

TO ACCEPT HIS LOT
AND REJOICE IN
HIS TOIL - THIS IS

the gift of God

ECCLESIASTES 5:10

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
OCTOBER 16-17, 2021



WELCOME TO HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

We are very happy that you are here today at Hope! If you're visiting our church, we pray that you'll enjoy the service, and will come again soon. Please introduce yourself to one of the pastors or vicar. God's blessings to you, as you offer him your worship and praise today!



Altar Flowers. Given to the glory of God by Tim & Becki Crane in celebration of their 34th wedding anniversary.

Worship Check-In. Please take a moment to check-in online on the Worship Resource page at www.hopelutheranwf.org.

Pandemic Concerns. Mask restrictions are not currently in place at Hope. However, we encourage those who are not vaccinated to wear masks, and encourage those who are vaccinated to wear masks, also, as a means of reducing the possibility of unknowing transmitting the COVID-19 virus. Your concern and care of your neighbors is appreciated!

LEADING
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TODAY

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T W E N T Y - F I R S T S U N D A Y
A F T E R P E N T E C O S T

October 17, 2021 ~ Holy Communion: Liturgy of Joy ~ 8:30 AM

PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & TIME OF GREETING

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

ORDER OF CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: Most merciful God,

C: 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 neighbor 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.

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

HYMN

“When Morning Gilds The Skies” (LBW546)



1 When morn-ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries:
2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:
3 To him, my highest and best, I sing, when love pos - sessed:
4 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heav'n is known



may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning shad - ows fall,
may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer
may Je - sus Christ be praised! What - e'er my hands be - gin,
than “Je - sus Christ be praised!” There to the e - ter - nal Word



this rings my cur - few call: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
has none that can com - pare with “Je - sus Christ be praised!”
this bless - ing shall break in: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: oh, Je - sus Christ be praised!

5 Let all of humankind
in this their concord find:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Let all the earth around
ring joyous with the sound:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

6 Sing, sun and stars of space,
sing, all who see his face,
sing, “Jesus Christ be praised!”
God's whole creation o'er,
today and evermore,
shall Jesus Christ be praised!

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



☩ This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☩ For the Lamb who was
 slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.
 ☩ This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

☩ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al-so with you.

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, source of every blessing, your generous goodness comes to us anew every day.

C: By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

✠ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

Congregation is seated

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Ecclesiastes 5:10-20

¹⁰ He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity. ¹¹ When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes? ¹² Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep.

¹³ There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt, ¹⁴ and those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is father of a son, but he has nothing in his hand. ¹⁵ As he came from his mother's womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand. ¹⁶ This also is a grievous evil: just as he came, so shall he go, and what gain is there to him who toils for the wind? ¹⁷ Moreover, all his days he eats in darkness in much vexation and sickness and anger.

¹⁸ Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot. ¹⁹ Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil—this is the gift of God. ²⁰ For he will not much remember the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with joy in his heart.

EPISTLE LESSON

Hebrews 4:1-13

¹ Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. ² For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. ³ For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said,

“As I swore in my wrath, ‘They shall not enter my rest,’”

although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. ⁴ For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: “And God rested on the seventh day from all his works.” ⁵ And again in this passage he said,

“They shall not enter my rest.”

⁶ Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, ⁷ again he appoints a certain day, “Today,” saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted,

“Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.”

⁸ For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. ⁹ So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, ¹⁰ for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

¹¹ Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. ¹² For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³ And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

CHORAL ANTHEM

“Amazing Grace” sung by the Senior Choir

Congregation stands

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 7:24-30

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 7th chapter.



⁴ And from there he arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. ²⁵ But immediately a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. ²⁶ Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷ And he said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁸ But she answered him, “Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.” ²⁹ And he said to her, “For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter.” ³⁰ And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.

After the reading:

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



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**

** “universal” (original wording of the Creed; portraying God’s perspective that the whole of God’s people on earth are truly one In Christ)*

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 Lead DCE Beth Agner.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"O Word Of God Incarnate" (LBW231)



1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
2 The church from you, dear Mas - ter, re - ceived the gift di - vine;
3 Oh, make your church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of bur-nished gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.
to bear be - fore the na - tions your true light, as of old;



we praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,
It is the chart and com - pass that, all life's voy - age through,
oh, teach your wand-'ring pil - grims by this their path to trace,



a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
mid mists and rocks and quick - sands still guides, O Christ, to you.
till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see you face to face.

