



You
have the
words
of **eternal
life**

JOHN 6:68

Hope Lutheran Church

August 22, 2021

Pastor

Jim Helgren

Organist

Alberta Block

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude, Welcome, & Announcements

Opening Hymn "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

FOG # 439

Call to Worship

P: Come and worship! In wonder and awe let us seek the face of God.

C: God invites us to come just as we are.

P: We come longing to experience God's embrace..

C: God wraps us in the loving arms of our Creator.

P: We come hungry to encounter the Word.

C: God feeds us the Bread of Life.

P: We come parched for renewal and restoration.

C: God quenches our thirst with living water.

P: We come weary and worn.

C: God shoulders our burdens and grants us peace.

P: Come and worship! In wonder and awe, God reveals the divine self to us.

C: We come as we are and are changed by God's love and grace.

All: Give glory to God! Amen.

Hymn of Praise “To God Be the Glory” 1 Verse

FOG # 363

Prayer of the Day (in unison)

Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Lessons Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Psalm 34:15-22

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Ephesians 6:10-20

Alleluia

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Gospel John 6:56-69

Sermon

Hymn of the Day "Break Thou the Bread of Life"

FOG # 30

The Apostles' Creed

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Offering/Offertory

Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction & Dismissal

Closing Hymn "I Love to Tell the Story"

FOG # 619

Welcome to Hope Lutheran

We are happy to have you worship with us today! Please sign the guest book in the entry if you are visiting.

The Calendar

Today: 11:00-1:00 Ice Cream Social Unadilla Methodist Church

Wednesday, August 25: 2:00 p.m. Pastor leads Worship at Linden View

7:00 p.m. Student/Parent Confirmation Meeting at Grace

Sunday, August 29: 10:00 a.m. Worship 150th Nebraska Synod Sunday Anniversary

In Our Prayers

We remember Alberta Block, Bruce Gerking, Ruth Heitbrink, & Leta Steinkuhler. We also pray for Adam Helgren serving in Kuwait.

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**FIRST READING: Joshua 24:1-2a,
14-18**

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God.

^{2a}And Joshua said to all the people,

¹⁴“Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

¹⁶Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; ¹⁷for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

Psalm 34:15-22**SECOND READING: Ephesians
6:10-20 [not printed]****GOSPEL: John 6:56-69**

[Jesus said,] “Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”