

June 21, 2026

**STILL TRUE**



God's truth does not expire...



**God Will Preserve You**

**LIVING HOPE**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

welcome to  
**WORSHIP**

We're so glad you decided to worship with us today. You could have chosen to be anywhere this morning, and you chose to spend your time with Living Hope. Thank you! It's an honor to have you here and to have the chance to fill you with hope. Welcome to Living Hope.

## **CURRENT SERIES INFO**

### **Current Series: Still True**

In a world overflowing with opinions, pressure, confusion, and competing loyalties, God's Word remains unchanged. His truth still saves sinners. His grace still calls the unworthy. His Son still leads his Church. His promises still hold under pressure. His love still comes first. This series follows believers who learned that the gospel is not merely true in theory—it is still true for real life.

### **Today's Focus: God Will Preserve You**

The opposition may seem bigger, stronger, and louder than ever. Fear can make us wonder whether following Christ is worth the cost. But Jesus gives his disciples a different message: "Do not be afraid." In Matthew 10, we discover why Christians can face opposition, uncertainty, and even death with confidence. Our heavenly Father knows us, values us, and preserves us through it all. Because Christ acknowledges us before the Father, we have nothing to fear.



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## ABOUT LIVING HOPE

Living Hope Lutheran Church is a brand new mission church on Chattanooga's east side. We are funded by and a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, a collection of over 1,300 churches across the United States and Canada.

**Living Hope succeeds in its mission when hope forever in Jesus brings hope for every day in life.**

For more on our mission, background, and beliefs just visit our website: [livinghopechatt.com](http://livinghopechatt.com)


## ABOUT WORSHIP

Worship at Living Hope is designed to fill you with hope! The message you hear at Living Hope will center you on your Savior, Jesus, and what he's done for you. Worship isn't just about filling up God with praise. Worship is all about *God filling you* with good news!

We follow a basic order of service, called the liturgy. In the message, in specially selected Scripture readings, and in carefully crafted songs, prayers, and creeds, the liturgy proclaims the good news (gospel) about Jesus from start to finish. Gospel-centered worship is also designed to include participation of those in attendance.

- Feel free to get up to use restrooms **at any time** during the service.
- **Restrooms** are located around the corner to your right.
- A **nursery** is available for small children out the left-hand side of the worship space. Just look for the **Kid's Zone sign** just past the info corner by the main entrance. Feel free to use that space during worship. The service will be livestreamed into the room.
- **Kid activity bags** are available on a table by the entrance to the sanctuary.
- Please fill out a **connection card**. It's our best way to stay in touch with you and thank you for joining us today! You'll find connection cards on the table at the entrance.
- Everything you need to enjoy today's worship will be found in this Worship Folder. **Songs** will also be found on the screen.

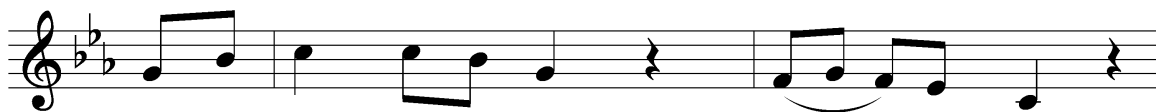
*Show friends where you are—check in!*

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# Ten Thousand Reasons

CW 607



Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;



wor-ship his ho - ly name. Sing like nev - er be-fore,



O my soul; I'll wor - ship your ho - ly name.



- 1 The sun comes up, it's a new day dawn - ing; —
- 2 You're rich in love, and you're slow to an - ger. Your
- 3 And on that day when my strength is fail - ing, the



it's time to sing your — song a - gain. What - ev - er may  
name — is — great, and your heart is kind. For all — your  
end — draws — near, and my time has come; still — my



pass, — and what - ev - er lies be - fore me,  
good-ness, I will keep — on — sing - ing—  
soul will sing your praise — un - end - ing—

*Refrain*



let me be sing - ing when the eve - ning comes.  
ten thou - sand rea - sons for my heart to find.  
ten thou - sand years and then for - ev - er - more.

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The name of the Triune God and sign of the cross remind worshipers of their baptisms.

## Call to Worship

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

In every worship service we confess our sins then cling to the forgiveness that Jesus gives us. Confession is called the “heartbeat of the Christian.”

## Confession & Absolution

Lord God, heavenly Father, we humbly come before you today knowing that we have failed to speak lovingly, think purely, or act rightly. We have sinned against you and against others... ..in wasting the precious time you give us.

