



HOPE is called by God to look beyond ourselves. We walk together in faith, treasuring all people and sharing with them the love, hope, and acceptance that is in Christ".

Sunday October 18, 2020
20th Sunday after Pentecost

Call to Worship

After another week we come together, bent over by the weight of all we have been carrying and encumbered by the armor we think we need to protect ourselves. Now we lay it all down before our God.

Because here, we remember:

God is the one who delivers us.

God is the one who gives us what we need.

God is the one who shows us the way.

God is the one who brings us home.

And here, we gather in the name of the Father and + the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Confession & Forgiveness

Merciful God,

We come to you again in need of your forgiveness.

Like the Israelites in the wilderness,

we have lost our way in the midst of all the uncertainty.

When we lost sight of you,

we put our trust in what we could see or what money could buy,

or what worked for someone else.

We have chosen our own desires over our neighbor's needs.

We have believed the lie that there is not enough for everyone so we need to look out for ourselves.

We have failed to trust that you are still with us.

We want to trust in you again.

We want to be near to you once more.

Forgive us, Lord. We need you to restore us.

People of God,

God hears your cries and gives you everything you need.

In this very moment, God hears your desire for forgiveness and answers your prayer. In the name of our everlasting

God, + your sins are forgiven, you are delivered! **Thanks be to God.**

Sharing of the Peace

God Is Here!



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
 And also with you.

Prayer of the day

Delivering God,

You know each of us by name and in your sight we have found favor, yet our minds cannot comprehend the vision of your glory or the vastness of your love. Grant that as we glimpse your greatness, reflected in your many gifts, we may always return to you the praise that is yours alone. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture

First Reading Exodus 33: 12-23

Moses said to the LORD, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." ¹⁵And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth." The LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The LORD'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the LORD continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia!

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!

Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 22:15-22

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

Children's Message

Sermon

Pastor Annie

Lift Every Voice and Sing



1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,
 2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,



ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty.
 felt in the days when hope un - born had died;
 thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;



Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,
 yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet
 thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,



let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
 come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
 keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.



Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;



sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;



fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,
 out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last
 shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,



let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
 where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

Text: James W. Johnson, 1871-1938
 Music: LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING, J. Rosamond Johnson, 1873-1954

The Apostles' Creed

Together with the whole people of God, let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

Prayers of Intercession

With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Gracious God, you know us by name and invite us to share your good news. Send your Holy Spirit among us all, using us as your preachers, missionaries, and evangelists. We give thanks for the witness of your servant Moses, a reluctant missionary, whom you accompanied to bring your people into freedom. Continue your important work of deliverance in and through each of us. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of praise, the heavens and all creation declare your salvation. From the rising of the sun to its setting, may the whole universe show forth your goodness. Raise up devoted stewards of all that you have made. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of all, may your word of justice sound forth in every place. Restore divided nations and communities with reconciling truth, led by your love. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of light, we pray for those living with pain, illness, isolation, grief, anger, or doubt especially those impacted in mind, body, or spirit by Covid-19 and its effects. Join their voices in a new song, assuring them that you call them each by name. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of truth, you show no partiality. May your spirit guide the work of justices, magistrates, court officials, and all vocations of the law, that your promise of restoration may be known. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Living God, as you raised Jesus from the dead, so raise up those who have died in you. We give thanks for their witness, confident of your rescuing welcome for all. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Offering

Your gifts enable our ministry to continue even as we gather in different ways during this season! Here are ways to share God's abundance:

GIVE ONLINE: <http://www.hopelutheranf.com/giveonline/>

Give by Text to: 833-961-2156. Learn how [here](#).

Give by Mobile App: Search "GivePlus Church" on Apple or Android devices and follow instructions

MAIL YOUR OFFERING: HOPE Lutheran, 3337 Kingsbarn Ave., River Falls, WI 54022

Offertory

In normal circumstances, this is when the Pastor sets the table for Eucharist. Today, you are invited to help set the table by preparing your elements, gently unwrapping them. Pastor will give further instructions.

Offering Prayer

God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Water and word, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right ...

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of pow'r and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory,

Hosanna in the highest!

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Communing Together

Pastor will give instructions to those gathered in person.

If worshipping from home you are invited to join us for drive-thru communion available on 9/13, and 9/27 directly following worship from 10:30-11:30. OR you are encouraged to contact Pastor Annie for an in-home driveway Communion visit.

Post Communion Prayer

Holy God, you gave the Israelites the Passover meal to remember how they were delivered from slavery by your hand, you gave them manna to eat and water from a rock to drink so that they could survive their wilderness journey. Through your Son, Jesus Christ, you give us this Holy Communion meal so that we will remember that he saves us from our sin no matter what we do, no matter how far we wander. Amen.

Announcements

Blessing

As we prepare to face whatever this week will hold, again, we remember:

God is the one who delivers us.

