

Welcome in the Name of The Triune God

July 31, 2022
First Peter



1 PETER
A living hope

- Prelude by
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- Office of the
Acolyte
- Ringing of the
Bell

Scripture Focus:
1 Peter 4

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross,
the sign marked at baptism...*

**P: We confess our sins before God and
one another.**

Pause for silence and reflection.

P: Saving God,

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

C: Too often we have turned away from you and toward ourselves. We have not had unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, or a humble mind. We have repaid evil for evil. We have failed to serve. Draw us back into the joy of your beloved community, and give us eager hearts to love our neighbors.

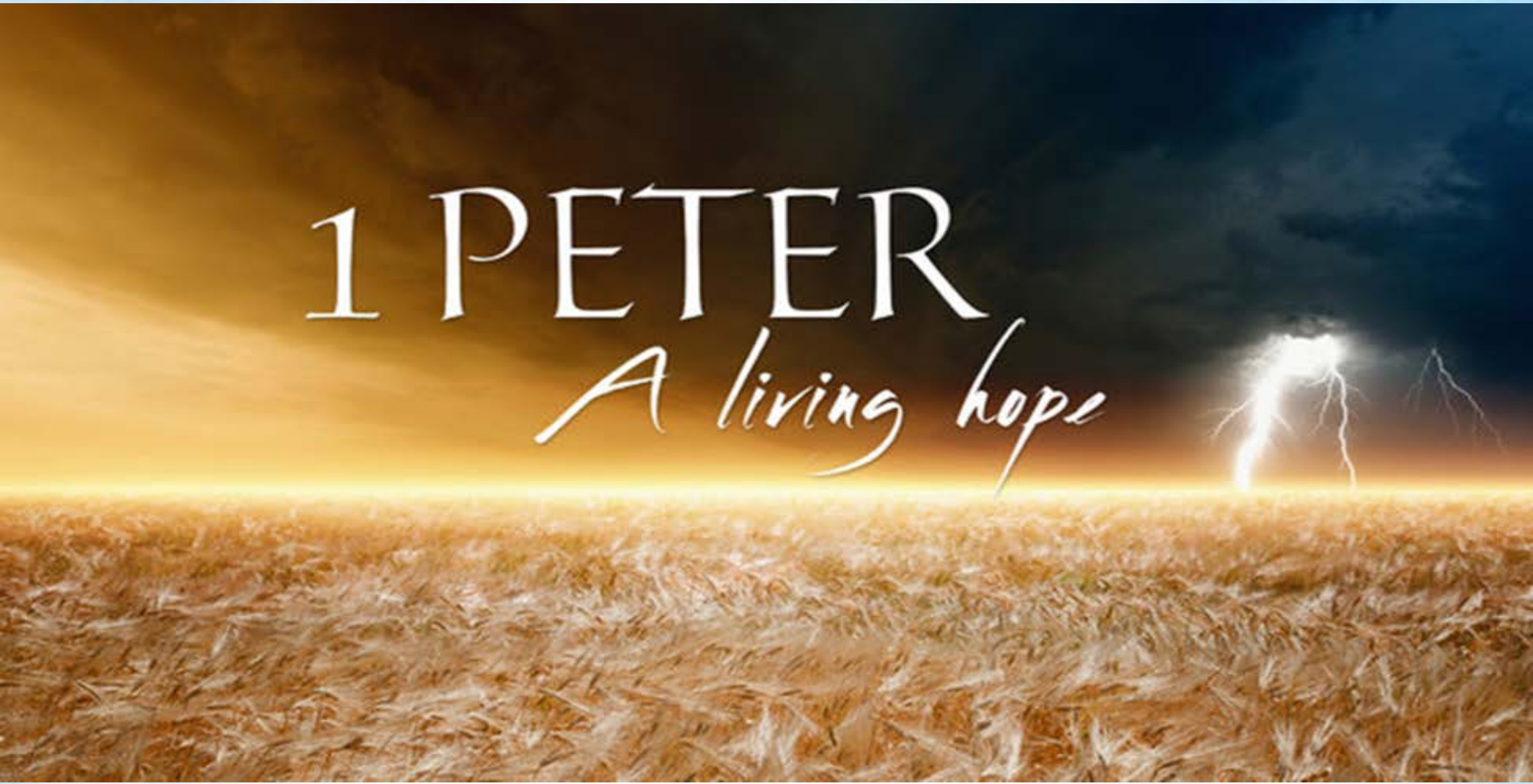
*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

L: God who redeems all flesh gives you new life in Christ and forgives you all your sins. Rejoice in the grace and mercy of God, through ✝ Jesus Christ, our savior.

