



Those
who lose
their life
for my
sake will
find it

MATTHEW 16:25

Hope Lutheran Church
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Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Prelude, Welcome, Announcements

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Prayer of the Day (in unison)

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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Welcome to Hope Lutheran. Visitors please sign our guest book in the entry. As we celebrate Holy Communion, we invite all communing Christians to participate. You may come forward to commune or pick up a communion baggie and commune in your pew.

In our prayers we remember Bruce Gerking.

Monday, September 4th: Labor Day

Wednesday, September 6th: 6:00 p.m. Confirmation

Sunday, September 10th: 10:00 a.m. Worship; Grandparents Day

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September is Serve with your Neighbor Month!

Here is your challenge. Let's create quilt blocks and assemble a quilt so that we can be reminded of how beautiful a thing working together and serving with our neighbor can be. Grace Lutheran has come up with this idea and asked us to join in.

The criteria for the block should be that it be made out of any fabrics which feature gray and/or reds. Your finished block should ideally measure 10½ inches. (The half inch allows for the blocks to be sewn together.) You should also place your name and or initials in the right hand bottom corner of the block up at least a quarter of an inch so they don't get lost in the connecting seam line.

Let's strive to have the blocks completed and returned to the church by October 15th. If fabric is an issue for you there will be some pieces that can be used or pieces to supplement what you already have. Feel free to take what you need. It would be just fine if you want to make more than one block. Sharon will give our completed block to Eleta. The goal will be to get 48 blocks (both churches) to make a serviceable size quilt. Alta is prepared to quilt it for us. Let's see what we can do together. We need your block!

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 15:15-21

O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on
my persecutors.
In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.
"Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart;
for I am called by your name,
O LORD, God of hosts.
"I did not sit in the company of
merry-makers,
nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.
"Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?
Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.

"Therefore thus says the LORD:
If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.
If you utter what is precious, and not what is
worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.
It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.
"And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,

says the LORD.

"I will deliver you out of the hand of the
wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the
ruthless.

Psalms 26:1-8

SECOND READING: Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold
fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another
with mutual affection; outdo one another
in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be
ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice

in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere
in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the
saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless
and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those
who rejoice, weep with those who weep.
¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not
be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do
not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not
repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought
for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is
possible, so far as it depends on you, live
peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge
yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of
God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine,
I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰No, "if your
enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are
thirsty, give them something to drink; for by
doing this you will heap burning coals on
their heads." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil,
but overcome evil with good.

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-28

From that time on [after Peter confessed
that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began
to show his disciples that he must go to
Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at
the hands of the elders and chief priests and
scribes, and be killed, and on the third day
be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and
began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it,
Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³But
he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind
me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me;
for you are setting your mind not on divine
things but on human things."

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any
want to become my followers, let them deny
themselves and take up their cross and fol-
low me. ²⁵For those who want to save their
life will lose it, and those who lose their
life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will
it profit them if they gain the whole world
but forfeit their life? Or what will they give
in return for their life?

²⁷"For the Son of Man is to come with his
angels in the glory of his Father, and then he
will repay everyone for what has been done.
²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing
here who will not taste death before they see
the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Next Sunday's Readings: Ezekiel 33:7-11, Psalm 119:33-40, Romans 12:8-14, Matthew 18:15-20.

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