

## **The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

June 17 and 18, 2023



**Know that the Lord is God.  
It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

Psalm 100:3

## **Worship Information**

Welcome to worship at Living Hope Lutheran Church.

If your child becomes restless while sitting with you during the service, we have a room to the left as you exit the sanctuary. Ask an usher if you need assistance.



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## **TODAY'S WORSHIP FOCUS**

"When Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion on them" (Matthew 9:36). The Greek word translated "compassion" refers to a type of love that almost overwhelms one's emotions. It expresses a willingness to do anything to help someone. Jesus looked at the people and was willing to go to extremes for them—to make any sacrifice, even the ultimate one at the cross.



## OPENING HYMN

*God Is Here! As We His People / 858*



1 God is here! As we his peo - ple Meet to of - fer  
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us Of our life - long  
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come In the Shep - herd's  
4 Lord of all, of Church and King - dom, In an age of



praise and prayer, May we find in full - er mea - sure  
need of grace. Here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;  
flock and fold; Here, as bread and wine are tak - en,  
change and doubt, Keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



What it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world a -  
Here the cross has cen - tral place. Here, in hon - es - ty of  
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants of the  
Help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's ded - i -



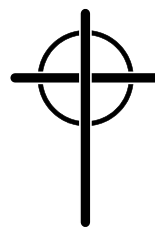
round us, All our var - ied skills and arts Wait the  
preach - ing, Here, in si - lence as in speech, Here, in  
Ser - vant Seek in wor - ship to ex - plore What it  
ca - tion, All we have to give, re - ceive; We who



com - ing of his Spir - it In - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
means in dai - ly liv - ing To be - lieve and to a - dore.  
can - not live with - out you, We a - dore you! We be - lieve!



*This hymn is a beautiful reminder of why we gather for worship and it sets the tone for the rest of the service. God is here to bless and strengthen us for our lives of service him!*



PLEASE STAND



*The Invocation is based on the words used in Baptism.*

*The first responses are from Psalm 32:1-2.*



*These words confess the reality of our sin and our sinfulness. They also confess the hope we have through faith in Jesus.*

## INVOCATION

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Minister: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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M: Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

**C: Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**C: Almighty and merciful Father,  
we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.  
We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.**

**We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.  
We have done those things that we should not have done,  
and we have not done those things that we should have done.**

**Have mercy on us, Lord!  
Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,  
according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

M: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### **LORD, HAVE MERCY** –*Kyrie*

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M: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



*Jesus authorized us to speak these words of forgiveness on his behalf. Hear them as Jesus speaking to you!*

*The word Kyrie is a Greek word from the phrase Kyrie eleison which means, "Lord, have mercy!" This is the most heartfelt cry of a believer to his Lord. It is not a cry for forgiveness, but a cry for mercy that our Lord and King hear us and help us in everything.*



*This song uses words from Psalm 34:8 and Psalm 119:89-90. The song looks back at the blessing we just heard in the Absolution and forward to the blessing of hearing God's Word.*

## O TASTE AND SEE

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are  
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -  
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -  
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -  
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.  
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Almighty, eternal God, in the Word of your apostles and prophets, you have proclaimed to us your saving will. Grant us faith to believe your promises that we may receive eternal salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## FIRST LESSON

## Numbers 27:12-23

**T**he LORD said to Moses, "Go up this mountain in the Abarim Range and see the land I have given the Israelites. After you have seen it, you too will be gathered to your people, as your brother Aaron was, for when the community rebelled at the waters in the Desert of Zin, both of you disobeyed my command to honor me as holy before their eyes." (These were the waters of Meribah Kadesh, in the Desert of Zin.)

Moses said to the LORD, "May the LORD, the God who gives breath to all living things, appoint someone over this community to go out and come in before them, one who will lead them out and bring them in, so the LORD's people will not be like sheep without a shepherd."

So the LORD said to Moses, "Take Joshua son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit of leadership, and lay your hand on him. Have him stand before Eleazar the priest and the entire assembly and commission him in their presence. Give him some of your authority so the whole Israelite community will obey him. He is to stand before Eleazar the priest, who will obtain decisions for him by inquiring of the Urim before the Lord. At his command he and the entire community of the Israelites will go out, and at his command they will come in."

Moses did as the LORD commanded him. He took Joshua and had him stand before Eleazar the priest and the whole assembly. Then he laid his hands on him and commissioned him, as the LORD instructed through Moses.

M: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



*Moses' life and ministry were coming to an end. God in compassion for his people had Moses appoint Joshua to take his place.*



## PSALM 100

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*In the front of the hymnal*



*The congregation in Corinth was troubled and divided. Paul wrote them, not out of anger, but out of compassion—not to shame them, but to warn them.*

### SECOND LESSON

**1 Corinthians 4:1-7**

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**T**his, then, is how you ought to regard us: as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the mysteries God has revealed. Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful. I care very little if I am judged by you or by any human court; indeed, I do not even judge myself. My conscience is clear, but that does not make me innocent. It is the Lord who judges me. Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait until the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of the heart. At that time each will receive their praise from God.

Now, brothers and sisters, I have applied these things to myself and Apollos for your benefit, so that you may learn from us the meaning of the saying, “Do not go beyond what is written.” Then you will not be puffed up in being a follower of one of us over against the other. For who makes you different from anyone else? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as though you did not?

M: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### HYMN RESPONSE

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**601 vs. 1, 2** | *All People that on Earth Do Dwell*



PLEASE STAND

## GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 9:35—10:8



*Jesus had compassion on the people, and he appointed the twelve to demonstrate compassion through their holy ministry.*

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. As you go, proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give."

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

PLEASE BE SEATED

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

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**897** | *Lord Jesus, You Have Come*

## **SERMON**

**Numbers 27:15:23**

*The Lord Provides Shepherds for His Flock*

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

**Apostles' Creed**

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**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father  
almighty.**

**From there 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.**

## PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER

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*Spoken by the Minister.*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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*Spoken by the Minister.*

## HYMN

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**710** | *Beneath the Cross*

PLEASE STAND

## CLOSING PRAYER

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**M:** Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

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**C:** 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. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

*Jesus taught his disciples the Lord's Prayer when they asked him to teach them to pray. To review the content of this prayer, Luther's Small Catechism is printed in our hymnal. The section on the Lord's Prayer begins on p. 289.*



*This is a word of  
comfort spoken  
from God to you!  
His blessing that  
comes through  
faith in Jesus will  
be with you.*

## BENEDICTION

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M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The LORD look on you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

PLEASE BE SEATED

## CLOSING HYMN

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**729 vs. 1-3** | *Son of God, Eternal Savior*





**Please place your offering in the box in the back of church.**

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### **SERVING THIS WEEKEND**

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Saturday Ushers	J. Schwall, A. Schwall, J. Schwall, C. Schwall, J. Harders, J. Harders, Jr.
8:00am Ushers	J. Klein, S. Van Lieshout, D. Fieldstad, T. Fieldstad
10:30am Ushers	D. Frankowski, D. Wieting, M. Machin, J. Davis

*Sing to the Lord  
praise his name  
proclaim his salvation  
day after day*



*In a sermon on the importance of hearing God's Word,  
Martin Luther said:*

The only mark of the Christian Church is following and obeying God's Word. When that is gone, let men boast as much as they please: Church! Church! There is nothing to their boasting anyway. Therefore you should say: Do these people have the Word of God there? And do they accept it too? . . . Where one hears the Word of God, there is the church of God, though it be in a cow stable, the place where Christ was born.

*What Luther Says, p. 264*



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