

A photograph of three sparrows perched on a weathered wooden post. One sparrow is in the foreground, facing right. Another is in the middle ground, facing right. The third is at the top, facing left. The background is a dark, textured surface.

You are
of more
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MATTHEW 10:31

Burr Community Worship
Hope Lutheran, Grace Lutheran & Burr United Methodist Churches
June 25, 2023

Pastor

Organist

Karen Lamb
Alberta Block

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude, Welcome, Announcements

Opening Hymn "O, How I Love Jesus"

FOG # 634

P: We lift up our hearts, and bring You worship and praise!

C: We lift up our voices and sing You our worship and praise!

All: Praise and honor, glory and might, to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb forever and ever! Amen.

Hymn of Praise "The Bond of Love"

FOG # 544

Prayer of the Day (in unison)

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Lessons

Jeremiah 20:7-13

Psalm 69:7-18 (responsively)

LBW # 245

Alleluia

Romans 6:1b-11

FOG # 361

Gospel

Matthew 10:24-39

Sermon

Hymn of the Day "Now I Belong to Jesus"

FOG # 637

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

Benediction and Dismissal

Closing Hymn "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

FOG # 560

In Our Prayers: Bruce Gerking.

Welcome to Hope Lutheran Church! Please sign the guest book in the entry if you are visiting.

Note: There are three offering plates in the entry one for Hope Lutheran, one for Grace Lutheran and one for Burr United Methodist.

Sunday, July 2nd: 8:30 a.m. Joint Worship at Grace Lutheran.

Sunday, July 9th: 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion Worship, Deb Moss is communion assistant.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20:7-13

O LORD, you have enticed me,
and I was enticed;
you have overpowered me,
and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughingstock
all day long;
everyone mocks me.
For whenever I speak, I must cry out,
I must shout, "Violence and
destruction!"
For the word of the LORD has become
for me
a reproach and derision all day long.
If I say, "I will not mention him,
or speak any more in his name,"
then within me there is something like
a burning fire
shut up in my bones;
I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.
For I hear many whispering:
"Terror is all around!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
All my close friends
are watching for me to stumble.
Perhaps he can be enticed,
and we can prevail against him,
and take our revenge on him."
But the LORD is with me like a
dread warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble,
and they will not prevail.
They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.
Their eternal dishonor
will never be forgotten.
O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous,
you see the heart and the mind;
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

¹³Sing to the LORD;
praise the LORD!

For he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hands of evildoers.

Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18

SECOND READING: Romans 6:1b-11
[not printed]

GOSPEL: Matthew 10:24-39

[Jesus said to the twelve:] "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master;²⁵ it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

²⁶So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³²Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

³⁴Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

³⁵For I have come to set a man
against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her
mother-in-law;

³⁶and one's foes will be members of
one's own household.

³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more
than me is not worthy of me; and whoever
loves son or daughter more than me is not
worthy of me; ³⁸and whoever does not take
up the cross and follow me is not worthy of
me. ³⁹Those who find their life will lose it,
and those who lose their life for my sake
will find it."