

# HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pentecost 5 – July 11, 2021

+ Service of Word and Prayer - 9:30 am +

Rev. Herbert C. Dolich, Pastor – Supply Deacon, Dawn Talley

One Pastor, Many Ministers

Lenna Harris- Music Director/Organist

Mike Riedinger – Assisting Minister

## Introduction

When Amos reports his vision of God judging Israel for its mistreatment of the poor, he becomes a threat to the power of the priests and the king. John the Baptist also speaks truth to power, and Herod has him killed. In Herod's fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness to justice in company with them, and to proclaim God's saving love.

\*Congregation please stand as able

## + GATHERING +

Prelude: "Majesty" Hayford / Purifoy

## Welcome & Announcements

Stand as you are able

\*Gathering Hymn: "What God Ordains Is Good Indeed" ELW 776

1 What God or-dains is good in-deed, for all life well pro - vid - ing.  
2 What God or-dains is good in-deed: my light, my life, my Sav - ior!  
3 What God or-dains is good in-deed. When hope seems like de - lu - sion,  
4 What God or-dains is good in-deed. My Lord will nev - er fail me

The will of God is best for me, the ground of my con - fid - ing.  
No ill can get the best of me; God's care will nev - er wa - ver.  
I taste the bit - ter cup and plead, "Lord, quench my fear, con - fu - sion."  
on dan-ger's path, in deep - est need, when death in grief shall veil me.

My faith - ful God, on ev - 'ry road you know the way un -  
 Through joy and pain I shall at - tain the dawn dis - clos - ing  
 God ends the night, re - stores de - light; by faith I face to -  
 My God so dear will draw me near, in lov - ing arms will

fold - ing and my hand you are hold - ing.  
 clear - ly that God has loved me dear - ly.  
 mor - row and yield to God all sor - row.  
 hold me, at last in light en - fold me.

**\*Greeting:**

P For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. (Jeremiah 29:11)  
 P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C And also with you.**

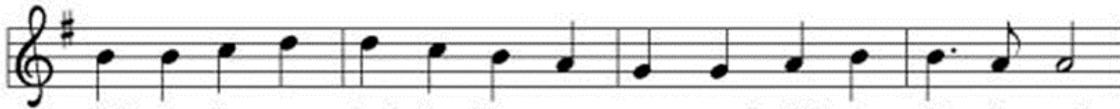
P In the beginning was the Word,  
**C and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**  
 P In the Word was life,  
**C and the life was the light of all people.**  
 P The Word became flesh and lived among us,  
**C and we have seen His glory, full of grace and truth.**

**\*Kyrie:**

1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.  
 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.  
 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.

We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
 Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
 Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

**\*Gloria:**



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

**\*Prayer of the Day:**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

**P** O God, from You come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen**

Please be seated

+ *WORD* +

**First Reading – Amos 7:7-15**

*Amos is not the kind of prophet attached to temples or royal courts. Rather, he is an ordinary farmer from Judah (the southern kingdom) called by God to speak to Israel (the northern kingdom). God's word of judgment through Amos conflicts with the king's court prophet Amaziah, whom Amos encounters at Bethel.*

**L The first lesson is from the 7<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Amos**

<sup>7</sup>This is what [the Lord GOD] showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line."

Then the Lord said,

“See, I am setting a plumb line  
in the midst of my people Israel;  
I will never again pass them by;

<sup>9</sup>the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,  
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,  
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.”

<sup>10</sup>Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. <sup>11</sup>For thus Amos has said,

‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword,  
and Israel must go into exile  
away from his land.’”

<sup>12</sup>And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; <sup>13</sup>but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.”

<sup>14</sup>Then Amos answered Amaziah, “I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, <sup>15</sup>and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 85:8-13** (Read responsively by full verse)

<sup>8</sup>I will listen to what the LORD God is saying;  
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

<sup>9</sup>**Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,  
that your glory may dwell in our land.**

<sup>10</sup>Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

<sup>11</sup>**Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

<sup>12</sup>The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,  
and our land will yield its increase.

