

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.

Know Your Place

August 31, 2025

AS WE GATHER

Finding one's right place in each setting can be a challenge of life in any society. In Bible times, it was important not only that people had seats in the right location; it was equally important that they sat down in the right sequence. The social guideline was this: at a session of study, precedence is to be given to wisdom; in reclining at a feast, to age. Jesus was a close observer of the earthly society in which He lived, including observing who sat where at a banquet table. He saw firsthand how limiting and restrictive some tables were when people were excluded from the feast. Contrasting those earthly tables, His description of the heavenly banquet was inclusive and expansive. He said to His followers, "Many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 8:11). By faith, we look forward to that wonderful banquet. But anywhere that we can be at the Lord's Table is the right place to be for us—including here and now!

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING SONG: 10,000 Reasons

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 149:1–4

P Praise the LORD! Sing to the Lord a new song,

C His praise in the assembly of the godly!

P Let Israel be glad in his Maker;

C let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

P Let them praise His name with dancing, making melody to Him with tambourine and lyre!

C For the LORD takes pleasure in His people; He adorns the humble with salvation.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P It is good and right that we should make confession of our sins. The section on confession in Luther's catechism instructs us with these words: "Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven." Humble yourselves, then, before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.

C O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your present and eternal punishment. By nature, I am a sinful creature. By thought, word, and deed I have continually transgressed Your law. For the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a penitent and contrite being. Forgive me all of my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.

P God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.

C Amen.

P As you believe, so let it be. As a called and ordained servant 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.

PRAISE SONG: Make Me A Servant

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Remember us, O Lord, not for what we deserve, but because You have begun Your good work in us. As You have called us to follow Your example of humble service, make us worthy of our calling; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, 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.*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Proverbs 25:2–10

²It is the glory of God to conceal things,
but the glory of kings is to search things out.
³As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth,
so the heart of kings is unsearchable.
⁴Take away the dross from the silver,
and the smith has material for a vessel;
⁵take away the wicked from the presence of the king,
and his throne will be established in righteousness.
⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great,
⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.
What your eyes have seen
⁸do not hastily bring into court,
for what will you do in the end,
when your neighbor puts you to shame?
⁹Argue your case with your neighbor himself,
and do not reveal another's secret,
¹⁰lest he who hears you bring shame upon you,
and your ill repute have no end.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Hebrews 13:1–17

¹Let brotherly love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. ⁵Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." ⁶So we can confidently say,

"The Lord is my helper;
I will not fear;
what can man do to me?"

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ⁹Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. ¹⁰We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. ¹¹For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp.

¹²So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. ¹³Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. ¹⁴For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. ¹⁵Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

¹⁷Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 14:1–14

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. ²And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. ³And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?” ⁴But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. ⁵And he said to them, “Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?” ⁶And they could not reply to these things.

⁷Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, ⁸“When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, ⁹and he who invited you both will come and say to you, ‘Give your place to this person,’ and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. ¹¹For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

¹²He said also to the man who had invited him, “When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. ¹³But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN: Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus (LSB 660)

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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

+ SACRAMENT +

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.

PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and all places give thanks to You, Lord our God, for You have graciously blessed us through the Word Incarnate, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who for our sake died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death. Confident of His compassion on us and rejoicing in the company of the saints on earth and those above, we laud and magnify Your holy name.

SANCTUS

LSB 161

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and have showed Your gracious power to us through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your sacred presence among us and number us with Your saints. Grant that we may receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood as we gather at His command.

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 ✠ 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 ✠ 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.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 163

C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION: Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing (LSB 686)
Jesus Comes Today with Healing (LSB 620)

THANK THE LORD

LSB 164

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy

with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray.

Holy Father, we ask You now, by this blessed food and drink, to deliver Your church from every evil, to teach it to love You perfectly, and to make it truly one, even as this bread was made from many grains of wheat to become the carrier of the body of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

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 SONG: Lift High the Cross (LSB 837 v. 1,4)

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUTREACH

FRIDAY GRIND for Linden Schools Staff and Teachers, as well as Linden First Responders is back! On Friday, September 5th starting at 6am we are serving up free coffee and donuts. You can help by baking a breakfast treat, contributing to the cost of donuts, or just stopping by to have coffee with our visitors.

OASIS for Linden Middle Schoolers will begin on Thursday, October 2nd at 2:30 pm. Volunteers are always welcome and needed!

KIDS HOPE USA is a mentoring partnership between one elementary age student and one adult. Mentors are desperately needed! Please prayerfully consider mentoring a student just one hour per week during the school day. You will not regret it!

QUESTIONS REGARDING ALL THREE OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES CAN BE REFERRED TO KIM COLMER AT (586)383-5729

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.

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! We encourage everyone to stay—you will love it!
- **Women's At Home Bible Study** can be done at your convenience. Pick up August's packet in the Narthex.
- **Adult Bible Study** with Pastor on Wednesdays at 10am.
- **Women's Bible Study on the book of Isaiah** returns on Tuesdays at 10am starting **September 9th**. You can jump into this study even if you never attended before. Please contact Barb Wright with questions.

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!

BBQ is BACK! On Sunday, September 21st, Brian Norwood's famous Pulled Pork meal will be available for purchase. You may take it to go or eat here at Hope with friends and family! Each dinner includes: Pulled pork, BBQ sauce, roll, coleslaw, mac & cheese, baked beans and a cookie. A \$12.00 minimum donation per dinner is requested. All proceeds go to the Hope Lutheran Scholarship Fund. Checks may be made out to Shelli Laird. **SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX TODAY!**



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NEXT WEEK
Office Hours
M-Th 9am-Noon

Monday, September 1

Tuesday, September 2
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
KEN ARNDT AND
JACKIE CALLAGHAN!

Wednesday, September 3
Adult Bible Study at 10am
Choir 1:00

Thursday, September 4

Friday, September 5
Friday Grind 6 to 9am
Office Closed
HAPPY BIRTHDAY ALLEN
MCKEACHIE!
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
BARB & JOHN WRIGHT!

Saturday, September 6
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
KAREN POWELL!

Sunday, September 7
Worship Service at 9:30am
Coffee and Questions with Pastor
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
ETHAN KOLLEK!

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Weekly Information

Attendance

08/24/25 Worship 9:30.....35
08/24/25 Coffee and Questions11
08/27/25 Adult Bible Study

Collections and Facility Income

08/24/25 2050.00
Givings Needed Weekly to meet budget..... 3337.52

Financial Update for July 2025

(July began a new fiscal year)

Actual Revenue 10821.26
Actual Expenditures 13756.12
Actual Shortage..... 2934.86
YTD Shortage..... 2934.86

**YTD does not include special offerings and memorials.*



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