bless
And worship You in humbleness;
From day to day we glorify
The everlasting God on high.
Of Your great glory do we sing,
And to Your throne our thanks we bring.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; 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 *Isaiah 45:1–7* (“*I am the LORD, and there is no other.*”)

45 Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
 whose right hand I have grasped,
to subdue nations before him
 and to loose the belts of kings,
to open doors before him
 that gates may not be closed:
² “I will go before you
 and level the exalted places,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
 and cut through the bars of iron,
³ I will give you the treasures of darkness
 and the hoards in secret places,
that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
 the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
⁴ For the sake of my servant Jacob,
 and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name,

I name you, though you do not know me.
⁵ I am the LORD, and there is no other,
besides me there is no God;
I equip you, though you do not know me,
⁶ that people may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is none besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.
⁷ I form light and create darkness;
I make well-being and create calamity;
I am the LORD, who does all these things.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM: “God of Grace and God of Glory”
Fosdick/Hughes

EPISTLE *1 Thessalonians 1:1–10 (Become imitators of us and of the Lord.)*

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

² We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, ³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among

you for your sake. ⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. ⁹ For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

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 22:15–22 (*“Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.”*)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle him in his words. ¹⁶ And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach

the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "**Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin for the tax.**" And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ And Jesus said to them, "**Whose likeness and inscription is this?**" ²¹ They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "**Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.**" ²² When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY "What is the World to Me" *LSB 730*

**1. What is the world to me
With all its vaunted pleasure
When You, and You alone,
Lord Jesus, are my treasure!
You only, dearest Lord,
My soul's delight shall be;
You are my peace, my rest.
What is the world to me!**

**2. The world seeks to be praised
And honored by the mighty
Yet never once reflects
That they are frail and flighty.
But what I truly prize
Above all things is He,
My Jesus, He alone.**

What is the world to me!

**3. The world seeks after wealth
And all that mammon offers
Yet never is content
Though gold should fill its coffers.
I have a higher good,
Content with it I'll be:
My Jesus is my wealth.
What is the world to me!**

**4. What is the world to me!
My Jesus is my treasure,
My life, my health, my wealth,
My friend, my love, my pleasure,
My joy, my crown, my all,
My bliss eternally.
Once more, then, I declare:
What is the world to me!**

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FRAG ICH NACH DER WELT 67 67 66 66 1 John 2:15-17; Phil. 3:7-9; Ps. 73:25;**

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: With joy we bring You the song of praise and thanksgiving prompted by Your Word and Spirit and raised up by the voices of many generations, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who is the

revelation of Your mercy and the incarnation of Your steadfast love, through which we shall be saved. Remembering the saints who have gone before us with the sign of faith and joining our voices with angels, archangels, and all the company of heaven, we laud Your glorious name and join in their unending hymn, 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.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be 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.**
PAX DOMINI

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

AGNUS DEI “Lamb of God” *(LSB 550 St. 1 & 3)*

**Your only Son, no sin to hide,
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod,
And to become the Lamb of God.
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

**I was so lost, I should have died,
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod,
And to be called a lamb of God.
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

+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

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

LSB 411

**1. I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus. Refrain**

**In Him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

**2. I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,**

And show me the way to the Father. Refrain

**In Him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

**3. I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
We shall know the joy of Jesus. Refrain.**

**In Him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

**Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934© 1970, 1975 Celebration
HOUSTON 10 7 10 8 and refrain 2 Cor. 4:4â-6; Heb. 12:1â2; 1 John 1:5; Rev.**

NUNC DIMITTIS

(LSB, pages 199-200)

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace
According to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou has prepared before the face of all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles
and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,**

world without end. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING *Psalm 107:1*

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;

People: **for His steadfast love endures forever!**

Pastor: Let us pray. You are without equal, O Lord, and mighty in purpose and power. Deliver us from all our fears and grant our hearts to know with confidence that You will work through all things to accomplish Your purpose and fulfill Your promise. Help us by this very Communion upon the holy food of Christ's flesh and blood to be comforted in adversity and encouraged to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

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**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT:

**“Dedicated to knowing Christ and making Christ known
to others”**

Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish, Series A, Quarter 4.

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- **THANK YOU:** Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your Pastor Appreciation Remembrance and for the wonderful gift. Pastor Lind
- **REFORMATION SERVICE:** An area-wide Reformation Service will be held next Sunday, October 29, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Racine. Please see Pastor Oswald for more information.
- **2024 ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** The Election of Officers will be held at the December, 17th Voters' meeting. If you would like to be added to the following list of candidates please see me or President Paul Trettin:
 - President :** Paul Trettin
 - Secretary:** Peggy Tueting
 - Treasurer:** Tami Voigt
 - Trustee:** Jim Tonkinson
 - George Kelm, Stewardship Chairman**
- **SHARING CENTER NOVEMBER & DECEMBER HOLIDAY MEALS AND ADOPT-A-CHILD HOLIDAY PROGRAM:** Each year the Sharing Center strives to provide families what they need for a more enjoyable holiday season. For 40 years, they have offered holiday

meal provisions in November and December, as well as holiday gifts to all children. Anything you could help with for the meals and for the children is greatly appreciated! Information is provided in the flyers on the table in the Narthex. Please see Gail with questions.

- **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.
- Please call (757-831-6948) or e-mail Pastor Oswald (oswald1@charter.net) with your prayer requests or any other concerns.
- **Preacher:** Rev. Dr. Timothy Oswald
- **Liturgist:** Rev. Maurice Lind, Pastor Emeritus
- **Sat. Organist:** Lina Schaal
- **Sun. Organist:** George Kelm
- **Choir Director:** Gail Feick
- **Ensemble Coordinator:** Tabra Gomski
- **A/V Team:** Stan & Cheryl Grey, Josh Walton
Brian & Amanda Larie

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY

Reader: Erna Wishnew
Communion: Mike Gomski
Acolyte: Maddie Herrera
Ushers: Paul & Carol Trettin
Fellowship: Peggy Tueting

NEXT WEEK

Reader: Dawn Oswald
Communion: Mike Gomski
Acolyte: Emma Pferdmenges

Ushers: Josh Walton & Nathan Oswald
Fellowship: Tami Voigt

BIRTHDAYS

10/26 Donna Holmstrom
10/28 Cathy Viau

Opportunities to Serve the Lord This Week
10/23/23 – 10/29/23

Wednesday: 6:00pm Bible Study “God and Country”

Saturday: 9:30am Worship Service

Sunday: 8:15am Choir Rehearsal
9:00am Worship Service
10:20am Bible Study: “Book of Acts”
Children’s Sunday School