



# HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Anchored in His Word  
16<sup>th</sup> after Pentecost/Annual Meeting

Order of Worship

September 17, 2023

Words of Welcome

Prelude

Order of Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be God, the one who forms us, Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete. **Amen**

Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Faithful God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world. **Amen**

Opening Hymn

***Shout to the Lord*** (*sing twice*)

ELW 821

Greeting

Sisters and brothers in Christ, beloved children of God: grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

Kyrie

In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all,  
let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen**

This is the Feast

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, 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, alleluia.**  
**For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.**  
**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

### Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together. O Lord God, merciful judge, **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**

[Sit]

### Youth Message

***"Freedom!"***

### Choral Anthem

***At the Riverside***  
The Luther Singers

Spiritual, arr. Raney

### First Lesson

**Genesis 50:15-21**

Response: Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm

**Psalm 103:8-13**

*(Congregation speaks together.)*

- <sup>8</sup>LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;  
<sup>9</sup>you will not always accuse us,  
nor will you keep your anger forever.  
<sup>10</sup>You have not dealt with us according to our sins,  
nor repaid us according to our iniquities.  
<sup>11</sup>For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.  
<sup>12</sup>As far as the east is from the west,  
so far have you removed our transgressions from us.  
<sup>13</sup>As a father has compassion for his children,  
so you have compassion for those who fear you, O LORD.

### Second Lesson

**Romans 14:1-12**

Response: Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

### Alleluia Verse

[Stand]

**Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?**  
**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia!**

## Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord**



**Matthew 18:21-35**

Response: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ**

[Sit]

## Sermon

**"For Freedom Christ Has Set Us Free!"**

[Stand]

## Hymn of the Day

***O Christ, Our Hope***

ELW 604

## 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 to the dead.  
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

Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

*A brief silence.*

[After each petition, the congregation responds with: **Receive our prayer.**]

Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ. **Amen**

## The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*(The congregation is asked to greet one another with the words of Christ: "Peace be with you.")*

Offering

[Sit]

Offertory

[Stand]

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below;  
Praise him above ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray together. God our provider, **we bring nothing into this world and we can take nothing out of it. Accept the gifts you have first given us, which we bring to your table, and with them the offering of our lives. Nourish us now with the life that really is life, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy . . . *(Here the minister continues with the preface appropriate to the day or season, concluding:)* we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest.**

Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

Lamb of God

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

[Sit]

Communion

*All are welcome at the Lord's table.*

*We're nourished together by the body and blood of our Lord.*

Communion Hymns	<i>What a Friend We Have in Jesus</i>	ELW 742
	<i>Let Us Break Bread Together</i>	ELW 471
	<i>Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us</i>	ELW 789

Post-Communion Canticle [Stand]

Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ry one what he has done.  
Let ev'ry one who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.  
He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy  
With shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia! Alleluia!

### Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray together. Blessed be your name, O God, 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

Hymn	<i>Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing</i>	ELW 544
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### Benediction

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

### Annual Meeting of the Congregation

### Dismissal

Go in peace. God is at work in you. **Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

***"Our worship is ended; our service and our witness continue!"***

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### Today's Heavenly Helpers

* Assisting Minister	Ellen Hancock
* Church Pianist	Sandy Hunter
* Choir Director	Matt Newton
* Lector	Rena Ashworth
* Greeters	Art & Wanda Dodge
* Ushers	Leon & June Edgemon
* Communion Assistant	Ann Berman
* Counters	Steven Freese & Karen Baker

Last week's attendance, in person and streaming: 114

### Calendar of Events for This Week

Monday	- Knitting & Crochet ministry, 2 PM
Tuesday	- Men's Bible Study/Elijah, 9 AM, Mike's Restaurant
	- Ladies Bible Study, 12:15
	- October <i>anchor</i> deadline, noon
Wednesday	- Food Pantry, 10 AM-12:30 PM
	- Outreach Team, 4:30 PM
	- Choir rehearsal, 6 PM
Thursday	- Quilters, 10 AM
	- Co-ed Bible Study, 2 PM
	- Calendar meeting, 4:30 PM
	- Congregation Council, 5:30 PM
Saturday	- Ladies Gathering, 11:30 AM

### Next Week's Scripture Readings Are...

**Old Testament** – Jonah 3:10 – 4:11  
**Psalm** – Psalm 145:1-8  
**Epistle** – Philippians 1:21-30  
**Gospel** – Matthew 20:1-16

**Mid-Week Altar Guild** – Jim Beno

### Next Week's Worship Assistants Are...

8:15 **Lector** - Jan Austin  
10:45 **Lector** - John Hiscox  
**Greeters** - Tom & Carole English  
**Ushers** - Jack O'Donovan & Mary Young  
**Communion Asst** - John Hiscox  
**Counters** - Mike Hoover & Sylvia Negri  
**Fellowship** - Janet Smedley

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **2023 Annual Report**

The *2023 Annual Report of the Congregation* has been distributed by email to Hope members. Printed copies are available in the narthex. The document covers the ministries and activities of Hope Church this past year and a proposed budget for our next fiscal year, which began September 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Annual Meeting of the Congregation**

Our 2023 Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held today following the worship service. We'll hear reports from the President of the congregation, from the Treasurer and the Pastor, and we'll vote on approving the Annual Report, the Treasurer's Report, the Budget for 2024 and on the new Council members who have been nominated to serve on next year's Council – Mike Hoover, Charlene Kruk and Vicki Christensen. Continuing on Council to complete their terms will be Barbara Fail, Sybille Bassano, Jim Berman, Duane Northrup, Charlie Brown, Jordan Pinson and Ann Buehler.

After the meeting, please join us for a time of fellowship in Founders Hall.

### **Ladies Gathering**

The next Ladies of Hope Gathering will be Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:30 in Founders Hall. Fall is coming! The lunch menu will be four varieties of chili with all the fixins' – provided by Hope's men; and salads and apple or pumpkin-themed desserts provided by the ladies. It'll be a blast!

### **Christmas Appeal and Bike Blessing**

As in recent years past, our community Christmas gift appeal this year will be held throughout October to support our local American Legion Christmas Toy Ride. We're looking for **unwrapped** toys with a minimum price of \$10 for boys and girls aged birth to 14 years. Cash gifts will be gladly accepted! Make checks to Hope Lutheran Church with "Toy Ride" on the memo line.

Our Evangelism Team and Men's Group are going to host a *Blessing of the Bikes* (and Bikers) on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> to kick off the Toy Ride and deliver your gifts to prepare for the Legion Christmas party. Please know how much the folks at the Legion appreciate your generosity for the sake of the children in our community! Boxes for toys will be set up in our narthex to receive these gifts.

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Ministering in His Mountains



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*"Making Christ known through reaching, welcoming,  
praising, equipping and sending"*