



HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Anchored in His Word

10th Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Worship

August 2, 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

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

ELW 461

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**

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. Glorious God, **your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

[Sit]

Youth Message

"Sharing Makes a Difference"

Special Music

Maidens of Melody

First Lesson

Isaiah 55:1-5

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

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

Psalm

Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

(Congregation speaks together.)

⁸**The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**
⁹**LORD, you are good to all, and your compassion is over all your works.**
¹⁴**The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.**
¹⁵**The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,
and you give them their food in due season.**
¹⁶**You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.**
¹⁷**You are righteous in all your ways and loving in all your works.**
¹⁸**You are near to all who call upon you,
to all who call up on you faithfully.**
¹⁹**You fulfill the desire of those who fear you;
you hear their cry and save them.**
²⁰**You watch over all those who love you,
but all the wicked you shall destroy.**
²¹**My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD;
let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.**

Second Lesson

Romans 9:1-5

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

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



Matthew 14:13-21

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist,] he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

[Sit]

Sermon

"Compassionate Jesus"

Hymn of the Day

We Come to the Hungry Feast

[Stand]

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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]

**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 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

[Sit]

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.**

Communion

All are welcome at the Lord's table.

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

Communion Hymns

Let Us Break Bread Together

ELW 471

O Living Bread from Heaven

ELW 542

O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

ELW 658

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

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

ELW 535

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	8:15 service	Carol Townsend
	10:45 service	John Hanson
* Director of Music		Sandy Hunter
* Lector	8:15 service	Charlie Brown
	10:45 service	John Hiscox
* Greeters	10:45 service	Pam Guenther & Luis Santiago
* Ushers	10:45 service	Leon & June Edgemon
* Communion Asst.	10:45 service	John Hiscox
* Counters		Sylvia Negri & Barbara Mefford

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/Ellijay, 9 AM, Mike's Restaurant - Ladies Bible Study, 12:15
Wednesday	- Food Pantry, 8 AM-1 PM - Choir rehearsal, 6 PM
Thursday	- Quilters, 10 AM - Co-ed Bible Study, 2 PM

Next Week's Scripture Readings Are...

First Reading – 1 Kings 19:9-18

Psalm – Psalm 85:8-13

Second Reading – Romans 10:5-15

Gospel – Matthew 14:22-33

Mid-Week Altar Guild – Ann Berman 8/9

Next Week's Worship Assistants Are...

8:15 **Lector** - Wayne Buehler

10:45 **Lector** - Sylvia Negri

Greeters -Fred & Sandi St. John

Ushers -Jeannine Sieck & Janice Weber

Communion Asst -Sylvia Negri

Counters -Karie Rench & Karen Baker

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Maidens of Melody

Maidens of Melody is a recorder consort made up of musicians from the Bent Tree community who share a love of bringing early music to life. Performing on soprano, alto, tenor, and bass recorders modeled after Renaissance and Baroque instruments, they delight in performing music that has inspired and entertained audiences for centuries. The group has been performing in Bent Tree and Pickens County and we are happy they are joining us today in Gilmer County.

Shoes for Orphan Souls

Our annual collection of shoes will continue through the month of August. 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 sized medium through adult are preferred. Sponsored by Buckner International, missionaries tell the children of the love of Jesus as they fit them with shoes. For many of these children, it is the first pair of new shoes they have ever had and will enable them to attend school.

A collection box is available outside the main entrance door. If you have questions, please contact Diana Barbato at 706-636-1911.

Honduras Mission Appeal

Instead of having our traditional *La Buena Fe Cafe* luncheon this year to raise funds for the Beno family and their annual mission trip to Honduras, Hope Lutheran Church this year is making a monetary appeal like we did so successfully last year to raise money for our summer camp scholarships. The money raised will be used to buy medicine/medical supplies that Dr. Lucas Beno will take to Honduras and to provide scholarship money for young women through the Friends of Education-Honduras organization many of you have contributed to in the past.

For the next several Sundays through August 16th - you're being asked to put your money in the offering plate (or mail it to the church office). If writing a check - write "Honduras Mission" on the check's memo line. If putting in cash - put it in an offering envelope in the pew rack and - again - write "Honduras Mission" on the envelope.

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