

Hope Lutheran Church

Worship Service

July 19, 2026

Eighth Sunday of Pentecost



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

CALL TO WORSHIP – *Jacquie & Reese*

Leader: Praise the Lord.

People: Everything God has created.

Leader: Praise the Lord.

People: Everything in God's kingdom. Praise the Lord.

Please stand, if able

OPENING HYMN

"This Is the Day"



This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the
Lord has made; we will re-joice, we will re-joice and be
glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that the
Lord has made; we will re-joice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

SHARING OF THE PEACE – *Frankie & Kathryn*

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with You!

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us share the peace.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray, Creator God,

People: we praise you and we trust you with our whole hearts. Help us to rely on you and to remember that Your love is with us always. Form us into your disciples and empower us with your Spirit so that we will love You and the neighbor. Amen

Please be seated

READINGS FROM VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Frankie - Day 1: God is our creator!

A reading from Genesis, chapter one, the Message translation...

1 ¹⁻² First this: God created the Heavens and Earth—all you see, all you don't see. Earth was a soup of nothingness, a bottomless emptiness, an inky blackness. God's Spirit brooded like a bird above the watery abyss.

³⁻⁵ God spoke:

"Light!"

And light appeared. God saw that light was good and separated light from dark. God named the light Day, he named the dark Night. It was evening, it was morning—

Day One.

⁶⁻⁸ God spoke:

"Sky! In the middle of the waters; separate water from water!"

God made sky. He separated the water under sky from the water above sky. And there it was: he named sky the Heavens; it was evening, it was morning—
Day Two.

⁹⁻¹⁰ God spoke:

"Separate! Water-beneath-Heaven, gather into one place; Land, appear!"

And there it was. God named the land Earth. He named the pooled water Ocean. God saw that it was good.

¹¹⁻¹³ God spoke:

"Earth, green up! Grow all varieties of seed-bearing plants, every sort of fruit-bearing tree."

And there it was. Earth produced green seed-bearing plants, all varieties, and fruit-bearing trees of all sorts. God saw that it was good. It was evening, it was morning—

Day Three.

¹⁴⁻¹⁵ God spoke:

"Lights! Come out! Shine in Heaven's sky! Separate Day from Night.

Mark seasons and days and years, lights in Heaven's sky to give light to Earth."

And there it was. ¹⁶⁻¹⁹ God made two big lights, the larger to take charge of Day, the smaller to be in charge of Night; and he made the stars. God placed them in the heavenly sky to light up Earth and oversee Day and Night, to separate light and dark. God saw that it was good. It was evening, it was morning—

Day Four.

²⁰⁻²³ God spoke:

"Swarm, Ocean, with fish and all sea life! Birds, fly through the sky over Earth!"

God created the huge whales, all the swarm of life in the waters, and every kind and species of flying birds. God saw that it was good. God blessed them:

“Prosper! Reproduce! Fill Ocean! Birds, reproduce on Earth!”
It was evening, it was morning—
Day Five.

²⁴⁻²⁵ God spoke:

“Earth, generate life! Every sort and kind: cattle and reptiles and wild animals—all kinds.”

And there it was: wild animals of every kind, cattle of all kinds, every sort of reptile and bug. God saw that it was good.

God spoke:

“Let us make human beings in our image, make them reflecting our nature so they can be responsible for the fish in the sea, the birds in the air, the cattle, and, yes, Earth itself, and every animal that moves on the face of Earth.”

God created human beings; he created them godlike, reflecting God’s nature. He created them male and female. God blessed them:

“Prosper! Reproduce! Fill Earth! Take charge! be responsible for fish in the sea and birds in the air, for every living thing that moves on the face of Earth.”

²⁹⁻³⁰ Then God said,

“I’ve given you every sort of seed-bearing plant on Earth and every kind of fruit-bearing tree, given them to you for food. to all animals and all birds, everything that moves and breathes, I give whatever grows out of the ground for food.”

And there it was. ³¹ God looked over everything he had made; it was so good, so very good! It was evening, it was morning—
Day Six.

Word of God, word of life.

People: Thanks be to God!

Jack: Reflection- God created the oceans, mountains, and every creature. God saves his most treasured work for last, people. God crafts us in his image, designed for a deep and personal connection with God. We all reflect the artistry of the Creator. Wow!

