



I am he  
WHO BLOTS OUT YOUR  
TRANSGRESSIONS  
FOR MY OWN SAKE  
AND REMEMBERS  
YOUR SINS  
NO MORE

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
June 10 and 11, 2023



**The LORD is gracious and  
compassionate, slow to anger and  
rich in love. The LORD is good to all.**

*Psalm 145:8-9*

## **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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**WISCONSIN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD**

## **TODAY'S WORSHIP FOCUS**

They never forgot their past. Moses never forgot how, in a fit of anger, he killed a man. Paul never forgot how he had savaged the Church of God, overseeing the persecution and execution of Christians around Jerusalem. Matthew never forgot how, as a tax collector for the Roman Empire, he was distained as a swindler and traitor to his people. These men never forgot their past. But God did! In grace, he calls sinners into his kingdom.

## OPENING HYMN

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916 | *Today Your Mercy Calls Us*

PLEASE STAND

## 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: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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.**



*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.*



*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.

## LORD, HAVE MERCY –Kyrie

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M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



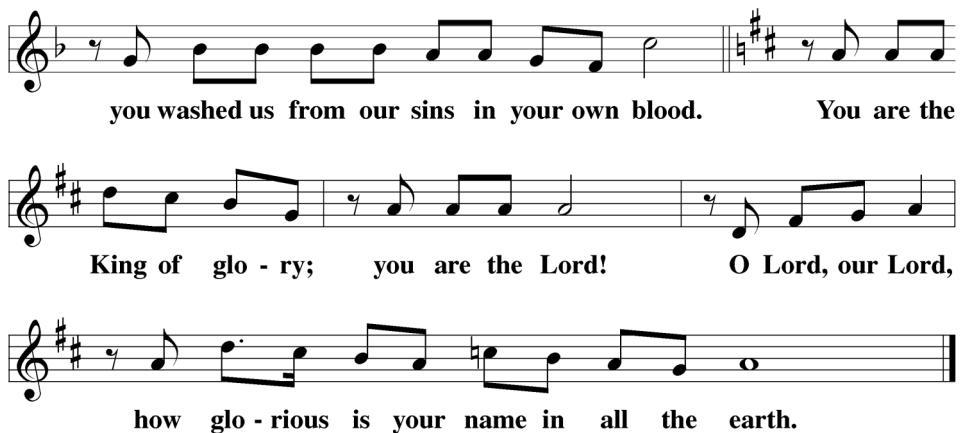
M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

## O LORD, OUR LORD

C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in  
all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,  
you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;  
you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and  
ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,  
but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,  
how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.  
O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,  
you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;



*Truly the name of the Lord is glorious. As this song reminds us, the greatest glory of God that we can see is the comfort we receive from knowing Jesus Christ as our Savior.*



you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the  
King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,  
how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

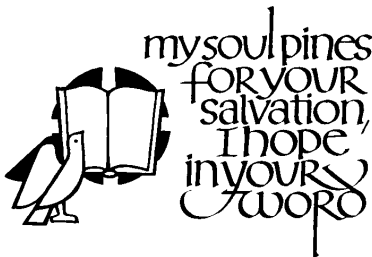
M: Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to seek and to save the lost. Graciously open our ears and our hearts to hear his call and follow him by faith that we may feast with him forever in his kingdom; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

PLEASE BE SEATED





*The Lord promised Moses that he would be with Moses as Moses carried out the work of leading the Israelites out of slavery.*

**N**ow Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up."

When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!"

And Moses said, "Here I am."

"Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

The LORD said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."

But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain."

Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?"

God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.' "This is my name forever, the name you shall call me from generation to generation."

M: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 119 C

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### *Refrain*



Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

### *Psalm tone*



Oh, how I love your law!\*

I meditate on it all day long.

I have more insight than all my teachers,\*

For I meditate on your statutes.

I have more understanding than the elders\*

For I obey your precepts.

### *Refrain*



I have kept my feet from every evil path\*  
So that I might obey your Word.

I have not departed from your laws,\*  
For you yourself have taught me.

How sweet are your words to my taste,\*  
Sweeter than honey to my mouth!

*Refrain*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
And to the Holy Spirit,  
As it was in the be-ginning,\*  
Is now, and will be forever. Amen.

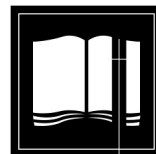
*Refrain*

## SECOND LESSON

## 1 Timothy 1:12-17

**I** thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service. Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life.



*There is  
forgiveness for  
everyone —  
even “the worst  
of sinners.”*



*These words are from John 20:31 where John summarized the purpose of the Scriptures—to lead us to believe in Jesus as our Savior!*

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

M: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### VERSE OF THE DAY

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C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

PLEASE STAND

## GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 9:9-13

**A**s Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

M: The Gospel of the Lord.



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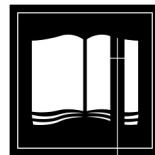
## HYMN OF THE DAY

578 | *Chief of Sinners Though I Be*

## SERMON

Matthew 9:9-13

*How Do We Want to Be Remembered?*



*Jesus called a most unlikely disciple, reminding us that there is grace for everyone.*





*This ancient  
creed  
summarizes  
what the Bible  
teaches us about  
God. In  
particular, this  
creed reminds us  
what God did in  
the past and  
continues to do  
in the present in  
order to save  
and bless us.*

## 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.*

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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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*Spoken by the Minister.*

## 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.**



*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.*



*This section of the liturgy is one of the most ancient parts of the liturgy of the Christian Church.*

*The second response is called the "Sursum Corda" ("Lift up your hearts" in Latin). It comes from Lamentations 3:41 and Psalm 86:4. The final response is one of thanksgiving.*

# THE SACRAMENT

## THE PREFACE

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M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



*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.*

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*Spoken by the Minister, followed by:*

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.



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.

## 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.

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## 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 HYMN

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697 | *May We Your Precepts, Lord, Fulfill*

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## COMMUNION BLESSING

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*Spoken by the Minister*

## THANK THE LORD

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C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud - ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



We have heard  
God's Word and  
received the  
Sacrament. This  
song prepares us  
to leave God's  
house. May we  
proudly live as  
God's people so  
that all we do  
and say brings  
him glory.

## CLOSING PRAYER

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M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, though Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



These are the words of the blessing that the Lord commanded his Old Testament priests to use in Numbers 6.

## BENEDICTION

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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.



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## CLOSING HYMN

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705 vs. 1,4 | *Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways*



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