**...in our slowness and hesitancy to spread your Gospel.**

...in the faithful care of our relationships.

**...in our restless and relentless preoccupation with worldly wealth.**

...in caring for the bodies and minds you have given us.

**...in our refusal to make you our first priority.**

Hear our confession, for we have sinned and are in need of your mercy and forgiveness.

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**Amen**

## Amazing Grace

CW 576 sts. 1-2

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in a 2/4 time signature. It consists of three lines of music. The first line has two vocal parts: the first part starts on G4 and the second on F4. The second line continues the melody, with the first part starting on G4 and the second on F4. The third line concludes the piece, with the first part starting on G4 and the second on F4. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— that  
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his  
saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
Word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
now am found, was blind but now I see.  
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.

Tune: Columbian Harmony, Cincinnati, 1829, ed. Benjamin Shaw; ed. Charles H. Spilman

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## Prayer of the Day

O God, because your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in your eternal love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## GOD'S WORD

### Old Testament Reading

*Jeremiah 20:7–13*

<sup>7</sup>You deceived me, LORD, and I was deceived;  
you overpowered me and prevailed.

I am ridiculed all day long;  
everyone mocks me.

<sup>8</sup>Whenever I speak, I cry out proclaiming violence and destruction.  
So the word of the LORD has brought me insult and reproach all day long.

<sup>9</sup>But if I say, "I will not mention his word or speak anymore in his name,"  
his word is in my heart like a fire, a fire shut up in my bones.  
I am weary of holding it in;  
indeed, I cannot.

<sup>10</sup>I hear many whispering,  
"Terror on every side! Denounce him! Let's denounce him!"  
All my friends are waiting for me to slip, saying,  
"Perhaps he will be deceived;  
then we will prevail over him and take our revenge on him."

<sup>11</sup>But the LORD is with me like a mighty warrior;  
so my persecutors will stumble and not prevail.  
They will fail and be thoroughly disgraced;

their dishonor will never be forgotten.

<sup>12</sup>LORD Almighty, you who examine the righteous  
and probe the heart and mind,  
let me see your vengeance on them,  
for to you I have committed my cause.

<sup>13</sup>Sing to the LORD! Give praise to the LORD!  
He rescues the life of the needy from the hands of the wicked.

## Epistle Reading

*2 Timothy 4:1–8*

<sup>1</sup>In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: <sup>2</sup>Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. <sup>3</sup>For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. <sup>4</sup>They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. <sup>5</sup>But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

<sup>6</sup>For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. <sup>7</sup>I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup>Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

## Children's Message

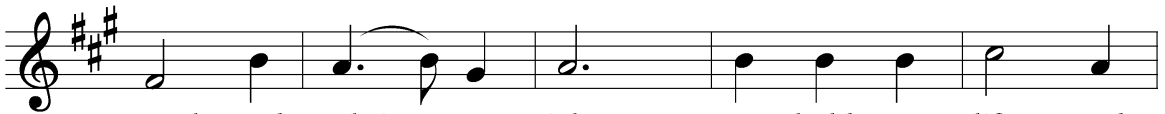
Children are invited to come forward into the front for the children's message. They will be given a special message designed just for them that ties in with the sermon.

### Fight the Good Fight

CW 876



1 Fight the good fight with all your might; Christ is your  
2 Run the straight race through God's good grace; lift up your  
3 Cast care a - side, lean on your guide; his bound-less  
4 Faint not nor fear, his arms are near; he chang - es



strength and Christ your right. Lay hold on life, and  
eyes and seek his face. Life with its way be -  
mer - cy will pro - vide. Lean, and the trust - ing  
not, and you are dear. On - ly be - lieve, and



it shall be your joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.  
fore us lies; Christ is the path and Christ the prize.  
soul shall prove Christ is its life and Christ its love.  
you will see that Christ is Lord e - ter - nal - ly.

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811-1875, alt.  
Tune: The Methodist Harmonist, New York, 1821  
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*Please Stand*

The Gospel centers our worship as it shares with us the good news about Christ. We stand out of respect for our Savior as we hear about his words and deeds

## **Gospel**

*Matthew 10:24–33*

<sup>24</sup>“The student is not above the teacher, nor a servant above his master. <sup>25</sup>It is enough for students to be like their teachers, and servants like their masters. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebul, how much more the members of his household!

<sup>26</sup>“So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. <sup>27</sup>What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs. <sup>28</sup>Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup>Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father’s care. <sup>30</sup>And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. <sup>31</sup>So don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

<sup>32</sup>“Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. <sup>33</sup>But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.

