



HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Anchored in His Word

8th Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Worship

July 19, 2026

Words of Welcome

Prelude

Order of Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation. **Amen**

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy, **we confess that we have sinned against you and offended one another. We are worried and distracted by many things, and we fail to love you above all else. We store up treasures for ourselves and turn away from our neighbors in need. Forgive us, that we may live in the freedom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

When we were laid low by sin and guilt, God made us alive together with Christ, forgiving us all our trespasses by taking our sins to the cross. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Opening Hymn

Christ, Be Our Light

ELW 715

Greeting

From God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, grace 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**

Glory to God

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father: we worship you and we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

**For you alone are the Holy One; you alone are the Lord;
you alone are the Most High Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together. Faithful God, **most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

[Sit]

Youth Message

"What's a Weed?"

Musical Offering

How Great Thou Art

Boberg, Hine; arr. Hine

Cheyenne Eng, soprano

First Lesson

Isaiah 44:6-8

⁶Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. ⁷Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. ⁸Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

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

Psalm

Psalm 86:11-17

(Congregation speaks together.)

¹¹**Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.**

¹²**I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart,
and glorify your name forevermore.**

¹³**For great is your love toward me;
you have delivered me from the pit of death.**

¹⁴**The arrogant rise up against me, O God,
and a band of violent people seeks my life;
they have not set you before their eyes.**

¹⁵**But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.**

¹⁶**Turn to me and have mercy on me;
give your strength to your servant,
and save the child of your handmaid.**

¹⁷**Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me
may see it and be put to shame;
because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.**

Second Lesson

Romans 8:12-25

¹²So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—
¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption.

When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. ¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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 tenth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord**



Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

²⁴[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' ²⁸He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" ³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

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

[Sit]

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Kevin Strickland, ELCA-Southeastern Synod Bishop

[Stand]

Hymn of the Day

Great is Thy Faithfulness

ELW 733

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

Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

[After each petition, the congregation responds with: **Your mercy is great.**]

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior. **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]

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be filled with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all, unite them with the prayers we offer now.
Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray together. God of field and forest, sea and sky, **you are the giver of all good things.**
Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through 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

As the Grains of Wheat

ELW 465

Blessed Assurance

ELW 638

Almighty God, Your Word is Cast

ELW 516

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. We thank you, generous God, **for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

Hymn

Praise and Thanksgiving

ELW 689

Benediction

May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen**

“The Peace of God”

Whatsoever things are honest,
 whatsoever things are true,
Whatsoever things are pure and lovely,
 think on these things.
Whatsoever things are wholesome,
 whatsoever things are good,
If there be any virtue, be any praise,
 think on these things.
And the peace of God
 that passes all understanding
Shall keep your hearts,
 shall keep your minds
 on Jesus Christ.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **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	10:00 service	John Hanson
* Director of Music		Sandy Hunter
* Lector		
	10:00 service	Judy Kruger
* Greeters	10:00 service	Maureen & Ted Grener
* Ushers	10:00 service	Amy & Steven Freese
* Communion Assistant	10:00 service	Judy Kruger
* Counters		Sylvia Negri & Steven Freese

Last week's attendance, in person and streaming: 127

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
Wednesday	- Food Pantry, 8 AM-1 PM
Thursday	- Quilters, 10 AM - Co-ed Bible Study, 2 PM - Congregation Council, 5:30 PM

Next Week's Scripture Readings Are...

First Reading – 1 Kings 3:5-12

Psalm – Psalm 119:129-136

Second Reading – Romans 8:26-39

Gospel – Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Mid-Week Altar Guild – Doris Goplin 7/26

Next Week's Worship Assistants Are...

8:15 **Lector** - Carole English

10:45 **Lector** – Karen Baker

10:45 **Greeters** – Sandi & Fred St. John

Ushers – Barbara Fail & Jack O'Donovan

Communion Asst - Karen Baker

Counters – Karie Rench & Mike Hoover

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome, Bishop Strickland

This morning we welcome Bishop Kevin Strickland of the ELCA-Southeastern Synod who will be preaching and presiding at communion. He will meet with our Congregation Council and the Hope Transition team after our worship.

New Member Inquirer's Class Continues

A New Member Inquirer's class is scheduled will meet again next Saturday morning at 10 AM. If you're thinking about joining with us here at Hope Church, or if you'd just like to learn more about our life together - this class is for you!

New members will be welcomed at both services next Sunday, July 26th.

Time & Talent Folders

For those of you who couldn't be here on Father's Day, the ushers at today's services will be standing by the baptismal font at the end of each service with Time & Talent folders for you to take a moment for you to fill out and return.

Shoes for Orphan Souls

It's time for our annual shoe collection. Please consider bringing new shoes, socks, or laces that will be given to children in the US and around the world. Athletic or canvas shoes and socks sized medium through Adult for school aged youth are preferred. A box will be available outside between the front doors throughout the month of July. The message these young people will receive is - *Jesus loves you!*

Additional details can be found in the July *anchor*. If you have any questions – call Diana Barbato at 706-636-1911.

Hope Ladies Gathering

The next Ladies Gathering will be August 8th at 11:30 in Founders Hall. More details to come.
Combined Worship on July 19th

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