



Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost
Commemoration of Bishop Nelson W. Trout

Hope Lutheran Church Worship Service

September 20, 2026 10:00 a.m.

Live streaming on Facebook at HopeLutheranChurchCbus

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WELCOME

Matthew narrates one of Jesus' controversial parables in which Jesus says that the reign of God is like that of a landowner who pays his workers the same wage no matter what time of day they began to work.

When God changes God's mind about punishing Nineveh for their evil ways, Jonah is angry. Yet God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. In baptism we receive the grace of God that is freely given to all. As Martin Luther wrote, in the presence of God's mercy we are all beggars.

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.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: 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.

OPENING HYMN

"Blessing and Honor"

(ELW 854)

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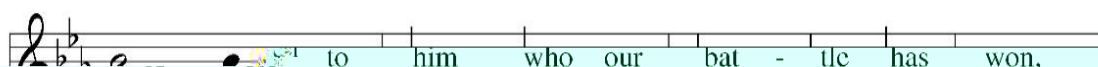
Blessing and Honor



1 Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and pow'r,
 2 Let all the heav - ens re - sound with his name;
 3 Ev - er as - cend - ing the song and the joy,
 4 Give we the glo - ry and praise to the Lamb!



wis - dom and rich - es and strength ev - er - more,
 let all the earth sing his glo - ry and fame.
 ev - er de - scend - ing the love from on high;
 Take we the robe and the harp and the psalm;



O - cean and moun - tain, stream, for - est, and flow'r
 bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and praise—
 sing we the song of the Lamb who was slain,



whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the throne;
 ech - o his prais - es and tell of his pow'r;
 this is the theme of the hymns that we raise;
 dy - ing in weak - ness and ris - ing to reign;



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Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889, alt.

Music: AMERICAN HYMN, Matthias Keller, 1813–1875

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 pg. 48)

This is the Feast, of victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia.
 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.
 Sing with all the people of God.
 And join in the hymn of all creation.
 Blessing, honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
 This is the Feast, of victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia.
 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. O God,

C. We thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Jonah 3:10-4:11

When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning, for I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment.

And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The LORD God appointed a bush and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort, so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left and also many animals?"

R: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 145:1-8

I will exalt you, my God and king,
and bless your name forever and ever.

**Every day will I bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.**

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised!
There is no end to your greatness.

**One generation shall praise your works to another
and shall declare your power.**

I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty
and all your marvelous works.

**They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts,
and I will recount your greatness.**

They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;
they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.

**The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

SECOND READING**Philippians 1:21-30**

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me, yet I cannot say which I will choose. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better, but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that, by my presence again with you, your boast might abound in Christ Jesus because of me.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel and in no way frightened by those opposing you.

For them, this is evidence of their destruction but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ but of suffering for him as well, since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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 20:1-16

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went.

When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.'

When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received a denarius. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.'

But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

YOUNG PEOPLE SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"When Peace Like a River"

(TFF 194)

Go to This Far By Faith 194

COMMEMORATION OF BISHOP NELSON W. TROUT

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: Hear us, O God

C: Your mercy is great.

WE SHARE THE PEACE

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

C: And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

QUIET TIME

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 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: Loving God,

C: We offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. 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.

SHARING THE MEAL

COMMUNION HYMN

"O How He Loves You and Me"

(TFF 82)

Go to This Far by Faith 82

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. 38)

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

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

A: Compassionate God,

C: 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.

BENEDICTION

P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C: Amen

SENDING SONG

"When Upon Life's Billows"

(TFF 173)

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When Upon Life's Billows *Count Your Blessings*



1 When up - on life's bil - lows you are tem - pest - toss'd,
2 Are you ev - er bur - dened with a load of care?
3 When you look at oth - ers with their lands and gold,
4 So, a - mid the con - flict, wheth - er great or small,



when you are dis - cour - aged, think - ing all is lost,
Does the cross seem heav - y you are called to bear?
think that Christ has prom - ised you his wealth un - told;
do not be dis - heart - ened, God is o - ver all;



