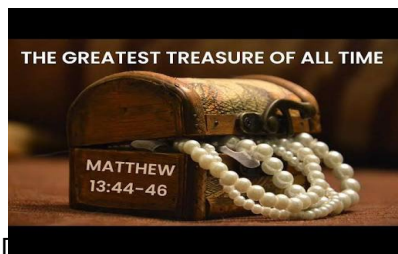


WELCOME

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SAT. JULY 25/SUN. JULY 26, 2026



“Treasures of God”

WELCOME

AS WE GATHER

From the days of the Old Testament onward, the Lord has clearly declared how He vastly treasures His people. The Son of God gives up everything to reclaim you as His treasured possession. And it is purely His love for you that gives you true value and limitless worth. Since His treasure is His people, you can be sure His heart remains with His people too, as He visits us here with the priceless goodness of His Word and Sacrament.

OPENING HYMN

“God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It”

LSB 594

HYPERLINK

<https://youtu.be/ULrYskFmuFg?si=7kJ75NiOQEA7U52q&t=32>

**1 God’s own child, I gladly say it:
I am baptized into Christ!
He, because I could not pay it,
Gave my full redemption price.**

**Do I need earth's treasures many?
I have one worth more than any
That brought me salvation free
Lasting to eternity!**

**2 Sin, disturb my soul no longer:
I am baptized into Christ!
I have comfort even stronger:
Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.
Should a guilty conscience seize me
Since my Baptism did release me
In a dear forgiving flood,
Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?**

**3 Satan, hear this proclamation:
I am baptized into Christ!
Drop your ugly accusation,
I am not so soon enticed.
Now that to the font I've traveled,
All your might has come unraveled,
And, against your tyranny,
God, my Lord, unites with me!**

**4 Death, you cannot end my gladness:
I am baptized into Christ!
When I die, I leave all sadness
To inherit paradise!
Though I lie in dust and ashes
Faith's assurance brightly flashes:
Baptism has the strength divine
To make life immortal mine.**

5 There is nothing worth comparing

**To this lifelong comfort sure!
Open-eyed my grave is staring:
Even there I'll sleep secure.
Though my flesh awaits its raising,
Still my soul continues praising:
I am baptized into Christ;
I'm a child of paradise!**

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: You are a people holy to the Lord your God.

People: We confess our unholy thoughts, words, and actions.

Silence for personal reflection.

Pastor: Almighty God,

People: we have not lived up to our calling as Your treasured possession. Our desires are selfish and our love is shallow. We have turned aside from doing good and chosen to treasure things of creation rather than our Creator. In our sinful state we are vulnerable to the devil, death, and darkness. And so we seek Your mercy. We surrender to Your loving kindness in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Pastor: “What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?”

People: “He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things?”

Pastor: Indeed, the mercy of almighty God is displayed in the giving of His Son, Jesus, to die for you, and for His sake God forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

☩ **WORD** ☩

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<https://youtu.be/Dl2zN9JZUNQ>

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Christ, have mer - cy;



Lord, have mer - cy.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

LSB 821 St.1

Hyperlink

<https://youtu.be/pHDBiKnStpQ?si=nOZFJMU-WbWiHeTh&t=8>

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood:
“Jesus out of every nation Has redeemed us by His blood.”

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Loving God, You mercifully call Your people to be Your treasured possession and defeat our mortal enemies of sin, death, and darkness. Supply our hearts with faith and secure us in the victory of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 7:6–9

⁶“For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. ⁷It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest

of all peoples, ⁸ but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹ Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations,

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Romans 8:28–39

²⁸ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Matthew 13:35b*

Pastor: Alleluia. I will open My mouth in parables;

People: I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 13:44–52*

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁴“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw

them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ “Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” ⁵² And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY “Through Jesus’ Blood and Merit”

LSB 746

HYPERLINKS

<https://youtu.be/2Fgp5qpZKtE?si=MSYSTa1KHFgbuYtw>

4. Through Jesus’ blood and merit
I am at peace with God.
What, then, can daunt my spirit,
However dark my road?
My courage shall not fail me,
For God is on my side;
Though hell itself assail me, Its rage I may
deride.

2. There’s nothing that can sever
From this great love of God;
No want, no pain whatever,
No famine, peril, flood.
Though thousand foes surround me,
For slaughter mark His sheep,
They never shall confound me,
The vict’ry I shall reap.

