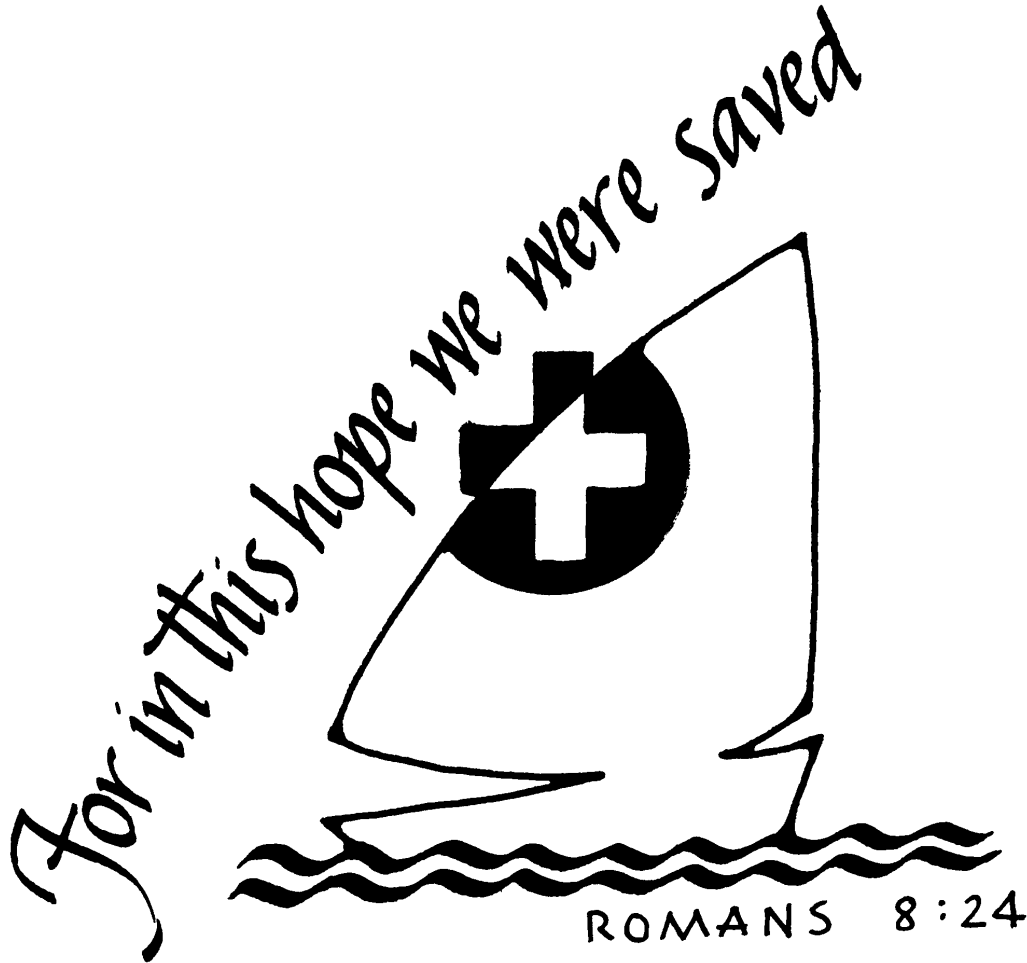


# *Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*

July 23, 2023 10 am

*We don't change the message, the message changes us*



Please sign Fellowship Book today.

**If you wish to continue to wear a mask during service,  
we encourage you to do so until you feel comfortable.**

## *Hope Lutheran Chapel*

5709 Osage Beach Parkway, Osage Beach, MO 65065  
*Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod*

10 a.m. Indoor Communion Worship Service  
11:00 a.m. Fellowship  
11:20 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study

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**WE WELCOME** you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. You are invited to open your heart to God's Word in Scripture, Sermon, and Song. Please sign our Record of Fellowship at each end of the open pews. **You are Always welcome here – this is your Father's House!** As we worship, we stand for some parts of the Liturgy. However, please feel free to remain seated if you prefer.