<sup>13</sup>**Righteousness shall go before the LORD  
and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

**Second Reading – Ephesians 1:3-14**

*In Jesus, all of God’s plans and purposes have been made known as heaven and earth are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God’s children and have been promised eternal salvation.*

**L The second lesson is from the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter Ephesians**

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup>He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup>that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup>In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup>this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God’s own people, to the praise of his glory.

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able

**\*Gospel Acclamation:**



**\*Holy Gospel – Mark 6:14-29**

*As Jesus and his disciples begin to attract attention, Mark recalls the story of John the Baptist's martyrdom. Like John, Jesus and his disciples will also suffer at the hands of those opposed to the gospel of salvation.*

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 6<sup>th</sup> Chapter

**C Glory to You, O Lord**

<sup>14</sup>King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching,] for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." <sup>15</sup>But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." <sup>16</sup>But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

<sup>17</sup>For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. <sup>18</sup>For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." <sup>19</sup>And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, <sup>20</sup>for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. <sup>21</sup>But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. <sup>22</sup>When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." <sup>23</sup>And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." <sup>24</sup>She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." <sup>25</sup>Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." <sup>26</sup>The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. <sup>27</sup>Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, <sup>28</sup>brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup>When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

Please be seated

## Meditation

Time for reflection

+ RESPONSE TO THE WORD +

\*Please stand as able

\*Hymn of the Day: "Let Justice Flow like Streams" ELW 717

1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar - kling wa - ter, pure,  
2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,  
3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,

en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.  
an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.  
and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

## \*Apostles Creed – Confession and Forgiveness

P In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

**C We believe in Him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**

P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

P Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

**C Pray in the Holy Spirit.**

P Keep yourselves in the love of God;

**C look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

P If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

**C Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!**

P God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Gracious God,

**C have mercy on us. In Your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by Your Spirit so that we may live and serve You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your holy name through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

P Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**C Amen**

*+ PRAYER +*

**\*Prayers of Intercession:**

A Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

A Holy parent, You welcome Your people into one family and gather all things to Yourself. Bestow Your grace upon Your beloved church, lavish Your wisdom upon us, and redeem us from our faults, that by our witness all might praise Your glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

A Awesome Creator, You steadfastly tend to the smallest of seeds and the mightiest of sycamore trees. Spring up green growth from the earth, nourish the growth of fruit, grain, and other crops, and bless the work of farmers and laborers. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

A God of the oppressed, turn the ears of those who are in power to the voices of prophets in our own day. Protect those who speak difficult truths when it is risky to do so. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

A God of strength, You are near to those who endure difficulty. Comfort all who are survivors of violence, guard the refugee and the immigrant, and protect all those who are victims of prejudice and discrimination. Let the healing hand of our Lord Jesus Christ be with those in need of healing, especially those whose names we elevate to You now... Lord, in Your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

A God of love, we pray for this holy house and all those who worship here. We pray especially for those whose efforts behind the scenes often go unnoticed; for the custodian(s) and maintenance workers, for our office staff, and for all of our volunteers. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

A We thank You, God, for the saints, martyrs, and prophets who have died in the faith (*especially Benedict of Nursia*). We remember those in this community who have recently died (*especially those we name before you now*). United with them as God's children, assure us that we are Yours forever. Lord, in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

P We lift our prayers to You, O God, trusting in Your abiding grace.

**C Amen.**

**\*Peace:**

P Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace.  
The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

***Please share our Lord's Peace with one another***

Please be seated

**Responding to God's Faithfulness with Giving:** "Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross" Doane/Conkey/Berry

**Anthem:** "If We Truly Believe" by Don Besig

Please stand as able

**\*Offering Prayer:**

A Let us pray.

A Blessed are You, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day You shower us with blessings. As You have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise You and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

**\*Lord's Prayer:**

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

***+ SENDING +***

**\*Blessing:**

P Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

God, the creator strengthen you;  
Jesus the beloved fill you;  
and the Holy Spirit the comforter ☩ keep you in peace.

