

# Hope Lutheran Church

Worship Service

June 14, 2026

Third Sunday of Pentecost



"The harvest is plentiful  
but the labourers are few..."

MATTHEW 9 : 37 NRSV

## **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

### "Let All Things Now Living"



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to  
2 His law he en - forc - es, the stars in their cours - es and



God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,  
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who  
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the



still guides us on to the end of our days.  
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim him di - vine.



God's ban - ners are o'er us, his light goes be -  
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -



fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,  
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise



till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as  
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To



for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.  
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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.*

**People: 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, 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, God of compassion,

**People: you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## PSALM

## PSALM 100

*The psalm will be read responsively. The leader will read the light verses and the congregation will read the bold verses.*

<sup>1</sup> Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you lands!

<sup>2</sup> **Serve the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with a song.**

<sup>3</sup> Know that the Lord is God, our maker to whom we belong; we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.

<sup>4</sup> **Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving and the courts with praise; give thanks and bless God's holy name.**

<sup>5</sup> Good indeed is the Lord, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from age to age.

## READING

A reading from Romans, chapter 5.

<sup>1</sup> Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Word of God, word of life.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand, if able*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>35</sup> Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. <sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples,

"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup> therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

<sup>10:1</sup> Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness.

<sup>2</sup> These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; <sup>3</sup> Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup> Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

<sup>5</sup> These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions:

“Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town,  
<sup>6</sup> but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup> As you go, proclaim  
the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ <sup>8</sup> Cure the sick; raise  
the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received  
without payment; give without payment.

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**

**“You Give the Great Commission”**

(vs 1-3)



1 Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: “Heal the sick and  
2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: “In my name bap -  
3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: “This my bod - y,  
4 Lord, you show us love’s true mea - sure: “Fa - ther, what they  
5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: “I am with you



preach the word.” Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,  
tize and teach.” That the world may trust your prom - ise,  
this my blood.” Let us all, for earth’s true glo - ry,  
do, for - give.” Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure  
to the end.” Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,



and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness  
life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new  
dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the  
all that you so free - ly give. May your care and  
may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the



to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:  
fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:  
world a - round us share your chil - dren’s lib - er - ty:  
mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:  
cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:



*Refrain*  
With the Spir - it’s gifts em - pow’r us for the work of min - is - try.

## **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.**

## **PRAYERS**

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

*A brief silence.*

Leader: God of creation, you call all the earth to make a joyful noise to you. Let us join the chorus of the natural world in proclaiming your glory. God of grace,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Leader: God of the nations, you sent Jesus as peace for all of humankind. Bring an end to war and conflict, bring hope to places devastated by destruction, and sustain those who advocate for peace. God of grace,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: God of grace, you pour hope and love into our hearts in times of shame and doubt. Protect those experiencing housing insecurity. Uplift anyone struggling with hopelessness, illness, or other worries (*especially*). God of grace,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Leader: God of all, you call your children to serve in a plentiful harvest. Give us the wisdom to know how best to serve our local community and our neighbors. 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.**

**OFFERING SONG**

**"What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"**

(vs 1 & 2)



1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -  
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -  
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -



last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,  
last - ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,  
last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,



lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.  
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.  
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

*Refrain*



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

**OFFERTORY**

**"We Give Thee but Thine Own"**

(vs 1 & 2)



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;  
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,  
3 Hearts still are bruised and dead, and homes are bare and cold,  
4 To com - fort and to bless, to find a balm for woe,



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.  
and lambs for whom the Shep - herd bled are stray - ing from the fold.  
to tend those lost in lone - li - ness, is an - gels' work be - low.

*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-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, 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

### *"I've Got Peace Like a River"*



1 I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er,  
2 I've got joy like a foun - tain, I've got joy like a foun - tain,  
3 I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean,



I've got peace like a riv - er in my soul;  
I've got joy like a foun - tain in my soul;  
I've got love like an o - cean in my soul;



I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er,  
I've got joy like a foun - tain, I've got joy like a foun - tain,  
I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean,



I've got peace like a riv - er in my soul.  
I've got joy like a foun - tain in my soul.  
I've got love like an o - cean in my soul.

## "We Come to the Hungry Feast"

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1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.  
2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased  
3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is  
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,  
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

*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

## "I Love to Tell the Story"



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat  
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;  
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.  
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.  
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

### *Refrain*



I love to tell the sto - ry; I'll sing this theme in glo - ry



and tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

## DISMISSAL

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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