



## WORSHIP PROGRAM

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August 17, 2025

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### Our Vision

Driven by God's Word, we equip disciples to do extraordinary things in the field that Christ prepares for them.

***Romans 15:13 [NIV] – May the God of hope fill you all with joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.***

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# **THE SERVICE OF THE WORD**

## **Prelude, Chimes, & Welcome**

### **“Come, Thou Almighty King”**

**Come, thou almighty King,  
Help us thy name to sing;  
Help us to praise;  
Father all-glorious,  
O'er all victorious,  
Come and reign over us,  
Ancient of Days.**

**Come, thou incarnate Word,  
Gird on thy mighty sword;  
Our prayer attend.  
Come and thy people bless,  
And give thy Word success,  
And let thy righteousness  
On us descend.**

**Come, holy Comforter,  
Thy sacred witness bear  
In this glad hour!  
Thou, who almighty art,  
Now rule in ev'ry heart,  
And ne'er from us depart,  
Spirit of pow'r.**

**To thee, great One in Three,  
Eternal praises be  
Hence evermore!  
Thy sov'reign majesty  
May we in glory see,  
And to eternity  
Love and adore.**

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## **Invocation**

**L:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**A:** **Amen.**

## **Confession Of Sins**

**L:** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, who knows all desires, 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 magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**A:** **Amen!**

**L:** 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.

Most merciful God,

**A: We confess that we are, by nature, sinful and unclean. 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.**

**A: 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.**

## **Absolution**

**L: Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for us and, for His sake, forgives us all our sins. As a servant of the Word, 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.**

**A: Amen.**

## **Prayer for Mercy** *(Responses Chanted)*

**L: In peace let us pray to the Lord.**

**A: Lord, Have Mercy**

**L: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.**

**A: Lord Have Mercy**

**L:** 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.

**A: Lord Have Mercy**

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

**A: Lord Have Mercy**

**L:** Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

**A: Amen**

## **Hymn of Praise**

*(Refrain)* **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. (Refrain)**

**Power, riches, wisdom and strength,  
And honor, blessing, and glory are His. (Refrain)**

**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. A-men (Refrain)**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign  
Alleluia**

## **First Reading**

*Jeremiah 23:16-29*

Thus says the Lord of hosts: "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the Lord. They say continually to those who despise the word of the Lord, 'It shall be well with you'; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, 'No disaster shall come upon you.'"

For who among them has stood in the council of the Lord to see and to hear his word, or who has paid attention to his word and listened? Behold, the storm of the Lord! Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked. The anger of the Lord will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intents of his heart. In the latter days you will understand it clearly.

"I did not send the prophets, yet they ran; I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied. But if they had stood in my council, then they would have proclaimed my words to my people, and they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their deeds.

“Am I a God at hand, declares the Lord, and not a God far away? Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the Lord. Is not my word like fire, declares the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?

L: This is the Word of God.

A: **Thanks Be To God!**

## **Second Reading**    *Hebrews 11:17-31; 12:1-3*

By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only

son, of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.

By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.



By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

L: This is the Word of God.

A: **Thanks Be To God!**

### **“Alleluia Verse”**

**Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia, Alleluia.**

## **Gospel Reading**

*Luke 12:49-53*

And he said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you. "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give to the

needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

A: Praise To You O, Christ!

## **"Who Trusts in God, A Strong Abode"**

**Who trusts in God, a strong abode  
In heav'n and earth possesses;  
Who looks in love to Christ above,  
No fear that heart oppresses.  
In you alone, dear Lord, we own  
Sweet hope and consolation,  
Our shield from foes, our balm for woes,  
Our great and sure salvation.**

**Though Satan's wrath beset our path  
And worldly scorn assail us,  
While you are near, we shall not fear;  
Your strength shall never fail us.  
Your rod and staff will keep us safe  
And guide our steps forever;  
Nor shades of death nor hell beneath,  
Our lives from you will sever.**

**In all the strife of mortal life  
Our feet will stand securely;  
Temptation's hour shall lose its pow'r,  
For you will guard us surely.  
Our God, renew with heav'nly dew  
Our body, soul, and spirit,  
Until we stand at your right hand  
Through Jesus' saving merit.**

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## **Sunday Message - *Deacon John Wulff***

### **Nicene Creed**

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of  
heaven and earth, and of all things visible and  
invisible.**

