

# Announcements

- This week, we had VBS, **Vacation Bible School** as you can see from the decorations.
- **A Graveside service for Wally Olson** will follow today's service. After the service, everyone is invited to the funeral home for bars and coffee.
- **Thank you** to all who are leading us in worship today, our musician, Diane Boucher; Songmaster, Dean Lindberg; Lector, Steve Ekholm; & Reader, Scott Riveland.
- **Bible study** is Thursdays at 1:30 at Rustad's.
- **Bible Discussion** group will take a break in July & Aug.
- Please save items for the **church auction** this fall, date TBA.
- **Tenth graders** please complete your take-home exams and preparing for your interview with your parents and Pastor Jane. Please make your interview appointment by calling with a time that is convenient for you, as soon as possible.
- **Befrienders** will meet again on Thursday evenings, at 6:30. This is a listening ministry that is of great service to our community. Please contact Pastor Jane, if you would like to attend this training and be of service to others.

- Mark your calendar for a Potluck Picnic at Cross lake on August 15. Please see Bennet for details.
- Thank you to the **volunteers** who have helped in the church office while Pastor Jane was at family camp.
- Next Sunday August 1, after church we will have cake & coffee to **thank Mary Hanson for many years** of being our organist & **Sylvia Munter for many years** of being our church Office Manager. Both are retiring and we wish them God's blessings as well as a long and happy retirement

## *Upcoming Acolytes & Ushers*

### **Acolytes for 8/1/2021:**

Breanna Larson, Ben Steinbrenner,  
Miley Hove

### **Ushers for August:**

George Benson, Paul Curfman, Jonathan Dufault, Christopher Hove, Craig Larson, William Malwitz, Neal Schmidt

# 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.*

July 25, 2021

9th Sunday in Pentecost

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**Prelude:** Diane Boucher, musician, “You are my All in All,” “Wonderful Words of Life,” “Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path,” “Hallelujah, What a Savior.” “God Be With you Until We Meet Again.”

## Welcome & Announcements

### **Invocation/Prayer of Confession (LBW p.56)**

**Absolution:** Jesus' Words of Comfort & Forgiveness

Hymn of Thanksgiving and Praise: Celebration p. 435 “You are my All in All.”

**Prayer of the Day:** Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your people a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant us the knowledge and assurance of knowing that Jesus is the true “Bread of Heaven.” Let us share this Bread with all we know, through our thoughts, words, and deeds, as we are empowered by Jesus, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**Invitation to participate in Prayers of the Church:** *Gracious God,* Gathered by the Holy Spirit, we are fed by your Word. We come together as the people of God to pray for your church, our World, and all those in need. (brief silence.)

Lord in your mercy **C: Hear our prayer**

**Psalm of the day: Psalm 145: 10-19** (LBW p. 286-287.)

**Hymn in preparation to hear the Word:** *Celebration p. 406,* “Wonderful Words of Life.”

## First Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44

### (the Miracles of Elisha)

<sup>42</sup>A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." <sup>43</sup>But his servant said, "**How can I set this before a hundred people?**" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for **thus says the Lord, 'They shall eat and have some left.'**" <sup>44</sup>He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

## Second Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21

<sup>14</sup>**For this reason I bow** my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. <sup>16</sup>I pray that, according to the riches of His glory, He may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, <sup>17</sup>and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. <sup>18</sup>I pray that you may have **the power to comprehend**, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup>and to know **the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge**, so that you may be filled with all **the fullness of God**. <sup>20</sup>Now to Him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly **far more than all we can ask** or imagine, <sup>21</sup>to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to **all generations**, forever and ever. Amen.

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

## Gospel: John 6:1-21 6

After this (Jesus healed a paralytic and 'blasphemes' calling God his own father, in John 5) Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup>A large crowd **kept following him, because they saw the signs** that he was doing for the sick. <sup>3</sup>Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. <sup>4</sup>Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. <sup>5</sup>When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" <sup>6</sup>He said this **to test him**, for He Himself knew what He was going to do. <sup>7</sup>Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little."

<sup>8</sup>One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup>"**There is a boy** here who has **five barley loaves and two fish**. But what are they among so many people?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. <sup>11</sup>Then Jesus **distributed** them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup>When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." <sup>13</sup>So they gathered them up,

and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. <sup>14</sup>When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

<sup>15</sup>When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. <sup>16</sup>When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, <sup>17</sup>got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. <sup>18</sup>The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. <sup>19</sup>When they had rowed about three or four miles, **they saw Jesus walking on the sea** and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. <sup>20</sup>But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." <sup>21</sup>Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and **immediately the boat reached the land** toward which they were going.

The Word of the Lord,

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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Children's Sermon/Sermon.

**Hymn of Faith:** Celebration p. 311: "Hallelujah, What a Savior."

**The Lords Prayer**

**Apostles' Creed** (green p. 65)

**Benediction**

God goes with Us!

**C: And that makes all the Difference**

**Closing Hymn:** Celebration p. 232 "**God Be With you Until We Meet Again.**" (*as acolytes extinguish candles & take the Light out into the World.*)

P: Go in Peace, serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God**

**Postlude:** Diane Boucher: musician

**"You are my All in All," "Wonderful Words of Life," "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path," "Hallelujah, What a Savior." "God Be With you Until We Meet Again."**