

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Anchored in His Word Day of Pentecost

Order of Worship May 19, 2024

Words of Welcome

Prelude

Order of Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy. Amen.

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of + Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the faithful community living out Christ's mercy and the Spirit's reconciling peace. **Amen**

Opening Hymn

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

ELW 582

Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit 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

Glory to God

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father: we worship you and we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One; you alone are the Lord; you alone are the Most High Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together. Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

[Sit]

Youth Message

"The Language of God"

Choral Anthem

A Mighty Rushing Wind

Drennan

The Luther Singers

First Lesson Acts 2:1-21

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, the apostles were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

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

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women,

¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above

²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

(Congregation speaks together.)

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

²⁵Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number,

living things both small and great.

when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

Second Lesson Romans 8:22-27

²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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. John, the fifteen and sixteenth chapters. Glory to you, O Lord



Jesus said, ²⁶"When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

^{16:4b_n}I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

²⁴How manifold are your works, O LORD!

²⁶There go the ships to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

²⁷All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.

²⁸You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

²⁹When you hide your face, they are terrified;

³⁰You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.

³¹May the glory of the LORD endure forever; O LORD, rejoice in all your works.

³²You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke.

³³I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.

³⁴May these words of mine please God. I will rejoice in the LORD.

³⁵Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah!

¹²"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

Sermon

"Filling the Hole in Our Hearts!"

[Stand]

Hymn of the Day

Spirit of Gentleness

ELW 396

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven;

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen

Prayers

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

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

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **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]

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.

Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be filled with the bread of life.

Gather the hopes and the dreams of all, unite them with the prayers we offer now.

Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray together. Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. 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

Bread of Life from Heaven

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

ELW 474

ELW 800

ELW 773

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. Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen

Hymn On Our Way Rejoicing ELW 537

Benediction

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope + bless you now and always. **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

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

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

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Today's Heavenly Helpers

* Assisting N	linister 8:15 service	Carol Townsend
	10:45 service	Ellen Hancock
* Church Pianist		Sandy Hunter
* Choir Director		Matt Newton
* Lector	8:15 service	Wayne Buehler
	10:45 service	Wanda Dodge
* Greeters	10:45 service	Frank & Suzie Quido
* Ushers	10:45 service	Steven & Amy Freese
* Communion Assistant 10:45 service		Barbara Fail
* Counters		Mike Hoover & Eileen Ashley

Last week's attendance, in person and streaming: 113

Prayer List

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

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 – Isaiah 6:1-8 Psalm – Psalm 29 Epistle – Romans 8:12-17 Gospel – John 3:1-17

Mid-Week Altar Guild – Micky Northrup

Next Week's Worship Assistants Are...

8:15 **Lector** - Jan Austin 10:45 **Lector** - Donna Carlsen

Greeters - Janice Weber & Jack O'Donovan

Ushers -Mike & Linda Hoover
Communion Asst -Donna Carlsen
Counters - Mary Leyden & Karen Baker
Fellowship - Joan Blomquist &
Linda Hoover

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lunch-In Today

We will have a Lunch-In today to help with our youth camp scholarship fund. The theme is Italian! We'll take up a freewill offering for the scholarship fund. Please join us downstairs following the late service for a delicious time of fellowship!

VBS June 4-5-6

After several years of no VBS, Hope Church is scheduling an inter-generational VBS for three nights. It'll be Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, June 4—6, starting with dinner at 6:00 PM in Founders Hall. There'll be crafts, music and bible classes for all ages!

The sessions will be called *Camp Firelight*. It'll be fun for everyone! There's a sign-up sheet in the narthex on the bulletin board – let us know if you can be with us! All are welcome!

Old Hymnals to Take Home

Old hymnals that we will not be needing at the church are available for you to take home. The old books are *Lutheran Book of Worship* (the green book) and *With One Voice* (the blue book). They will be in the narthex through next Sunday.

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