



***Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost***

**Hope Lutheran Church Worship Service**

September 17th, 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**

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**WELCOME**

In today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the 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

### To God Be The Glory

(TFF 272)

*Please turn to 272 in your TFF hymnal*

## 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.

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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: O Lord God, merciful judge,

**C: You are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**FIRST READING****Genesis 50:15-21**

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

**PSALM 103**

[Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

**Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and forget not all God's benefits—**

who forgives all your sins  
and heals all your diseases;

**who redeems your life from the grave  
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**

who satisfies your desires with good things  
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

**O LORD, you provide vindication  
and justice for all who are oppressed.**

You made known your ways to Moses  
and your works to the children of Israel.]

**LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;**

you will not always accuse us,  
nor will you keep your anger forever.

**You have not dealt with us according to our sins,  
nor repaid us according to our iniquities.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.

**As far as the east is from the west,  
so far have you removed our transgressions from us.**

As a father has compassion for his children,  
so you have compassion for those who fear you, O LORD.

## SECOND READING

## Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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 18th chapter.

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

Peter came and said to [Jesus], "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by

the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **YOUNG PEOPLE SERMON**

### **SERMON**

#### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**The Blood That Jesus Shed For Me**

*(ELW 201)*

*Please turn to 201 in your TFF hymnal*

#### **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.

#### **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

**Taste and See**

*(TFF 126)*

**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: The God of glory, † Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### SENDING SONG

**I Was Sinking Deep in Sin**

*(TFF 188)*

*The hymn is on the next page*



1 I was sink-ing deep in sin, far from the peace-ful shore, ver - y deep-ly  
 2 All my heart to him I give, ev - er to him I'll cling, in his bless-ed  
 3 Souls in dan-ger, look a-bove, Je - sus com-plete - ly saves; he will lift you



stained with-in, sink-ing to rise no more; but the mas-ter of the sea  
 pres - ence live, ev - er his prais - es sing; love so might-y and so true  
 by his love out of the an - gry waves; he's the mas-ter of the sea,



heard my de-spair-ing cry, from the wa-ters lift - ed me, now safe am I.  
 mer - its my soul's best songs; faith-ful lov-ing ser-vice, too, to him be - longs,  
 bil - lows his will o - bey; he your Sav - ior true will be: be saved to - day.



Love lift - ed me! Love lift - ed me! When noth - ing



else could help, love lift - ed me. love lift - ed me.

## 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:** Ruthanne Elencovf

**Worship Assistant:** Gay Steele



**Acolyte:** Pom Linder

**Usher:** Barbara McDaniel

**Worship Leaders Next Week**

**Reader:** Kim Fedrick

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**BIRTHDAYS:** Florine Castleman (17th) Evelyn Cansler (17th) Don Huber (19th)  
Earnest Watts (23rd) Pom Linder (23rd)

**CONFIRMATION CLASS** Starts today following worship!

**FIRST ENGLISH CELEBRATION** First English 175th Anniversary Celebration is on September 23, at 5:00 p.m. There will be a potluck after the service. We would love to have a group attend to support our co-worker's faith!

**LIVINGSTON AVE ASSOCIATION** Meeting will be on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m

**BIBLE STUDY** We will resume on October 18th.

**MISSION FORWARD TEAM** The Mission Forward Team meeting is on September 27, at 6:30 p.m.



**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
- \*Set up bank account info or debit card info
- \*Touch "Pay" or "Request" at the bottom
- \*Enter the church cell phone number. (614) 907-3869

\*Church username — **@HopeLilley-820**

\*Enter offering amount

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**General Offerings**

**Capital Improvements:**

Received: \$86,659

\$3,828

Anticipated: \$87,851 Over / **(Short): (\$1,192)**