

11th Weekend after Pentecost
August 8-9, 2026
New Members / Holy Communion

The Prelude is a signal to *end our conversation* and prepare our hearts for worship.

PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Members called forward (If in attendance for service)

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NEW MEMBERS

The Living Charter

"To know Christ and to make Christ known by caring for and about our members and supporting our community."

- P WE BELIEVE...**It is the purpose of Hope Lutheran Church to engage as many persons as will share its confession of faith in a fellowship of worship, learning, witness and service so that the Word of God in Jesus Christ may become effective in their lives. Together and individually, we work to fulfill our mission as a congregation and work in relationship with other Christian fellowships and social institutions at home and throughout the world. To develop the individual ministries, we will remain flexible and open to meet the changing needs of the church, the community, and the world. It is our aim to draw on the talents of all persons to involve them in the life and mission of the church.
- C WE PLEDGE...**In our desire to unite with Hope Lutheran Church, we pledge faithful support and active participation to ensure and further the goals of this congregation that we may express, through our church and our life, the love and faith of Jesus Christ.

PASSING OF PEACE (*CALL TO WORSHIP cut*)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, whose compassion endures forever.
- C** Amen.
- P** Let us confess our sin to God. Compassionate God,
- C** we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.
- P** Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.
- C** Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

"Come Ye Thankful People Come"

- 1** Come, ye thankful people, come; /
raise the song of harvest home. /
All be safely gathered in / ere the winter storms begin.
* God, our maker, doth provide /
for our wants to be supplied. /
Come to God's own temple, come, /
raise the song of harvest home.
- 2** All the world is God's own field, /
fruit unto his praise to yield; /
wheat and tares together sown, / unto joy or sorrow grown.
* First the blade, and then the ear, /
then the full corn shall appear. /
Lord of harvest, grant that we /
wholesome grain and pure may be.

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.

ANTHEM (*SOUTH CAMPUS ONLY*)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray together.
- C** O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

KYRIE/ CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.
We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.
Have mercy on us, Lord; make sin and shame depart.
Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!

Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:
We exalt you, we adore you,
we lift_ high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you;
here on earth our songs we raise.

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LESSON OF THE DAY

Romans 10:5-15

The lesson begins:

Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: "The person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that is by faith says: "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the deep?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is

near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame." For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

P The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open_ now your saving word.

Let it burn like fire within us;

speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL

Matthew 14:22-33

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear. But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." "Lord, if it's you," Peter

replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?" And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

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SERMON

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SERMON RESPONSE

We will build our lives upon God's love.

**It is a firm foundation and we will put our trust in Him
Alone and we will not be shaken_.**

(APOSTLES' CREED cut)

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

P Lord, Scripture tells us that anyone who trusts in you will never be put to shame. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. Help us become the beautiful feet of those who bring good news! Lord in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer

- P** We pray for the servants of your gospel in every place, that your word may be heard. Where your voice is scorned and your people persecuted, strengthen the church in its faithful witness. Lord in your mercy,
- C** Hear our prayer
- P** Oh God, guide leaders of towns, states, nations, and organizations, and all who are in positions of authority, that they lead with justice and integrity. Teach us to respond with Christlike mercy to all who are afraid or in danger. Lord in your mercy,
- C** Hear our prayer
- P** For all who struggle amid the storms of life, that they find peace and hope in your loving presence. Comfort any who is lonely and grieving and all who suffer (*especially*)... Lord in your mercy,
- C** Hear our prayer
- P** For this congregation and its ministries, that they reflect your love and life amid a turbulent world. Guide council members, team leaders, and other church leaders with your still, calm voice. Lord in your mercy,
- C** Hear our prayer
- P** Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C** Amen.

THE OFFERING

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THE OFFERTORY "PRAISE TO YOU, O GOD OF MERCY"

Praise to you, O God of mercy; thanks be to you forever!
Raising high the weak and lowly; thanks be to you forever!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through the prophets. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Holy Holy Holy Holy, Lord, God of pow'r and might_,
Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory,
Hosannah_ in the highest.

Bless'd is He who comes in Your name_,
Hosannah_ in the highest!

P Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

☞ Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

☞ Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

☞ Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

- P** As a community, let us pray in the way our Lord Jesus has taught us: *(SPOKEN)*
- 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- P** Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

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THE COMMUNION is given and received.

(w/ ANTHEM at ALL CAMPUSES w/ OPTIONAL HYMN INCLUDED)

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- P** Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

"All the Way My Savior Leads Me"

- 1 All the way my Savior leads me; / what have I to ask beside? /
Can I doubt his tender mercy, /
who through life has been my guide?
*Heavenly peace, divinest comfort, /
here by faith in him to dwell! /
For I know, whate'er befall me, / Jesus doeth all things well;
*for I know, whate'er befall me, / Jesus doeth all things well.**
- 3 All the way my Savior leads me; / oh, the fullness of his love! /
Perfect rest to me is promised / in my Father's house above.
*When my spirit, clothed immortal, /
wings its flight to realms of day, /
this my song through endless ages / Jesus led me all the way;
*this my song through endless ages /
Jesus led me all the way!**

DISMISSAL

-  **Let us go forth, to know Christ and to make Christ known,**
 **Caring for one another and serving our community.**

POSTLUDE

We Eat the Bread of Teaching

Refrain



We eat the bread of teach-ing, drink wine of wis - dom, are



giv - en here a taste of the king - dom. To - geth - er



joined, the great - est and the least, we all are



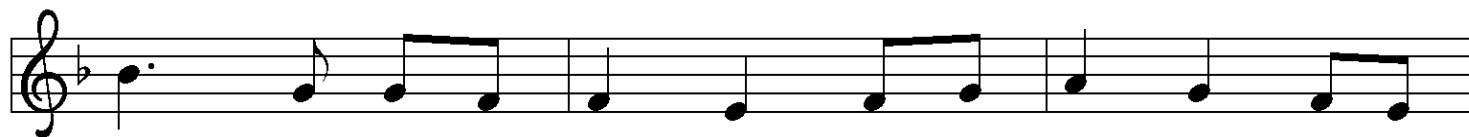
one at Wis-dom's ho - ly feast.



1 Wis - dom calls through - out the cit - y, knows our

2 Sim - ple ones whose hearts are yearn - ing, come and

3 En - ter with de - light and sing - ing, for her



hun - ger, and in pit - y gives her lov - ing in - vi -

gain from Wis-dom's learn - ing; bread and wine she is pre -

rich - ness now is bring - ing us this joy - ous cel - e -



ta - tion to the ban - quet of sal - va - tion.

par - ing, know her lov - ing in the shar - ing.

bra - tion; eat and drink in ju - bi - la - tion.

Refrain