

Annual Outdoor Worship and Church Picnic
September 13, 2026
10:00am



***Welcome
To our Church***

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Church Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 8:00-3:45; Fri 8:00-12:00

Regular Weekly Worship Schedule

Traditional: Saturday 5:30pm & Sunday 8:00am

PRAISE 1030: Sunday 10:30am

Sunday School: 9:20am

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study: 9:30am

Order of Worship

Welcome

Call to Worship – Psalm 95:1-7; antiphon: v. 1

Left (Church) Side: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;

Right (Street) Side: let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

Left: Let us come before him with thanksgiving

Right: and extol him with music and song.

Left: For the Lord is the great God,

Right: the great King above all gods.

Left: In his hand are the depths of the earth,

Right: and the mountain peaks belong to him.

Left: The sea is his, for he made it,

Right: and his hands formed the dry land.

Left: Come, let us bow down in worship,

Right: let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;

Left: for he is our God

Right: and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

Left: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;

Right: let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

Opening Songs:

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee, LSB #803

1 Joyful, joyful we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,
Praising Thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.

2 All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

3 Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Fountainhead of love divine:
Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit!
Joyful, we by grace are Thine!

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Way Maker

Verse 1

You are here moving in our midst
I worship You, I worship You
You are here working in this place
I worship You, I worship You

Chorus

You are Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper,
Light in the darkness, my God - that is who You are.
You are Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper,
Light in the darkness, my God - that is who You are.

Verse 2

You are here touching every heart
I worship You, I worship You
You are here healing every heart
I worship You, I worship You

Verse 3

You are here turning lives around
I worship You I worship You
You are here mending every heart
I worship You, I worship You

Chorus

You are Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper,
Light in the darkness, my God - that is who You are.
You are Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper,
Light in the darkness, my God - that is who You are.
That is who You are, that is who You are
That is who You are, that is who You are

Bridge

Even when I don't see it, You're working
Even when I don't feel it, You're working
You never stop, You never stop working
You never stop, You never stop working

Even when I don't see it, You're working
Even when I don't feel it, You're working
You never stop, You never stop working
You never stop, You never stop working

Chorus

Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper,
Light in the darkness, my God - that is who You are.
You are Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper,
Light in the darkness, my God - that is who You are.
That is who You are, that is who You are
That is who You are, that is who You are

Exhortation

- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Confession of Sins

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Absolution

- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

Song: Living Hope

Verse 1

How great the chasm that lay between us,
How high the mountain I could not climb.
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night.
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul.
The work is finished, the end is written:
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Verse 2

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame.
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven,
The King of kings calls me His own.
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever,
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Chorus

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free!
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me!
You have broken every chain,
There's salvation in Your name:
Jesus Christ, my living hope. (REPEAT)

Verse 3

Then came the morning that sealed the promise;
Your buried body began to breathe.
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me.
Then came the morning that sealed the promise;
Your buried body began to breathe.
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me.
Jesus, Yours is the victory!

Chorus

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free!
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me!
You have broken every chain,
There's salvation in Your name:
Jesus Christ, my living hope. (REPEAT)

Ending

Jesus Christ, my living hope.
Oh God, You are my living hope.

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God's Word is Read

Old Testament: Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him."
¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 103:1-12

P ¹Bless the LORD, O my soul,

C and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!

P ²Bless the LORD, O my soul,

C and forget not all his benefits,

P ³who forgives all your iniquity,

C who heals all your diseases,

P ⁴who redeems your life from the pit,

C who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

P ⁵who satisfies you with good
C so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
P ⁶The LORD works righteousness
C and justice for all who are oppressed.
P ⁷He made known his ways to Moses,
C his acts to the people of Israel.
P ⁸The LORD is merciful and gracious,
C slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
P ⁹He will not always chide,
C nor will he keep his anger forever.
P ¹⁰He does not deal with us according to our sins,
C nor repay us according to our iniquities.
P ¹¹For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
C so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
P ¹²as far as the east is from the west,
C so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Epistle: Romans 14:1-12

¹As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ²One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

⁵One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹for it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
 and every tongue shall confess to God."

¹²So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

P This is the Word of the Lord
C Thanks be to God

Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

²¹Peter came up and said to [Jesus], “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” ²²Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

²³“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³²Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.

[C] Praise to You, O Christ.

Choir Anthem - “How Great Thou Art”

Apostles' Creed

**☩ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Children's Message

Song – Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, LSB #790, v. 1-2, 4-5

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear Now to His temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!

2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen All that is needful has been
Sent by His gracious ordaining?

