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***Hope Lutheran Church exists to bring people to faith in Jesus
Christ, and to develop our lives as his Disciples***

Faithful Confession and Conviction

October 18, 2020

AS WE GATHER

As the Lord speaks to us in His Word, He calls the righteous to live by faith and always gives reason why His people can do so through His continual presence, power, and providence. The Readings today urge us, in various ways, to live by faith in our confession and conviction. In Isaiah, He with great conviction reminds through the prophet, "I am the Lord, and there is no other, besides Me there is no God." In the Epistle, Paul assures the Thessalonians, "He has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction." Finally, in today's Gospel, Christ urges us to live by faith and as stewards of all He has provided, to "render . . . to God the things that are God's." Moved by His Spirit out of gratefulness for the salvation earned for us by Christ Jesus, we then give God our willing obedience, dedicated service, and the glory due His name as we in confession and conviction live by faith in and through Him.

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING SONG: Holy God, We Praise Thy Name (LSB 940)

- 1 Holy God, we praise Thy name;
Lord of all, we bow before Thee.
All on earth Thy scepter claim,
All in heav'n above adore Thee.
Infinite Thy vast domain,
Everlasting is Thy reign.
- 2 Hark! The glad celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising,

Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy Lord!

- 3 Lo, the _apostles' holy train
Join Thy sacred name to hallow;
Prophets swell the glad refrain,
And the white-robed martyrs follow,
And from morn to set of sun
Through the Church the song goes on.
- 4 Thou art King of Glory, Christ;
Son of God, yet born of Mary.
For us sinners sacrificed,
As to death a Tributary,
First to break the bars of death,
Thou hast opened heav'n to faith.
- 5 Holy Father, holy Son,
Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;
Though in essence only one,
Undivided God we claim Thee
And, adoring, bend the knee
While we own the mystery.

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INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 96:1–9

- P** Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!
C Sing to the Lord, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day.
- P** Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples!
C For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods.
Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love;
C according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
- P** Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!
C For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

P As we come and bow before the Lord to confess our sins, we admit that we have bowed down to other gods of this world and gods of our own choosing.

C **We confess we have trusted in ourselves and others rather than in You.**

P We have failed to rely on You in all times. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, and against others in what we have done and left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart

C **and have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We confess we have trusted in ourselves and others rather than in You.**

P Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

C **let the field exult, and everything in it!**

P Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy

C **before the Lord, for He comes,**

P for He comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in His faithfulness.

C **Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.**

P Brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, God is a merciful and loving Father, of whom “there is no other, besides Him there is no God.” He has chosen you in the Gospel, which has come not only in word but with full conviction in power and in the Holy Spirit. Jesus died on the cross to redeem You. Through Him, in His stead, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: Confidence

Verse 1

I'm not a warrior

I'm too afraid to lose

I feel unqualified for what You're calling me to

But Lord with Your strength

I've got no excuse

'Cause broken people are

Exactly who You use

Chorus

(So) Give me faith like Daniel in the lion's den

Give me hope like Moses in the wilderness

Give me a heart like David Lord be my defense

So I can face my giants with confidence

Verse 2

You took a shepherd boy
And made him a King
So I'm gonna trust You and give You everything
I'll be a conqueror
'Cause You fight for me
I'll be a champion claiming Your victory

Bridge

I'm gonna sing and shout and shake the walls
I won't stop until I see 'em fall
Gonna stand up step out when You call
Jesus (Jesus)

Ending

I'll face my giants with confidence

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SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 45:1–7

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped,
to subdue nations before him
and to loose the belts of kings,
to open doors before him
that gates may not be closed:

²"I will go before you
and level the exalted places,

I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,
³I will give you the treasures of darkness
and the hoards in secret places,
that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name,
I name you, though you do not know me.
⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other,
besides me there is no God;
I equip you, though you do not know me,
⁶that people may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is none besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.
⁷I form light and create darkness,
I make well-being and create calamity,
I am the LORD, who does all these things.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

²We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers,
³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness
of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you,
⁵because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and
with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And
you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the
joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in
Achaia. ⁸For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia,
but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. ⁹For they
themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to
God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he
raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 22:15–22

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. ¹⁶And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" ²¹They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN: Whom Shall I Fear (God of Angel Armies)

Verse 1

You hear me when I call
You are my morning song
Though darkness fills the night
It cannot hide the light
Whom shall I fear
You crush the enemy underneath my feet
You are my sword and shield
Though troubles linger still
Whom shall I fear

Chorus

I know Who goes before me
I know Who stands behind
The God of angel armies is always by my side
The One who reigns forever
He is a friend of mine
The God of angel armies is always by my side

Verse 2

My strength is in Your name
For You alone can save
You will deliver me
Yours is the victory
Whom shall I fear
Whom shall I fear
(Whom shall I fear)

Bridge

(And) nothing formed against me shall stand
You hold the whole world in Your hands
I'm holding on to Your promises
You are faithful
You are faithful
(REPEAT)