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE.  
PLEASE ASK THE USHER IF YOU NEED ONE.**

**A cry room is available** for fussy babies.

**God Bless your worship with us!**



**Hope Lutheran Chapel Communion Statement:** If you are a confirmed member in good standing of a LCMS or an AALC congregation, are repentant of your sins, and believe Jesus gives you His true body and blood for the forgiveness of your sins in the Lord's Supper, you are welcome to commune with us today. (I Cor. 11:17-32) For Lutherans, receiving the Lord's Supper, is an action of the celebrating community, signifying a oneness in faith, life, and worship of the community. (I Cor. 10:14-22, 11:18-19, 26; Eph. 4:2-6) If you are a visitor from another Christian Church body or other faith, we welcome you to our service. As a sad consequence of the divisions in Christianity we cannot extend to you a general invitation to the Lord's Supper. Reception of the Lord's Supper by Christians not fully united with us would imply a oneness which does not yet exist, and for which we must all pray. If you are a visitor and not sure whether or not you should commune, please speak with the Pastor, Elder, or Usher before the service.

**Communion Note:** For those who need assistance with the cup please hold out your hand and the Elder will hand it to you. Please place cup in buckets at end of rail when finished.

**SANITIZER/WIPES ARE LOCATED AT THE END OF AISLE FOR THE HAND RAILS. Trashcans for wipes are at end of ramp.**

**If it is difficult for you to kneel at the rail, please feel free to remain standing.**

# ORGAN PRELUDE

## Opening Hymn ~ O Worship the King

LSB 804

- 1 O worship the King,  
all-glorious above.  
O gratefully sing  
His pow'r and His love;  
Our shield and defender,  
the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor  
and girded with praise.
- 2 O tell of His might,  
O sing of His grace,  
Whose robe is the light,  
whose canopy space;  
His chariots of wrath  
the deep thunderclouds form,  
And dark is His path  
on the wings of the storm.
- 3 This earth, with its store  
of wonders untold,  
Almighty, Thy pow'r  
hath founded of old,  
Established it fast  
by a changeless decree,  
And round it hath cast,  
like a mantle, the sea.
- 4 Thy bountiful care  
what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air,  
it shines in the light,  
It streams from the hills,  
it descends to the plain,  
And sweetly distills  
in the dew and the rain.
- 5 Frail children of dust  
and feeble as frail,  
In Thee do we trust,  
nor find Thee to fail.  
Thy mercies, how tender,  
how firm to the end,  
Our maker, defender,  
redeemer, and friend!
- 6 O measureless Might,  
ineffable Love,  
While angels delight  
to hymn Thee above,  
Thy humbler creation,  
though feeble their lays,  
With true adoration  
shall sing to Thy praise.

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## DIVINE SERVICE - Setting Three

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*The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

*Stand*

### Confession and Absolution

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

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** **who made heaven and earth.**  
**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

Introit

*Ps. 86:11-15; antiphon: Ps. 86:6*

- P** Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;  
**C** **listen to my plea for grace.**  
**P** Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth;  
**C** **unite my heart to fear your name.**  
**P** I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,  
**C** **and I will glorify your name forever.**  
**P** For great is your steadfast love toward me;  
**C** **you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.**  
**P** O God, insolent men have risen up against me; a band of ruthless men seek my life,  
**C** **and they do not set you before them.**  
**P** But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,  
**C** **slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.**

Gloria Patri

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost.  
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

- P** Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;
- C** listen to my plea for grace.

**KYRIE All Sing:** Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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- P** Glory be to God on High,  
*All Sing:* and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.  
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee.  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.  
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

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- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And with thy spirit. (*sing*)
- P** Let us pray.

O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and

reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*Sit*

***The Word of the Gospel Bestows the Righteousness of Christ and Brings Forth Faith***

*Isaiah 44:6–8 ~ Romans 8:18–27 ~ Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43*

The good Seed, which is *“the Son of Man,”* Jesus Himself (Matt. 13:37), brings forth a harvest of faith and bears good fruits in *“the sons of the kingdom”* (Matt. 13:38). Whatever is sown apart from His Word is of the devil, who plants the weeds of unbelief and sin, even among the people of God. Thankfully, the Lord is patient and He does not uproot the weeds, lest the plants also be destroyed. He lets *“both grow together until the harvest”* (Matt. 13:30), while He continues to preach repentance and forgiveness of sins. Thus, He preserves His Church in righteousness, because He alone is *“the King of Israel and his Redeemer”* (Is. 44:6). Since all things are in His gracious care and keeping, *“fear not, nor be afraid”* (Is. 44:8). For *“the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God”* (Rom. 8:19), and in this hope we also wait with patience. Though we do not yet see it, *“the Spirit helps us in our weakness”* (Rom. 8:26) and, in truth, *“the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us”* (Rom. 8:18).

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

*Isaiah 44:6-8*

“The LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of armies, says: *‘I am the First, and I am the Last,* and there is no God besides Me. Who is like Me? Let him declare it. Announce and lay in order before Me what happened since I appointed an ancient people. Then let them tell the future and predict what is going to happen! Don't be terrified or afraid. Didn't I tell you long ago and declare it? So you are My witnesses. Is there a God besides Me? There is no other Rock; I know of none.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**EPISTLE LESSON**

*Romans 8:18-27*

I think what we suffer now isn't important when I compare it with the glory to be revealed to us. For the created world is waiting on tiptoe to see the unveiling of God's sons. For this created world must waste away, not because it wants to but because its Master would have it so, but it does so with the hope that this created world also will be freed from the slavery of decay in order to share the freedom of glory with the children of God. We know that all creation has been groaning with the pains of childbirth until now.

And what is more, also we, who have the Spirit as our first taste of heaven, groan inwardly as we look forward to being adopted as His children; then our body will be set free. We are saved, hoping for this. But if we hope for something we see, we really don't hope. Why should we hope for what we can see? But if we hope for what we can't see, we wait for it patiently.

In the same way the Spirit helps us in our weakness, because we don't know how

we should pray, but the Spirit Himself pleads for us with yearnings that can't find any words. He Who searches our hearts knows what the Spirit means to do, that in God's own way He's pleading for the holy people.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**C** Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. (*sing*)

## HOLY GOSPEL LESSON

*Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord. (*sing*)

Jesus pictured it to them another way: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while people were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. When the wheat came up and formed kernels, then the weeds showed up too. "The owner's slaves came to him and asked him, 'Master, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where did the weeds come from?' 'An enemy did that,' he told them. 'Do you want us to go and pull them out?' the slaves asked him. 'No,' he said, 'if you pull out the weeds, you may pull up the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest. When the grain is cut, I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first, and tie them, in bundles to be burned, but bring the wheat into my barn.'

When Jesus had dismissed the people and gone into the house, His disciples came to Him and said, "Tell us what the parable of the weeds in the field means." "The sower who sows the good seed," He answered, "is the Son of Man. The field is the world. The good seed are the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one. The enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the world. The reapers are the angels. As the weeds are gathered and burned, so it will be at the end of the world. The Son of Man will send His angels, and they will take out of His kingdom *those who do wrong and all who lead others to do wrong*, and will throw them into the fiery furnace, where they will cry and grind their teeth. Then *the righteous will shine like the sun* in their Father's kingdom. If you have ears, listen!"

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

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ. (*sing*)

## APOSTLES' CREED

*p192 or the back cover of LSB*

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come 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 the life † everlasting. Amen.

*Sit*

## Hymn of the Day ~ *Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling*

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| 1 Holy Spirit, ever dwelling<br>In the holiest realms of light;<br>Holy Spirit, ever brooding<br>O'er a world of gloom and night;<br>Holy Spirit, ever raising<br>Those of earth to thrones on high;<br>Living, life-imparting Spirit,<br>You we praise and magnify. | Holy Spirit, ever forming<br>In the Church the mind of Christ:<br>You we praise with endless worship<br>For Your gifts and fruits unpriced.  |
| 2 Holy Spirit, ever living<br>As the Church's very life;<br>Holy Spirit, ever striving<br>Through us in a ceaseless strife;  | 3 Holy Spirit, ever working<br>Through the Church's ministry;<br>Quick'ning, strength'ning, and absolving,<br>Setting captive sinners free;<br>Holy Spirit, ever binding<br>Age to age and soul to soul<br>In communion never ending,<br>You we worship and extol. |

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## Sermon

*Stand*

## Offertory

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**All Sing:** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from



me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

## Prayer of the Church

*Stand*

### SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

#### Preface thru Agnus Dei

*p194 to198*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with thy spirit.** (*sing*)

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them up unto the Lord.** (*sing*)

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

**C** **It is meet and right so to do.** (*sing*)

**P** It is truly meet, right and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

#### Sanctus (*All Sing*)

*p195*

**C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;**

**heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

#### Lord's Prayer

*p196*

**P** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

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.

**C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the  
 glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

### The Words of Our Lord

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ . . .
- P** The peace . . . you always.
- C** Amen. (*sung*)

### Agnus Dei (*All Sing*)

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- C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
- O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
- O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Sit

### DISTRIBUTION

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#### *Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord*

**LSB 637**

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| <p>1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord,<br/>And drink the holy blood for you<br/>outpoured;<br/>Offered was He for greatest and for least,<br/>Himself the victim and Himself the priest.</p> <p>2 He who His saints in this world rules and<br/>shields,<br/>To all believers life eternal yields;</p> | <p>With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry<br/>whole,<br/>Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.</p> <p>3 Come forward then with faithful hearts<br/>sincere,<br/>And take the pledges of salvation here.<br/>O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks<br/>endow<br/>As in this feast of love You bless us now.</p> |
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#### *Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness*

**LSB 636**

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| <p>1 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness,<br/>Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,</p> | <p>Come into the daylight's splendor,<br/>There with joy your praises render.</p> |
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Bless the One whose grace unbounded  
This amazing banquet founded;  
He, though heav'nly, high, and holy,  
Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

2 Hasten as a bride to meet Him,  
And with loving rev'ence greet Him.  
For with words of life immortal  
He is knocking at your portal.  
Open wide the gates before Him,  
Saying, as you there adore Him:  
Grant, Lord, that I now receive You,  
That I nevermore will leave You.

3 He who craves a precious treasure  
Neither cost nor pain will measure;  
But the priceless gifts of heaven  
God to us has freely given.  
Though the wealth of earth were  
proffered,  
None could buy the gifts here offered:  
Christ's true body, for you riven,  
And His blood, for you once given.

4 Now in faith I humbly ponder  
Over this surpassing wonder  
That the bread of life is boundless  
Though the souls it feeds are countless:  
With the choicest wine of heaven  
Christ's own blood to us is given.  
Oh, most glorious consolation,  
Pledge and seal of my salvation!

5 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,  
Truest friend, and dearest treasure,

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Stand

Peace beyond all understanding,  
Joy into all life expanding:  
Humbly now, I bow before You;  
Love incarnate, I adore You;  
Worthily let me receive You  
And, so favored, never leave You.

6 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,  
Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,  
Jesus, joy of my desiring,  
Fount of life, my soul inspiring:  
At Your feet I cry, my maker,  
Let me be a fit partaker  
Of this blessed food from heaven,  
For our good, Your glory, given.

7 Lord, by love and mercy driven,  
You once left Your throne in heaven  
On the cross for me to languish  
And to die in bitter anguish,  
To forego all joy and gladness  
And to shed Your blood in sadness.  
By this blood redeemed and living,  
Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.

8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,  
Let me gladly here obey You.  
By Your love I am invited,  
Be Your love with love requited;  
By this Supper let me measure,  
Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.  
Through the gift of grace You give me  
As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

## Nunc Dimittis (*All Sing*)

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**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## Thanksgiving

p200

**P** O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good,

**C** and His mercy endureth forever.

**P** Let us pray . . . one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Bless we the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

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**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen. Amen. Amen.

## Closing Hymn ~ *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

LSB 525

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| 1 Crown Him with many crowns,<br>The Lamb upon His throne;<br>Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns<br>All music but its own.<br>Awake, my soul, and sing<br>Of Him who died for thee,<br>And hail Him as thy matchless king<br>Through all eternity. | Whose arm those crimson trophies won<br>Which now His brow adorn:<br>Fruit of the mystic rose,<br>Yet of that rose the stem,<br>The root whence mercy ever flows,<br>The babe of Bethlehem. |
| 2 Crown Him the virgin's Son,<br>The God incarnate born,  | 3 Crown Him the Lord of love.<br>Behold His hands and side,<br>Rich wounds, yet visible above,<br>In beauty glorified.  |

No angels in the sky  
Can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bend their wond'ring eyes  
At mysteries so bright.

- 4 Crown Him the Lord of life,  
Who triumphed o'er the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife  
For those He came to save.  
His glories now we sing,  
Who died and rose on high,

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Who died eternal life to bring  
And lives that death may die.

- 5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n,  
Enthroned in worlds above,  
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n  
The wondrous name of Love.  
Crown Him with many crowns  
As thrones before Him fall;  
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns,  
For He is king of all.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Offering plates are in the back of the sanctuary as you leave.**

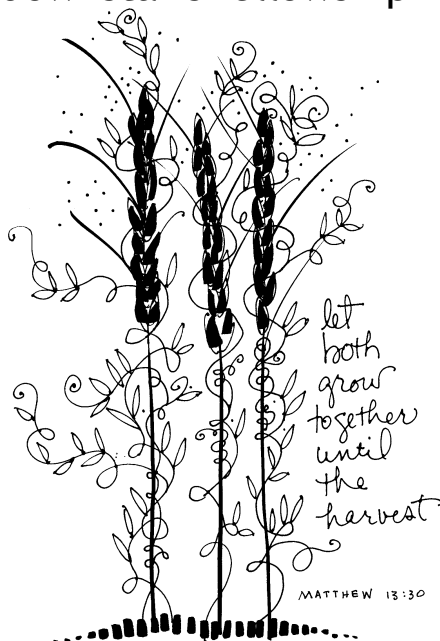
**YOU ARE INVITED** to join us in the downstairs fellowship hall  
for refreshments following service today.



