**New Members Weekend / Veterans' Day**
**November 7-8, 2026**
*Holy Communion*

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

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND**

***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."**

℗ **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.**

℄ **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**

℗ **Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers.**

℃ **Amen.**

℗ **Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Holy God,**

℃ **we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.**

℗ **Inherit the riches of God's grace. ☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you.**

℃ **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN "My Lord, What a Morning"**

**Ref. My Lord, what a morning;/my Lord, what a morning;/**
**oh_, my Lord, what a morning,/when the stars begin to fall.**

**1 You will hear the trumpet sound,/**
**to wake the nations underground,/**
**looking to my God's right hand,/**
**when the stars begin to fall.** ***(Refrain)***

**3 You will hear the Christian shout,/**
**to wake the nations underground,/**
**looking to my God's right hand,/**
**when the stars begin to fall.** ***(Refrain)***

**GREETING**

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

℄ **And also with you.**

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE "Come Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs"**

**Come, let us join our cheerful songs/**
**with angels round the throne;/**
**ten thousand thousand are their tongues,/**
**but all their joys are one.**
***Jesus is worthy to receive/honor and pow'r divine;/**
**And blessings, more than we can give,/**
**be, Lord, forever thine.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

℗ **Let us pray together.**

℄ **O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

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**ANTHEM**

**LESSON OF THE DAY** **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

**The lesson begins:**

Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who

are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

℗ **The Word of the Lord.**

℃ **Thanks be to God.**

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**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Al – le - luia!/Lord to whom shall we go?/Al – le – luia.**
***You have_ the words/of_ eternal life./**
**Al – le – lu – ia, al – le – luia.**

**GOSPEL** **Matthew 25:1-13**

℗ **The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 25th chapter.**

℃ **Glory to You, O Lord.**

"At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep. "At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' "Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.' "'No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.' "But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. "Later the others also came. 'Lord, Lord,' they said, 'open the door for us!' "But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I don't know you.' "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

℗ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

℃ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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## SERMON

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**SERMON RESPONSE "O God, Who Gives Us Life"**

**O_ God, who gives/us_ life and breath,/**
**who shapes us in_ the womb,**
***who_ guards our lives/from birth to death,/**
**then_ leads_ us from the tomb:**
***deliver us from fears that kill/the life we have from you./**
**Help us to know your_ Spirit,/**
**still is_ mak – ing all things new.**

***(APOSTLES' CREED cut)***

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**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

℗ **Let us approach the Throne of Grace, there to pray for the Church, the world, and one another.**

*A brief silence is kept.*

℗ **Heavenly Father, we are sometimes foolish, not wise; scatterbrained, not prudent; reactive, not responsive. Forgive us! Remind us of the honor and privilege of being invited to your Son's wedding feast! Give us the grace and wisdom of your Holy Spirit. Let us always rejoice; believe; and show the light of faith, hope, and love in this dark world. Lord, in your mercy,**

℣ **Hear our prayer.**

℗ **Make your Church wise, faithful, pure, and watchful, rejoicing in the near approach of her Bridegroom and Savior. Make her worship joyful and pleasing in your sight. Make her labors glorify you and help those in distress. Make her feasts a foretaste of your heavenly wedding banquet, feeding all with truth, righteousness, and salvation. Lord, in your mercy,**

℣ **Hear our prayer.**

℗ Give patience, kindness, comfort, and hope to your persecuted Church. Help us provide for their needs and bear witness to their suffering. Turn the hearts of their enemies to seek your forgiveness. Lord, in your mercy,

℣ **Hear our prayer.**

℗ Make everyone in this congregation into lamps shining with your light and love. Keep us constantly worshipping you and serving others. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, and help us share your grace and favor with those whose lights are flickering out. Lord, in your mercy,

℣ **Hear our prayer.**

℗ Let your justice roll down like waters upon this parched and broken world. Let your righteousness fill the hearts and minds of all who are entrusted with authority. Especially we pray for our elected and appointed leaders. Give them your Spirit of wisdom and understanding, counsel and might, so that they may bring peace, prosperity, justice, and healing to our land. Lord, in your mercy,

℣ **Hear our prayer.**

℗ On this Veteran's Day weekend, we pray for all who have honorably served their country. Grant wisdom, courage, integrity, and sound judgment to everyone currently serving in the military, and to all who risk their lives on behalf of community and country. Use their skills to bring freedom, safety, and justice wherever they serve. Keep them safe; shield their loved ones from grief and fear; and grant them a swift and joyful homecoming. Lord, in your mercy,

℣ **Hear our prayer.**

℗ Let all who seek your help in their times of trial find deliverance from all that troubles them. We remember before you: ( ***list…***). Grant them health and salvation; justice and comfort; hope and guidance. When their lamp of faith seems ready to flicker and fade, rekindle them with the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. And give a double portion of that same Spirit to all who minister to their needs. Lord, in your mercy,

℣ **Hear our prayer.**

℗ **Heavenly Father, we grieve for our dead, but not without hope. Thank you for receiving them into your merciful care. Renew our confidence in your goodness in this time of our earthly pilgrimage. Help us to encourage and help one another along the way. Lead us, by the Cross of Jesus, into the Kingdom which you have prepared for all who have been redeemed by his suffering, death, and resurrection. Lord, in your mercy,**

℄ **Hear our prayer.**

℗ **Hear our prayer; and graciously grant all that glorifies you and benefits our poor broken world, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

℄ **Amen.**

## OFFERING

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**OFFERTORY "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"**

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,/**
**and_ fill to the brim our cup of blessing./**
**Gather a harvest(/)from the seeds that were sown,/**
**that we may be fed(/)with the bread of life.**
***Gather the hopes(/)and the dreams_ of all;/**
**unite them with the prayers we offer./**
**Grace our table with your presence,/**
**and give us a foretaste(/)of the feast to come.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

℗ **The Lord be 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 him thanks and praise.**

℗ **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 Ho - ly Holy, Lord_,/God of power and might_,/**
**Heav'n and earth_(/)are full of Your glory,/**
**Hosannah in_ the highest.**
***Blessed_ is He who comes_/in the name of the Lord,/**
**Hosannah in_ the highest_,/Hosannah in_ the highest!**

℗ **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.**

C **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

P **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.**

C **Amen.**

**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**

℗ **In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in. Come, receive what Christ has prepared.**

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**COMMUNION** is given and received.

***(w/ Lamb of God & optional extra hymn included)***

**"Lamb of God"**

**1 O Lamb of God_,/you bear the sin_/of all the world_ away;/**
***You suffered death_/our lives to save_:/**
**have mercy now_, we pray.**

**2 O Lamb of God_,/you bear the sin_/of all the world_ away;/**
***You set us free_/from guilt and grave_:/**
**have mercy now_, we pray.**

**3 O Lamb of God_,/you bear the sin_/of all the world_ away;/**
***Eternal peace_/with God you made_:/**
**Give us your peace_, we pray.**

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**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

℗ **Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever. Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

**SENDING HYMN "My Country, 'Tis of Thee"**

**1 My country, 'tis of thee,/sweet land of liberty,/**
**of thee I sing:/land where my fathers died,/**
**land of the pilgrims' pride,/from ev - 'ry_ mountainside/**
**let_ freedom ring.**

**4** **Our fathers' God, to thee,/author of liberty,/**
**to thee we sing:/long may our land be bright/**
**with freedom's holy light./Protect_ us_ by thy might,/**
**great_ God, our king.**

**DISMISSAL**

Ⓐ **Let us go forth, to know Christ and to make Christ known,**

Ⓒ **Caring for one another and serving our community.**

**POSTLUDE**

# This Is My Song