"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

1, 5. He's got the whole _____ world _____
 2. He's got the lit - tle ti - ny ba - by
 3. He's got _____ you and me, _____ broth - er,
 4. He's got _____ ev - ery-bod - y here _____

1, 5. in his hands, he's got the whole _____ wide _____ world _____
 2. in his hands, he's got the lit - tle ti - ny ba - by
 3. in his hands, he's got _____ you and me, _____ sis - ter,
 4. in his hands, he's got _____ ev - ery-bod - y here _____

1, 5. in his hands, he's got the whole _____ world _____
 2. in his hands, he's got the lit - tle ti - ny ba - by
 3. in his hands, he's got _____ you and me, _____ broth - er,
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Tyson - Day 2: God knows everything.

A reading from the Psalms, 139

O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

² You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

³ You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴ Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.

⁵ You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

⁷ Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

⁸ If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

⁹ If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

¹⁰ even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.

¹¹ If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night',

¹² even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

¹³ For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

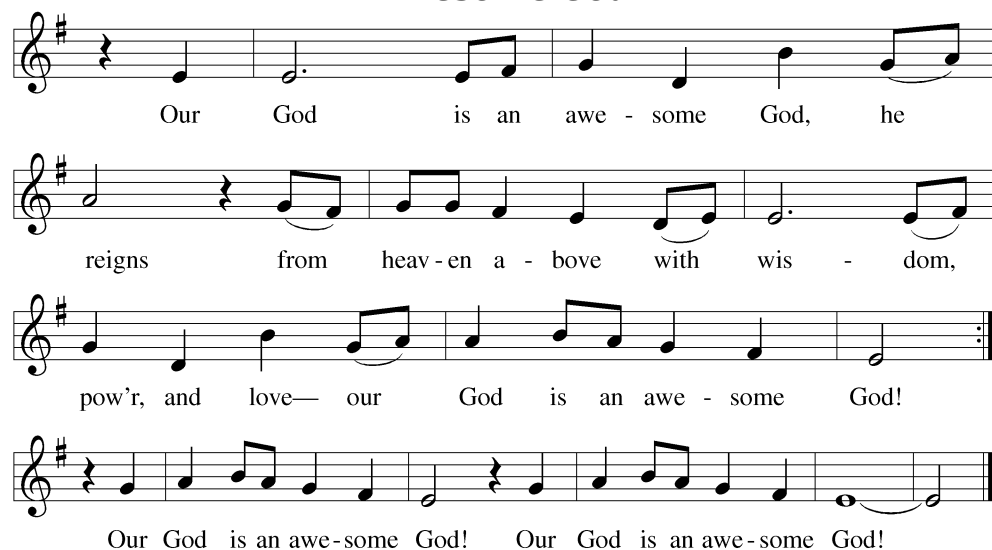
¹⁴ I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

Word of God, word of life.

People: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: Reflection- David celebrates all God knows. Psalm 139 gives us a front-row seat to David's heart as he wrestles with the incredible truth that God knows everything about him—his thoughts, his actions, even the words he hasn't spoken yet! As a young shepherd, David spent years alone in the fields, unseen by people but fully known by God. Later, as a fugitive running from King Saul, he hid in caves yet always stayed in God's watchful care. Even as king, when David made terrible mistakes, God still saw and pursued him. David understood both the comfort and the weight of being fully known by a God who never loses sight of his people. He described God's knowledge as both mind-blowing ("too great for me to understand") and deeply personal ("You know my thoughts"). God doesn't just see us; he intimately knows every detail of our hearts.

"Awesome God"



Kathryn - Day 3: God is our safe place.

A reading from Psalm 142:5-7

I cry to you, O LORD; I say,

'You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.'

⁶ Give heed to my cry, for I am brought very low. Save me from my persecutors, for they are too strong for me.