**C Amen**



1 God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi - nite in time and place,  
2 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the child-hood of our race;  
3 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it chal-enge us a - new:



flung the suns in burn-ing ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space:  
known the ec - sta - sy of wing-ing through un - trav-eled realms of space;  
chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - ring you.



we, your chil - dren in your like-ness, share in-ven - tive pow'rs with you;  
probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield-ing un - i - mag - ined pow'r,  
May our dreams prove rich with prom-ise; each en-deav-or well be - gun;



great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing, show us what we yet may do.  
fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um-phant hour.  
great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

Extinguishing of candles

\*Dismissal:

- A Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.
- C Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: "Amazing Grace" J. Ray

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**Welcome to All Visitors** who worship with us this morning. Jesus came to make God's love known to our world. May your worship with us make God's love known in your heart and in your life this day and always. We invite you to sign our Guest Register and introduce yourselves to the pastor after worship.

**Bulletins** are given to the Glory of God

**Flowers** are given to the Glory of God in Memory of Janet Cressman, by the Cressman family.

**Please keep the following people in your daily prayers**

Richard Spangler, John Renner, Jr. (Patty Hagar's nephew)

**Please, take a few minutes to read through the prayer list and let the pastor know if any names should be added or removed.**

**This Week at Hope**

**Today - 07/11**

**Pentecost 7**

**Service of Word and Prayer - 9:30 AM**

**Council Meeting**

**07/12 - Monday** Al-A-Non group 11:00 AM - Social Hall

**07/13 - Tuesday -** AA 8:00 PM Social Hall

**07/14 - Wednesday** **Sr. Choir 7:00 - PM**

**07/15 - Thursday -** AA 10:00 AM-Social Hall

AA Tatamy Women's Group 6:30 PM

**07/16 - Friday -** AA, Al-A-Non 7:30 PM

**07/17 - Saturday**

**07/18 - Sunday -**

**Pentecost 8**

**Service of Holy Communion - 9:30 AM**

**Birthdays this week**

07-14 Thomas Schomaker

**Anniversaries this week**

07-13 Garry & Marie Dorney

Jeff & Kathryn Raub

*"Hope - An Anchor for the Soul"* Hebrews 6:19

**July 11, 2021**

**LECTIONARY 15**

**Which Kingdom?**

Amid the dancing, feasting, and complicated family dynamics of this week's gospel text, we hear a story of two leaders who embody power very differently: John, a man of righteousness and integrity, and Herod, whose power is corrupted by fear, greed, and paranoia. The former embodies the kind of power that points us to life and wholeness. The latter kind of power results in gruesome and irrational death.

All too often, corruption and greed seem to win the day. We might find ourselves desperately searching for Christ and wondering if there is any hope to be salvaged from the wreckage of grief, anxiety, and pain present in our world.

The good news is that the story of God doesn't end in senseless violence at the hands of power-hungry rulers. There is another banquet to come. This banquet will be a celebration in which the wealthy and powerful are not front and center. It will be a feast where Jesus is the host and there is more than enough for everyone to eat their fill. It is a banquet of new life, hope, and a kind of power that empties itself for the sake of the other.

But first we sit in the hard truths of our world. In his dying breath, John continues to challenge us, pointing the way to Jesus and proclaiming a baptism of repentance. We must train our eyes to recognize power run amok, the places where fear governs our nations, our cities, our hearts. We must cry out against injustice, and speak up when we witness the truth of God's mercy and love being silenced.

In Christ, we have been freed to boldly proclaim and embody the gospel for the sake of our neighbors. We are citizens of God's kingdom after all, not Herod's. So, will we be people of courage and truth, or will we be people of self-preservation and fear? What kind of power will the church be known for in this time and place?

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. A **Memorial Service** will be held for **Kathleen Ernst** on Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at the Bensing Funeral Home in Bath. Visitation with the family at 9:00 a.m., service at 10:00 a.m., burial at Northampton Memorial Shrine at 11:00 a.m. and a family luncheon at 12:00 noon at Williams Restaurant in Easton.
2. **Attention High School Graduates and College Students:** Students who are graduating from High School and plan on attending college or a technical school can apply for a small Educational Grant from Hope Lutheran Church. Returning college students may reapply for the grant as well. Please see Diane in the church office for a copy of the guidelines and application. **Applications are due by the end of July.**
3. The money for Sight and Sound on October 13<sup>th</sup> is due to Karen Woolley by July 25<sup>th</sup>.