The gospel of the Lord

**Praise be to Christ!**

*Please be seated*

# God Will Preserve You

## Questions to consider while hearing the sermon:

1. What hard truths did Jesus reveal to his disciples during his “pep talk” for them?
2. As sobering as his pep-talk is, what’s the main point of his talk for the disciples?
3. What is the first fear Jesus addresses?
4. What does this mean: “the student isn’t above the teacher or the servant above the master?”
5. What kind of things might our fear motivate us to do?
6. Jesus tells us not to fear the opposition. Why don’t we have to be afraid?
7. What is the second fear Jesus addresses?
8. How much does God value you?
9. What is the third fear Jesus addresses?
10. What does it mean to “acknowledge Christ?”

## Discussion questions:

*(For Theology on Tap)*

1. In what ways can the opposition to Christianity seem "smarter, more numerous, or more committed" today?
2. Why is it tempting to keep our faith private rather than openly acknowledging Christ?
3. What practical ways can Christians "proclaim from the rooftops" today without being obnoxious or argumentative?
4. Jesus says, "Do not be afraid." Believing that God is preserving you, caring for you, and holding your future securely in Christ, what might look different in your life this week?

Please stand

## Holy God, We Praise Your Name

CW 953 st. 1

1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of  
all, we bow be - fore you. All on  
earth your scep - ter claim; all in heav'n a -  
bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your vast do -  
main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.

Text: Latin, c. 4th cent.; German version, Katholisches Gesangbuch, Vienna, 1774, abr.; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820–1900, alt.

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Christians have used the Apostles' Creed since the second century to unite themselves together and to obey God's invitation to "confess with our mouth and believe with our hearts" (Romans 10:9).

## 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there 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.**

## **Offering**

*We collect offerings out of thanks for what God has done for us so that we can support gospel work here and around the world. You can give using the envelope provided in your worship folder. You'll also find instructions there for how to give online if you'd prefer. Thank you for supporting our gospel ministry! If you are a guest with us don't feel obligated to contribute. This service is our free gift to you!*

## **Offertory: Seek Ye First**

Praying the prayer of the church is a time when we can pray for people in all kinds of circumstances and for the work of God's church on earth.

## **Prayer of the Church**

O Lord, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.

### **We praise you for every grace and blessing.**

Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.

### **Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and hope.**

We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state, and local governments.

### **Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.**

Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.

**Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.**

Invigorate the schools of our land. Give success to every effort that helps students read, think, and communicate in ways that will promote an informed and responsible citizenry. Arouse curious minds to discover the wonders of your created order.

**Give us teachers and students who pursue excellence.**

Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.

**Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.**

Hear us Lord as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare.

**Amen.**

When Jesus' disciples asked him how to pray he gave them the words of this prayer. (Matt. 6:9-13 and Luke 11:2-4) Since Jesus advises we pray this way, we say "The Lord's Prayer" every Sunday.

**Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

The historical "blessing of Aaron" (Numbers 6:24-26) has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years.

## Blessing


The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and  $\dagger$  give you peace.

**Amen.**

## The Lord Loves You Face to Face




A ho - ly God should have me cursed. A ho - ly Lord should do his worst.  
In dark-ness I have walked a-lone. I've put my trust in hearts of stone.



I am the one he should re - vile but God looks on me and smiles.  
These re-bel steps I have re - traced, God shines on me his face.



The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord smile up - on you. From sin re-leased,



15 he gives you peace. The Lord loves you face to face.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Upcoming Services

Current worship series - Still True. In a world overflowing with opinions, pressure, confusion, and competing loyalties, God's Word remains unchanged.

Next week: Still True—Remember Who You Are

### Thank you for serving us today!

Emily Knutson; piano

David Dyer; guitar

Sarah Dyer; piano, vocals

Living Hope Choir; offertory song

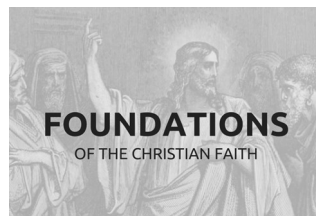
### Sunday School and Bible Study

Both adults and children are on break for Sunday Bible study this week. Classes will resume on Sunday July 12.

### Foundations Bible Study

If you're interested in membership here at Living Hope, Foundations is our "next step" class, but even if you're not interested in membership, you'll find it to be a good overview of what God has to say to you in his Word. If you're interested in attending the course just check the box on your connection envelope that says "I'd like to attend a membership class" in order to jump into a new group class or individual class. In-person or online classes are available!

