

## ***Third Sunday After Pentecost***

### **Hope Lutheran Church Worship Service**

June 29, 2025

10:00 a.m.

**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**

We have no good apart from God. That makes Jesus' call to follow him an invitation to freedom. This is freedom to revel in the Spirit's fruit: love, joy, peace, and patience. This is freedom to not be imprisoned by anything that would keep us from the fullness of the life God has given us. This is the path of life.

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the  $\dagger$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Merciful God,

**C: You free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.**

P: You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of  $\dagger$  Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

**C: Amen.**

## OPENING HYMN

### In The Morning When I Rise

(TFF 165)

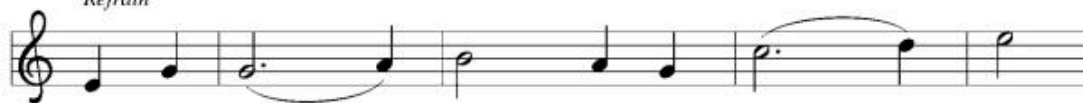


1	In	the morn-ing	when I	rise,	in	the morn-ing	when I	rise,
2	Dark . . .	mid - night	was my	cry,	dark . . .	mid - night	was my	cry,
3	Just a -	bout the	break of	day,	just a -	bout the	break of	day,
4	Oh, . . .	when I	come to	die,	oh, . . .	when I	come to	die,
5	And . . .	when I	want to	sing,	and . .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

## 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.

<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 and 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: Sovereign God,

**C: Ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom.**

**Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## FIRST READING

**1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21**

Then the LORD said to [Elijah,] "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place." So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God**

## PSALM 16

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

**All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,**

**upon those who are noble among the people.**

But those who run after other gods  
shall have their troubles multiplied.

**I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,  
never take their names upon my lips.**

O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;  
it is you who uphold my lot.

**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;  
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;  
my heart teaches me night after night.

**I have set the LORD always before me;  
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;  
my body also shall rest in hope.

**For you will not abandon me to the grave,  
nor let your holy one see the pit.**

You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

## **SECOND READING**

***Galations 5:1, 13-25***

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

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 Luke, the 9th chapter.

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

P: When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village. As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**YOUNG PEOPLE SERMON  
SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**Just a Closer Walk with Thee (TFF 253)**

*Refrain*



Just a clos-er walk with thee, grant it, Je-sus, is my plea;



dai - ly walk-ing close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.



1 I am weak but thou art strong: Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;



2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal-ter, Lord, who cares?



3 When my fee-ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;

*Refrain*



I'll be sat-is-fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.

Who with me my bur-den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.

guide me gent-ly, safe-ly o'er to thy king - dom shore, to thy shore.

## **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: God of grace,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

## **WE SHARE PEACE**

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

**C: And also with you.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OFFERING**

### **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 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: Creator God,

**C: In your wisdom, you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful.**

**Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through 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

**SHARING THE MEAL****COMMUNION HYMNS****Just As I Am***(ELW 592)*

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was  
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y\_a con - flict,  
 3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,  
 4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry



shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
 man - y\_a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,  
 cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,  
 bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,



O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

**Blessed Assurance** *(TFF 118)*

*Please turn to 118 of your TFF hymnal*

**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: Father God,

**C: You gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

P: The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ☩ bless you and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

## Lead Me, Guide Me

(TFF 70)

*Please turn to 70 of your TFF hymnal*

## DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Live by the spirit.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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## Worship Participants This Week

**Preaching and Presiding:** Pastor Julianne Smeck

**Ministers:** All worshippers

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

**Reader:** Arianna Fentress

**Worship Assistant:** Lawrence Hendrix

**Acolyte:** Aubrey Fentress

**Usher:** Florine Castleman

## Worship Leaders Next Week

**Reader:** Pom Linder

**Worship Assistant:** Kim Fedrick

**Acolyte:** Arianna Fentress

**Usher:** Kim Fedrick

## Phone Numbers



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**PRAYER REQUESTS** Alex Viney, Sequoyah Parks, Michel Leonhart, Maria Viney, Kevin Castleman, Verona Terry, Francene Travis, Billy Gillyard, Alan Strahler, Judy Smeck, Bill Alsnauer, Grace Winfrey, Edward Ligon, Alice Ligon, Morris Scruggs, Gloria Jones, Tracy Snow, Rosa Campbell, Margaret Belcher, Monica Price

**RUTH CIRCLE SUMMER PICNIC** The Ruth Circle Summer Picnic will be held July 2, 2025, 11:30 a.m. at Regina Duffey's condo clubhouse, **1148 Brookview Circle**, Pickerington, Ohio 43147. She can be reached at 614 204 8622, cell. "

**GOD'S CALL FOR HOPE'S COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT** Everyone is encouraged to attend a discussion to follow up suggestions from the Congregational Gathering regarding community engagement possibilities. The discussion will be held Saturday, July 12, 10:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

**REQUEST FOR BIRTHDAYS** Our office is kindly requesting the dates of birthdays and anniversaries to update our church calendar! Please feel free to reach out to Evie at [office.hopecolumbus@gmail.com](mailto:office.hopecolumbus@gmail.com) OR you can text her at 614-600-0058.

**OFFICE CALENDAR** We now have an office calendar available! We kindly ask that you do NOT write on the calendar, but instead, leave a sticky note with the proper information needed for the office staff to add it! Sticky notes will be located on the calendar.

**FOOD DISTRIBUTION** Will be held on July 26th at 10:00 AM!

**TWO SUMMER POSSIBILITIES** We are looking for a few young people to help with the garden. It would involve being at church twice a week. Also, we have the possibility of an art project with young people in the community.

**WELCA** Attention all women! The spring/summer WELCA meeting will be held **TODAY** following worship. Lunch will be provided, and we will work on a special ministry project together. Please plan to attend!

**PARACLETE POST PACKING PARTY** Announcing the date for the next month: July 11. This is a powerful ministry, with children's books being mailed to nearly 800 families. You have a chance to get faith-nurturing picture books to kids!

**CHURCH CALENDAR** We have several upcoming events, meetings, and more! Be sure to take a look at our church calendar below to save the dates!

**PROPERTY CONCERNS** Please send emails to [hopelutheranchurchproperty@gmail.com](mailto:hopelutheranchurchproperty@gmail.com). You will be contacted quickly.

**CALENDAR**  
 June 29 - WELCA meeting, following worship (all are welcome)

July 2 - Ruth Circle Summer Picnic, 11:30 AM, 1148 Brookview Circle, Pickerington, Ohio 43147  
July 12 - Community Outreach Team Meeting  
July 26 - Food distribution, 10:00 AM  
December 5 - WELCA Soiree

#### **GIVE WITH THE VENMO APP**

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 user name — @HopeLilley-820
- \*Enter offering amount



**Note:** When setting up an account, select “Private: mode for transactions.”

#### **General Offerings**

Received: \$65,545

Anticipated: \$65,980

Over / (Short): (\$434)

**Capital Improvements:** \$1,798



*We welcome all people into our community of faith and invite them to join us as we seek to understand God's love for us and strive to be faithful messengers of that love.*