

## ***Sixth Sunday After Pentecost***

Hope Lutheran Church Worship Service

July 5th, 2026

10:00 a.m.

Live streaming on Facebook at [HopeLutheranChurchCbus](https://www.facebook.com/HopeLutheranChurchCbus)

Zoom info:

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**WELCOME**

The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. The prophet describes an everlasting realm that contrasts with earthly nations, one marked by peace, humility, and freedom. Jesus associates with those excluded from the religious community. Like Paul, we struggle with selfish desires; we lament flawed systems; and we seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather around word, water, and meal by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Here we find rest for our souls and hope for life in beloved community.

**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,

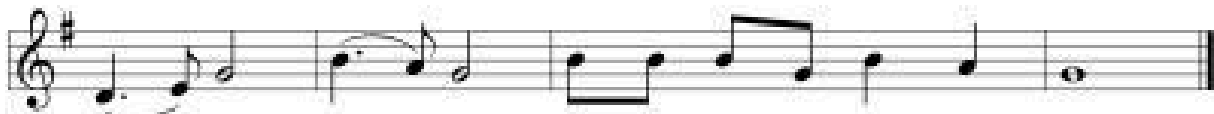
**C: We confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

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****Jesus In The Morning (TFF 167)**

1	Je - sus,	Je - sus,	Je - sus in the morn-ing,	Je - sus in the noon-time;
2	Praise him,	praise him,	praise him in the morn-ing,	praise him in the noon-time;
3	Love him,	love him,	love him in the morn-ing,	love him in the noon-time;
4	Serve him,	serve him,	serve him in the morn-ing,	serve him in the noon-time;
5	Je - sus,	Je - sus,	Je - sus in the morn-ing,	Je - sus in the noon-time;



Je - sus,	Je - sus,	Je - sus when the sun goes down,
praise him,	praise him,	praise him when the sun goes down,
love him,	love him,	love him when the sun goes down,
serve him,	serve him,	serve him when the sun goes down,
Je - sus,	Je - sus,	Je - sus when the sun goes down,

**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: Lord of all the worlds,

**C: Guide this nation by your Spirit to go forward in justice and freedom. Give to all living in these lands the blessings of well-being and harmony, but above all things give us faith in you, that our nation may bring glory to your name and blessings to all peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**FIRST READING*****Zechariah 9:9-12***

<sup>9</sup> Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. <sup>10</sup> He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.

<sup>11</sup> As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. <sup>12</sup> Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

R: Word of God, Word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 145**

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

**LORD, you are good to all,  
and your compassion is over all your works.**

All your works shall praise you, O LORD,

and your faithful ones shall bless you.

**They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom  
and speak of your power,**

that all people may know of your power  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages.  
You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.**

The Lord upholds all those who fall  
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

## SECOND READING

### *Romans 7:15-25a*

<sup>15</sup> I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup> But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup> For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. <sup>19</sup> For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. <sup>20</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. <sup>21</sup> So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup> For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, <sup>23</sup> but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.

<sup>24</sup> Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? <sup>25a</sup> Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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 11th chapter.

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

P: [Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] <sup>16</sup> “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, <sup>17</sup> ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ <sup>18</sup> “For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; <sup>19</sup> the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.” <sup>25</sup> At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; <sup>26</sup> yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup> All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. <sup>28</sup> “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

## YOUNG PEOPLE SERMON SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY

### I Heard the Voices of Jesus Say

(TF 62)

1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say. "Come  
2 With pit - y - ing eyes the Prince of Peace be -

un - to me and rest, and rest; lay down, thou wea - ry  
held our help - less grief, our grief; he saw, and oh, a -

one, lay down thy head up - on my breast."  
maz - ing love! He came to our re - lief.

*Refrain*  
Shine on me, shine on me, let the light from the

light-house shine on me. Oh, shine on me, shine on

me, let the light from the light-house shine on me.

### 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**

### **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: 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**

**You Satisfy the Hungry Heart**

(ELW 484)

**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: 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**

**Open Our Eyes Lord**

(TFF 98)

*Please turn to 98 of your TFF hymnal.*

**DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Seek liberty and justice for all.

**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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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:** Robert Wade

**Reader:** Pom Linder

**Worship Assistant:** Don Huber

**Acolyte:** Deven McDaniel

**Usher:** Florine Castleman

**Worship Leaders Next Sunday****Reader:** Susan Keljo**Worship Assistant:** Matt Hazzard**Acolyte:** Darren McDaniel**Usher:** Kim Fedrick**Phone Numbers****Pr. Smeck:** cell 734.972.6126**Hope Office:** 614.258.6634

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Elizabeth Washington, Florine Castleman, grieving death of her sister Katherine, Michel Leonhart, Peter Elencovf, Frank Nelson, Linda Davis-Stewart, Grace Winfrey, Morris Scruggs, Billy Gilyard, Gloria Jones, Judy Smeck, Francene Travis, Monica Price, Margaret Belcher.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Shawn Rentmeester (6/26)      Jada Brent (4th)      Lori Thompson (6th)

**RUTH CIRCLE SUMMER PARTY** This event will again be held on July 22 at 'Regina's Party House,' 1148 Brookview Circle, Pickerington, 43147. 11 am to 1 pm. Please let Muriel know what you will be bringing by July 15.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**      What a great meeting our congregation had last week! The reports were very helpful. Congratulations to our new members of Church Council: Sarah Stone (Secretary), Doris Nelson, and Kathy Halsey. (Both Members At-Large). We are eager to welcome you to our shared work. Thank you also to Peter Elecovf for serving his second term as Vice President. We are also grateful to our outgoing members: Gay Steele, Ariel McDaniel and Alfrieda Watts. Thank you for all you each contributed to Hope's ministry.

**PARACLETE POST PACKING** The next packing date is July 9, 9:30. Join us!

**CALENDAR****July 9 Paraclete Post Packing****July 14 Council Meeting at 6:30 pm****July 18 Food Giveaway at 10:00 am****July 22 Ruth Circle Summer Party (see announcement)****BIBLE STUDY**      Wednesdays at 6:30pm!**GIVE WITH THE VENMO APP**

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**Offerings @ 6/28/26**

Received: \$68,884

Anticipated: \$70,678

Over / (Short): (\$1,794)

**Cap Imp: \$1,503****Mission Possible: \$1,235**