**3. For neither life's temptation
Nor death's most trying hour
Nor angels of high station
Nor any other pow'r
Nor things that now are present
Nor things that are to come
Nor height, however pleasant,
Nor darkest depths of gloom**

**4. Nor any creature ever
Shall from the love of God
This ransomed sinner sever;
For in my Savior's blood
This love has its foundation;
God hears my faithful prayer
And long before creation
Named me His child and heir.**

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Timothy Oswald

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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Hyperlink

<https://youtu.be/ZobNgwoGKPs?si=n4UAmkHd4GTg8jKi>

**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 *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

LSB 198

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<https://youtu.be/ZobNgwoGKPs?si=n4UAmkHd4GTg8jKi>

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

✠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

“Your Kingdom, O God, Is My Glorious Treasure” LSB 654

HYPERLINK

<https://youtu.be/0HJqCuxT1s8?si=FHETcluTr0bA4HxA&t=35>

**1 Your kingdom, O God, is my glorious treasure,
My pearl of incomp'able worth.
Its value exceeds ev'ry standard of measure,
Surpassing the wealth of the earth.
Lord, give me Your grace and
the pow'r of the Spirit
To value this treasure aright
That, never allured by the world, I inherit Your
kingdom of glory and light.**

**2 Your kingdom, O God, is alive with the power
Your Word and Your Spirit bestow.**

**Like yeast, they affect
the whole measure of flour,
Enabling Your kingdom to grow.
Empower me, Lord, as I live Your commission,
Though humble my service may be,
And bring ev'ry planting to perfect fruition,
A mustard seed grown to a tree.**

**3 Your kingdom, O God, is a field for the growing
Of seeds that Your mercy has sown;
But still in our midst is the enemy sowing
The weeds that imperil
Your own. Sustain me,
O Lord, till Your day of returning
And harvest me homeward at last,
To shine in the homeland
that quiets all yearning,
Where sorrow and danger are past.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray.

Most holy God, it is the promise of Your Word that You work all things together for good, for those called according to Your purpose. We praise You that at this altar we have tasted and seen what is good, and that by Your reconciliation, we have been made good through our Savior, Jesus Christ. May the goodness delivered to us by Your mercy be spread throughout our community, that everything good might witness to You, Giver of all good things. In the name of Christ Jesus, we pray.

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

“In Thee Is Gladness”

LSB 818

HYPERLINK

https://youtu.be/0j88p_xuLwU?si=Q18B3aWDINiZ5Q&t=12

1 In Thee is gladness
Amid all sadness,
Jesus, sunshine of my heart.
By Thee are given
The gifts of heaven,
Thou the true Redeemer art.
Our souls Thou wakest,
Our bonds Thou breakest;
Who trusts Thee surely
Has built securely;
He stands forever:
Alleluia! Our hearts are pining
To see Thy shining,
Dying or living
To Thee are cleaving;
Naught can us sever:
Alleluia!

2 Since He is ours,

**We fear no powers,
Not of earth nor sin nor death.
He sees and blesses In worst distresses;
He can change them with a breath.
Wherefore the story
Tell of His glory
With hearts and voices;
All heav'n rejoices
In Him forever:
Alleluia!
We shout for gladness,
Triumph o'er sadness,
Love Him and praise Him
And still shall raise Him Glad hymns forever:
Alleluia!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT:

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

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- Sun. Organist: George Kelm**
- Choir Director: Gail Feick**
- Ensemble Coordinator: Tabra Gomski**
- A/V Team: Brian & Amanda Larie
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- Please call (757-831-6948) or e-mail Pastor Oswald (oswald1@charter.net) with your prayer requests.
- **TODAY there will be a short voter's meeting right after service.**
- **IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECOMMEND A PASTOR** to be considered on Hope's Call List, please see Peter Voigt (Head Elder) for the form. *You must personally know the Pastor in order to nominate him.* The completed form will be submitted to the District President for consideration.
- **WOH WILL BE COLLECTING Back packs and School Supplies** for Trina Metz's school, Beach Elementary School Round Lake Beach IL and Melani Wachholder's school Wheatland Center School Burlington WI until August 22/23. Here's their wish list: **Beach Elementary School-** a lot of black dry erase markers, glue sticks, crayons, hand sanitizer, baby wipes, Clorox wipes, and backpacks. **Wheatland Center School Burlington-** Classroom needs are hand sanitizer, Clorox wipes, zip lock bags dry erase markers and backpacks. **The supplies can be placed in the white bin under coat rack.**
- **MONTHLY MITES WEEKEND AUGUST 1 & 2.** Please take a mite box and some to share with others. On our monthly mites (loose change) weekend please empty your mite box into our large mite box. Our donations support many missions through the Lutheran Women Mission League. It brings joy to support the mission and message of Jesus.

- **TASTY FELLOWSHIP:** We would appreciate additional help in providing treats after Sunday services. If you are interested or would like more information, please see Tami Voigt.

THIS WEEK

Reader:	Nadine Kelm
Communion:	Mike Gomski
Ushers:	Paul & Beth Schneider
Fellowship:	Peter & Tami Voigt
Altar Guild:	Paul & Carol Trettin

NEXT WEEK

Reader:	Peter Voigt
Communion:	Mike Gomski
Ushers:	Brian Larie & Kyle Wachholder
Fellowship:	Gary & Rita Estes
Altar Guild:	Phyllis Klen

BIRTHDAYS

07/31	Christian Bloomer
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ANNIVERSARIES

08/02	Peter & Tami Voigt
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Calendar of Events This Week

07/27/26–08/02/26

Thursday: 6:00pm AA Meeting

Saturday: 9:30am Worship Service

Sunday: 9:00am Worship Service

10:20am Bible Study

7:00pm AA Meeting