**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten  
Son of God, begotten of his Father before all  
worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of  
very God, begotten, not made, being of one  
substance with the Father, by whom all things  
were made; who for us men and for our salvation  
came down from heaven and was incarnate by the  
Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.**

**On the third day He rose again according to  
the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits  
at the right hand of the Father. And He will come  
again with glory to judge both the living and the  
dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who  
with the Father and the Son together is worshiped  
and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic  
Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the  
remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of  
the dead and the life of the world to come.**

**Amen.**

## **Altar Prayers**

### **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.

## **Blessing**

## **“Create in Me”**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence;  
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;  
and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

## **SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

### **Preface to Communion** *(Responses Chanted)*

**L:** The Lord be with you.

**A:** And also with you

**L:** Lift up your hearts.

**A:** We lift them up unto the Lord

**L:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**A:** It is right to give him thanks and praise

**L:** It is good right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who ascended above the heavens and, sitting at your right hand, poured out as he had promised the Holy Spirit on his chosen disciples. At this the whole earth rejoices with exceeding joy. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying:

**A: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**L: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for  
You have had mercy on us children of men and  
given Your only-begotten Son, that whoever  
believes in Him should not perish but have eternal  
life. We give You thanks for the redemption You  
have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send  
Your Holy Spirit into our hearts that He may  
establish in us a living faith and prepare us  
joyfully to remember our Redeemer and receive  
Him who comes to us in His body and blood.**

**A: Amen.**

## **Consecration**

**L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.**

**A: And also with you.**

## **Hymn Of Contrition**

**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.**

# **DISTRIBUTION** **OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*To prepare to receive the Lord's Supper, please answer these questions.*

**Do I believe I am a sinner and am sorry for my sins of thought, word, and deed?**

**Do I believe that Jesus' sacrifice has paid the debt for my sins, and do I trust in Him alone for my forgiveness and my salvation?**

**Do I believe that in Holy Communion I receive the real body and blood of the risen Christ for the forgiveness of sins, strengthening of my faith, and for my salvation?**

**Do I promise to reject my past sinful life and now live as a child of God that I am?**

If you have been baptized in the name of the Triune God, are a member of this or a fellow LCMS congregation, and answer "Yes!" to the above questions, we welcome you to commune with us. If not, or if you have any questions, please speak with the Pastor before or after service. If you are unsure please still come forward, cross your arms, and you will receive a blessing.

We offer dealcoholized wine and gluten-free wafers at communion. At the appropriate time, please raise your index finger to indicate to the server you have a need for these elements.



## **"O Living Bread from Heaven"**

O Living Bread from heaven,  
How well you feed your guest!  
The gifts that you have given  
Have filled my heart with rest.  
Oh, wondrous food of blessing,  
Oh, cup that heals our woes!  
My heart, this gift possessing,  
With praises overflows!

My Lord, you here have led me  
Within your holiest place,  
And here yourself have fed me  
With treasures of your grace;  
For you have freely given  
What earth could never buy,  
The bread of life from heaven,  
That now I shall not die.

You gave me all I wanted;  
This food can death destroy.  
And you have freely granted  
The cup of endless joy.  
My Lord, I do not merit  
The favor you have shown,  
And all my soul and spirit  
Bow down before your throne.

Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened  
With heav'nly food, while here  
My course on earth is lengthened,  
To serve with holy fear.

**And when you call my spirit  
To leave this world below,  
I enter, through your merit,  
Where joys unmingled flow.**

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## **“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord”**

**Draw near and take  
the body of the Lord  
And drink the holy blood  
for you outpoured.**

**Saved by that body,  
hallowed by that blood,  
Whereby refreshed,  
we render thanks to God.**

**Salvation's giver,  
Christ, the only Son,  
By his dear cross and blood  
the vict'ry won.**

**Offered was he for greatest  
and for least,  
Himself the victim  
and himself the priest.**

**Come forward then  
with faithful hearts sincere,  
And take the pledges  
of salvation here.**

**He who his saints in this world  
rules and shields,  
To all believers  
life eternal yields,**

**With heav'nly bread  
makes those who hunger whole,  
Gives living waters  
to the thirsty soul.**

**The judge eternal,  
unto whom shall bow  
All nations at the last,  
is with us now.**

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## **“Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness”**

**Jesus, your blood and righteousness  
My beauty are, my glorious dress;  
Mid flaming worlds, in these arrayed,  
With joy shall I lift up my head.**