4 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do
As with His love He befriends you.

5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen Sound from His people again;
Gladly forever adore Him!

The Sermon: God's Word is Taught and Applied Psalm 103

Preaching God's goodness to your own soul.

"Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless His holy name!
Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all His benefits."

Remember the Lord's Benefits

"Who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's."

God Is Righteous and Merciful

"The LORD works righteousness
and justice for all who are oppressed.
He made known His ways to Moses,
His acts to the people of Israel."
"As high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far does He remove our transgressions from us."

The Lord's Kingdom Rules Over All

"The LORD has established His throne in the heavens,
and His kingdom rules over all."

Taking it Home this Week:

1. Allow God's Word to preach to your heart!
2. If you feel God has abandoned you, you are looking at the wrong place.
3. God knows our weakness and still treats us compassionately.

Points to Ponder this Week

1. What causes you to forget God's benefits?
2. Reread Psalm 103. What is one gem from this Psalm you could commit to memory?
3. Why is it difficult for people to believe God has forgiven and removed their sins?

Offering

Musical Offering – Great Things, words and music by Paul Rosenfeldt

Prayer of the Church

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer;**
P As You live and reign, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever,
C **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

- C** **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.**

Meal Prayer

Benediction

- P** The Lord bless thee and keep thee.
The Lord make His face shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee.
The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee and give thee peace.
C **Amen.**

Closing Song – The Blessing

Verse

The Lord bless you and keep you
Make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you
The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace

Chorus

A----men, A—men, A--men
A----men, A—men, A--men

Verse

The Lord bless you and keep you
Make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you
The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace

Chorus

A----men, A—men, A--men
A----men, A—men, A--men

Bridge

May His favor be upon you and a thousand generations
And your family, and your children, and their children,
And their children

May His presence go before you and behind you and beside you
All around you and within you He is with you
He is with you

In the morning, in the evening, in your coming, and your going
In your weeping and rejoicing, He is for you

Chorus

A----men, A—men, A--men
A----men, A—men, A--men
(REPEAT)

Verse

The Lord bless you and keep you
Make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you
The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace

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Please stay and join us for great food, fellowship, and fun!

**A special thanks to Anna Lohmann for donating the hogs,
to Cory and his team for cooking them, and to & Culver's
for donating other side dishes and dessert!**

**Thank you to the many people who helped with today's worship and picnic
through planning, setup, activities, serving, music, sound, ushering, and the
countless small details that needed to be taken care of!**

Attendance – Saturday, September 5 - 70; Sunday, September 6 - 8:00 a.m. – 91; 10:41 a.m. – 87.

For Your Family and Friends Birthdays:

13-Samuel Provot	14-Jodi Wessel	15-Vicki Lohse	15-Amy Lemke	15-Sandy Barber
15-Tim Brenner	15-Tom Kunasch	15-Bennie Cole	16-Max Kirchhoff	16-Samuel Fuchs
17-Jessica Arndt	17-Diane Pevonka	17-Ryan Hopp	18-Grant Petik	19-Milt Bartelt
19-Sandy Barry	19-Asher Finley			

Wedding Anniversaries:

13-Daniel and Kristine Veith (51)	13-John and Vickie Huck (40)	13-John and Grace Kiefer (40)
14-Jerome and Sharon Sippel (58)	14-Tom and Jill Gendron (63)	14-Brian and April Vermillion (24)
16-Conner and Kaylei Dougherty (3)	16-Jason and Aileen Andrews (26)	16-Tom and Kim Konop (37)
19-Shaun and Kim Mullenix (23)	19-Dave and Carmen Horton (24)	



Events & Information

Our sympathies – The Lord called to Himself Lee Dikeman. Our deepest sympathies and prayers for the family and those who knew him. His visitation will be September 21, 2026, from 9:00-10:45a.m. at Hope, with the service at 11:00a.m. with military honors and a meal to follow.

Volunteer Appreciation – Hope is such a special congregation because of the many, many, MANY people that serve in a HUGE variety of ways throughout the year! The staff of Hope thank you, we appreciate you, and we want to honor you in a small but heartfelt way. Please join us in the Café Corner on Sept 20th between services for a special cake to honor our MANY volunteers!

Women's Retreat – Today is the last chance to register for Saturday's gathering here at church! Sign-up sheets are at the Welcome Center in the narthex. We meet in the Cafe Corner next Saturday (9/19) from 9am-1pm with lunch included at no charge (freewill offerings accepted).

Women On Their Own – will meet at 4:30 (note time change) at Gino's Italian Restaurant on Thursday, Sept. 17. Reservations with Sylvia at 920-979-8465 (call or text).

