*** Hope Lutheran Church Summer Worship Service***

***August 10, 2025 – 9th Sunday after Pentecost***

*Setting 2 (pages 116-137)*

*We express our appreciation for being able to meet on the traditional, ancestral, unceded territory of the Snuneymuxw People. May we always look for ways to confront past injustices and support Snuneymuxw governance and jurisdiction.*

**Presiding and Preaching: Martin Madelung**

**Communion: Pastor Marvin Svingen**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Confession and Forgiveness** *(hymnal p. 211)*

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin,

Whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,

and from whom no secrets are hid:

cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,

that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn # 618 “Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”**

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

**Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**Children’s Corner**

**First Reading – Genesis 15:1-6**

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, ‘Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.’ But Abram said, ‘O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?’ And Abram said, ‘You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.’ But the word of the Lord came to him, ‘This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.’ He brought him outside and said, ‘Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.’ Then he said to him, ‘So shall your descendants be.’ And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

*Word of God, word of life.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn: # 764 “Have No Fear, Little Flock”**

**Second Reading – Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16**

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.” All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

*Word of God, word of life.*

**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: *(Hymnal Setting 2, page 124)*

 “Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.”

**Gospel– Luke 12:32-40**

*The Gospel according to Luke.*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

‘Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

‘Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

‘But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.’

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon: Martin Madelung**

**Hymn of the Day: # 638 “Blessed Assurance”**

**Prayers of Intercession**

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

*A brief silence.*

Keep the heart of your church set firmly in you so that, with lamps lit and attentive to Christ’s call at any time or place, your people are ready to respond with faithful action for the sake of the world, especially *Hope Lutheran in Nanaimo; and for Luther Court and other institutions in our church that care for the seniors; and for the ministry of hospital chaplains*. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Worlds were prepared by your word. Speak healing and protection upon the earth, especially where life and habitats are threatened … especially *Wesley Ridge, Vancouver Island; and all others dealing with the destruction of wild fires.* Guide the work of astronomers and all who teach us about the stars and galaxies. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You know the actions and deeds of the nations. Turn humanity away from instruments of war and violence. Fashion the hearts of world leaders to work for peace. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Let your lovingkindness be on those in need … *especially Trisha G; Dennis K; Rev. Jukka Joensuu; Steven M; Marilyn N; Glynis; Wyatt; the family of Gary G; the family of Alice Heiman; the family of Jean Jacob; the family of Garth Napper; …* Assure all who are afraid or experiencing great uncertainty that your promises are sure. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Calm the fears of migrants and refugees who set out, not knowing where they go. Provide shelter, sustenance, protection from harm, and welcome. Bless the efforts of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land and Bishop Dr. Sani Ibrahim Azar. Keep us mindful of the on-going appeal for funds to support this work. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We celebrate the ancestors in the faith who built their lives on your promises and died having seen them only from a distance. Sustain us in our hope of things not seen. *Lord God, you are calling our congregation to new ventures, ones which we cannot yet see clearly. Give us faith to go forward in courage, not knowing where we go, but knowing that your spirit is leading us and your love supporting us in this time of transition.* God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

**The Peace** [*unmute]*

*The peace of Christ is with you always!*

**And also with you!**

*(We greet each other gently with a wave, a smile,*

*or some other gesture of peace)*

**The Offering**

**Presiding: Pastor Marvin Svingen**

**Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord is 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.**

(*Pastor continues…*)

"It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

that we should at all times and in all places

give thanks and praise to you almighty and merciful God,

through our Saviour Jesus Christ;

who on this day overcame death and the grave,

and by his glorious resurrection

opened to us the way of everlasting life…

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,

with earth and sea and all their creatures,

and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, holy, holy*** *(hymnal 473)*

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, my heart, my heart adores you.***

***My heart is glad to say the words: You are holy, God.***

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,

who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,

who preached good news to the poor,

and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

*Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.*

*Do this for the remembrance of me.*

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

*This cup is the new covenant in my blood,*

*shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.*

*Do this for the remembrance of me.*

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,

we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,

and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,

the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;

to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,

be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer Song** *(inside back cover of hymnal)*

Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be your name,

Hallowed be your name, Hallelujah.

Your kingdom come, your will be done,

Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth

as in heaven, Hallelujah.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.

Give us today our daily bread, give us today our bread,

Give us our bread today, Hallelujah.

Forgive our sins as we forgive,

Forgive our sins as we forgive those

who sin against us, Hallelujah.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.

Save us from the time of trial, save us from the trial.

Deliver us from evil, Hallelujah.

For the kingdom and the pow'r are yours,

The kingdom and the pow'r are yours,

the glory now and ever, Hallelujah.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah. Amen.

**Communion**

*‘First we will communion those on zoom, then today’s assistants, followed by the congregation.’*

**Communion Hymns:**

**Hymn # 818 “O Master, Let Me Walk with You”**

  **# 697 “Just a Closer Walk with Thee”**

**Blessing:**

The God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,

so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**Sending Song # 866 “We Are Marching in the Light”**

**L:** *Go in peace. Serve the Lord.* **C:****Thanks be to God.**

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Worship Assistants Today

Presiding & Preaching: *Martin Madelung* Communion: *Pastor Marvin Svingen*

Hymnologist: (*musician selecting hymns*): *Cheryl S.*

Reader: *Al P.* Intercessions: *Cathy L.*

Communion Assistants: *Marilyn, Carolyn, Laurie*

Zoom Techs: *Jamie, Marlis* Zoom Host: *Dorothy P.*

Ushers: *Rosalind & Neil S.* Piano: *Cheryl S.*

*Readings for next Sunday, August 17 – 10th Sunday after Pentecost*

*Jeremiah 23:23-29; Hebrews 11:29—12:2; Luke 12:49-56*