

Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Worship – October 18, 2020

Welcome & Mission Moment

Opening Song: **Before the Throne of God Above**

Verse 1

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea;
A great High Priest whose name is Love, whoever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands; My name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heav'n He stands, No tongue can bid me thence de – part.
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Verse 2

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within;
Upward I look and see Him there, who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Saviour died, my sinful soul is counted free;
For God the Just is satisfied, to look on Him and pardon me.
To look on Him and pardon me.

Verse 3

Behold Him there the risen Lamb, my perfect spotless righteousness;
The great unchangeable I Am, the King of glory and of grace.
One with Himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased with His blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Saviour and my God;
With Christ my Saviour and my God.

Verse 4

I bow before the cross of Christ, and marvel at this love divine!
God's perfect Son was sacrificed, to make me righteous in God's eyes.
This river's depths I cannot know, but I can glory in its flood.
The Lord most high has bowed down low, and poured on me His glorious love;
And poured on me His glorious love

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Time of Confession and Forgiveness

P: Friends in Christ, when the Lord said to his people, “You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy”, he gave us both a command and a promise. We have not obeyed his command to live as holy people. So, let us come before our Father in heaven to confess our sin and to ask him to forgive us and keep us holy for the sake of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Pause for a moment of silent reflection)

C: Almighty God, merciful Father: I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended you and for which I justly deserve your punishment. But I am sorry for them, and repent of them, and pray for your boundless mercy. For the sake of the suffering and death of your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being; forgive my sins, give me your Holy Spirit for the amendment of my sinful life, and bring me to life everlasting. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for us and, for His sake, forgives us all our sins. Through His Holy Spirit He cleanses us and gives us power to proclaim the mighty deeds of God who called us out of darkness into the splendor of His light. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Responsive Psalm Reading: Psalm 72:1-8; 12-19

P: Endow the king with your justice, O God,

C: The royal son with your righteousness.

P: May he judge your people in righteousness,

C: Your afflicted ones with justice.

P: May the mountains bring prosperity to the people,

C: The hills the fruit of righteousness.

P: May he defend the afflicted among the people and save the children of the needy;

C: May he crush the oppressor.

P: May he endure as long as the sun,

C: As long as the moon, through all generations.

P: May he be like rain falling on a mown field, like showers watering the earth.

C: In his days may the righteous flourish and prosperity abound till the moon is no more.

P: May he rule from sea to sea

C: And from the River to the ends of the earth.

P: For he will deliver the needy who cry out,

C: The afflicted who have no one to help.

P: He will take pity on the weak and the needy

C: and save the needy from death.

P: He will rescue them from oppression and violence,

C: For precious is their blood in his sight.

P: May his name endure forever;

C: May it continue as long as the sun.

P: Then all nations will be blessed through him,

C: And they will call him blessed.

P: Praise be to the LORD God, the God of Israel,

C: Who alone does marvelous deeds.

P: Praise be to his glorious name forever;

C: May the whole earth be filled with his glory.

All: Amen and Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Song of the Day: **Fairest Lord Jesus**

Verse 1

Fairest Lord Jesus! Ruler of all nature! O Thou of God and man the Son!
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Verse 2

Fair are the meadows; Fairer still the woodlands, Robed in the blooming garb of spring.
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Verse 3

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heaven can boast.

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Kid's Message and Sermon: Pastor Wendy Poch

Scripture Today: **Hebrews 1:1-14**

Sermon Title: "The God Who Speaks"

Confession of Faith – Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

Prayers of the Church and The Lord's Prayer

Sending Song: **What a Friend We Have in Jesus**

Verse 1

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear.
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer.
Oh what peace we often forfeit! Oh what needless pain we bear!
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Verse 2

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged! Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful? Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness. Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Verse 3

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Saviour still our refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee, You will find a solace there.

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Announcements and Dismissal

This Week at Spirit of Hope, October 18 - 25, 2020

Today, Sunday, October 18th

Worship 9:30 am, Fellowship after Worship, Sunday School after Fellowship

Tuesday, October 20th

Hopeful Spirits, 1:30 pm

Wednesday, October 21st

Bible Study: Voices of Authentic Faith, 7:00 pm

Thursday, October 22nd

Confirmation, 4:30 pm

Sunday, October 25th: Reformation Day

(You're invited to wear the color red!)

Worship 9:30 am, Fellowship after Worship, Sunday School after Fellowship

Church Office Hours This Week:

Monday – Thursday, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm