



February 25, 26, and 27, 2023



**God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.**

Psalm 46:1

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.



WISCONSIN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD

TODAY'S WORSHIP FOCUS

Our modern English word "champion" comes from an old English word that meant "warrior." In ancient times, when two armies gathered to fight, sometimes as a prelude to the battle—and sometimes in place of the battle—each army would pick a soldier who would represent their people in battle.

Today we are reminded of an ancient war that began in Eden. The perfect peace and prosperity of Paradise was lost when a fallen angel convinced mankind to follow the demons in rebelling against their Creator. When Adam fell, he condemned the world to darkness and death. But God promised he would send a champion, his Son. Today we see a battle of champions. The demons sent their strongest warrior—Satan. God sent Jesus Christ. Jesus does what Adam and we could not. In crushing the devil, Jesus meets our greatest needs.

OPENING HYMN

563 | *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

679 | *God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It (10:30)*

PLEASE STAND

INVOCATION

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

Congregation: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**C: Holy God, gracious Father,
I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.
I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death.
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

Silence for meditation and reflection

The words of the invocation are the words used in Baptism. They intentionally remind us that our relationship with God is secure because of his grace.



With this confession, we confess two truths: First, the reality of our sinfulness and sinful deeds and then our faith in Jesus, who had mercy on us and paid for our sins.

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!" It is not a cry for forgiveness, but a plea that our Lord hear us and help us in our necessities and trouble. Christians have been praying the Kyrie at Sunday worship for more than 1700 years.

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*

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.

GLORY BE TO GOD — *Gloria in Excelsis*



Christians praise
God by
proclaiming the
great things he
has done to
accomplish our
rescue from sin.
“Glory to God in
the Highest” has
been a Christian
song of worship
since the fourth
century.

C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,

we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,

God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the

sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the

sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of

God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;

you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,

are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

Mighty God and Father, our Lord Jesus walked into the wilderness to face the devil's temptations, but he did not succumb to Satan's lies or falter in his resolve to save the world from the prison of hell. Bolster our faith by his mighty victory that we may battle against the forces of evil with courage and confidence; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

PLEASE BE SEATED



After the tragic fall into sin, God promised to send a champion who would crush the head of our enemy.



FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:1-15

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"

The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'"

"You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining

wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"

He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"

The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."

Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?"

The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this,

"Cursed are you above all livestock
and all wild animals!
You will crawl on your belly
and you will eat dust
all the days of your life.
And I will put enmity
between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;
he will crush your head,
and you will strike his heel."

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.





Adam's defeat
meant death for
all. Christ's
victory brings life
for all.

PSALM 25

In the front of the hymnal

SECOND LESSON

Romans 5:12-19

Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—to be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone's account where there is no law. Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come.

But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PLEASE STAND

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.' "

Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written:

"'He will command his angels concerning you,
and they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.' "

Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' "

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."

Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.' "

Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

PLEASE BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY

863 | *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*



Jesus overcame the wicked lies of the devil. He did this as far more than an example; he did it was your substitute and Savior.



The wonderful hymn of Martin Luther is based on Psalm 46.



*Christians
composed the
Nicene Creed in
the fourth
century to
defend the
Bible's teachings
that both Jesus
Christ and the
Holy Spirit are
true God, equal
to the Father in
one eternal,
undivided Trinity*

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

C: We believe in one God the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER

Spoken by the Minister.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Spoken by the Minister.

PLEASE STAND

THE SACRAMENT

THE PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: It is good and right so to do.



The words of the Preface mark the beginning of the Sacrament section of the service and lift the worshipers' hearts in praise. These words have been used in the Christian Church for centuries as the beginning of the Communion liturgy.



In Isaiah 6 we read that angelic choirs sing "Holy, Holy, Holy" to God in heaven. They do this to worship the perfect and holy God. While we do not see him with our eyes, in the Lord's Supper, God is present as we receive Jesus' body and blood. It is most fitting for us to praise the God who has saved us, using the heavenly song.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join in their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY - *Sanctus*

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -

na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -

na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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.**



This is the prayer Jesus taught his disciples when they asked him to teach them to pray (Luke 11:1-4). If you would like to review the meaning of this prayer, our hymnal includes Luther's Small Catechism. The section on the Lord's Prayer begins on page 289.



As he speaks the Words of Institution, the minister both proclaims the words of Jesus to the congregation and sets apart the bread and wine for the Lord's use. The sign of the cross reminds us of Christ's death



This ancient song text is based on John the Baptist's proclamation that Jesus is "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). The simple words remind us of the heavenly blessing we receive in the Lord's Supper.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **Amen.**

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD - *Agnus Dei*



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
 have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
 O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
 grant us your peace. A - - - - - men.

PLEASE BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

The Bible teaches that the Lord's Supper is an expression of spiritual unity. Therefore, we practice "close communion" at Living Hope. If you are a member of a WELS or ELS congregation, we invite you to take the Lord's Supper with us; if you are not, please speak to one of our pastors after the service so that he can explain our practice in more detail.



On pages 295-296 in the hymnal you will find "Christian Questions" to help you prepare for the Lord's Supper.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

566 | *Father, God of Grace, You Knew Us*

661 | *Draw Near and Take the Body of Your Lord*

PLEASE STAND

COMMUNION BLESSING

Spoken by the Minister

THE
LORD IS MY
REFUGE AND MY
FORTRESS
MY GOD IN WHOM I
TRUST

*These responses
are from Psalm
118:1 and
1 Corinthians
11:26*

*This familiar
prayer was
written by Martin
Luther for the
German Mass
and continues to
be used in many
Lutheran liturgies
today.*



*The blessing of
Aaron has been
spoken over
God's people for
over 3,500
years. The Lord
said, "So they
will put my name
on [them], and I
will bless
them" [Numbers
6:27].*

CLOSING PRAYER

M: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

C: his mercy endures forever.

M: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C: We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

M: 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

861 vs. 1,4 | *Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head*



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

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Saturday Ushers	Del Schorder, Susan Plopper, Jim Plopper, Rodger White, Mike Podemski
8:00am Ushers	Dan Ody, Al Schumacher, Barb Lovett, Ryan Strieter
10:30am Ushers	Joe Buss, Carl Klinger, Casey Martin, Mason Martin, Shawn Woller, Aaron Buss

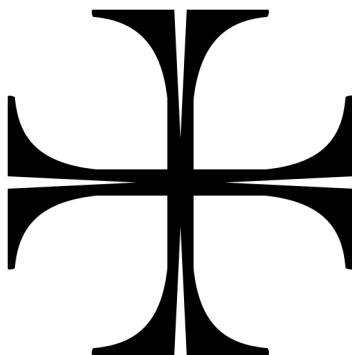
WORSHIP
THE LORD
YOUR GOD
AND SERVE
ONLY HIM



In a sermon on our Gospel Lesson about the temptation of Jesus, Martin Luther said:

The devil, too, can quote Scripture and deceive men with it. But his use of Scripture is defective. He does not quote it completely but only so much of it as serves his purposes. The rest he silently omits. *What Luther Says*, pages 396

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LONGS FOR YOUR
SALVATION
I HOPE IN YOUR
WORD
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