



WORSHIP PROGRAM

August 31, 2025

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

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STUDY SERVICE

This morning we will be following the Study Service order. Based upon traditions of the church, we will work our way through Scripture much like the early church did. Many times in the service you will see a Bible verse in parenthesis. We encourage you to take this home and further engage the Word of God

Welcome

(Ephesians 2:19-22)

Made family by the Word of God, let's take a moment and greet each other.

Invocation

(James 4:8)

God remembers His people; we call his name not to get His attention, but to focus our attention in readiness for worship.

The 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.

“How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”

**How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
In a believer's ear!
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,
And drives away all fear.**

**It makes the wounded spirit whole
And calms the heart's unrest;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul
And to the weary, rest.**

**Dear name! The rock on which I build,
My shield and hiding place;
My never-failing treasury, filled
With boundless stores of grace.**

**By thee my prayers acceptance gain
Although with sin defiled.
The devil charges me in vain,
And I am owned a child.**

**O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend,
My Prophet, Priest, and King,
My Lord, my Life, my way, my end,
Accept the praise I bring.**

**How weak the effort of my heart,
How cold my warmest thought;
But when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.**

**Till then I would thy love proclaim
With every fleeting breath;
And may the music of thy name
Refresh my soul in death!**

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The Prayer Of The Day

(Philippians 4:6-7)

The Lord's Prayer

(Matthew 6:9-13)

These are the things we ask our LORD to hear, and when He hears He acts.

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives!”

**I know that my Redeemer lives!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living head!**

**He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives exalted, throned above;
He lives to rule his Church in love.**

**He lives to grant me rich supply;
He lives to guide me with his eye;
He lives to comfort me when faint;
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.**

**He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.**

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First Reading

Samuel 21:10-15

David rose and fled that day from Saul and went to Achish the king of Gath. And the servants of Achish said to him, "Is not this David the king of the land? Did they not sing to one another of him in dances,

'Saul has struck down his thousands,
and David his ten thousands'?"

And David took these words to heart and was much afraid of Achish the king of Gath. So he changed his behavior before them and pretended to be insane in their hands and made marks on the doors of the gate and let his spittle run down his beard. Then Achish said to his servants, "Behold, you see the man is mad. Why then have you brought him to me? Do I lack madmen, that you have brought this fellow to behave as a madman in my presence? Shall this fellow come into my house?"

L: This is the Word of God.

A: **Thanks Be To God!**

Second Reading

Psalm 56

**To the choirmaster: according to The Dove on Far-off Terebinths.
A Miktam of David, when the Philistines seized him in Gath.**

Be gracious to me, O God, for man tramples on me;
all day long an attacker oppresses me;
my enemies trample on me all day long,
for many attack me proudly.

When I am afraid,
I put my trust in you.
In God, whose word I praise,
in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.
What can flesh do to me?

All day long they injure my cause;
all their thoughts are against me for evil.
They stir up strife, they lurk;
they watch my steps,
as they have waited for my life.
For their crime will they escape?
In wrath cast down the peoples, O God!

You have kept count of my tossings;
put my tears in your bottle.
Are they not in your book?
Then my enemies will turn back
in the day when I call.
This I know, that God is for me.
In God, whose word I praise,
in the Lord, whose word I praise,
in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.
What can man do to me?

I must perform my vows to you, O God;
I will render thank offerings to you.
For you have delivered my soul from death,
yes, my feet from falling,
that I may walk before God
in the light of life.

L: This is the Word of God.

A: **Thanks Be To God!**

Homily - *Pastor Dan Howard*

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives!"

(Please Stand)

**He lives to bless me with his love;
He lives to plead for me above;
He lives my hungry soul to feed;
He lives to help in time of need.**

**He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King!**

**He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.**

**He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Savior, still the same;
What joy this blest assurance gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!**

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Third Reading

1 Peter 5:6-11

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

L: This is the Word of God.

A: Thanks be to God!

Homily - *Pastor Dan Howard*

Organ Voluntary

Confession And Absolution

(1 John 1:9)
(Please Stand)

Moved by the Words of God, we remember that Scripture shows us three things.
We are created by God. We are sinners deserving death. We have been redeemed by the blood of Christ. We now turn to the Father, through the will of the Son, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to receive His grace and mercy.

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.

L: 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.
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.

The Apostolic Blessing

(2 Corinthians 13:14)

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Every Sunday you actually attend two services. Historically all were welcome to the service of the Word. But the service of the Sacrament was reserved for just the adult believers of the church. Guests, children and confirmands would be dismissed, and the fellowship would remain to practice communion together.

Today, we practice “closed” communion. What does this mean?

To prepare for the Lord’s Supper, we ask you to 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 do this not to exclude you, but instead to protect you.

1 Corinthians 11:29 tells us we need to take communion very seriously.

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

The Words Of Institution

(1 Corinthians 11:23-25)

Distribution

We receive the assurance of absolution through this means of grace,
Christ's true body and true blood given and shed.

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

**My faith looks up to thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine!**

**Now hear me while I pray,
Take all my guilt away,
Oh, let me from this day
Be wholly thine!**

**May thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart,
My zeal inspire;
As thou hast died for me,
Oh, may my love to thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be,
A living fire!**

**While life's dark maze I tread
And griefs around me spread,
Be thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray
From thee aside.**

**When ends life's transient dream,
When death's cold, sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll;
Blest Savior, then, in love
Fear and distrust remove;
Oh, bear me safe above,
A ransomed soul!**

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“On Eagles Wings”

**You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in His shadow for life,
Say to the Lord, "My Refuge,
My Rock in Whom I trust."**

Refrain

**And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His Hand.**

**The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear;
Under His Wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield. *Refrain***

**You need not fear the terror of the night,
Nor the arrow that flies by day,
Though thousands fall about you,
Near you it shall not come. *Refrain***

**For to His angels He's given a command,
To guard you in all of your ways,
Upon their hands they will bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone. *Refrain***

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“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

**Who Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light:**

Refrain

**Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.**

**When my way grows drear,
Precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call,
Hold my hand lest I fall: *Refrain***

**When the darkness appears
And the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone,
At the river I stand,
Guide my feet, hold my hand: *Refrain***

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Post-Communion Blessing

(Please Stand)

Aaronic Benediction

(Numbers 6:22-27)

(Please sit)

Ministry Minute & Announcements

(Hebrews 10:25)

A Christian life is not a passive life. We are called to the mission field to boldly proclaim what Christ has done for us. Thank you for worshiping with us, and we invite you to stay for lunch, and to get to know your brothers and sisters in Christ better!

(Please Stand)

“Abide with Me”

**Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.**

**I need thy presence ev'ry passing hour;
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me.**

**Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O thou who changest not, abide with me.**

**I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me!**

**Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes,
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.**

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Greet Each Other In Peace

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.

So bring your pups and comfortable lawn chairs and we'll see you on
September 7, 2025!

What's Happening This Week At Hope:

TUESDAY - September 2nd 2025

6:00pm	MA Recovery Meeting
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WEDNESDAY - September 3rd 2025

9:30am	Connection Bible Study
6:00pm	Fellowship Meal Dinner
7:00pm	2 nd Corinthians Study Service
8:00pm	Post-Service Pastor Q&A

THURSDAY - September 4th 2025

10am-Noon	Food Pantry Open
4-6:00pm	Food Pantry Open
5:00pm	TOPS Weight Loss

FRIDAY - September 5th 2025

9:30am	Quilting Workshop
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