

Take Up
Your Cross



September 15, 2024

Good Hope Lutheran Church

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WITH ONE VOICE: SERVICE OF THE WORD

September 15, 2024

10:30 a.m.

The Prelude & Meditation

The Ringing of the Bell

The Welcome & Announcements

The Spark Choir “*SPARK*” and “*House on the Rock*”

*The Hymn “*Will You Come and Follow Me*” (Insert)

*The Greeting WOV page 46

*The Scripture Song WOV page 47

*The Prayer of the Day (*in unison*)

O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The First Reading -Proverbs 1:20-33

²⁰Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice. ²¹At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: ²²“How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? ²³Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you. ²⁴Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, ²⁵and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, ²⁶I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, ²⁷when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come

upon you. ²⁸Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me. ²⁹Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD, ³⁰would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof, ³¹therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices. ³²For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them; ³³but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.”

L: “The Word of the Lord” C: “**Thanks be to God**”

The Psalm

-Psalm 19

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims its maker’s handiwork.

One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.

Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard, **their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world, where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**

It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

The teaching of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great

reward.

Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

The Hymn *"What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"* WOV #780
(NOISY OFFERING FOR WORLD HUNGER)

The Second Reading -James 3:1-12

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

L: "The Word of the Lord" **C: "Thanks be to God"**

*The Gospel Acclamation

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*The Response before the Gospel

All: "Glory to you, O Lord"

*The Gospel

-Mark 8:27-38

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. ³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." ³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Response after the Gospel **All: "Praise to you, O Christ"**

The Children's Message

(Prayer, lambs and bibles)

The Sermon

"Speaking Power"

The Hymn of the Day

"Thy Holy Wings"

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*The Response to the Word

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*The Exchange of Peace

The Offering

The Offertory

*The Prayers of the People

*The Lord's Prayer

*The Blessing & Dismissal

*The Sending Hymn

*The Postlude

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"Lift High the Cross"

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WELCOME to all who have joined us for worship this morning. If you are a visitor, please sign the guest registry and do come visit us again. May the Lord bless each of us.

THE OFFERING today and next Sunday is for Current Expenses.

PASTOR JOHN'S OFFICE HOURS:

**Pastor will be at the Fall Convocation at Lakeside Lutheran
Wednesday 9:30 to 12:30 at Good Hope**

THIS WEEK AT GOOD HOPE

Wed., Sept. 18

6:30 p.m.

Confirmation @ Good Hope

Sun., Sept. 22

9:15 a.m.

Sunday School

9:30 a.m.

Senior Choir Practice

10:30 a.m.

Worship/Holy Communion

THE WOMEN OF the ELCA are serving a brunch of scrambled eggs (gluten free available), breakfast ham, frozen fruit cups, muffins (gluten free available), orange juice and coffee on Sunday, September 29th, from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All proceeds from the **free will donation** will be given to the Titonka Care Center Hail Mary Fund. Everyone is invited to join us!

THERE ARE sign-up sheets in the back of the church for food donations and workers for the WELCA Brunch that is being held September 29th.

HERE'S A SWEET opportunity for you to help out the care Center! The Friends of the Care Center are looking for volunteers to donate 3 dozen cookies a week. You will be contacted as to which week you will be asked to donate. Please place your name and telephone number on the sheet in the narthex to sign-up for cookies. Or you may contact Carole Tuecke to sign up. All volunteers will be contacted as needed. Thank you.

ANNUAL CHOIR PICNIC for Immanuel, St. John's and Good Hope will be held this evening at Carole's home. The picnic will begin at 6:00 p.m. This is a family picnic so bring that husband or wife and plan to enjoy the evening with us. The hamburgers and brats, paper products and bottled water will be furnished. Please bring a dish to pass. It will be a fun night. Pray for good weather!

WE ARE LOOKING FOR volunteers run the camera for video taping our church services. If interested please let Pastor John or Brad Bengtson know. Thank you!

**Volunteers
needed**

We are looking for volunteers
for our Sunday School Program

Shepherd: We need a volunteer(s) to be a Shepherd for the
Nursery - Kindergarten OR 1st - 2nd grade students

Shepherds do not have any lesson prep. They greet students in their home room and accompany them to opening and their workshop each week.

Workshop Leaders: We need volunteers to lead Cooking, Video, Art and
Bible Skills and Games Workshops

Workshop leaders use the Leader's Guides to prepare the lesson. Lesson prep is easy and does not take a lot of time. Workshop leaders volunteer two weeks at a time. They lead the younger group (Nursery - 2nd Grade) one week and then lead the older group (3rd - 6th Grade) the other week.

*"Volunteers don't necessarily have the time;
they just have the heart"*
Elizabeth Andrew

**Please reach out to me, I would love to visit
with you about our Sunday School Program.
Vicky Nelson - 515-928-7152**