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

TRUE WISDOM, FOR THE WAY June 15, 2025

AS WE GATHER

Old Testament wisdom reveals, prophesies, and confirms the eternal presence of Jesus Christ, before the foundations of the world. Wisdom allows us to peer through the lens of Old Testament patriarchs, prophets, and judges, and believe in Jesus. Wisdom allows us to peer through the lens of the New Testament and believe in the sustainable eternity Christ secures through His life, death, and resurrection. This wisdom, personified and proclaimed, provides reliable truths that eclipse the distortions of the world, captivated by sin and sorrow. Trinitarian truths are indelible and deeply rooted in the Holy Scriptures. These truths accompany our tenuous lives, providing substance, solace, and promised salvation!

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: Holy, Holy, Holy (LSB 507)

INVOCATION

- In the name of the Father and of the
 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

based on Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

- God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit possess all wisdom before the very work of creation.
- Praise be to the Holy Trinity.
- ♥ Wisdom, begotten of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, reveals the incarnate Christ—the appointed Messiah, working out our salvation's story.
- **C** Praise be to the Holy Trinity.
- **P** Eternal wisdom delights, rejoices, and is the workman of all things created and redeemed.

C Praise be to the Holy Trinity. Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- $\ensuremath{\mathbb{P}}$ Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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 you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.

CONFESSION HYMN: Glory Be To God the Father (LSB 506)

SALUTATION

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

God of all wisdom, temporal and eternal, keep us attentive to all things rich and congruent in the fear and love of Christ. By Your Holy Word, enable us to grasp the wisdom of salvation, mercy, and resurrection. Grant that the wisdom of the Spirit immerse us in the memory of our Baptism where You have eternally claimed us as Your very own, in the name of the triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

GREETING OF PEACE: Please stand and greet one another with the Peace of Christ.

CHOIR: Triune God, Be Thou Our Stay

OLD TESTAMENT READING

¹Does not wisdom call?

Does not understanding raise her voice?

²On the heights beside the way,

at the crossroads she takes her stand;

³beside the gates in front of the town,

at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud:

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Acts 2:38-39

⁴"To you, O men, I call, and my cry is to the children of man. . . . ²²"The LORD possessed me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of old. ²³Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. ²⁴When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. ²⁵Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth, ²⁶before he had made the earth with its fields, or the first of the dust of the world. ²⁷When he established the heavens. I was there: when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, ²⁸when he made firm the skies above. when he established the fountains of the deep. ²⁹when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, ³⁰then I was beside him, like a master workman, and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, ³¹rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the children of man."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

²²"Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— ²³this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. ²⁵For David says concerning him,

"I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;

²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;

my flesh also will dwell in hope.

²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,

or let your Holy One see corruption.

²⁸You have made known to me the paths of life;

you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

Acts 2:14a, 22-36

²⁹"Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, ³¹he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. ³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

"The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, ³⁵until I make your enemies your footstool."

³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁸The Jews answered [Jesus], "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?" ⁴⁹Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death." ⁵²The Jews said to him, "Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, 'If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.' ⁵³Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?" ⁵⁴Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.' ⁵⁵But you have not know him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. ⁵⁶Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad." ⁵⁷So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" ⁵⁸Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." ⁵⁹So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (LSB 803)

SERMON: Pastor Paul Kollek

John 8:48–59

ATHANASIAN CREED

- P Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.
- **G** Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.
- P And the catholic faith is this,
- that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.
- **P** For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.
- But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.
- P Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:
- **G** the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;
- P the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;
- **G** the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.
- P And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,
- **I** just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.
- In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;
 and yet there are not three Almighties, but one Almighty.
- P So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;
- **C** and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.
- P So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;
- **C** and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.
- Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.
- **G** The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.
- P The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.
- The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.
- Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.
- And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;

but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.

G Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.

- But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.
- He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:
- perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;
- equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.
- Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:
- one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;
- one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.
- P For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,
- who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,
- e ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
- At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.
- And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.
- This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.

OFFERING

We do not pass the offering plate here at Hope. If you are a visitor, we don't want you to feel obligated to give an offering, we are just glad that you have joined us for worship this day. Those who would like to give an offering may drop it off in the Offering Basket located in the Narthex. There is also an online option for giving by using the QR code located in the back of the bulletin. Pastor will bless the offerings at this time.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- (After each petition...) Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

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 God—the Holy Trinity—re-create, redeem, and sanctify you in all wisdom and truth. God our Father, the
 → Son, and the Holy Spirit be your constant companion working in your heart, mind, and soul abundant mercy and grace, now and forever.
- C Amen.

CLOSING SONG: Almighty Father Bless the Word (LSB 923)

DISMISSAL

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

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUTREACH

BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG Bring back your plastic baby bottle full of change by next Sunday, June 22nd. All Donations go directly to Flint Pregnancy Resources. You may also donate new or gently used clothing up to size 2T, diapers, or other baby items. Questions may be directed to April at (810)444-2314.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORD AND WORSHIP

<u>WORSHIP SERVICES</u> Worship service is on Sundays at 9:30am. If you are unable to attend in person, the services are recorded and will be available on our website at <u>hopelinden.org</u>.

BIBLE STUDIES

- Coffee & Questions with Pastor on Sunday Mornings after Worship. Stay after for great fellowship and conversation! This is a very informal time for sharing and learning and is open to everyone of all ages!
- Women's At Home Bible Study can be done at your convenience. <u>Pick up June's packet</u> in the Narthex.
- Adult Bible Study with Pastor will be held throughout the summer on Wednesdays at 10am.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP

Guests, please fill out the Guest Registration card located in the pew. Members and regular attendees no longer need to sign in as we are streamlining our attendance accounting. Thank you!

<u>OPEN COUNCIL POSITIONS FOR JUNE 2025 TO JULY 2027</u> There are four vacancies for the upcoming two-year church council term. The positions are: President (currently Chad Burtrum), Treasurer (currently Karl Opperthauser), Stewardship (Connie Casselton) and Member at Large (currently Phyllis Pross). Please contact Chad Burtrum if you are interested in any of these positions, or you would like to nominate someone for a position

CONGREGATION YEARLY VOTING BALLOTS WILL BE COUNTED AFTER SERVICE ON SUNDAY, JUNE 22ND. ABSENTEE BALLOTS ARE AVAILABLE TODAY.

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CONTACT WITH QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS

NEXT WEEK
Office Hours
<u>M-Th 9am-Noon</u>

Monday, June 16 HAPPY BIRTHDAY CLAUDIA GAGNON!

Tuesday, June 17 HAPPY BIRTHDAY MIKE NORWOOD!

Wednesday, June 18 Adult Bible Study at 10am Choir 1:00 HAPPY BIRTHDAY RON SIEGWALD!

Thursday, June 19 HAPPY BIRTHDAY SHELLI LAIRD!

Friday, June 20 Office Closed

Saturday, June 21 HAPPY BIRTHDAY CHAD BURTRUM!

Sunday, June 22 Worship Service at 9:30am Coffee and Questions with Pastor

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Weekly Information

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