**Bold shall I stand in that great day,  
Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;  
For by your cross, absolved I am  
From sin and guilt, from fear and shame.**

**Lord, I believe your precious blood,  
Which at the mercy-seat of God  
Pleads for the captives' liberty,  
Was also shed in love for me.**

**Lord, I believe were sinners more  
Than sands upon the ocean shore,  
You have for all a ransom paid,  
For all a full atonement made.**

**When from the dust of death I rise  
To claim my mansion in the skies,  
This then shall be my only plea:  
Christ Jesus lived and died for me.**

**Then shall I praise you and adore  
Your blessed name forevermore,  
Who once, for me and all you made,  
An everlasting ransom paid.**

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## **Thanksgiving**

**Thank the Lord and sing his praise  
Tell everyone what he has done  
Let all who seek the Lord  
Rejoice and proudly bear his name  
He recalls his promises  
And leads his people forth in joy  
With shouts of thanksgiving  
Alleluia Alleluia**

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## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

L: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**A: Amen**

## **Benediction**

L: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen!**

## **Ministry Minute**

### **Closing Announcements**

### **"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"**

**A mighty fortress is our God,  
A trusty shield and weapon;  
He helps us free from ev'ry need  
That hath us now o'ertaken.  
The old evil foe  
Now means deadly woe;**

**Deep guile and great might  
Are his dread arms in fight;  
On earth is not his equal.**

**With might of ours can naught be done,  
Soon were our loss effected;  
But for us fights the Valiant One,  
Whom God Himself elected.  
Ask ye, Who is this?  
Jesus Christ it is,  
Of Sabaoth Lord,  
And there's none other God;  
He holds the field forever.**

**Though devils all the world should fill,  
All eager to devour us.  
We tremble not, we fear no ill;  
They shall not overpow'r us.  
This world's prince may still  
Scowl fierce as he will,  
He can harm us none.  
He's judged; the deed is done;  
One little word can fell him.**

**The Word they still shall let remain  
Nor any thanks have for it;  
He's by our side upon the plain  
With His good gifts and Spirit.  
And take they our life,  
Goods, fame, child, and wife,  
Though these all be gone,  
Our vict'ry has been won;  
The Kingdom ours remaineth.**

# Chimes, Silent Prayer, & Postlude

## Greet Each Other In Peace

### **Psalm of the Day: *Psalm 119: 81-88***

<sup>81</sup>My soul is weak from waiting for you to save me.

My hope is based on your word.

<sup>82</sup>My eyes have become strained from looking for your promise.

I ask, "When will you comfort me?"

<sup>83</sup>Although I have become like a shriveled and dried out wineskin,

I have not forgotten your laws.

<sup>84</sup>What is left of my life?

When will you bring those who persecute me to justice?

<sup>85</sup>Arrogant people have dug pits to trap me

in defiance of your teachings.

<sup>86</sup>(All your commandments are reliable.)

Those people persecute me with lies. Help me!

<sup>87</sup>They almost wiped me off the face of the earth.

But I did not abandon your guiding principles.

<sup>88</sup>Give me a new life through your mercy

so that I may obey the written instructions,

which came from your mouth.

## **SEPTEMBER OUTDOOR SERVICE**

Get ready! It's time again for our annual Pups, Peeps, & Eats where you can bring your furry four legged pups to come worship with us in an outdoor service! They need to be well behaved, vaccinated, and kept on a leash. There will be an outdoor luncheon afterward with several dog friendly activities too. So bring your pups and comfortable lawn chairs and we'll see you on September 7, 2025!

# GOD BLESS

*Have a Great Week!*

## **What's Happening This Week At Hope:**

### **TUESDAY - August 19th 2025**

6:00pm              MA Recovery Meeting

### **WEDNESDAY - August 20th 2025**

9:30am              Connection Bible Study

6:00pm              Fellowship Meal Dinner

7:00pm              2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians Study Service

8:00pm              Post-Service Pastor Q&A

### **THURSDAY - August 21st 2025**

10am-Noon        Food Pantry Open

4-6:00pm          Food Pantry Open

5:00pm              TOPS Weight Loss

7:00pm              YouTube Theologians Study

### **FRIDAY - August 22nd 2025**

9:30am              Quilting Workshop

7:00pm              Young Adults' Study & Game Night