



Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Hope Lutheran Church Worship Service

October 1st, 2023 10:00 a.m.

Worship Service

Live streaming on Facebook at [HopeLutheranChurchCbus](https://www.facebook.com/HopeLutheranChurchCbus)

Zoom info:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85155547308?pwd=NFV4WWsvOUpZd1RyT3FINy9sY3FUZz09>

Call-In Number: 1-929-205-6099 Meeting ID: 851 5554 7308. Passcode: 729980

WELCOME

Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God. In the reading from Ezekiel the people claim the ways of the Lord are unfair, while God offers repentance and new life. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, putting the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be God, the one who forms us, ☩ Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

C: Amen.

A: Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

A: Steadfast and faithful God,

C: You have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

P: Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In ☩ Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

(TFF 79)



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE**This is the Feast***(TFF 48)*

This is the Feast, of victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

¹ Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain.

Whose blood set us free, to be people of God.

Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

This is the Feast, of victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

² Sing with all the people of God.

And join in the hymn of all creation.

Blessing and honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the Feast, of victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

³ For the Lamb, who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia

This is the Feast, of victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

A: God of love, giver of life,

C: You know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING**Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32**

The word of the LORD came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel.

Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die. Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says

the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God**

PSALM 25

To you, O LORD,
I lift up my soul.

**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

**Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.**

Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.**

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to
your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

**You are gracious and up-right, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(TFF pg. 32)*

Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 21st chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

YOUNG PEOPLE SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

(TFF 108)

The hymn is on the next page



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

APOSTLES' CREED

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

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. 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.

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.

BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

P: God, you have called us to go and do likewise as we reach out to our neighbors around the world. Send forth your Spirit today as we call upon you to bless our work and make it holy.

C: Jesus, teach us to love our neighbors.

P: God, we give you thanks for those who have generously shared their resources in order to make these quilts/kits possible. Move us by their example to live generous lives.

C: Jesus, teach us to love our neighbors.

P: Thank you, God, for the hands that have made and assembled these quilts/kits. May each compassionate touch be known to those who receive them as an expression of your love.

C: Jesus, teach us to love our neighbors.

P: God, we lift before you the staff and partners of Lutheran World Relief who will distribute these quilts/kits around the world. Give them strength and encouragement to do this important work and guide them as they reach our neighbors who are the farthest away.

C: Jesus, teach us to love our neighbors.

P: Finally, God, we pray for our neighbors around the world who will receive these quilts/kits – neighbors we have never met, neighbors who are far away, neighbors who, like us, long for your grace and mercy. May these quilts/ kits wrap our neighbors in love and fill them with the hope and peace that is only found in you.

C: Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer.

WE SHARE PEACE

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

C: And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RECEIVING OFFERING

QUIET TIME: PREPARING OUR HEARTS

OFFERTORY

Let The Vineyards

(TFF pg. 36)

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.

Gather a harvest of the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and 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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: God of power, God of plenty,

**C: All things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed.
Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

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 God thanks and praise.

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy

(TFF pg. 38)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, Lord God of power and might.

Heaven and Earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, now and forever. Amen

LAMB OF GOD

(TFF pg. 39)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Grant us peace. Grant us peace.

SHARING THE MEAL

COMMUNION HYMNS

Let Us Break Bread Together

(TFF 123)

Now Behold the Lamb

(TFF 128)

BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

CANTICLE**Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise***(TFF pg. 41)*

Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell everyone what God has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and bear Christ's holy name

Send us with your promises O God;

and lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving, with shouts of thanksgiving,

With shouts of thanksgiving, Alleluia

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Blessed be your name, O God,

C: For we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

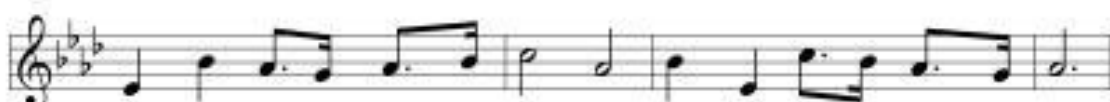
BENEDICTION

P: Empowered by God's unconditional love in Jesus, go and do likewise, continuing to show mercy to neighbors near and far, in the name of the Father, the Son +, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG**Take the Name of Jesus with You***(TFF 159)*