C: Amen.

*** Hymn of Praise**
“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”
LBW 488

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*** Breathe on Me, Breath of God--LBW 488**

**1 Breathe on me,
breath of God;
fill me with life anew,
that I may love
all that you love
and do what
you would do.**

*** Breathe on Me, Breath of God--LBW 488**

**2 Breathe on me, breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with you I will one will
to do and to endure.**

**3 Breathe on me, breath of God;
so shall I never die,
but live with you
the perfect life
of your eternity.**

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*** APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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

C: And also with you.

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray... Merciful God, You have called to be stewards of your grace. Inspire us to serve one another with whatever gifts we have received, for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.



•Scripture Reading

**R: The Scripture reading is from
the book of First Peter,
Chapter 4.**

C: Glory to you O' Lord!
(Spoken)

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Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same intention (for whoever has suffered in the flesh has finished with sin), ²so as to live for the rest of your earthly life no longer by human desires but by the will of God. ³You have already spent enough time in doing what the Gentiles like to do, living in licentiousness, passions, drunkenness,

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revels, carousing, and lawless idolatry.

⁴They are surprised that you no longer join them in the same excesses of dissipation, and so they blaspheme.

⁵But they will have to give an accounting to him who stands ready to judge the living and the dead. ⁶For this is the reason the gospel was proclaimed even to the dead, so that, though they had been judged in the

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flesh as everyone is judged, they might live in the spirit as God does.

⁷The end of all things is near; therefore be serious and discipline yourselves for the sake of your prayers. ⁸Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹Be hospitable to one another without complaining. ¹⁰Like good stewards of the manifold grace of

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God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.

¹¹Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the

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fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on

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you. ¹⁵But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, a criminal, or even as a mischief maker. ¹⁶Yet if any of you suffers as a Christian, do not consider it a disgrace, but glorify God because you bear this name. ¹⁷For the time has come for judgment to begin with the household of God; if it begins with us, what will be the end for those who do not obey the gospel of God?

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¹⁸And “If it is hard for the righteous to be saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinners?”

¹⁹Therefore, let those suffering in accordance with God’s will entrust themselves to a faithful Creator, while continuing to do good.

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P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ
(Spoken)

A dramatic landscape featuring a golden field in the foreground, a bright horizon line, and a dark sky with a bright light source and lightning bolts. The text "1 PETER" is written in a large, white, serif font, and "A living hope" is written in a smaller, white, cursive font below it.

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SERMON

*** APOSTLE'S CREED**

**C: I believe in God, the Father
almighty, creator of heaven and
earth.**

*** APOSTLE'S CREED**

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

*** APOSTLE'S CREED**

C: He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

*** APOSTLE'S CREED**

C: 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

Each petition will end with the words,

A: Faithful God,

The congregation will respond with:

C: You hear our prayer.

* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The prayer concludes...

P: Holy God we place all for whom we pray into your loving care, trusting in the promise of your salvation.

C: Amen.

* SHARING OF THE PEACE

The Sharing of the Peace that began when the congregation arrived is now shared with the Pastor at this time...

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

The background of the top half of the image is a dramatic landscape. It features a field of golden-brown grass in the foreground, a bright, glowing horizon line, and a dark, stormy sky with a prominent lightning bolt striking down on the right side.

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OFFERING PRAYER

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**P: Jesus is the “tie that Binds us together”,
let us pray as Jesus taught...**

**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,**

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

C: 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.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** SENDING BLESSING**

**P: The God of peace, Father, ✝ Son,
and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you,
and show you the path of life this day
and always.**

C: Amen.