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SERMON: Pastor Mike DeVries

APOSTLES' CREED

C 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.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. We offer to You, Lord, the sacrifice of our prayer and praise. You have blessed us with the gift of life in Your Son, Jesus Christ. You provide for all our needs, even when we are unaware. Accept our humble thanksgiving, and empower us to demonstrate our thanks in words, actions, and dedicated service to You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We acknowledge that You are the Lord, and there is no other. Strengthen us to resist temptations to serve other gods, whether things of this world, others, or ourselves. Open our eyes to see Your presence in all of our lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Our Savior Jesus Christ, has reminded us to render to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to You what is Yours. As You have established all authority over us, we pray for our leaders in this world, nation, state, and community. Give them wisdom and courage to act with justice and mercy for all lives, including the unborn and aged, the vulnerable and needful. Bless also those who serve our Church as elected and called officials, and the leaders within our own congregation, that all actions bring glory to You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P We lift up all those in need, the hungry and homeless, the mourning and grieving, and all who seek healing, [*especially* . . .]. Give peace, hope, and healing according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who taught us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING SONG: Forth in Thy Name (LSB 854 v. 1,3,5)

1 Forth in Thy name, O Lord, I go,
My daily labor to pursue,
Thee, only Thee, resolved to know
In all I think or speak or do.

- 3 Thee may I set at my right hand,
Whose eyes my inmost substance see,
And labor on at Thy command,
And offer all my works to Thee.
- 5 For Thee delightfully employ
Whate'er Thy bounteous grace has giv'n,
And run my course with even joy,
And closely walk with Thee to heav'n.

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God!**

Offerings may be left in the designated basket located in the Narthex.

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REACHING OUR 2020 VISION OBJECTIVES

People Passionate About Christ:

In Word and Worship, In Fellowship and Care, and In Outreach:

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORD AND WORSHIP

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES We are having in-person Sunday worship services at 7:30am (in which masks must be worn during the entire service), 9:00am and 10:30am (with regular COVID guidelines applied). If you still are not comfortable attending in person worship services, the services are recorded, and will be available online the following Monday on our website at hopelinden.org. Please contact Pastor if you would like to schedule a time for private communion or confession.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 5TH GRADE is on Sundays at 9:30am. The forty-five minutes class using the DIG IN curriculum will be taught by Kathy Collard.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY will be on Wednesdays. Pastor will lead a session at 10am, and the same session again at 7pm. The studies will be available via Zoom as well as in person here at the church. This fall, the topics to be discussed and studied will revolve around current events.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP AND CARE

FISH FOOD PANTRY is still collecting items for local residents. The Women's Guild has committed to collecting paper products, cleaning supplies, and personal hygiene products for FISH. You may drop off your donations at any time, downstairs in the Sunday School hallway. Please note: We are not currently collecting items for My Brother's Keeper.

TEEN & ADULT BASKETBALL Pick-up, co-ed games will be held here at our gym on Monday, October 19th starting at 6:30pm. Hope will be hosting these game nights for area churches, and everyone is invited!

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUTREACH

BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG! The Flint Pregnancy Resource Center is still at work helping and affirming families that choose life! As you can imagine they still need to raise funds to continue this important work. Take a plastic baby bottle home and fill it up during the month of October. We will deliver the collected donations to the Center in November.

LWML MITES will be collected on **Sunday, October 18th**. The Lutheran Women's Missionary League has several grants they are still fundraising for, and your loose change will help them achieve their goals. Start gathering your mites today!

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10/11/20 INFORMATION

Worship

7:30am	15
9:00am	13
10:30am	22

Collections

Givings	1035.00
Paypal	225.00
Electronic Givings	405.00
Facility Rental	50.00
Families in Need	20.00

Next Week at Hope

Regular hours are Monday-Thursday 9am to 2pm.

MONDAY, October 19th

Drivers Ed 2:30-5:45pm
Basketball in Gym 6:30pm

TUESDAY, October 20th

Drivers Ed 2:30-5:45pm
Wrestling in Gym 6:00-9:00

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
DALE & KATHY PLUMMER!**

WEDNESDAY, October 21st

Adult Bible Study 10am
Drivers Ed 2:30-4:30pm
Adult Bible Study 7pm
Wrestling in Gym 6:00-9:00

THURSDAY, October 22nd

Drivers Ed 2:30-4pm
Wrestling in Gym 6:00-9:00
Bibles & Brews 6:30pm at Steve Laird's home

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
KARL & NICOLE
OPPERTHAUSER!**

FRIDAY, October 23rd

Office is Closed
Drivers Ed 2:30-4pm
Wrestling in Gym 6:00-9:00

SATURDAY, October 24th

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
NORM & LINDA SCHMIDT**

SUNDAY, October 25th

7:30am ALL MASK service
9am Worship Service
9:30am Sunday School for K-5
10:30am Worship Service

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY CHRIS
WOLVERTON!**

**The Altar Flowers this week are in Celebration of
Karl and Nicole Opperthausers Anniversary
from their parents Ned & Karen Powell**