

# Hope Lutheran Church

*Worship Service*

*May 31, 2026*

*Holy Trinity*



**Our Vision:**

**To be known as a Spirit-led  
welcoming community of diversity and service.**

**Our Mission:**

**We care, share, and prepare so that all experience the love of Jesus Christ.**

**Guiding Principles:**

**Jesus is Lord.**

**God loves everyone.**

**All are welcome.**

**Everyone has a purpose.**

**Pray before acting.**

**Step out in faith, believing all is possible.**

**We are saved by grace.**

*"Whoever you are who worship here, in whatever household of faith you were born, whatever creed you now profess, whatever your race, nationality, sexual orientation, or condition, if you come to this sanctuary to seek the God in whom you may believe, or rededicate yourself to the God in whom you do believe, you are welcome; for this sanctuary is a house of prayer for all people."*

**PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WELCOME**

*Please stand, if able*

**OPENING HYMN**

**WOV 717**

**"Come All You People"**



1 Come, all you peo - ple,            come and praise the Most High;  
*1 U - ya - i mo - se,            ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;*  
 2 Come, all you peo - ple,            come and praise the Sav - ior;  
 3 Come, all you peo - ple,            come and praise the Spir - it;



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 come, all you peo - ple,            come and praise the Spir - it;



come now and wor - ship the Lord.  
*u - ya - i mo - se Zvi - no.*  
 come now and wor - ship the Lord.  
 come now and wor - ship the Lord.

**Pastor:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever.

**People: Amen.**

**Pastor:** Let us confess our sin to God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**Pastor:** Compassionate God, 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,

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: 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.

**People: Amen.**

### **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with You!

**People: And also with you.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray, Almighty Creator and ever-living God:

**People:** we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

*Please be seated*

### **READING**

Readings from Genesis, chapters 1 & 2.

<sup>1</sup>When God began to create the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>Then God said,

"Let there be light,"

and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

<sup>6</sup>And God said,

"Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters."

<sup>7</sup>So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. <sup>8</sup>God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

<sup>9</sup>And God said,

"Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear."

And it was so. <sup>10</sup>God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup>Then God said,

"Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it."

And it was so. <sup>12</sup>The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. <sup>14</sup>And God said,

“Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, <sup>15</sup> and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.”

And it was so. <sup>16</sup> God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. <sup>17</sup> God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, <sup>18</sup> to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup> And God said,

“Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.”

<sup>21</sup> So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup> God blessed them, saying,

“Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.”

<sup>23</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. <sup>24</sup> And God said,

“Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.”

And it was so. <sup>25</sup> God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>26</sup> Then God said,

“Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

<sup>27</sup> So God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. <sup>28</sup> God blessed them, and God said to them,

“Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.”

<sup>29</sup> God said,

“See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup> And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.”

And it was so. <sup>31</sup> God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

<sup>2:1</sup> Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. <sup>2</sup> On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. <sup>3</sup> So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. <sup>4a</sup> These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Word of God, word of life.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**READING**

A reading from 2 Corinthians, chapter 13.

[Paul writes:] <sup>11</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. <sup>12</sup> Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

<sup>13</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Word of God, word of life.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand, if able*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.  
 Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.  
 Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 28<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>16</sup> Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them,

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

**Pastor Amy Oehlschlaeger**

## SERMON

**Pastor Amy Oehlschlaeger**

*Please stand, if able*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

### **"Creating God, Your Fingers Trace"**



1 Cre - at - ing God, your fin - gers trace the bold de -  
2 Sus - tain - ing God, your hands up - hold earth's mys - t'ries  
3 Re - deem - ing God, your arms em - brace all now de -  
4 In - dwell - ing God, your gos - pel claims one fam - 'ly



signs of far - thest space; let sun and moon and stars and  
known or yet un - told; let wa - ter's frag - ile blend with  
spised for creed or race; let peace, de - scend - ing like a  
with a bil - lion names; let ev - 'ry life be touched by



light and what lies hid - den praise your might.  
air, en - a - bling life, pro - claim your care.  
dove, make known on earth your heal - ing love.  
grace un - til we praise you face to face.

## APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.**

## BLESSING OF GRADUATES

### PRAYERS

Leader: Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

Leader: Creator God, nature reveals your power and glory. Protect water sources, vegetation, and wildlife as reminders of who you are. God of grace,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Leader: Redeemer God, you call us to pray for those in authority. Guide our leaders to pursue the work of fostering peace and community. God of grace,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Sustaining God, you are mindful of your people in every circumstance. Heal those who are sick. Provide for all who hunger. Protect those in harm's way. Comfort any experiencing hardship (*especially*). God of grace,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Leader: Gracious God, we pray for the children of our church and community. Provide for their needs. Support their caregivers. Nurture their faith. God of grace,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Leader: Loving God, we thank you for all who are graduating high school especially Ari and Joseph. Bless them on their new adventures. Help them to know your presence and support. God of grace,

**People: hear our prayer**

Pastor: Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.

**People: Amen.**

**"Great is Thy Faithfulness"**

(vs 1)



1 Great is thy faith - ful-ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no  
2 Sum-mer and win - ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and  
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad-ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -  
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in  
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

*Refrain*



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me.

## OFFERTORY

### "For the Fruit of All Creation"

(vs 1)



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.  
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.  
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.  
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.  
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,  
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,  
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.  
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

*Please stand, if able*

## OFFERING PRAYER

Pastor: Loving God, 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.

**People: Amen**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

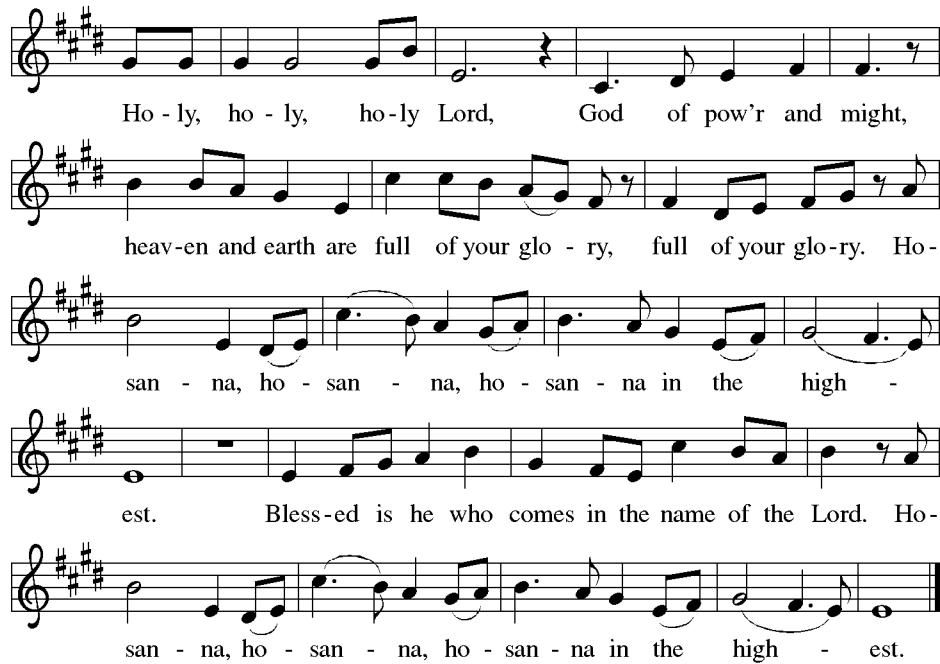
**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is indeed right ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**People: 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.**

## INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

**Pastor: Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!**

The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.

*Please be seated*

**COMMUNION HYMN**

**"For the Beauty of the Earth"**



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,  
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,  
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,  
 5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:  
 hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:  
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:  
 friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:  
 for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

*Refrain*



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

**"Listen, God is Calling"**

**WOV 712**

*Refrain*

Leader

All



Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,



of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy. joy.

Leader

All



1 Je - sus gave his man - date: share the good news  
 2 Let none be for - got - ten through - out the world.  
 3 Help us to be faith - ful, stand - ing stead - fast,

Leader

All

*Refrain*



that he came to save us and set us free.  
 In the tri - une name of God go and bap - tize.  
 walk - ing in your pre - cepts, led by your Word.

*Please stand, if able*

Pastor: The Lord's body and blood strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

People: **Amen.**

### THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Leader: Compassionate God, 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.

People: **Amen.**

### THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, † one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

People: **Amen.**

### CLOSING HYMN

WOV 722

#### "Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises"

*Refrain— sung twice each time*



Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -  
Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our



bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa  
hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your



ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la. *End*  
prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.



1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,  
2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,

*Repeat stanza, then sing refrain*



I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.  
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos - pel.

## **DISMISSAL**

**Pastor:** Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

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