



Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Hope Lutheran Church Worship Service

August 30, 2026

10:00 a.m.

Live streaming on Facebook at HopeLutheranChurchCbus

Zoom info:

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WELCOME

The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

(TFF pg. 165)

Give Me Jesus

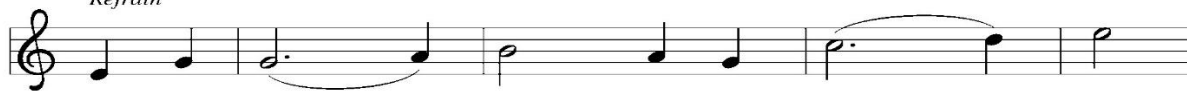


1 In the morn-ing when I rise, in the morn-ing when I rise,
2 Dark . . . mid-night was my cry, dark . . . mid-night was my cry,
3 Just a - bout the break of day, just a - bout the break of day,
4 Oh, . . . when I come to die, oh, . . . when I come to die,
5 And . . . when I want to sing, and . . . when I want to sing,



in the morn-ing when I rise, give me Je - sus.
dark . . . mid - night was my cry, give me Je - sus.
just a - bout the break of day, give me Je - sus.
oh, . . . when I come to die, give me Je - sus.
and . . . when I want to sing, give me Je - sus.

Refrain



Give me Je - sus, give me Je - sus.



You may have all the rest, give me Je - sus.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: GIVE ME JESUS, African American spiritual

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 lives are made new. Stand in God's love.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"
Go to This Far by Faith hymnal

(TFF 296)

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 and 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 and 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.
 O God, 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.

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 READING

Jeremiah 15:15-21

O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing,

my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.

Therefore, thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

R: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 26:1-8

Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived ^I with integrity;
I have trusted in the LORD and ^I have not faltered.

**Test me, O ^I LORD, and try me;
examine my heart and my mind.**

For your steadfast love is before my eyes;
I have walked faithfully with you.

**I have not sat with the worthless,
nor do I consort with the deceitful.**

I have hated the company of evildoers;
I will not sit down ^I with the wicked.

**I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD,
that I may go in procession round your altar,**
singing aloud a song of thanksgiving
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

**LORD, I love the house in ^I which you dwell
and the place where your glory abides.**

SECOND READING

Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹If it is

possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." ²Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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 16:21-28

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

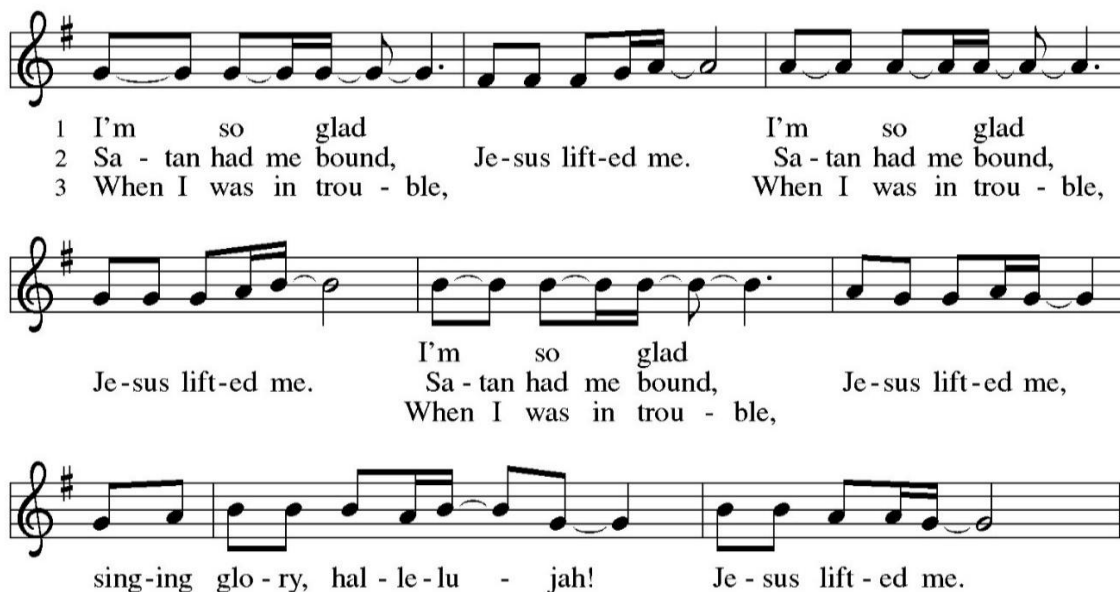
"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

YOUNG PEOPLE SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY**"I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me" (TFF pg. 91)****I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me**


1 I'm so glad
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble, Sa - tan had me bound,
Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad
Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,
When I was in trou - ble,
sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: JESUS LIFTED ME, African American spiritual

COUNCIL BLESSING**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

A: Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer.

