



Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

Hope Lutheran Church Worship Service

October 11, 2026

10:00 a.m.

Live streaming on Facebook at HopeLutheranChurchCbus

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WELCOME

In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

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

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (ELW pg. 631)

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Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

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 25:1-9

O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of foreigners is a city no more; it will never be

rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the covering that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, "See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

R: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23

The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

You restore my soul, O LORD,

and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no
evil;**

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

SECOND LESSON**Philippians 4:1-9**

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

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 22:1-14

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.'

But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

YOUNG PEOPLE SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC

"You Can Tell the World" – Kurt and Susan Keljo

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "I'm a-Goin'-a Eat at the Welcome Table" (TFF pg. 263)
Go to This Far by Faith 263

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****"Blessed Assurance"***(TFF pg. 118)***"One Bread, One Body"***(TFF pg. 122)***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

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

(ELW 547)

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Sent Forth by God's Blessing

1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
 2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,

the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.
 the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—

The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
 our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,

the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
 em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.

The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
 With your feast you feed us, with your light now

reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
 lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.

Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
 Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing

to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
 give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.

Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune

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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:** Caitlin Couch

Reader: Susan Keljo

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PRAYER REQUESTS

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK

Erin McDaniel (15)

CELEBRATING OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Today we are recognizing our worship assistants and readers who selflessly serve our congregation. Next week we will be acknowledging ushers and other vital roles. A special celebration will be held for all on Sunday, October 25, following the worship service.

NEW WAY OF DISTRIBUTING HOLY COMMUNION

It is the season of Reformation! The Worship Committee has decided to try a new way of sharing the sacrament of Holy Communion. The worship assistant will no longer pour wine into individual cups. Instead, the worship assistant will hold a tray of prefilled cups, from which people can take wine or juice. The juice will be clearly distinct from the wine.

Why make the change? Reality: It is hard to pour and receive wine from the chalice into each individual cup. The Worship Committee believes it will make distribution easier for everyone.

We are eager to hear your reactions to this reformation!

BIBLE STUDY THIS WEDNESDAY

Please join us in our study of 1 Samuel this Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. You will find the Zoom link and phone number on the front page of this bulletin.

FOOD GIVEAWAY UPDATE

On Monday, October 5, we met via Zoom to discuss our next Food Giveaway scheduled for Saturday, November 21, from 10:00 a.m.-Noon. 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.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR TRUNK OR TREAT

After worship on 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.

PLAN TO ATTEND CAITLIN COUCH'S RECITAL

Caitlyn Couch will be giving a recital on Saturday, October 31, at the Huntington Recital Center at Capital University from 12:00-12:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served afterward in the lobby.

OFFERINGS – OCTOBER 4, 2026

Received: \$106,246

Anticipated: \$108,735

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

Capital Improvement: \$4,298

(Includes Mission Possible: \$2,795)

OCTOBER 11-31 CALENDAR

Oct. 12: Church Council meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Oct. 13: Policy Impact Seminar on Voting online event, 7:00-8:00 p.m. Register at southernhiosynod.org.

Oct. 15: Paraclete Post packing, 9:30 a.m.

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