

WELCOME

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SAT. JULY 26/SUN. JULY 27, 2025



“PRAY EARLY AND OFTEN”

AS WE GATHER

God’s Word instructs us to stay connected to Christ. We experience that connection as we gather to hear God’s Word, dine at our Lord’s Table, and pray persistent, bold prayers for ourselves, our neighbors, communities, and world. Today we hear Abraham pleading with God on behalf of Sodom and Gomorrah. We hear Jesus teaching His disciples to pray. Jesus then illustrates the power of bold, persistent prayer and affirms the goodness of the One who hears our prayers. “For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time” (1 Timothy 2:5–6).

WELCOME

✠ PREPARATION ✠

OPENING HYMN “What A Friend We Have in Jesus” *LSB 770*

<https://youtu.be/PMNsAoyNan4?si=HXU3mtEUMwmWo2dz>

**1 What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
Oh, what needless pain we bear—
All because we do not carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!**

**2 Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged—
Take it to the Lord in prayer
Can we find a friend so faithful,
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**3 Are we weak and heavy laden
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee;
Thou wilt find a solace there.**

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 50:1, 3–5, 14–15; John 15:7, 16; Romans 12:12; 1 Thessalonians 5:17–18*

Pastor: Pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

People: The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. Our God comes; He does not keep silence; before Him is a devouring fire, around Him a mighty tempest.

Pastor: Jesus says, “If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.”

People: He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that He may judge His people.

Pastor: The apostle Paul writes, “Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.”

People: God says, “Gather to Me My faithful ones, who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice!”

Pastor: Jesus said, “You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in My name, He may give it to you.”

People: “Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High, and call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.”

Pastor: Pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

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.

✠ WORD ✠

KYRIE

https://youtu.be/2UKMMRlioGg?si=Q23_8IMVeASXEnqd



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

HYMN OF PRAISE “Beautiful Savior” (*LSB 537, St. 1 & 4*)
https://youtu.be/_7yXZORsguA?si=-Hc_5Yp7vo_7fDqb

**Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee, Truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**

**Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine!**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, Your grace and mercy have strengthened Your people throughout the ages and emboldened them to come before You in all circumstances. Strengthen our faith and confidence so that we come to You boldly, consistently, and persistently; through Jesus Christ with whom You rule and reign with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Genesis 18:17–33* (*Abraham prays to God, asking for mercy.*)

¹⁷ The LORD said, “Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, ¹⁸ seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? ¹⁹ For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice, so that the LORD may bring to Abraham what he has promised him.” ²⁰ Then the LORD said, “Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, ²¹ I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know.”

²² So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. ²³ Then Abraham drew near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴ Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵ Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?” ²⁶ And the LORD said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake.” ²⁷ Abraham answered and said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the LORD, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸ Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?” And he said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.” ²⁹ Again he spoke to him and said, “Suppose forty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of forty I will not do it.” ³⁰ Then he said, “Oh let not the LORD be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there.” He answered, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.” ³¹ He said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the LORD. Suppose twenty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.” ³² Then he said, “Oh let not the LORD be angry, and

I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.” ³³ And the LORD went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *Colossians 2:6–19 (Stay rooted in Christ to be able to stand firm in your faith.)*

⁶ Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. ⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. ¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹² having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³ And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

¹⁶ Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath.

¹⁷ These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸ Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, ¹⁹ and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE *(LSB p. 205)*

https://youtu.be/6R7I_UeHti0?si=x4a4B-1gigBGe4iH

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 *Luke 11:1–13 (Jesus teaches His disciples to pray.)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eleventh chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

11 Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” ² And he said to them, “When you pray, say: “Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

³ Give us each day our daily bread,

⁴ and forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us.
And lead us not into temptation.”

⁵ And he said to them, “Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves, ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; ⁷ and he will answer from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything’? ⁸ I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. ⁹ And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹ What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; ¹² or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Come, My Soul, with Every Care” *LSB 779*

https://youtu.be/_7xErYMAgtQ?si=NXup3CbXkpzLKZ_s

**1 Come, my soul, with every care,
Jesus loves to answer pray'r.
He Himself has bid thee pray,
therefore will not turn away.**

**2 Thou art coming to a King,
large petitions with thee bring,
for His grace and pow'r are such,
none can ever ask too much.**

**3 With my burden I begin,
Lord, remove this load of sin!
Let Thy blood, for sinners spilt, \
set my conscience free from guilt.**

**4 Lord, Thy rest to me impart,
take possession of my heart;
there Thy blood-bought
right maintain, and without a rival reign.**

5 While I am a pilgrim here,

**let Thy love my spirit cheer;
as my Guide, my Guard,
my Friend,
lead me to my journey's end.**

**6 Show me what is mine to do
ev'ry hour my strength renew;
let me live a life of faith;
let me die Thy people's death.**

SERMON

(Sun.) Rev. Dr. Fung Lo

CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. 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 good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, our merciful God who desires that all might be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. We praise and thank You that, in Your infinite mercy, You sent Your one and only Son, Jesus, to die for the sins of the world. It is through Him, the mediator between God and man, that we come to You in boldness and confidence, knowing that You hear us and will respond to our prayers according to Your good and gracious will. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS

(LSB, page 195)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He,
Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

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, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave it to His disciples saying, *“Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”*

After the same manner also He took the cup when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, “*Drink ye all of it; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as oft as ye 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.

