

Gospel of MARK



June 19-20, 2021

WELCOME TO HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome to the Lord's house today! We are glad you are here with us, as we worship our God together, and receive his gifts of grace. The people of Hope have focused on Mark's Gospel in recent months, and will soon complete our exploration of the entire Gospel. Today, as part of our current *Gospel of Mark* series, we are blessed to survey one of the final remaining stories in this lively, ultra-relevant book. Thanks for being here today!



Altar Flowers

Given to the glory of God by Wesley Spottiswood in honor of his father, John Spottiswood, and all fathers.

Worship Check-In

Please take a moment to check-in online on the Worship Resources page on Hope's website at www.hopelutheranwf.org.

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June 20, 2021 ~ Holy Communion: River of Life Setting

† GATHERING †

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & TIME OF GREETING

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, our great God, all holy, perfect in majesty, filled with mercy and love, incline your ears to our troubles. Hear our cry for help and deliverance, as we pour out our sorrows to you. We confess our sins of word, deed, and thought. We are ashamed of our false words, our selfish actions, our ungodly thoughts. Our sin is an ever-present danger, and our spiritual lives are in peril because of our sinful human nature. Forgive us, dear Father, not because of anything we have done or could ever do. Forgive us, because of your great mercy in the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

HYMN

"We Praise You, O God" (LBW241)

1 We praise you, O God, our re - deem - er, cre - a - tor;
 2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers, we bless you;
 3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer

in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
 through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
 and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.

We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
 When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
 With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.

we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
 and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
 To you, our great re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE



A Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



B Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Holy Lord Jesus, you came with the authority of your Father to do his work, and you persisted against all opposition. We, the church, are the fruit of your labor.

C: Refresh us once again through your Word of peace and strengthen us for the work you have called us to do. We pray in your holy name. Amen.

† WORD †

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Congregation is seated

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 92:1-5

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; ²to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night, ³to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre. ⁴For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy. ⁵How great are your works, O Lord! Your thoughts are very deep!

EPISTLE LESSON

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ²For he says, "In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you."

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. ³We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; ⁷by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

¹¹We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians; our heart is wide open. ¹²You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted in your own affections. ¹³In return (I speak as to children) widen your hearts also.

Congregation stands

ALLELUIA VERSE



GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 11:27-33

²⁷ And they came again to Jerusalem. And as he was walking in the temple, the chief priests and the scribes and the elders came to him, ²⁸ and they said to him, "By what authority are you doing these things, or who gave you this authority to do them?" ²⁹ Jesus said to them, "I will ask you one question; answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things. ³⁰ Was the baptism of John from heaven or from man? Answer me." ³¹ And they discussed it with one another, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ³² But shall we say, 'From man'?"—they were afraid of the people, for they all held that John really was a prophet. ³³ So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And Jesus said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things."

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And 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

Congregation is seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children may come to the front.
Children ages 3 – Grade 2 may leave for Children's Church immediately following the Children's Message by DCE Steve McCarthy.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation" (TCH403)



1. Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion. Christ the head and
2. To this tem - ple, where we call Thee, Come, O Lord of
3. Here vouch - safe to all Thy ser - vants What they ask of
4. Laud and hon - or to the Fa - ther; Laud and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, Cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
hosts, to - day. With ac - cus - tomed lov - ing - kind - ness
Thee to gain, What they gain from Thee for - ev - er
to the Son. Laud and hon - or to the Spir - it;



Bind - ing all the Church in one, Ho - ly Zi - on's
Hear Thy peo - ple as they pray, And Thy full - est
With the bless - ed to re - tain, And here - af - ter
Ev - er Three and ev - er One. One in might and



help for - ev - er, And her con - fi - dence a - lone.
ben - e - dic - tion Shed with - in its walls al - way.
in Thy glo - ry Ev - er - more with Thee to reign.
One in glo - ry While un - end - ing a - ges run.

