

# HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

# Anchored in His Word 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Worship

June 9, 2024

Words of Welcome

Prelude

# Order of Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose steadfast love endures forever. Amen

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you and offended one another. We are worried and distracted by many things, and we fail to love you above all else. We store up treasures for ourselves and turn away from our neighbors in need. Forgive us, that we may live in the freedom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves. **Amen** 

Opening Hymn

Now We Join in Celebration

**ELW 462** 

# Greeting

The grace that is Christ's gift to us, the love of God, and the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace be with you all. **And also with you.** 

## Kyrie

In peace let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.** 

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

#### Lord have mercy.

Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord. Amen

#### This is the Feast

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

# Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together. All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

[Sit]

Youth Message

"The Serpent Tricked Me..."

Choral Anthem

Awesome God

Mullins, arr. Moore

The Luther Singers

First Lesson Genesis 3:8-15

<sup>8</sup>Adam and Eve heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" <sup>10</sup>He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." <sup>11</sup>He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" <sup>12</sup>The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." <sup>13</sup>Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate."

<sup>14</sup>The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,

cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures;

upon your belly you shall go,

and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.

<sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman,

and between your offspring and hers;

he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

Response: Word of God, Word of Life. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 130

(Congregation speaks together.)

<sup>1</sup>Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;

<sup>2</sup>O LORD, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

more than those who keep watch for the morning.

<sup>7</sup>O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love;

with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>If you were to keep watch over sins, O LORD, who could stand?

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Yet with you is forgiveness, in order that you may be feared.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits; in your word is my hope.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup>For the LORD shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

Second Lesson 2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1

<sup>13</sup>But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, <sup>14</sup>because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. <sup>15</sup>Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

<sup>16</sup>So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, <sup>18</sup>because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

<sup>5:1</sup>For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Response: Word of God, Word of Life. Thanks be to God.

Alleluia Verse [Stand]

Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia!

# Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the third chapter. Glory to you, O Lord



Jesus went home; <sup>20</sup> and the crowd came together again, so that Jesus and the disciples could not even eat. <sup>21</sup>When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." <sup>22</sup>And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." <sup>23</sup>And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup>If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup>And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup>And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. <sup>27</sup>But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. <sup>28</sup>Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; <sup>29</sup>but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"—<sup>30</sup>for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

<sup>31</sup>Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. <sup>32</sup>A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." <sup>33</sup>And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" <sup>34</sup>And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup>Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

[Sit]

Sermon "Do Not Lose Heart"

[Stand]

Hymn of the Day Rise, Shine, You People ELW 665

Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the

right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

## I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

# Prayers

We come before the triune God to pray for our community, ourselves, and our world.

A brief silence.

[After each petition, the congregation responds with: **Receive our prayer.**]

Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ. **Amen** 

#### The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.

(The congregation is asked to greet one another with the words of Christ: "Peace be with you.")

Offering [Sit]

Offertory [Stand]

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below; Praise him above ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

# Offertory Prayer

Let us pray together. Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen

## **Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy . . . (Here the minister continues with the preface appropriate to the day or season, concluding:) we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest.

#### Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

# Lord's Prayer

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

#### Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

[Sit]

## Communion

All are welcome at the Lord's table.

We're nourished together by the body and blood of our Lord.

Communion Hymns	Come, Let Us Eat	ELW 491
	Precious Lord, Take My Hand	ELW 773
	Oh Jesus, I Have Promised	FI W 810

#### Post-Communion Canticle

[Stand]

Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ry one what he has done. Let ev'ry one 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!

## Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray together. Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen

Hymn On Our Way Rejoicing ELW 537

#### Benediction

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, + be upon you now and forever. **Amen** 

# "The Peace of God"

Whatsoever things are honest,
whatsoever things are true,
Whatsoever things are pure and lovely,
think on these things.
Whatsoever things are wholesome,
whatsoever things are good,
If there be any virtue, be any praise,
think on these things.
And the peace of God
that passes all understanding
Shall keep your hearts,
shall keep your minds
on Jesus Christ.

# Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God.** 

#### Postlude

"Our worship is ended; our service and our witness continue!"

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#### **Prayer List**

In addition to those named during worship today, a full prayer list is available in the monthly newsletter.

#### Today's Heavenly Helpers

\* Assisting Minister Carol Townsend \* Church Pianist Sandy Hunter \* Choir Director Matt Newton 8:15 service \* Lector Sue Marler 10:45 service Janet Smedley \* Greeters 10:45 service Jeannine Sieck & Ann Berman \* Ushers 10:45 service Steven & Amy Freese \* Communion Assistant 10:45 service Janet Smedley \* Counters Steven Freese & Sylvia Negri

Last week's attendance, in person and streaming: 121

#### **Calendar of Events for This Week**

Monday - Knitting & Crochet ministry, 2 PM

Tuesday - Men's Bible Study/Ellijay, 9 AM, Mike's Restaurant

- Ladies Bible Study, 12:15

Wednesday - Food Pantry, 10 AM-12:30 PM

- Choir rehearsal, 6 PM

Thursday - Quilters, 10 AM

- Co-ed Bible Study, 2 PM

#### Next Week's Scripture Readings Are...

Old Testament – Ezekiel 17:22-24 Psalm – Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15 Epistle – 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

**Gospel** – Mark 4:26-34

Mid-Week Altar Guild – June Edgemon

#### Next Week's Worship Assistants Are...

8:15 **Lector** - Charlie Brown 10:45 **Lector** - Joan Blomquist

Greeters - Mike & Linda Hoover
Ushers - Frank & Suzie Quido
Communion Asst - Joan Blomquist

**Counters** - Mike Hoover & Eileen Ashley **Fellowship** - Pam Guenther & Karie Rench

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **New Members Inquirer's Class Continues**

A New Member Enquirer's Class is meeting on Saturdays at 10 AM in the Hope fellowship hall. The class will continue for the next two Saturdays – June 15th and 22nd – and new members will be welcomed into the congregation at either the 8:15 or the 10:45 worship services on Sunday, June 23rd.

This is an opportunity to learn more about Hope Lutheran Church and our Lutheran beliefs. We don't assume because you attend the class that you'll be joining our membership — that's for you to decide.

The sessions are informal and there will always be snacks and drinks to share. For more information, call Pastor Dave at 404-226-6833.

## **Father's Day Cookout**

Father's Day is next Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, this year and we will have a cookout at the church downstairs in the Fellowship Hall following the late service. The church will provide grilled hamburgers and hotdogs, baked beans, and beverages. Church members are asked to bring sides and desserts.

#### **Flooring Installed This Week**

On Tuesday of this week a crew will be removing items from the side rooms of the Fellowship Hall that will get new flooring on Wednesday. If you have a group that normally meets in the Fellowship Hall on those days, please plan to meet in an alternate location, such as the narthex. Check with Pastor Dave if you have questions.

#### Ellen is on Vacation

Ellen will be away from the church office this week. If you have a church business need that cannot wait until the next week, please contact Pastor Dave mat 404-226-6833.

# 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Combined Worship

June 30<sup>th</sup> is a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday and we will have a combined worship service at 10 AM that day. There will not be Sunday School.

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Ministering in His Mountains



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