

# HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

## **New Tree, New Fruit**

**June 29, 2025**

### **AS WE GATHER**

If you have ever enjoyed a homegrown tomato or plucked a ripe peach straight from the tree, you know there is no substitute for good fruit. Today, the Holy Spirit is continuing the work begun in your Baptism, bringing forth good fruit. Too often, we imagine bearing good fruit is a result of our own careful cultivation, paying special attention to getting things right. The Spirit takes another approach. Just as the flavor of fresh fruit is a delight to our senses, the Spirit delights our soul with the tantalizing tastes of joy, kindness, gentleness, and love! The Spirit teaches us to crave what is good and, in so doing, leads believers to produce the fruit the Lord always intended.

### **WELCOME**

### **OPENING PRAYER**

### **OPENING HYMN: From All That Dwells Below the Skies (LSB 816)**

### **INVOCATION**

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

**C** Amen.

### **OPENING SENTENCES**

Ezekiel 17:22–24, adapt.

**P** Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,

**C** and kindle in them the fire of Your love.

**P** Thus says the Lord GOD: "I Myself will take a sprig and plant it on a high and lofty mountain,

**C** that it may bear branches and produce fruit.

**P** And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD;

**C** I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree,

**P** dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish.

**C** I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it."

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

**P** Almighty Father, we confess that by our inability, insolence, and inaction, we have not made Your ways our ways.

**C** For our failure to walk in the ways of love, joy, and peace, forgive us, Lord.

**P** Lord Jesus, we admit we too often conform our desires to the world around us, adopting its compromised standards for living.

**C** For our failure to value the gifts of patience, kindness, and goodness, forgive us, Lord.

**P** Holy Spirit, our very natures are set against You, Your Gospel proclamation, and the fruit You intend to bring.

**C** For our failure to manifest the fruits of faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control, forgive us, Lord. For Jesus' sake, melt our sinful hearts, and mold us into the reflections of Your righteousness that You call us to be.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son, Jesus, to die for you, and for His sake forgives You all Your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word made flesh 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.

## PRAISE SONG: Give Thanks

### SALUTATION

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray. Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things, graft into our hearts the love of Your name and nourish us with all goodness that we may love and serve our neighbor; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

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

**BAPTISM:** *Briggs Thomas Werner*

**BAPTISM HYMN:** **Father Welcomes (LSB 605)**

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Kings 19:9b–21

Behold, the word of the LORD came to [Elijah], and he said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"<sup>10</sup>He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away."<sup>11</sup>And he said, "Go out and stand on the mount before the

LORD.” And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. <sup>12</sup>And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. <sup>13</sup>And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” <sup>14</sup>He said, “I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.” <sup>15</sup>And the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. <sup>16</sup>And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. <sup>17</sup>And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. <sup>18</sup>Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.” <sup>19</sup>So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him. <sup>20</sup>And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” And he said to him, “Go back again, for what have I done to you?” <sup>21</sup>And he returned from following him and took the yoke of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE

Galatians 5:1, 13–25

<sup>1</sup>For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. . . . <sup>13</sup>For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. <sup>14</sup>For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>15</sup>But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another. <sup>16</sup>But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup>For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. <sup>18</sup>But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. <sup>19</sup>Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, <sup>20</sup>idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, <sup>21</sup>envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>22</sup>But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup>And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

<sup>25</sup>If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 9:51–62

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the ninth chapter.

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

<sup>51</sup>When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup>And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. <sup>53</sup>But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup>And when

his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" <sup>55</sup>But he turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup>And they went on to another village. <sup>57</sup>As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." <sup>58</sup>And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." <sup>59</sup>To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." <sup>60</sup>And Jesus said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." <sup>61</sup>Yet another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." <sup>62</sup>Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## **SERMON SONG: As the Deer**

## **SERMON: Pastor Paul Kollek**

## **NICENE CREED**

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

And 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.

And 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.

And 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  $\text{✝}$  of the world to come. Amen.

## **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**

**P** (After each petition...) Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

## + SACRAMENT +

LSB 216

### PREFACE

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{†}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach 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.

## **PAX DOMINI**

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** And also with you, Pastor.

## **DISTRIBUTION: Do This in Remembrance of Me Sent Forth by God's Blessing (LSB 643)**

## **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

- P** Let us pray. Spirit of wisdom and truth, we praise You for the gift of faith that receives the blessings that come to us through the Supper of our Savior, Jesus. Keep us steadfast in the way of everlasting life, granting us wisdom to go and grow in the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, one God, now and forever.  
**C** 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 HYMN: God Bless Our Native Land (LSB 965)**

## **DISMISSAL**

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

## **UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUTREACH**

**LIFE LINE SCREENING** will be here at Hope Lutheran Church on Thursday, July 17, 2025 offering safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical. To be more proactive about your health for yourself, your family and your community, please register for these health screenings today.

**Three ways to register:**

- **Call toll-free: 1-888-814-0466 promo code HSCA001**
- **Online: <https://www.llsa.social/hasca>**
- **Text: the word circle to 216-279-1607**

**PACK A CRUISER CHALLENGE JULY 10, 2025.** The city of Linden will be taking on Argentine Township to pack a cruiser full of items for the Desert Angels Program. Donations can be dropped off at Shirley's Café from 9 am to Noon and at Argentine Township Police Department from noon to 3pm. Volunteers Needed. Please contact Kim Colmer (586)383-5729.

Packing boxes for Desert Angels will be here at Hope on Monday, July 14<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm.

## **UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORD AND WORSHIP**

**WORSHIP SERVICES** **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 [hopelinden.org](http://hopelinden.org).

### **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. [Pick up July's packet 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!

**We have three open Church Council positions: President, Stewardship, and Member-at-Large. Per our Constitution, the Council may appoint individuals to these roles. If you feel called to serve, please contact Pastor or Connie Casselton**

**NEXT WEEK**  
**Office Hours**  
**M-Th 9am-Noon**

**Monday, June 30**

**Tuesday, July 1**  
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
**ERIC HINDBAUGH!**

**Wednesday, July 2**  
 Adult Bible Study at 10am  
 NO Choir 1:00

**Thursday, July 3**

**Friday, July 4**  
 Office Closed

**Saturday, July 5**

**Sunday, July 6**  
 Worship Service at 9:30am  
 Coffee and Questions with Pastor  
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
**MARK PETERSON!**

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**Weekly Information**

**Attendance**

06/22/25 Worship 9:30.....42  
 06/22/25 Coffee and Questions ..... 10  
 06/25/25 Adult Bible Study .....

**Collections and Facility Income**

06/22/25 ..... 2855.00  
 Givings Needed Weekly to meet budget..... 3337.52

**Financial Update for May 2025**

Actual Revenue ..... 11201.62  
 Actual Expenditures ..... 12371.77  
 Actual Shortage..... **1170.15**  
 YTD Shortage..... **13879.52**

*\*YTD does not include special offerings, property sale and memorials.*



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