SERMON

"A Question Of Authority"
- Pastor Larry Lineberger

HAMMER OF HOPE AWARD PRESENTATION (8:30 AM)

Congregation stands

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

† MEAL †

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Communion Participation: As Lutheran Christians, we believe Christ's body and blood are truly present with the bread and wine, offering forgiveness of sins to all who believe in Jesus Christ. We ask those who commune to share this unity of faith in Christ and understanding of the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Since the Scripture teaches that we are to examine ourselves before eating of the bread and drinking of the cup (1 Corinthians 11:28), if you are not certain of the meaning of Holy Communion or have not been baptized or instructed in the Christian faith, please speak with one of the Pastors before communing.

Communion Distribution Process: Please form two lines in the main center aisle, proceeding to the altar. After you have received communion, you may return to your pew via the side aisles.



White grape juice is provided in the center of the trays. Individual cups may be placed in the baskets at the ends of the altar rail. Gluten-free bread is available upon request.

Communion and Children: First communion is ordinarily offered at Hope to youth after confirmation in the 6th grade. Children and youth who have not been confirmed may come to the altar to receive a blessing. Children and non-confirmed youth should fold their arms over their chest to acknowledge they are receiving the blessing.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: 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 in 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."

THE 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.

SHARING OF PEACE

AGNUS DEI (LAMB OF GOD)



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

Congregation is seated

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

"O Living Bread From Heaven" (LBW197)



1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, how well you feed your guest!
2 My Lord, you here have led me with - in your ho - liest place,
3 You gave me all I want - ed; this food can death de - stroy.
4 Lord, grant me then, thus strength - ened with heav'n - ly food, while here



The gifts that you have giv - en have filled my heart with rest.
and here your - self have fed me with trea - sures of your grace;
And you have free - ly grant - ed the cup of end - less joy.
my course on earth is length - ened, to serve with ho - ly fear.



Oh, won - drous food of bless - ing, oh, cup that heals our woes!
for you have free - ly giv - en what earth could nev - er buy,
My Lord, I do not mer - it the fa - vor you have shown,
And when you call my spir - it to leave this world be - low,



My heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, with prais - es o - ver - flows!
the bread of life from heav - en, that now I shall not die.
and all my soul and spir - it bow down be - fore your throne.
I en - ter, through your mer - it, where joys un - min - gled flow.

WORDS OF BLESSING

Congregation stands

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, you have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of his coming, we may, together with all your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in his kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

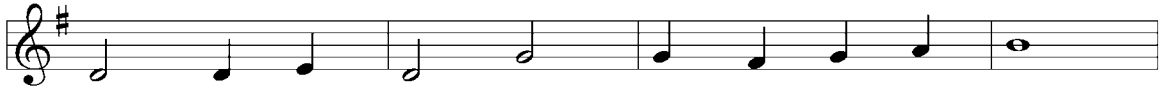
† SENDING †

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

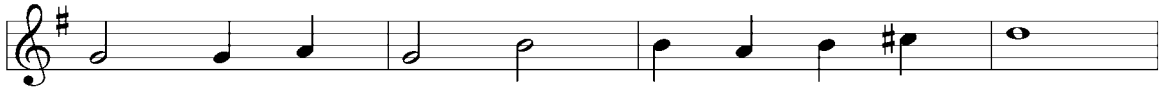
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CLOSING HYMN

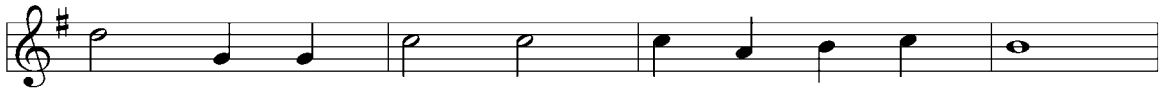
"Savior, Again To Your Dear Name" (LBW262)