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

"Here I Am, Lord"

Go to This Far by Faith hymnal 230

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 “We’re Marching to Zion” (*TFF pg. 135*)

The hymn is on the next page

Come, We That Love the Lord

We're Marching to Zion



1 Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
 2 Let those re - fuse to sing who nev - er knew our God;
 3 The hill of Zi - on yields a thou-sand sa - cred sweets
 4 Then let our songs a-bound, and ev - 'ry tear be dry;



join in a song with sweet ac - cord, join in a song with
 but chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King, but chil - dren of the
 be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, be - fore we reach the
 we're march - ing through Im - man - uel's ground, we're march - ing through Im -



sweet ac - cord and thus sur - round the throne, and thus sur-round the throne.
 heav'n-ly King may tell their joys a-broad, may tell their joys a - broad.
 heav'n-ly fields, or walk the gold - en streets, or walk the gold - en streets.
 man-uel's ground, to fair - er worlds on high, to fair - er worlds on high.

Refrain



We're march - ing to Zi - on, beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful Zi - on:



we're march - ing up - ward to Zi - on, the beau - ti - ful cit - y of God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, stanzas; Robert Lowry, 1826–1899, refrain
 Music: MARCHING TO ZION, Robert Lowry

DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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Worship Participants Today**Preaching and Presiding:** Pastor Julianne Smeck**Ministers:** All worshippers**Bassist:** Dan Abell **Guitarist:** Kurt Keljo **Drummer:** Seth Daily **Pianist:** Robert Wade**Reader:** Sarah Stone**Worship Assistant:** Gay Steele**Acolyte:** Arianna Fentress**Usher:** Frank and Doris Nelson**Worship Leaders Next Sunday****Reader:** Muriel Scruggs**Worship Assistant:** Lawrence Hendrix**Acolyte:****Usher:** Florine Castleman**PHONE NUMBERS****Pastor Smeck:** (734)972-6126**Office:** (614)258-6634

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to Dwight and Tonya Steward (August 22)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Dwight Steward (August 29)

COUNCIL BLESSING

We are very excited to welcome three new members to Hope's Council. We are deeply grateful to the three who are stepping down for their service over the past two years. Alfrieda Watts, Ariel McDaniel, and Gay Steele have completed their terms. Doris Nelson, Kathy Halsey, and Sarah Stone will be stepping into the roles of member-at-large and Council Secretary, respectively. The first meeting for the new Council will be on September 8. We pray for each of these people as God continues to guide them.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP

We are planning to have an outdoor worship service on September 20. We do this as a way of ministering to the neighborhood, enabling them to hear God's powerful word as it is read and proclaimed and the grace of God's love through song. Instead of a meal after the service, we want to provide a coffee hour before, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

There will be a sign-up sheet. The hope is that people who would be involved with meal preparation in the kitchen will be free to join the whole congregation in worship.

**WELCA Presents "Woman at the Well":
A Women's Retreat, September 26, 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 has been mailed and is also included on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board. A sign-up sheet is at the rear of the sanctuary.

SECRETARY FOR HOPE POSITION

The secretary position is part time with two days in the church office for 2 to 3 hours each day. A complete job description is available. The compensation is \$16 per hour. If you know of someone with office skills and a flexible schedule, please let President Hendrix or Pastor Smeck know.

BIBLE STUDY

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

OFFERINGS @ 8/23/26

Received: \$91,309

Anticipated: \$92,245

Over/(Short): **(\$1,116)**

Capital Improvement: \$3,668

(Includes Mission Possible: \$2,165)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sept. 2. Ruth Circle 11:30 a.m.

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. 20: Outdoor worship. 10:00 a.m. Coffee and breakfast treats at 9:00 a.m.

Sept. 26: Women's Retreat