- 1 Take the name of Je - sus with you, child of sor - row and of woe;
- 2 Take the name of Je - sus ev - er as a shield from ev - 'ry snare;
- 3 Oh, the pre - cious name of Je - sus! How it thrills our souls with joy,
- 4 At the name of Je - sus bow - ing, fall - ing pros - trate at his feet,



it will joy and com - fort give you; take it then, wher - e'er you go,
if temp - ta - tions round you gath - er, breathe that ho - ly name in prayer.
when his lov - ing arms re - ceive us, and his songs our tongues em - ploy!
King of kings in heav'n we'll crown him, when our jour - ney is com - plete.



Pre - cious name, oh, how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heav'n.



Pre - cious name, oh, how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heav'n.

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. God is at work in you.

C: Thanks be to God.

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Worship Participants this Week

Preaching and Presiding: Pastor Julianne Smeck

Ministers: All worshippers

Pianist: Jacob Campbell **Drummer:** Seth Daily **Bassist:** Dan Abell **Guitar:** Kurt Keljo

Reader: Alfrieda Watts

Worship Assistant: Beverly Chavis

Acolyte: Aubrey Fentress

Usher: Florine Castleman

Worship Leaders Next Week

Reader: Adam Viney

Worship Assistant: Janet Ligon

Acolyte: Pom Linder

Usher: Alfrieda Watts

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BIRTHDAYS: Laura Todd (1st) Barbara McDaniel (4th) Tim Chavis (4th)

ANNIVERSARIES: Bill Alsnauer and Pr. Karen Asmus-Alsnauer (2nd)

QUILT BLESSING It is a sacred joy to be surrounded by the work our quilters produced this year. There are over 67 quilts surrounding us. A huge thanks to our quilters: Shirley Huber, Susan Keljo, Doris Nelson, Florine Castleman, Tammy Carraher, and Nancy Cofer. We can all help them by assisting with boxing them up after the service. Also, we are thankful to all who donated the care kits. We received more than in previous years. Thank you all!

DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS The October - December Christ in Our Home devotional booklets are available on the table behind the pews. Help yourself!

REGENERATION OF COMMITTEES Last week, all were invited to spend time in prayer about the ways your gifts and interests can be part of Hope's ministry. We are reconstituting some committees that fell by the wayside after the pandemic, like worship and education. We also want to renew the Evangelism committee. And of course, finance, property, and hospitality have continued, but perhaps could be re-energized. The question was raised about what one should do after praying. The answer was to speak with Pastor or anyone on Council (see list below). But before just dismissing it, really pray. As in, include it in your prayers each day this week. To be sure, not everyone's gifts will match these committees. But once you are clear on what your gifts are, we can begin to discern how God is calling you to serve — and new ministries can blossom. So keep praying!

Church Council of Hope Lutheran Church

President	Sarah Stone	VP	Vincent Hendrix
Treasurer	Lawrence Hendrix	Secretary	Janet Ligon
Members at Large:			
Kim Fedrick	Michel Leonhart	Adam Viney	Alfrieda Watts

CONFIRMATION CLASS Our next class will be TODAY. We are seeking those interested in being mentors to our confirmands. Please let Pastor or Janet know if you are interested.

BIBLE STUDY We will resume on October 18th at 6:30 p.m. We will hold the meeting on Zoom.



GIVE WITH THE VENMO APP (you don't HAVE to give your offering this way!!)

To give offerings and tithes via Venmo:
 *Download the Venmo app
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*Enter offering amount

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General Offerings	Capital Improvements:
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Received: \$91,263	\$3,828
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Anticipated: \$92,731

Over / (Short): (\$1,468)