SERMON

"My Lot In Life"

Vicar James Kirk

Congregation stands

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words.

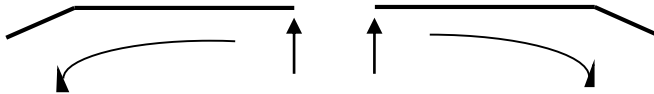
P: Lord, in your mercy...

C: Hear our prayer.

✠ THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION ✠

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 provided by the acolytes. 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

☐ The Lord be with you. ☑ And al - so with you.

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

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The first staff contains the lyrics "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." The second staff contains the lyrics "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The music is written in a simple, melodic style with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#).

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. In Christ you have forgiven our sins and saved our souls. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we offer you praise and glory, evermore praising you and saying:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.”

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

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

The ministers and congregation greet one another in the name of the Lord.

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.

Congregation is seated

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION SONG “Word Of God, Come Down On Earth” (WOV716)



1 Word of God, come down on earth, liv - ing rain from
2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to
3 Word that caused blind eyes to see, speak and heal our
4 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, one with God be -



heav'n de - scend - ing; touch our hearts and bring to birth
life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,
mor - tal blind - ness; deaf we are: our heal - er be;
yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove



faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,
cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, sav - ing Word, the
loose our tongues to tell your kind - ness. Be our Word in
God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to



we re - vere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.
world re - stor - ing, speak to us, your love out - pour - ing.
pit - y spo - ken, heal the world, by our sin bro - ken.
all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

WORDS OF BLESSING

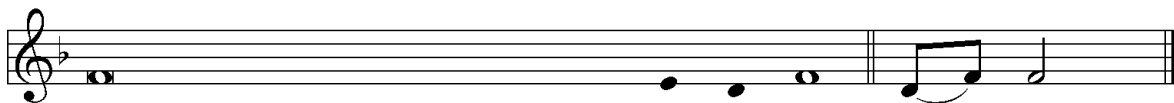
Congregation stands

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: God of our salvation, with this bread and wine you have given us life and forgiveness. Through your Holy Spirit, increase in us true faith and knowledge of your truth.

C: **May all that we do reflect the true presence of your Spirit within us, that we may proclaim Christ faithfully to the world. Amen.**

BENEDICTION



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

☐ A - men

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

CLOSING HYMN

“Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng!” (LBW553, vs. 1-3, 7)



1 Re - joice, O pil - grim throng! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing;
2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
3 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints on earth



your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king.
send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.
pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.

Refrain



Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

7 Praise him who reigns on high,
the Lord whom we adore:
the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
one God forevermore. *Refrain*

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.

Offering of Gifts & Tithes

As part of your worship today, you are welcome to make an offering you leave, using the offering plates next to the sanctuary exit doors. For more information on electronic giving options, please contact Hildary Tew (htew@hopelutheranwf.org) in the church office. Thank you!

Touched by Hope

Hope's annual free medical-dental clinic for the community will not be held this year. Our beloved medical and dental professionals have been overloaded during the pandemic, and we do not have the requisite number of professional volunteers. We're already making plans for Touched By Hope 2022, and look forward to serving our community again with this Christian care ministry.

Lutheran Witness Subscription

The monthly publication of our national church body, Lutheran Witness, speaks directly about what's important to today's Lutherans. To subscribe, visit www.hopelutheranwf.org/worship-resources to sign up and pay online by October 18. The cost is \$12.95, payable to Hope, with Lutheran Witness listed in the memo.

All Saints' Weekend

November 6-7. The services this weekend will include the Litany of Remembrance of loved ones who have died this past year. Please contact Amy Elder at aelder@hopelutheranwf.org or 919-554-8109 if you have someone to be included.

Stitches of Hope Craft Fair

October 23-24 & 30-31. The Stitches of Hope will have a number of hand-crafted items for sale at church before and after services on October 23-24 & 30-31. Most of the money raised this sale goes back into Hope's various ministries. This is a wonderful opportunity to do some early Christmas shopping! Questions? Contact Betty McAlear at bmcalear@nc.rr.com.

Wednesday Night Alive

WNA is Hope's midweek ministry opportunity for kids, youth, and adults to gather for dinner, bible study, fellowship, and fun! This week's menu is Chick-Fil-A sandwich, waffle fries, iceberg salad, fruit salad, and ice cream sandwiches.