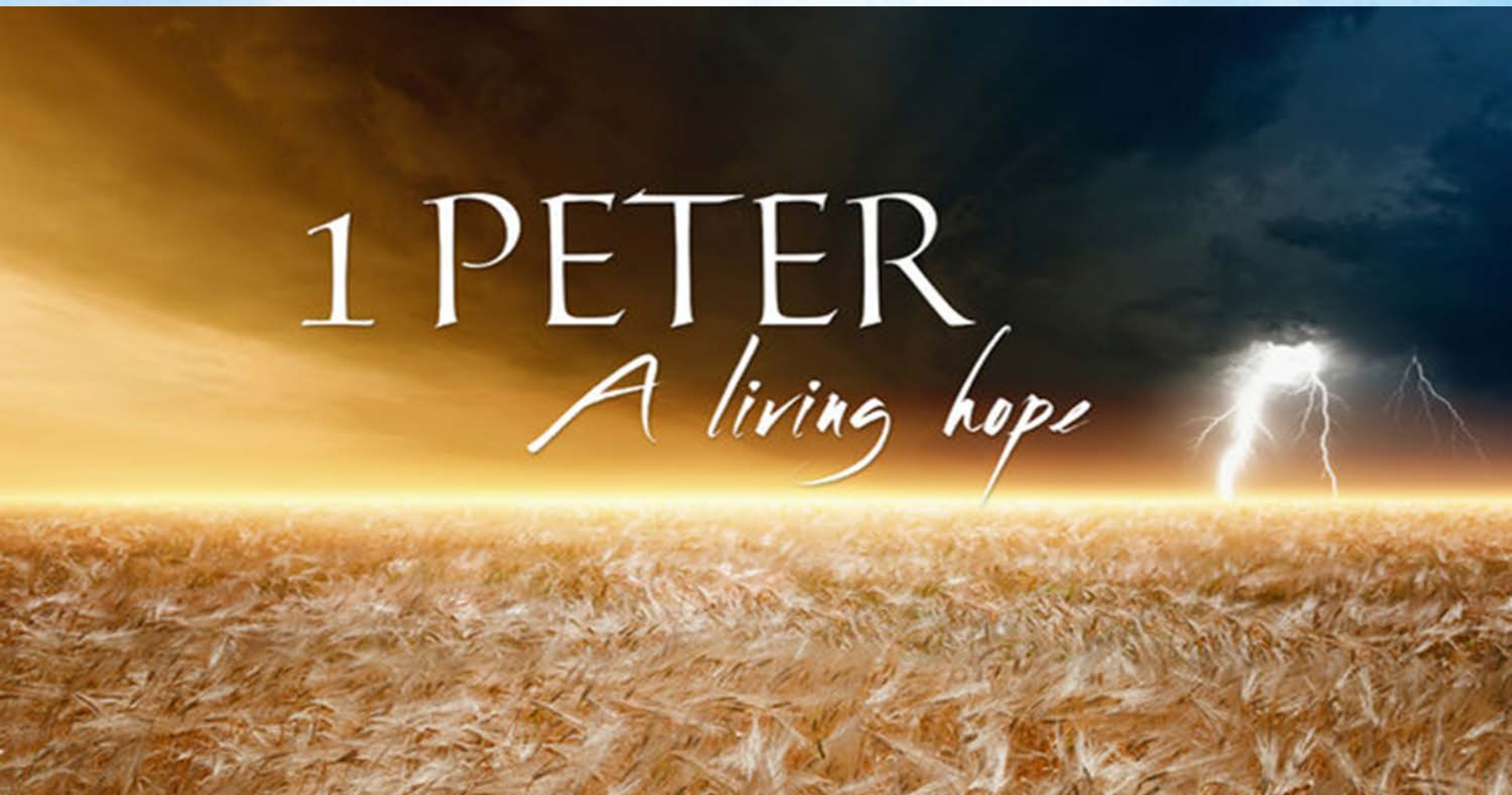
* Sending Song

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

LBW 429 *(Verses 1,2 & 5,6 Only)*

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*** Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life**

LBW 429

**1 Where cross the crowded
ways of life,
where sound the cries of
race and clan,
above the noise
of selfish strife,
we hear your voice,
O Son of Man.**

*** Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life**

LBW 429

**2 In haunts of wretchedness
and need,
on shadowed thresholds
dark with fears,
from paths where hide
the lures of greed,
we catch the vision
of your tears.**

*** Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life**

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**5 O Master, from
the mountainside
make haste to heal
these hearts of pain;
among these restless
throngs abide;
oh, tread the city's
streets again;**

*** Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life**

LBW 429

**6 Till all the world shall
learn your love,
and follow where
your feet have trod;
till glorious from
your heav'n above
shall come the city
of our God.**

*** DISMISSAL**

P: Until we gather again as God's people to offer our worship and praise, depart in Christ's Love,

**C: Seeking, welcoming, and serving all.
Amen!**

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