



The 4th Sunday after Pentecost

June 24 and 25, 2023



**My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart
and my portion forever.**

Psalm 73:26

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

From its birth the New Testament Church has been persecuted. In the U.S. we have freedom of religion enshrined as a constitutional right, but that is no guarantee for a life free of persecution. Until Judgment Day, some will attempt to shout down the truth of Christ. That won't stop us. Our Savior still calls on us to proclaim his Word and live according to it. And while the persecution will never stop, Jesus did promise to give courage to his people.



OPENING HYMN

621 | *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

PLEASE STAND

INVOCATION

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

Congregation: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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.

LORD, HAVE MERCY – Kyrie



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.



Kyrie is the Greek word for Lord. The expression "Lord, have mercy" is one of the oldest worship responses in the Christian church.

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



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.

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.**

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

GLORY BE TO GOD—*Gloria in Excelsis*

Glo - ry to God in the

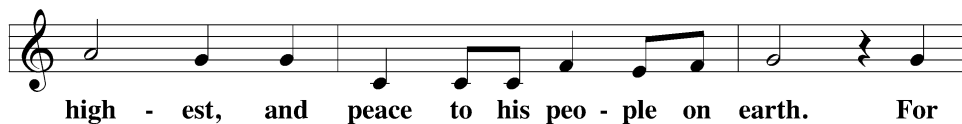
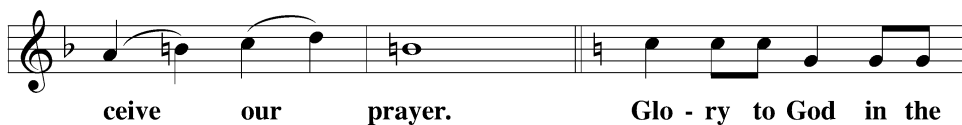
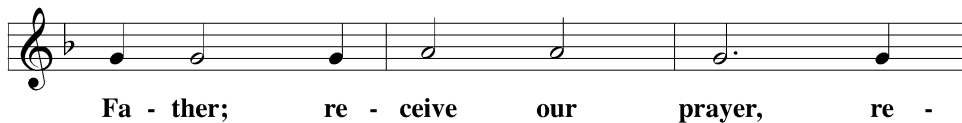
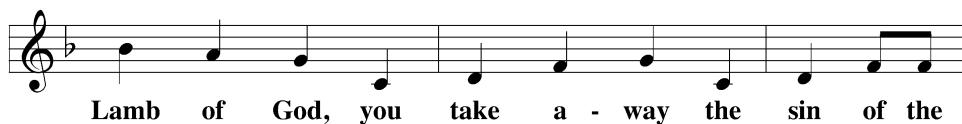
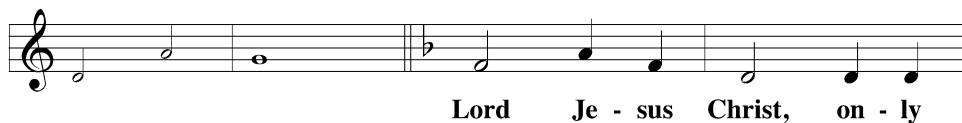
high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and

Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the

high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the

glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. Glo - ry to God in the

high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray.

O God, because your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in your eternal love; 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



*For prophesying
God's truth
Jeremiah had
been beaten and
put in stocks. Yet
Jeremiah refused
to remain silent.*

You deceived me, LORD, and I was deceived;
you overpowered me and prevailed.
I am ridiculed all day long; everyone mocks me.
Whenever I speak, I cry out
proclaiming violence and destruction.
So the word of the LORD has brought me
insult and reproach all day long.
But if I say, "I will not mention his word
or speak anymore in his name,"
his word is in my heart like a fire,
a fire shut up in my bones.
I am weary of holding it in; indeed, I cannot.
I hear many whispering, "Terror on every side!
Denounce him! Let's denounce him!"
All my friends are waiting for me to slip, saying,
"Perhaps he will be deceived; then we will prevail over him
and take our revenge on him."
But the LORD is with me like a mighty warrior;
so my persecutors will stumble and not prevail.
They will fail and be thoroughly disgraced;
their dishonor will never be forgotten.
LORD Almighty, you who examine the righteous
and probe the heart and mind,
let me see your vengeance on them,
for to you I have committed my cause.
Sing to the LORD! Give praise to the LORD!
He rescues the life of the needy
from the hands of the wicked."

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



Martin Luther commented on Psalm 91: "Psalm 91 is a comfort psalm. It encourages us to trust in God through all distress and affliction. It is full of rich, comforting promises derived from the First Commandment. It is the second Psalm [after Psalm 34] in which the dear angels are proclaimed to be our guardians, which is comforting and good to note."

