

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD’S PRAYER

SHARING THE PEACE

OFFERTORY/OFFERING

“Give Thanks”

**Give thanks
with a grateful heart**

**Give thanks
to the Holy One**

**Give thanks
because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son**

(repeat)

**And now
let the weak say “I am
strong”**

Let the poor say “I am rich”

**Because of what
the Lord has done for us.
(repeat)**

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BENEDICTION

**HYMN (insert)
“God, Be the Love”**

SENDING

**P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord
C: Thanks be to God!**

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**Hey Kids! VBS is coming
up July 21st-23rd
“Tropical Trek”**

**Thank you for supporting the
work of the church!**
Attendance for last week : 77
Offering received: \$3,450
Budget needed each week: \$3,951

**<<<< We have opportunity to
support the
work of the Gideons
by donation as we leave the
service today.**

**Thank you for giving to support
the work of Hope Lutheran!
Make your donation more consistent by
giving electronically.
Contact the church office with any questions or to sign up.**

**SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK
TODAY...**

GIDEON SUNDAY, MAY 3
9:30 am Worship
10:30am Coffee Hour
(NO Sunday School
last session until Fall.)

MONDAY, MAY 4
10 am Women of Hope

TUESDAY, MAY 5
3-7pm IGNITE open

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6
Noon –4pm Office open

THURSDAY, MAY 7
7:30 am FCA
1:30 Bible Study
3-7pm IGNITE open

MOTHERS DAY SUNDAY, MAY 10
9:30 am Worship /
Communion
10:30am Coffee Hour
LOOKING AHEAD...

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13
7:30 Board MTG
SUNDAY, MAY 17
Blessing of the Graduates
(Graduates are to meet down-
stairs @ 9:15am with cap &
gown)

9:30 am Worship /
Communion
10:30am Coffee Hour
Honoring our Graduates
SAVE THE DATE!

The Benson Family Singers
Saturday, September 12th
@ 7:00 pm at Hope Church



HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ
Worship · Witness · Teach · Love · Serve

Gideon Sunday, May 3, 2026
Fifth Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(Today is Gideon Sunday, and we are honored to have a
representative of the
Gideons to share about their work.)*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (Green Hymnal p. 56)

HYMN #375 VERSES 1,2, & 4 (blue hymnal)
“Jesus Shall Reign”

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**O God, you make the minds of the faithful to be of one
will. Grant that your people would love what you
command and desire what you promise, that, among the
manifold changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed
where true joys are to be found; through your Son, Jesus
Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Reading: Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60

¹Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in
number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews
because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution.
²And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and
said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of
God to serve tables. ³Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you
seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom
we will appoint to this duty. ⁴But we will devote ourselves to prayer

**Welcome to
Worship!**

**Our Lord says,
“Be Still and know
that I am God.”**

**We believe that
God led you here.
Whether you are a
visitor or a life-
long member,
we believe that
God led you here.**

**God gathers us,
forgives our sins,
speaks to us,
feeds us, and
sends us out to be
bearers of His
good news.**

**Ask God to show
Himself to you
this morning.**

**God is good.
All of the time.**

and to the ministry of the word.”⁵And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch.⁶These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.⁷And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.⁸And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people.⁹Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen.

^{2a} And Stephen said:

⁵¹“You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you.⁵²Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered,⁵³you who

received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.”⁵⁴Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him.⁵⁵But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.⁵⁶And he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.”⁵⁷But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him.⁵⁸Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul.⁵⁹And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.”⁶⁰And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Psalm 146

¹Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!
²I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
³Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.
⁴When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on

that very day his plans perish.
⁵Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God,
⁶who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;
⁷who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free;
⁸the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.
⁹The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.
¹⁰The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation —³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.
⁴As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious,⁵you yourselves like living stones are being built up

as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.⁶For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”⁷So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,”⁸and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

The Word of the Lord
C: Thanks be to God.

“HE IS LORD”
He is LORD, He is LORD.
He is risen
from the dead,
and He is LORD!
Every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess
That Jesus Christ
is LORD.

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Gospel: John 14:1-14

¹{Jesus said,} “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me.²In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.⁴And you know the way to where I am going.”⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?”⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.⁷If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.”⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works.¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.¹²Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also

do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.¹³Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.¹⁴If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.”

The Gospel of the Lord
C: Thanks be to God

“HE IS LORD...”

**CHILDRENS SERMON /
SERMON**

HYMN #479

(blue Hymnal)

“Softly and Tenderly”

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilot, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 life everlasting. Amen.

(service continues...)