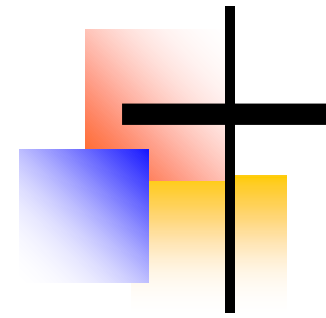


Announcements

- **Thank you** to all who make our worship service special today.
- **VBS dates will be July 19-22**, 5:30-8:00 PM with supper.
- **Ninth graders** take Home exams are overdue. Be preparing for your interview with parent and Pastor Jane. Please make your interview appointment before the end of June
- **Bible study is** Tuesday at 1:30.
- **Bible Discussion group** after church at 10:30
- Welcome, if you **worship with us through the media. Thank you for communicating with us. We value your feedback.**
- Sign Up for “**Retreat For Those Who Teach**”



HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lutheran Congregations In Mission for Christ

The Purpose of Hope Church is to Glorify God by Worshipping, Witnessing, Teaching, Loving and Serving our Lord, Jesus Christ.

June 13, 2021

Third Sunday in Pentecost with Holy Communion

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PRELUDE: DIANE BOUCHER, MUSICIAN

“BREATHE ON ME BREATH OF GOD”, “FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH”, “HALLELUJAH CHORUS”,
HOW GREAT THOU ART”, JUST AS I AM WITHOUT ONE PLEA,” “GIVE ME JESUS: & GUIDE ME O
THOU GREAT JEHOVAH”

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION (PAGE 56 GREEN HYMNAL)

ABSOLUTION: JESUS WORDS OF COMFORT AND FORGIVENESS

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE: BLUE P.793

“FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH”

PSALM OF THE DAY, PSALM 92:1-15, PAGE 259 (READ RESPONSIVELY)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O GOD, YOU ARE THE TREE OF LIFE, OFFERING SHELTER TO ALL THE WORLD. GRAFT US INTO YOUR VINE AS ADOPTED BRANCHES TO BE NURTURED AND GROW SO THAT WE BEAR YOUR TRUTH AND LOVE TO THOSE IN NEED, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST THE TRUE VINE, OUR SAVIOR AND LORD.

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

TRUSTING THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, LET US PRAY FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH, OUR WORLD, AND ALL OF GOD’S CREATION (RESPOND TO EACH PETITION): “LORD IN YOUR MERCY” **C:HEAR OUR PRAYER**

PREPARE YOUR HEARTS TO HEAR THE WORD

“BREATHE ON ME BREATH OF GOD”

BLUE HYMNAL PAGE 393

First Lesson: Ezekiel 17: 22-24 22

"This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will take a shoot from the very top of a cedar and plant it; I will break off a tender sprig from its topmost shoots and plant it on a high and lofty mountain. 23 On the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it; it will produce branches and bear fruit and become a splendid cedar. Birds of every kind will nest in it; they will find shelter in the shade of its branches. 24 All the trees of the forest will know that I the LORD bring down the tall tree and make the low tree grow tall. I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. **"I the LORD have spoken, and I will do it."**

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 5:6-17 (Paul or his disciple writes)

So **we are always confident**; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord— **7 for we walk by faith**, not by sight. 8 Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. 9 So whether we are at home or away, **we make it our aim to please him**. 10 For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. 11 Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. 12 We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. 13 For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. 14 For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have

died. 15 And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." (Psalm 119: 105)
(Blue Hymnal P. 184. **Refrain only**)

Gospel: Mark 4: 26-34 The Parable of the Growing Seed (*Jesus had just told the disciples the parable of the of the seed that is growing secretly in the hearts of people and that no matter how slowly the seed of faith seems to grow, it is in the hands of the Creator therefore we should not be discouraged.*) 26 Jesus also said, "This is **what the kingdom of God is like**. A man scatters seed on the ground. 27 Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. 28 All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. 29 As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come."

The Parable of the Mustard Seed: 30 Again he said, "What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? 31 It is **like a mustard seed**, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. 32 Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade." 33 With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. 34 He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But **when he was alone** with his own disciples, **he explained everything**. The Word of the Lord, C; **Thanks be to God**.

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(Blue Hymnal P. 184. **Refrain only**)

Children's Sermon/Sermon

Hymn of Faith: blue p. 682

"Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah."

Apostles' Creed (green p. 65)

P: The peace of 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 indeed right and salutary... join in their unending hymn.

"Awesome God" (Blue hymnal p. 179)

Words of Institution &

The Lord's Prayer

Please follow the direction of the ushers. All who are baptized and Believe (Mark 17:17) in Jesus Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

During Distribution of Holy Communion, please maintain a **6-foot distance** from the family unit in front of you, wear **Masks** (if unvaccinated) & use **hand sanitizer** (as needed).

Feel free to take **prayer time** afterwards in your pew. **Children & others** who have not received instruction are welcome to receive a blessing at the Lord's Altar.

Songs during Communion Distribution:

Hymnals: blue p. 488 **"Just as I Am Without One Plea"**

blue hymnal p. 554 **"Give Me Jesus."**

L: The body of Christ given for you.

C: Amen

L: the blood of Christ shed for you.

C: Amen

Communion Blessing

Benediction

Jesus is Alive!

C: And that makes all the Difference

Closing Hymn: green p. 532

"How Great Thou Art" (*as acolytes extinguish candles & take the Light out into the World.*)

P: Go in Peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Postlude:

"Hallelujah Chorus", "For the Beauty of the Earth", "How Great Thou Art," "Just as I Am Without One Plea," "Give Me Jesus" & "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah"