



Sunday, May 5, 2024  
Sixth Sunday After Easter  
Hope Lutheran Church, Plainwell  
*Evangelical Lutheran Worship Setting Seven*  
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Hope's Mission Statement: We, Hope Lutheran Church, are CALLED by God,  
REDEEMED by Jesus Christ, SPROUTING from  
the seed of God's Word, and BRANCHING out to reach God's people...

\*Please stand as you are comfortable  
**Congregational responses are in bold text**  
⊕ invites you to make the sign of the cross.

*Please silence your phone, pager, or other electronic device for worship.*  
*Children's worship bags are available in the nursery.*

## **GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**

**PASTORAL WELCOME**

**\*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS (pg. 94)**

**\*GATHERING HYMN:** Come, We That Love the Lord ELW #625

**\*GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

**\*GLORIA (p. 176)**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*At the conclusion of the prayer...Amen.*

**WORD**

**FIRST READING: Acts 10:44-48**

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, “Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 98**

*Psalms are read responsively whole verse by whole verse.*

Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done | marvelous things, whose right  
hand and holy arm have | won the victory.

**O Lord, you have made | known your victory, you have revealed your  
righteousness in the sight | of the nations.**

You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the | house of Israel; all  
the ends of the earth have seen the victory | of our God.

**Shout with joy to the Lord, | all you lands; lift up your voice, re- | jice,  
and sing.**

Sing to the Lord | with the harp, with the harp and the | voice of song.

**With trumpets and the sound | of the horn shout with joy before the |  
king, the Lord.**

Let the sea roar, and | all that fills it, the world and those who | dwell therein.

**Let the rivers | clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before  
the Lord, who comes to | judge the earth.**

The Lord will judge the | world with righteousness and the peo- | ples with  
equity.

### **SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-6**

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (p. 179)**

**\*GOSPEL READING: John 15:9-17**

The Holy Gospel according to John the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY** Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love ELW #708

**\*NICENE CREED** (*p. 104*)

## **\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*If you have a prayer request that you would like added to our weekly worship prayers please contact Pr. Nicole. If we will be praying for an individual or family please make sure you have their permission to have them listed.*

*Please respond to God of grace with... **Hear our prayer.***

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

## **\*PEACE**

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

*Please quietly return to your seat when the offering hymn plays so we can prepare for Holy Communion.*

## **OFFERING HYMN Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful ELW #184**

*Thank you for your support of Hope and our missions! Checks and cash can be placed on the offering plate located outside the sanctuary doors. You can also give instantly and securely through online giving using the QR code below.*



## **OFFERING PRAYER**

*At the conclusion of the prayer... **Amen.***

## **\*DIALOGUE (p. 152)**

**\*SANCTUS (p. 181)**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER (p. 182)**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come taste and see that the Lord is good.

*During Communion individual cups of wine & grape juice are available. The wine is red & the grape juice is white. There is also a common cup of wine. Gluten free wafers are available upon request. If you are not yet baptized, or do not feel prepared to receive Communion, you are invited to participate by coming forward to receive a blessing.*

**LAMB OF GOD (p. 182)**

**COMMUNION HYMN** Beautiful Savior ELW #838

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*At the conclusion of the prayer...Amen.*

**\*POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*SENDING HYMN** We Know That Christ Is Raised ELW #449

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Terri Shaler is retiring from her post as Executive Director of Christian Neighbors in May 2024 after 30 years of service. There will be an Open House at Christian neighbors on Tuesday, May 21st from 3-6 pm to wish her well and honor her service. The public is invited to attend.
- Saturday, June 1st Hope will have a table at the Island City Festival! We are looking for volunteers to take a turn at the table giving away activity bags for kids, information on our congregation for adults, and selling crafts to benefit Hope. Please see the sign up sheet on the hymnal cart for available time slots. If you have any questions please see Pr. Nicole.
- Hope's May item for Christian Neighbors is Hamburger Helper.
- Please keep and use the hand sanitizer in the Narthex, not in the Sanctuary due to allergies. Thank you.
- Join St. John Lutheran and Trinity Episcopal for lakeside worship and a Chicken pot luck dinner as we celebrate Jesus's Ascension into heaven! The service will be Thursday, May 9th at 6:00 p.m. at 56050 Buckhorn Rd. Three Rivers, MI. 49093 (parishioner lakeside home).
- The worship committee will be meeting Sunday, May 19th following worship.