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 91

Refrain



Keep me, keep me as the ap - ple of your eye.



Hide me, hide me in the shad-ow of your wings.

Psalm tone



He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High,*
will rest in the shadow of the Al-mighty.

I will say of the Lord;*

"He is my refuge and my fortress, My God, in whom I trust."

Refrain

You will not fear the terror of the night,*
nor the arrow that flies by day.

If you make the Most High your dwelling,*
then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent.

For he will command his angels con-cerning you*
to guard you in all your ways;

they will lift you up in their hands,*
So that you will not strike your foot against a stone.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain



Many will not tolerate, of all things, the truth! In spite of that opposition, like Paul, we await "the crown of righteousness" that is given to those who believe the truth from God.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

M: The Word of the Lord.



C: Keep me, keep me as the ap - ple of your eye.



Hide me, hide me in the shad-ow of your wings.



While many will reject and persecute the truth, those who acknowledge the Savior have the promise that he will acknowledge them before the Father.

PLEASE STAND

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 10:5a,21-33

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions:

"Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. You will be hated by everyone because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. When you are persecuted in one place, flee to another. Truly I tell you, you will not finish going through the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

"The student is not above the teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for students to be like their teachers, and servants like their masters. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebul, how much more the members of his household!

"So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs. Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

"Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven."

M: The Gospel of the Lord.



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.

PLEASE BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY

823 | *Jesus, Priceless Treasure*



*Public confession
is faith's
response to
God's saving
Word. 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 .*



This song is based on Psalm 51. It is a fitting response to hearing God's Word in our Scripture Lessons and sermon as we ask the Spirit to be with us and give us the joy that comes from faith in Jesus.

SERMON

Psalm 91—Selected Verses

"Help in Overcoming Hardships"

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day. If you make the Most High your dwelling, no harm will overtake you, no disaster will come near your tent. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.

CREATE IN ME

Cre - ate in me a
pure heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with -
in me. Do not cast me a - way from your
pres - ence or take your Ho - ly Spir - it from
me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -
hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER

Spoken by the Minister.

PLEASE STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Spoken by the Minister.

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 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.



In the Lord’s Supper, we receive the forgiveness of sins. Certainly this gift gives us reason to praise God. This song combines the song of the angels in heaven (Isaiah 6) with the words used to praise Jesus on Palm Sunday.

THE SACRAMENT

THE PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

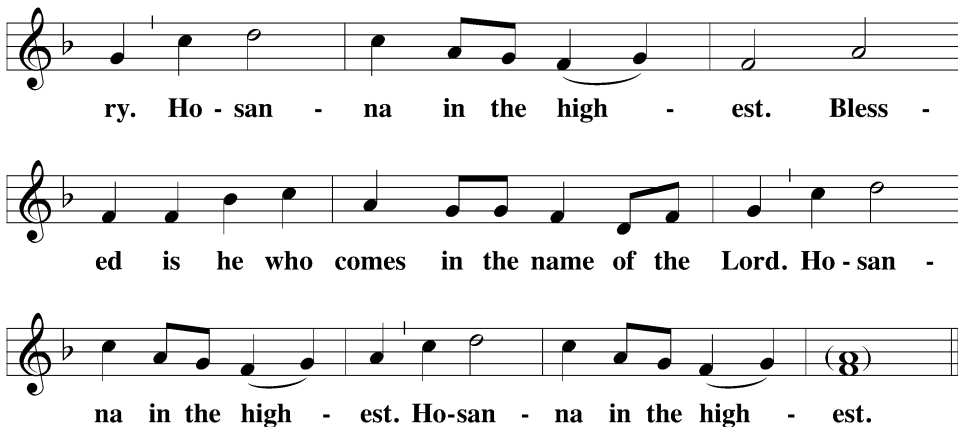
M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

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 promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heave, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,
God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo -



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.



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.



John the Baptist called Jesus "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). This song prepares us to receive the body and blood of our Lord who has saves us!

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD - *Agnus Dei*

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. 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.



DISTRIBUTION HYMN

876 | *Fight the Good Fight*

PLEASE STAND

COMMUNION BLESSING

Spoken by the Minister

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: And his mercy endures forever.

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this Holy Supper. 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.

*This brief prayer
speaks volumes.
May God grant
you a
strengthened
faith and
growing desire to
show love in all
you do!*

BENEDICTION

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

925 | *On What Has Now Been Sown*





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8:00am Ushers	J. Klein, S. Van Lieshout, D. Fieldstad, T. Fieldstad
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