God is the one who gives us what we need.

God is the one who shows us the way.

God is the one who brings us home.

Go with the assurance of these things and the blessing of our triune God, + the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Sending Hymn

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You Servants of God



1 You ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim, and pub - lish a -
2 As - cend - ed on high, al - might - y to save, yet still he is
3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry a -
4 Then let us a - dore and give him his right, all glo - ry and



broad his won - der - ful name; the name, all - vic - to - rious, of
nigh, his pres - ence we have. The great con - gre - ga - tion his
loud and hon - or the Son. The prais - es of Je - sus the
pow'r and wis - dom and might, all hon - or and bless - ing, with



Je - sus ex - tol; his king - dom is glo - rious and rules o - ver all!
tri - umph shall sing, as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus, our king!
an - gels pro - claim, fall down on their fac - es, and wor - ship the Lamb.
an - gels a - bove, and thanks nev - er ceas - ing, and in - fin - ite love!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: LYONS, attr. Johann Michael Haydn, 1737–1806

Sending

Wherever God is leading you,
Go in peace, God is with you.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Announcements

Please lift up the following people in prayer

Luke Stang
Pat Ingram (Friend of Karen Brohaugh)
Susan Traynor (Friend of Kathy Scott)
Carol Moenke
Dylan Nitti (Olive Olson's Grandson)
Nic Gutierrez
Gary Siebold
Oak Reiley (Nancy Sailer's Cousin)
David Hendrickson
Kelly Brenna Luckey (friend of Lisa Ziebarth)
Jim and Ila June Pratt
Ida Mae & Bud Ziebarth (Mark's mother & father)
Jerry Brandt
Lane Branson (relative of Boock family)
Susan Rehr (friend of Kathy Scott)
Lisa Sigfrids (relative of the Boocks)
Dorie (sister of Michelle Leisz)
Cody Castillo (friend of Linda Jacobson)
Debi Forsyth (friend of Linda Jacobson)
Jon Boyce
Jay and Jeri Jorgenson (friends of the Bohnerts)
Marilyn Schmidt (Darcy Boock's sister-in-law)
Nichole Bates (friend of Lizzy Rodewald)
Steve & Beth Pugh (friends of Karen & Jeff Rodewald)
Rod Cina (son of Mary Solum)

CONFIRMATION MINISTRY - Current 10th grade youth: The Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) will be celebrated on Sunday, October 25th. Please make sure to sign up with the number of people who plan to attend.

Looking Ahead at HOPE

Tuesday	11:00 – Coffee & Faithful Conversation
October 20 th	6:30 – Council Meeting
Friday	
October 23 rd	All Day – Pastor Annie's Sabbath
Sunday	9:30 – Reformation Sunday Service
October 25 th	9:30 – Affirmation of Baptism - Confirmation

DRIVE-THRU COMMUNION DATES! - For those worshipping from home, you are invited to participate in drive-thru communion directly following the worship service on 10/25 from 10:30-11:30.

If preferred, Pastor Annie is also happy to provide an at-home driveway communion visit for you! Please contact her directly to schedule a visit! ([hopelutheranpastor.rf@gmail.com](mailto:hoppelutheranpastor.rf@gmail.com), 309-781-0509) OR call the church office!

All elements are prepared safely using masks and gloves.

Pastor Annie will be masked when you arrive or during her visit!

Trunk or Treat - Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, October 28th for our 2nd annual, but first-ever **Drive Thru Trunk or Treat!** ALL are welcome to join the fun from 5:30-7PM! Social distancing, masks, and safety measures will be taken! We look forward to providing a safe and fun night of generosity and merriment with our neighborhood families!

NAMING HOPE's OUTDOOR WORSHIP SPACE-Thanks to all who submitted names for our Outdoor Worship Space!

The following names were selected for a congregational vote:

- ✝ THE GATHERING
- ✝ GATHERING PLACE
- ✝ HOPE'S OASIS
- ✝ WINDS OF THE SPIRIT

Voting began, October 7 and ends at noon on October 21. Please take a moment to use this link to submit your choice via [SURVEY MONKEY](#)

Sunday, October 25 during worship, the winning name will be announced. We will also do the drawing of all who submitted names, one ticket for each idea. If you submitted three, you'll have three chances to win. The prize will be given at Outdoor Worship on the 25th, and if you can't be there, we'll notify the winner and it can be picked up at the church office.

Asylum Family Sunday-Sunday, October 18th - Hope Mission Ministry Team is inviting Hope members to give generously in support of our Asylum Family from Guatemala, Heidi and her four children, and other future refugee needs the third Sunday of each month. Hope members have this opportunity and invitation to join with other River Falls congregations in this special offering. Your gift can be given directly to Hope Lutheran, designated for the Ecumenical Asylum Committee, which will then be forwarded to the families through the committee. Thank you for your support!