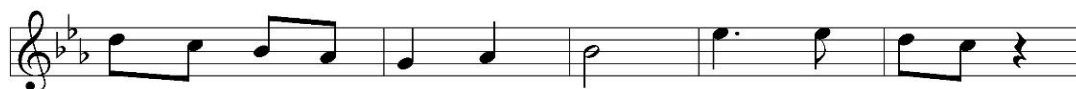
count your man - y bless - ings, name them one by one,
Count your man - y bless - ings, ev - 'ry doubt will fly,
count your man - y bless - ings, wealth can nev - er buy
count your man - y bless - ings, an - gels will at - tend,



and it will sur - prise you what the Lord has done.
and you will keep sing - ing as the days go by.
your re - ward in heav - en, nor your home on high.
help and com - fort give you to your jour - ney's end.



Count your bless - ings, name them one by one; count your



bless - ings, see what God has done! Count your bless - ings,



name them one by one; and it will sur - prise you what the Lord has done.

DISMISSAL

A: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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Ministers: All worshippers

Bassist: Dan Abell **Guitarist:** Kurt Keljo **Drummer:** Seth Daily **Pianist:** Caitlin Couch

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SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Anthony and Janet Ligon (25) Jim and Kim Fedrick (29)

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Mindi Israel (2), Ernest Watts (3), Kristen Keljo (8), Justin Brent (10), Regina Duffy (10), Markayla Banks (11), Isaiah Viney (16), Evie Cansler (17), and Florine Castleman (17)

VOTER REGISTRATION EVENTS

Today, after worship, we will have a table set up on front--and popsicles for all who come by. We will offer it again next Sunday, the 27th. Stick around for a bit if you can!

FOOD GIVEAWAY UPDATE

On August 23, a group gathered after the worship service to have conversation about our Food Giveaways. Vince Hendrix is stepping back from being the leader (we are SO thankful for the leadership he provided to get this effort going again). Everyone felt good about the way our Giveaway on August 15 went and want to move forward. Initially, this meant maintaining the schedule of the third week of every other month, but October 17 is rapidly approaching.

It leaves us with questions:

- Can we have the next Food Giveaway on October 17?
- Would it make sense to wait until November and provide food for Thanksgiving?
- Would it make sense to wait until December when we could also share small gifts for kids along with food for Christmas?

If you have been involved, are you willing to pray about your continued involvement and whether God might be leading you to more leadership in the ministry?

Could we meet by zoom on either Tuesday, September 22 or 29, at 6:30 p.m.?

WELCA PRESENTS "WOMAN AT THE WELL": A WOMEN'S RETREAT, SEPTEMBER 26, AT 9:00 A.M.

The WELCA "Women at the Well" retreat is set for Saturday, September 26, at 9:00 a.m. at the clubhouse at Homestead at the Preserves, 5100 Morse Road. This retreat begins with an interactive workshop exploring the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan women in John 4:1-26. Lunch will be provided (freewill offering to defray cost) followed by a visit to Lynd Farm. Guests are welcome but must also register. Information is included on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board. A sign-up sheet is at the rear of the sanctuary.

QUILTS TO BE BLESSED SEPTEMBER 27

One of our most special Sundays is coming next week. When we worship on September 27, we will do so among the quilts created by our quilters for Lutheran World Relief. Blessing the quilts will be part of the liturgy.

HONORING OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

We will take several weeks throughout the month of October to recognize and celebrate our many worship leaders. Indeed, so many that it will take three weeks to recognize them all. A special celebration will be held for all on Sunday, October 25, following the worship service.

BIBLE STUDY: 1 SAMUEL

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. We are studying 1 Samuel. The Zoom link and phone number are on the front page of this bulletin.

OFFERINGS

Offerings @ September 13, 2026

Received: \$99,060

Anticipated: \$100,580

Over / **(Short): (\$1,520)**

Capital Improvement: \$3,973

(Includes Mission Possible: \$2,470)

CALENDAR

Sept. 8: Council Meeting at Hope 6:30 p.m.

Sept. 9: Quilting

Sept. 10: Paraclete Post Packing 9:30 a.m.

Sept. 15: Livingston Avenue Area Commission 6:30 p.m.

Sept. 17: The Synod's Authentic Diversity, Inclusion, and Justice team planning retreat
10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Sept. 26: Women's Retreat

Sept. 27: Packing of quilts for Lutheran World Relief following service.