Monday Morning Ladies Bible Study – will start this Monday at 10am. We will be finishing our last section of Martin Luther & how the Reformation has affected the world since then. Please join us.

Hope Preschool & 4K – The 3P and 4K classrooms need snacks for the school year. We're looking for donations of: Goldfish, Cheez-Its, popcorn, graham crackers, pretzel sticks, and granola bars (no peanut butter).

Advance Care Planning Presentation – All adults 18 and older are encouraged to attend an informative presentation on the importance of having a **Power of Attorney for Health Care**. A representative from ThedaCare Advance Care Planning will explain why this document is important and answer questions about healthcare decision-making. Attendees can complete a Power of Attorney for Health Care form during the session. While the presentation is being provided by ThedaCare, the information and Power of Attorney for Health Care form are applicable regardless of your healthcare provider or healthcare system. The presentation will be held on **Sunday, September 27, at 9:20 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall**. Questions, contact Joan Farrell at jfarrell@lifeathope.org.

Men's Ministry – Men of Hope are invited to fellowship every 4th Saturday of the month following Saturday evening worship service. Come for a meal & fellowship followed by a Bible Study. Join us September 26th at 6:30 pm under the shelter. Also, the Men's Retreat is scheduled for Saturday, September 19th. Registration forms are available in the nave as you walk in.

Sunday Morning Bible Study Series – join us next Sunday at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall as Pastor Andrew walks through the book of Exodus.

A self-guided Bible study – on healing hurts and wounds in relationships, as well as navigating forgiveness, boundaries, and when restoration may not be wise, is now available. Counseling many individuals in this trying area prompted me to put this Bible study together. Copies are available at the Welcome Center. Pastor Enderle.

Funding for Church Positions – Hope has two wonderful and talented people on staff who are not funded through the annual church budget, but through special gifts. Joan Farrell, our Parish Nurse, and Samantha Imrie, our Director of Children's Ministry. If you would like to contribute for these positions, simply designate "Parish Nurse" or "Director of Children's Ministry" on any offering envelope, or, if you prefer, go to Hope's webpage and make a gift online! What an exciting time at Hope as cogs in the gears of ministry happen.

Music Ministry Important Dates – for new and returning Music Ministry participants. New members are always welcome! Talk to Jessica Finley to learn how to get involved in any of our musical groups:
jfinley@lifeathope.org.

Mon, Sept 14, 6:00-7:00pm – Handbell Rehearsals Resume

Wed, Sept 16, 6:30-8:00pm – Choir Rehearsals Resume

Fall Children's Choir – The fall season of Children's Choir begins Wednesday, Oct 7, 5:00-5:45pm in the Music Studio. Last year we were ringing, but this year we are singing! Children in grades 1 – 8 are invited to participate. Details are still being finalized, but we will plan to sing in church once on our own, and finish the season on December 13 with the Sunday School Christmas Program. Contact Jessica Finley with any questions, jfinley@lifeathope.org.

This Week at Hope

Monday, September 14

10:00 AM Women's Bible Study
11:00 AM Sweet Hour of Prayer
5:00 PM Adult Small Group Bible Study
6:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal
7:00 PM Worship Team

Wednesday, September 16

1:00 PM Lutheran Service-87 Woodlands
1:45 PM Lutheran Service-77 Woodlands
6:00 PM Catechism
6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 18

Sunday, September 20

8:00 AM Traditional Service w/HC
9:15 AM Volunteer Appreciation
9:20 AM Sunday School
9:30 AM Adult Bible Study
10:30 AM Praise 1030 Service

Tuesday, September 15

5:30 PM Men's Club
7:00 PM Adult Bible Class

Thursday, September 17

10:00 AM Community Chime Choir
10:00 AM Women of Hope
4:00 PM SWD Board of Directors Meeting
4:30 PM Women of Their Own – Gino's
6:00PM Journey to Recovery

Saturday September 19

Men's Retreat, all day/off-site

Women's Retreat, 9am-1pm

5:30 PM Traditional Service w/HC

Serving today:

Preacher: Pastor Phillip Enderle

Liturgist: Pastor Andrew Munding

Musical Leader: Jessica Finley

10:00 AM

Elders: Ken Provot, Ryan Graham, Stewart Gough, Josh Harmsen, Ryan Hopp, Dave Knuth, Jon Moen, Dean Retzlaff, Cory Siedschlag

Altar Assistants: John & Carol Graham, Kay Kohlman, Jayne Kaufman