**OUR WORSHIP SERVICE** can be heard every Sunday (on a week delay basis) from 8:30-9:00 am on **KRMS 1150 AM and 97.5 FM Radio**. If you would like to help sponsor this broadcast, place your contribution in a designated gift offering envelope marked "Radio Broadcast". *You can also tune into 89.3 FM at any time to listen to one of our previous services.*

### ADULT SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS OPPORTUNITIES

A topical study on "Our liturgy - what it is and why we use it" led by Pastor Williams will meet in the downstairs fellowship hall following service Next Week.



## DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jul. 23	Sunday	1 Sam. 6:19-7:17	Acts 19:1-22
Jul. 24	Monday	1 Sam. 8:1-22	Acts 21:15-36
Jul. 25	Tuesday	1 Sam. 9:1-27	Acts 21:37-22:16
Jul. 26	Wednesday	1 Sam. 10:1-27	Acts 22:17-29
Jul. 27	Thursday	1 Sam. 12:1-25	Acts 22:30-23:11
Jul. 28	Friday	1 Sam. 13:1-18	Acts 23:12-35
Jul. 29	Saturday	1 Sam. 14:47-15:9	Acts 24:1-23
Jul. 30	Sunday	1 Sam. 15:10-35	Acts 24:24-25:12

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*July 23, 2023*

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## **SUNDAY SCHOOL COLLECTION**

**DURING JULY** our Sunday School offerings will benefit Heit's Point. Please place your offerings in the jar or basket during the Sunday School hour.

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Ed and Tina Cardin in honor of Stella Mae's birthday.



If you have borrowed a vase to take altar flowers home, would you return it to the altar room? *Thank you, Altar Guild*

## ***HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO***

7/26 Sarah Thompson

7/26 Christina Ponath

## **“FACELIFT FUNDRAISER” FOR DOWNSTAIRS**



*If you would like to make a donation to the “Facelift Fund”, please place it in a designated envelope with your name and number to receive proper credit. Main item for the facelift will be new chairs.*



## ***LCMS Stewardship Ministry Generosity Thoughts***

**Romans 8:18 – “For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.”** It is very easy to get caught up in the present and lose track of our ultimate destiny in the kingdom of God. St. Paul encourages us to keep eternity in mind. This certainly has an application to our support for the Gospel — if we keep our focus on “the glory to be revealed” we will see our tithes and offerings in a new light.

## ***Life Thoughts from Lutherans for Life:***

The people of God dare not confuse weeds with wheat. His Word clearly distinguishes His gifts from counterfeits. For our neighbor’s sake and our own, we must recognize the enemy’s doings (Matthew 13:27-28). Abortion, embryocide, and euthanasia are the devil’s deceptions. Jesus Christ alone decides life and death for us (Isaiah 44:6), and His timing never withholds any bounties or glories (Romans 8:18).



# THIS WEEK AT HOPE

July 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sunday	10:00	am	Communion Worship
	<i>Newsletter</i>	11:00	am	Fellowship
	<i>Deadline</i>	11:20	am	Sunday School for all ages
July 30 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	10:00	am	Communion Worship
		11:00	am	Fellowship
		11:20	am	Sunday School for all ages

Secretary's hours: Mon - Fri ~ 8 am - Noon

Pastor's office hours: Mon - Thurs ~ 9 am \* *Pastor will be at the Synod Convention July 28<sup>th</sup> thru August 3<sup>rd</sup>*

## Those Who Serve Today

July 30<sup>th</sup>

<b>Elder</b>	Mike Merchant	Mike Merchant
<b>Preparing the Altar</b>	Debbie Thompson	Kathy Heinemann
<b>Preparing the Candles</b>	Chuck Kiel	Debbie Thompson
<b>Counters</b>	Alan and Kathy Wiese	Alan and Kathy Wiese

