

HOPE & GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCHES

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Wednesday Evening Worship

May 27, 2020

Service of the Word

Invocation

P: We gather in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

Dialog

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P: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe,

C: **for in your wisdom you have formed us.**

P: You feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

C: **We bless you and praise your name forever.**

P: You set free those who are bound.

C: **We bless you and praise your name forever.**

P: You raise up those whose courage falters.

C: **We bless you and praise your name forever.**

P: You provide for our every need.

C: **Accept our grateful praises.**

P: You have called us from all peoples.

C: **We rejoice and bless your name forever.**

P: You bless your people with peace.

C: **We bless you and praise your loving grace.**

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C: **for in your wisdom you have formed us.**

Apostles' Creed

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P: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. 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

The Prayer of the Day

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C: Almighty and ever-lasting God, you fulfilled the promise of Easter by sending your Holy Spirit to unite the races and nations on earth and thus to proclaim your glory. Look upon your people gathered in prayer, open to receive the Spirit's flame. May it come to rest in our hearts and heal the divisions of word and tongue, that with one voice and one song we may praise your name in joy and thanksgiving; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Reading

Romans 8: 14 - 17, 22 - 27

Gospel

John 7: 37 - 39

Message

P: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are worthy to be held in reverence by all the mortal race. We give you thanks for the innumerable blessings which, despite our unworthiness, you have showered upon us.

We praise you especially that you have preserved for us in their purity your saving Word and the sacred ordinances of your house. Grant and preserve to your Church throughout the world purity of doctrine and faithful pastors who shall preach your Word with power, and help all who hear rightly to understand and firmly to believe your Word of truth.

Protect and defend your people in time of tribulation and danger, that we, in communion with your Church and in unity with all Christian people, may fight the good fight of faith and in the end receive the fullness of salvation.

Upon all the nations of the earth bestow your grace. Especially we ask you to bless our land and all its inhabitants and all who are in authority. Cause your glory to dwell among us, and let mercy and truth, justice and peace everywhere prevail. We commend to your care all our schools, that virtue and useful knowledge may be nourished and the wholesome fruits of life may abound.

In your mercy defend us from all calamities by fire and water, from war and pestilence, from scarcity and famine. Protect and prosper all who labor, and cause all useful arts to flourish among us. Show yourself to be the helper of the sick and needy, the comforter of the forsaken and distressed.

Accept, we pray, our bodies and souls, our hearts and minds, our talents and powers, together with these gifts, as our offering of praise.

And as we are strangers and pilgrims on earth, help us to prepare for the world to come, doing the work which you have given us to do while it is day, before that night comes when no one can work. And, when our last hour shall come, support us by your power and receive us into your everlasting kingdom, where, with your Son our Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, God forever.

C: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed by 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**

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The Benediction

**P: The Lord bless us and keep us.
The Lord make his face shine on us
and be gracious to us.
The Lord look upon us with favor
and give us peace. Amen..**

C: Amen

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