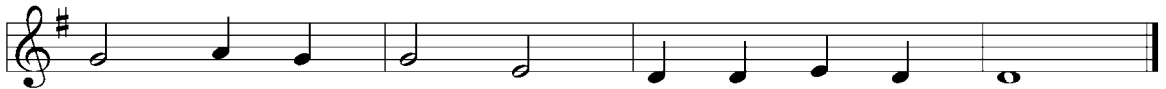
1 Sav - ior, a - gain to your dear name we raise
2 Grant us your peace up - on our home - ward way;
3 Grant us your peace, Lord, through the com - ing night;
4 Grant us your peace through - out our earth - ly life,



with one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;
with you be - gan, with you shall end the day;
for us trans - form its dark - ness in - to light.
our balm in sor - row, and our stay in strife;



once more we bless you ere our wor - ship cease,
guard all the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
Keep us from harm and dan - ger till the dawn;
then, when your voice shall bid our con - flict cease,



then, low - ly bend - ing, wait your word of peace.
that in this house have called up - on your name.
your eve - ning pres - ence prom - ise to your own.
call us, O Lord, to your e - ter - nal peace.

DISMISSAL

P: The worship is ended.

C: The service now begins.

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



EVENTS @ HOPE

Please mark your calendar for these exciting events and opportunities to serve our community.

Vicar News

Vicar Drew Thompson's final Sunday at Hope will be June 27, and then he and Katie will head back to St. Louis for his final year of seminary classes. On the weekend of July 3-4, Hope will welcome a new vicar, James Kirk, for the 2021-22 year.

Congregational Assembly

Members of Hope are encouraged to participate in a Congregational Assembly on Sunday, June 27 at 2:00 PM. An update on the overall state of our congregation will be shared, along with a financial report and a preview of exciting ministry challenges and opportunities in the months ahead. Please note that the budget for 2021, adopted in January as a two-part financial plan, will not need to be revised for the second half of the year.

Disaster Response Training Class

Are you interested in serving as a disaster response volunteer? Would you like to feel more prepared if a natural disaster hit our region, state, or community? You're welcome to attend a Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT) training course at Hope on Saturday, July 10. Basic training in disaster response service, and fundamentals of disaster preparedness, will be covered, along with an introduction to service opportunities at Hope. The session will be 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM, with lunch provided. Cost is \$20, and advance registration is required (www.hopelutheranwf.org/missions).



FATHER-SON RUBBER BAND RACE CAR DERBY

On June 25 from 6:30-7:30 PM, join Children's Ministry for a free event where each child will build a rubber band race car with their father (or uncle, grandfather, or other male adult welcome) while eating pizza. After the cars are finished, the race will begin! This fun night will have lasting memories for years to come. Sign up at www.hopelutheranwf.org/children.



HIGH SCHOOL GAME DAY

Meet in the Youth Center on June 24 from 3:00-5:00 PM for a game day. We will be pulling out the video game systems, hosting a Catan Tournament, playing board games and basketball, and watching movies. There is no cost to this event, invite your friends. Sign up at www.hopelutheranwf.org/youth.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & ADULT EDUCATION

Sunday School and Adult Education classes are held from 9:45-10:45 AM every Sunday.

Adult Education

In conjunction with our summer sermon series on the Gospel of Mark, the adult education class will focus on select verses from chapters 11 and 12. This weekend will focus on Mark 13:1-23: "It's The End Of The World As We Know It!" led by Pastor Lew. Classes are held on the Adult Education floor, room 301.

Youth Ministry

All youth in grades 5-12 are invited to Sunday School in the Youth Center.

Children's Ministry

Sunday School is offered for all children ages 3 years - grade 4 in the Children's Center.

There is no need to register, all classes are open to visitors and members of Hope.





Small Group Ministry is back with in-person meetings.

Find out which small group is right for you. Contact DCE Wesley Spottiswood at wspottiswood@hopelutheranwf.org for more information.

Open Groups

Saturday SON Risers Small Group

The Saturday SON Risers studies vary from Bible-based to inspirational books. They have currently started a new series on *Bad Women of the Bible*. All women are invited to join. The group meets the 2nd Saturday of each month at 8:00 AM at Hope. For information contact Lynda Watson at 919-761-1587 or Watson.lynda@gmail.com.

D.A.W.G. Small Group

The D.A.W.G.'s (Doing All With God) are a small group of men, of all ages, who are searching for what it means to be a man of God. "As iron sharpen iron, so one man sharpens another" Proverbs 27:17. The group meets every Friday morning from 6:30-7:45 AM at Hope. For information contact Tim Holt at timothyholt@bellsouth.net.