PAX DOMINI

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

(Tune: *LSB 633*)

https://youtube.com/clip/UgkxpLM3WALksUYRsM4qt2JXdILUzGzQz5T?si=NaURC4zvGnFpX_1V

**Praise we Him, whose love divine
Gives His sacred blood for wine,
Gives His body for the feast—Christ the victim,
Christ the priest. Alleluia!**

**Lamb of God, our sins You took;
On the cross God You forsook.
Show us mercy, Lord, we pray,
Peace and mercy grant this day. Alleluia!**

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✠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 “There Is A Redeemer”

https://youtu.be/X5_PjnrSwLQ?si=o8xzyQechkRZHpvW

**There is a Redeemer—Jesus, God's own Son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.
Thank You, O My Father, For giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit Till the work on earth is done.**

**Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain.
Thank You, O My Father, For giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit Till the work on earth is done.**

**When I stand in glory, I will see His face;
There I'll serve my King forever In that holy place.
Thank You, O My Father, For giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit Till the work on earth is done.**

Text & Music: Melody Green

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

(Tune: LSB 633)

https://youtube.com/clip/UgkxpLM3WALksUYRsM4qt2JXdILUzG_zQz5T?si=NaURC4zvGnFpX_1V

**For this feast our thanks we give;
Through its gifts we ever live,
Thanks and praise forever sing
Till we hear the heavens ring, “Alleluia!”**

**Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, Your name we praise. Alleluia!**

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. We thank You, merciful Father, for giving us the good gifts of Your grace through the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus. In Your mercy, strengthen our faith and lead us to trust in Your grace and mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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 “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” *LSB 649*

https://youtu.be/PnqgIXAK_Ms?si=wpoAvfN5JG1CdlwO&t=21

**1 Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.**

**2 Before our Father’s throne
We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
Our comforts and our cares.**

**3 We share our mutual woes,
Our mutual burdens bear,
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear.**

**4 When here our pathways part,
We suffer bitter pain;
Yet, one in Christ and one in heart,
We hope to meet again.**

**5 From sorrow, toil, and pain,
And sin we shall be free
And perfect love and friendship reign
Through all eternity.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT:
**“Dedicated to knowing Christ and making Christ
known to others”**

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

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- **Pastor: 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 Gomski**
- **A/V Team: Brian & Amanda Larie
Stan & Cheryl Grey,
Dawn Oswald, Josh Walton**
- **Please call (757-831-6948) or e-mail Pastor Oswald
(oswald1@charter.net) with your prayer requests.**
- **Today we welcome SPECIAL GUESTS, Rev. Dr. Fung Lo and
his wife, Dr. Kalia Lo. After his ordination, Pastor Lo and family
served as international missionaries. Now they are part of the
Mission of Christ Network ministering to the Hmong people in
southeast Asia. We will have a special door offering this
weekend and next to share in their work. This October, two
members of our congregation, Paul Schneider and Peter Voigt,
will go to Thailand as part of a team project to help with the work
there.”**
- **WOMEN OF HOPE: The Monthly Mites Collection will be on
August 2/3. Please put your mites in the Large Mite box. You can
keep or pick up a small mite box to refill. The next collection will
be September 6/7.**

- **Our monthly Ladies Luncheon is at The Local Folks in Slades Corner, 39601-60th Street, on Tuesday, August 12, at 11:30 am. All ladies at Hope are welcome to come as well as any friends, children/grandchildren. Any questions please contact Kim Zembal 262-206-5609.**
- **BRAT FRY at Berkot's is on Saturday, August 16. A sign-up sheet is on the table. Please bring your goodies to the Brat Fry between 10-11 am. Any questions please contact Mary Beth Fragassi 847-269-0818.**
- **WOH QUARTERLY MEETING: We will meet on Tuesday, September 2, at 4:30 pm (instead of September 9). All Women at Hope can attend. We will meet in the church lower level. Any questions please contact Beth Schneider 262-351-6578.**
- **The WOH Luncheon is on Saturday, September 20, at 10:45 am, in the church lower level. All Hope ladies are welcome to attend, as well as our dear friends, and your daughters! There will be NO Ladies Luncheon at Local Folks in September. please join us for our annual event. Any questions contact Beth Schneider.**
- **CONFIRMATION: Any parents who have children that you would like to see catechized and go through the Rite of Confirmation, please contact Pastor Tim. If any members have family or friends who might be interested in this even though they are not members, Pastor Tim would gladly reach out to them; just let him know and pass their contact info on to him.**
- **SHARING CENTER: August is back to school month at the Sharing Center, and our top 3 needs are as follows: Wired Head Sets, Thin Markers (do not have to be Crayola, can be washable or permanent) and Post It Notes. Anything you can help with would be appreciated. Please see Gail with questions and to have your donations delivered.**

- **SUNDAY SCHOOL:** We are looking for teachers/assistants/substitutes/helpers for children's Sunday School this Fall. If you have any interest, please see Pastor.
- **Hope will need a new TREASURER** when the current term expires in 2026. Please talk to Pastor if the Lord might be moving your heart to serve in this important role.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY

Reader: Dawn Oswald
Communion: Paul Trettin
Acolyte: Mia Johnson
Ushers: Bill & Susan Keating
Fellowship: Tami Voigt
Altar Guild: Gary & Rita Estes

NEXT WEEK

Reader: Gary Estes
Communion: Peter Voigt
Acolyte: Lexi Johnson
Ushers: John & Peggy Tueting
Fellowship: Peggy Tueting
Altar Guild: Gail Feick

ANNIVERSARY

8/2 Peter & Tami Voigt

Calendar of Events This Week

7/28/25 – 8/3/25

Thursday: 6:00pm AA Meeting
Saturday: 9:30am Worship Service

Sunday: 9:00am Worship Service
10:20am Adult Bible Study
7:00pm AA Meeting