



Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost

Hope Lutheran Church Worship Service

October 18, 2026

10:00 a.m.

Live streaming on Facebook at HopeLutheranChurchCbus

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WELCOME

In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.

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

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" *(ELW pg. 858)*

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Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;
 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
 and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
 sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
 All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!

Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
 Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do
 Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.

join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 if with his love he be - friend you.
 Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
 Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Ernewerten Gesangbuch*, Part II, Stralsund, 1665

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, 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

ISAIAH 45:1-7

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and to strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him—and the gates shall not be closed: I will go before you and level the mountains; I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron; I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

For the sake of my servant Jacob and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name;
 I give you a title, though you do not know me. I am the LORD, and there is no other;
 besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may
 know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
 I am the LORD, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness. I make weal
 and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

R: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 96:1-9(10-13)

Sing to the LORD a new song;
 sing to the LORD, all the earth.

**Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD;
 proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**

Declare God's glory among the nations
 and God's wonders among all peoples.

**For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised,
 more to be feared than all gods.**

As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
 but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.

**Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;
 power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**

Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples,
 ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

**Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name;
 bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.**

Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;
 tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is king!

**The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the
 peoples with equity."**

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
 let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

**Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O LORD,
for you come to judge the earth.**

You will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with your truth.

SECOND LESSON

1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.

For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

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 22:15-22

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"

But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" They answered, Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

YOUNG PEOPLE SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Why Should I Feel Discouraged"

(TFF pg. 252)

Go to This Far by Faith 252

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. 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 HYMNS

"Let Us Break Bread Together" *(TFF pg. 123)*

"Fill My Cup, Lord" *(TFF pg. 124)*

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.

POST COMMUNION 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

"I Know It Was the Blood"

(TFF pg. 75)

Go to This Far By Faith 75

DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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Preaching and Presiding: Pastor Julianne Smeck

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

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Usher: Barbara McDaniel

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK

Rosie McDaniel (20)

CELEBRATING THOSE WHO SERVE OUR MINISTRY

Today we are recognizing our ushers and other individuals who selflessly serve our congregation. A special celebration will be held for all on Sunday, October 25, following the worship service.

EARLY VOTING HAS STARTED

Now is the time to choose your method: Absentee, at the Early Voting Center (1700 Morse Road), or on Election Day, November 3 . Check **vote4ll.org** for information. If you need transportation, one of us will be happy to help.

JOIN US FOR BIBLE STUDY

We are continuing our study of 1 Samuel this Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. The Zoom link and phone number are on the front page of this bulletin.

IDEAS TO HELP FAMILIES ENJOY THE HOLIDAYS

Mark your calendar for our next Food Giveaway scheduled for Saturday, November 21, from 10:00 a.m.-Noon. As a reminder, no food giveaway will take place in December so we will share toys and other items in November to help families celebrate Christmas. Suggestions are on the flyer by the font.

BRING YOUR TRUNK OR TREAT ITEMS OCTOBER 25

Next Sunday, October 25, we will assemble bags to pass out for trunk or treat at the Driving Park Library later this month. Please check out the shelf in the back of the sanctuary for donations to provide. Be sure to take a slip of paper for each item you plan to bring in. Trunk or Treat will be Saturday, October 31, from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

EASTSIDE FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

Our 5th annual Giving Thanks worship service will be on Wednesday, November 18, at St. Phillip Episcopal Church, 166 Woodlawn Avenue. Information tables will be available at 6:30 p.m. (including Paraclete Post). Worship is at 7:00 p.m. We are also collecting coats and gloves (coats may be gently used). Our donations will be taken to the November 18 worship service.

OFFERINGS – OCTOBER 4, 2026

Note: October 11, 2026 Offerings will be available next week.

Received: \$106,246

Anticipated: \$108,735

Over/(Short): **(\$2,489)**

Capital Improvement: \$4,298

(Includes Mission Possible: \$2,795)

OCTOBER 21-31 CALENDAR

21: Bible Study, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

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31: Caitlin Couch's Recital, Huntington Recital Center, Capital University, 12:00-12:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served in the lobby afterwards.

31: Trunk or Treat, Driving Park Library, 1:30-3:30 p.m.