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

The Hope of the Children of God

November 1, 2020

AS WE GATHER

There are different types of hope. The hope some people have is no more than wishful thinking. Others rely on their own plans and intellect to provide a measure of hope during times of difficulty. But for those of us who have been blessed with the gift of faith in our Lord Jesus, hope is sure. For His sake, our heavenly Father has forgiven all our sins and now calls us His own children, brothers and sisters of our Lord. We shall join those who have gone before us to sing God's eternal praises, even as we join "angels and archangels and all the company of heaven" in the Sanctus before receiving His body and blood.

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING SONG: The Church's One Foundation (LSB 644)

- 1 The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the Word.
From heav'n He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

- 2 Elect from ev'ry nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation:
One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,

Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses
With ev'ry grace endued.

3 Though with a scornful wonder
The world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping;
Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.

4 Through toil and tribulation
And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth has union
With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.
O blessèd heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us,
May see You face to face.

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INVOCATION

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

G Amen.

ALL SAINTS' DAY INTRODUCTION

P Today we are celebrating All Saints' Day, on which we give thanks "for all the saints who from their labors rest," those who have gone before us in faith. By definition, a saint is anyone looked on as holy by God, and we who have faith in Christ here on earth are already declared by God to be His saints. Indeed, He calls us His children. Knowing the eternal "end of the story" gives us hope in our daily walk through life. That hope is summarized in today's short Epistle.

EPISTLE

1 John 3:1–3

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Confident of salvation, let us confess our sins to our loving, heavenly Father.

C **We confess that we have not lived as Your children, Father in heaven. In our thinking, speaking, and acting, we have not demonstrated to the people around us the kind of love You have shown us. Forgive us for these our sins. Open our eyes of faith that we may anticipate seeing You in the eternity that awaits us. Then move us toward purity of living that will give You the glory each day until You return.**

P Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ, we are God's children now because of the hope God has poured into us. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore 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: He Reigns

Verse 1

It's the song of the redeemed
Rising from the African plain
It's the song of the forgiven
Drowning out the Amazon rain
The song of Asian believers
Filled with God's holy fire
It's every tribe every tongue every nation
A love song born of a grateful choir

Chorus

It's all God's children singing
Glory glory hallelujah
He reigns He reigns
It's all God's children singing
Glory glory hallelujah
He reigns (He reigns)

Verse 2

Let it rise above the four winds
Caught up in the heavenly sound
Let praises echo from the towers of cathedrals
To the faithful gathered underground
Of all the songs sung from the dawn of creation
Some were meant to persist
Of all the bells rung from a thousand steeples
None rings truer than this

Bridge

And all the powers of darkness
Tremble at what they've just heard
'Cause all the powers of darkness
Can't drown out a single word

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SALUTATION

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You deigned to call all people who trust in Your Son for salvation Your own children.
- C** **Strengthen our faith so that we pass through each day confident that the hope You have given us shall not fail, and we shall see You face-to-face in eternity;**
- P** through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Revelation 7:2–17

²Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, ³saying, “Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.” ⁴And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:

⁵12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed,
12,000 from the tribe of Reuben,
12,000 from the tribe of Gad,
⁶12,000 from the tribe of Asher,
12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali,
12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh,

⁷12,000 from the tribe of Simeon,
12,000 from the tribe of Levi,
12,000 from the tribe of Issachar,
⁸12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun,
12,000 from the tribe of Joseph,
12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵"Therefore they are before the throne of God,
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
the sun shall not strike them,
nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1–12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

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

¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN: Ancient Words

Verse 1

Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world
They resound with God's own heart
O let the ancient words impart

Verse 2

Words of life words of hope
Give us strength help us cope
In this world where'er we roam
Ancient words will guide us home

Chorus

Ancient words ever true
Changing me changing you
We have come with open hearts
O let the ancient words impart

Verse 3

Holy words of our faith
Handed down to this age
Came to us through sacrifice
O heed the faithful words of Christ

Verse 4

Martyr's blood stains each page
They have died for this faith
Hear them cry through the years
Heed these words and hold them dear

Ending

We have come with open hearts
O let the ancient words impart
O let the ancient words impart

SERMON: Pastor Paul Kollek

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.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.**

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: SING WITH ALL THE SAINTS IN GLORY (LSB 671)

- 1 Sing with all the saints in glory,
Sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story,
To the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking;
Soon the storms of time shall cease;
In God's likeness we awaken,
Knowing everlasting peace.

- 2 Oh, what glory, far exceeding
All that eye has yet perceived!
Holiest hearts for ages pleading
Never that full joy conceived.
God has promised, Christ prepares it;
There on high our welcome waits.
Ev'ry humble spirit shares it,
Christ has passed the_ eternal gates.

- 3 Life eternal! Heav'n rejoices:
Jesus lives who once was dead.
Shout with joy, O deathless voices!
Child of God, lift up your head!
Life eternal! Oh, what wonders
Crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
When, amid earth's closing thunders,
Saints shall stand before the throne!

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DISMISSAL

- P** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God!**

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

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. A 45 minutes class using the DIG IN curriculum will be taught by Kathy Collard.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY on Wednesdays at 10am, both in person and via Zoom. There will not be a 7pm study due to lack of attendance. Pastor will be leading the study and will be discussing current events.

ELECTION DAY PRAYER VIGIL The church will be open from 9am to 6pm on Tuesday, November 3rd for Prayer and Reflection. If you are not able to make it to church, please pick up a 2020 Election prayer guide to use in your personal devotions this week.

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 Brothers Keeper.

TEEN & ADULT BASKETBALL Pick-up, co-ed games will be held here at our gym on Monday, November 2nd, 16th and 30th beginning at 6:30pm. Hope will be hosting these game nights for area churches, and everyone is invited!

LADIES CRAFTERNOON Women of Hope: Bring your current craft project, and spend the afternoon in fellowship after the last service on Sunday, November 8th. Any questions? Call April here at the church office at 735-4807.

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.

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Next Week at Hope

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

MONDAY, November 2nd

Basketball in Gym 6:30pm

TUESDAY, November 3rd

Election Day Prayer Vigil
9am to 6pm

Wrestling in Gym 5pm to 8pm

WEDNESDAY, November 4th

Adult Bible Study 10am
Wrestling in Gym 5pm to 8pm

THURSDAY, November 5th

Wrestling in Gym 5pm to 8pm

FRIDAY, November 6th

Office is Closed

Wrestling in Gym 5pm to 8pm

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY ROSALIE
ANTHONY, MITCH MIHAILUK,
AND BARRY NORWOOD!**

SATURDAY, November 7th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JIM WATTS!

SUNDAY, November 8th

7:30am ALL MASK service

9am Worship Service

9:30am Sunday School for K-5

10:30am Worship Service

Ladies Crafternoon after the 10:30
service in the Prayer Lounge

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY CATHY
NORWOOD!**

10/25/20 INFORMATION

Worship

7:30am	19
9:00am	24
10:30am	83

Collections

Givings	2009.00
Paypal	350.00
Electronic Givings	405.00
Facility Rental	75.00

Council has been watching Hope’s financial position carefully over the last few months. The increase in givings we normally experience in September and October has not happened, and unfortunately, we have been operating at a deficit. In an effort to better communicate our givings vs. expenses situation, the weekly bulletin will now have a summary of the past week’s givings vs. essential fixed weekly expenses. Dave O’Toole will be sending a more detailed letter next week explaining the current situation.

Weekly Givings.....	2764.00
*Weekly Fixed Expenses	3000.00
Weekly Shortfall	-236.00

*Fixed Expenses include: Pastoral Service, Music, Office Admin and Facilities averages.