Online classes are currently available on Thursdays at 7:30pm. Message pastor for a class link.



## **Viking Steel Concert—Sunday evening July 19**

Wisconsin Lutheran High School's traveling steel pan drum band, Viking Steel, has a summer tour in Tennessee and Georgia this year and Living Hope gets to host one of their free concerts at our church. Viking Steel was started in 2017 and uses the steel pan, an instrument native to the Caribbean islands of Trinidad and Tobago. Viking Steel is the largest high school steel band program in the state of Wisconsin and they have performed recently for two of our WELS International Youth Rallies. The music they perform includes classic hymns, contemporary worship songs, pop music, and other island favorites. The exact time of the concert will be nailed down soon.

## **Summer/Fall Outreach Challenge**

We're keeping this "challenge" as simple as possible: join a new social group to establish a relationship with someone new. Our goal with this isn't to make people come to church, but to get used to meeting new people, and developing relationships with the community and the people around us. Obviously we'd love to see these new people we meet also begin (or deepen) their relationship with Jesus but our goal is simply to meet a new friend/acquaintance, be ourselves, and allow God to open doors for sharing our faith. There is no more effective way to make disciples for Jesus than by getting to know people and being ourselves. So, instead of some big outreach event this summer we'd just like to send you out as an everyday missionary. And there's no door knocking involved. Simply join a group that participates in something you already enjoy doing: running, sports, art, a book club, library gathering, etc.

In the lobby you'll find a sheet where you can write down your name and the new group/social circle you plan to be part of—that way our outreach team can be praying for you and we can all encourage one another in our efforts. The most important thing with this is simply to have fun with it and be yourself!

Please check your inbox for an email from Living Hope this week which will have more details about our new "outreach challenge." And continue to listen for more encouragement from Pastor and our Outreach Coordinator, Steve Rice, as we go along!

## **Connection Envelopes**

We'd love to get your valuable feedback on our worship service today. If this is your first time at Living Hope we also want the opportunity to give you a gift to say "thanks for being our guest!" You can place your connection envelopes in the offering plate as it passes or in the basket located at the entrance of the sanctuary. Also feel free to just hand it to pastor.

### **Living Hope Small Groups**

- Men's Group—Mondays every other week at 7am. (next meeting Mon. July 20)
- Women's Group — Mondays every other week at 6:45pm (next meeting Mon July 20)
- Theology on Tap—weekly on Tuesday evenings at 7pm
- Hands of Hope—every other Thursday at 10am. (next meeting on Thurs July 2)
- Life on Mission—next session at church on Wednesday July 22 at 7pm

See more details for these groups at <https://livinghopechatt.com/small-groups>

### **Living Hope Men's Group and Women's Group**

The Men and Women's small groups will both be on a short break until they resume on Monday July 20.

### **Service Group—"Hands of Hope" - Thursday July 2 @ 10:00AM**

This is a service focused group with members working together to clean and maintain our church facilities, as well as supporting other small projects. The group will meet twice a month on Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. (for approximately 2 hours or less) and is open to all members: retired, near-retired, or anyone who has free time! This is a budgeted group, so in addition to the work time there will be a time of fellowship with lunch provided afterward at a restaurant.

Contact coordinator: Gretchen Bassett, 423-584-1981 ([gretchen.bassett@gmail.com](mailto:gretchen.bassett@gmail.com))

### **Theology on Tap—Tuesday June 23 @ 7:00PM**

Grab a drink. Grab a bite to eat. Get a taste for good theology and good conversation in a laid back setting. Each week we'll take a deeper look at Sundays sermon content and discuss how to apply that message to everyday life. Theology on Tap meets at **Lupi's Pizza** in Cambridge Square.

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## **Members' Minute**

### Birthday Blessings:

Mary Snyder 6/22

Kate Talley 6/25

Ka'myah Davis 6/26

### Anniversary Blessings:

Derek and Emily Knutson 6/21

Mike and Rachel Frederickson 6/24

**HOPE** for everyday people  
**HOPE** for everyday problems  
**HOPE** for everyday unknowns  
**HOPE** for everyday anxiety  
**HOPE** for everyday life

**Service Teams — This week**

Sunday Setup Team—Smith  
Snack Provider— Bassett, Dyer  
Ushers—Smith, Rice  
Acolyte—Ember Turner

**Service Teams — Next week June 28**

Sunday Setup Team—Mayer  
Snack Provider— Amerson, Hynson  
Ushers—Gorman, Frizzell  
Acolyte—Emi Ludwig



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