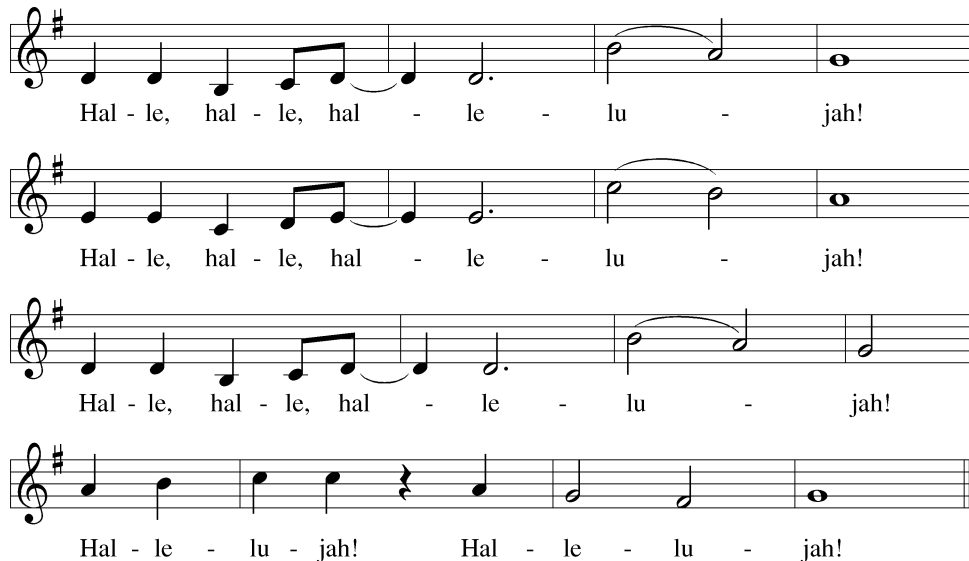
⁷ Bring me out of prison, so that I may give thanks to your name. The righteous will surround me, for you will deal bountifully with me.

Word of God, Word of Life

People: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: Reflection- David's life reads like an action-packed survival story. After being anointed as the future king, he suddenly found himself running for his life from King Saul. Forced to flee, David hid in caves, rugged, rocky refuge southwest of Bethlehem. These caves, naturally formed in limestone cliffs, provided shelter and secrecy for someone on the run. God provided not just a physical refuge but also a community—David's family and a band of 400 outcasts joined him! While caves provided temporary shelter, David daily found his safety in the presence and promises of God.

"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"



Grace - Day 4: God is love.

A reading from Luke, chapter 24

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵ The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them,

'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen. ⁶ Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.

Word of God, Word of Life

People: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: Reflection- Jesus' love wasn't just a feeling; it was a choice that cost him everything. Where betrayal and arrest might have stirred up emotions of anger, Jesus showed only love. Instead of fighting or fleeing, he carried the cross and gave his life, demonstrating the power of God's love for humanity. Three days later, in the most astonishing moment of all, the tomb stood

empty—Jesus conquered death! God showed that his love is more powerful than anything.

"He Is Lord"

He is Lord, he is Lord, he is ris-en from the dead and he is Lord;

ev-'ry knee shall bow, ev-'ry tongue con-fess that Je - sus Christ is Lord.

CHILDREN'S SERMON - VBS

Rianna & Youth

HYMN OF THE DAY

"This Little Light of Mine"

1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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

Tyson: Let us pray for the whole people of God.

Tyson: Creator God, thank you for creating us. Thank you for the gift of the earth and for the gift of the neighbor. Help us to reach out with love and help for the earth and the neighbor. Lord in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Tyson: Teaching God, thank you for teaching us about you. Thank you for teachers, parents, and church friends who walk with us in faith. Thank you for Vacation Bible School. Help us to keep growing in faith. Lord in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Healing God, lots of people are ill and hurting. Give your strength and comfort to people who are sick *especially*.... Help them to know they are loved. Lord in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Tyson: Helping God, give your comfort and help to the people of Venezuela, who are struggling with the crisis of an earthquake. Lord in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Tyson: Forgiving God, thank you for forgiving us. Help us to restore relationships that are broken. Help us forgive one another. Bring people together in peace. Lord in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Tyson: Bread of Life, feed hungry people. Thank you for the ministry of Oasis Food Pantry, Sharing Meals, and Kids Against Hunger. Thank you for the generous people here at Hope. Lord in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We lift up your people and your earth to you, God.

People: Amen.

OFFERING SONG

"Jesus Loves Me"

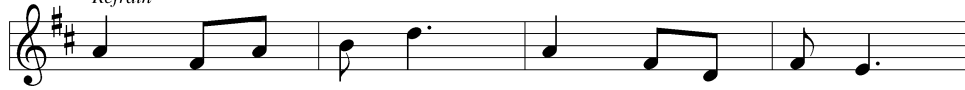


1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
3 Je - sus loves me! loves me still, though I'm ver - y weak and ill;
4 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;



lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
from his shin - ing throne on high, comes to watch me where I lie.
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

Refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,



yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

OFFERTORY

"Hallelujah! Praise Ye the Lord"



Hal-le - lu, hal-le-lu, hal-le - lu, hal-le-lu - jah! Praise ye the Lord!



Hal-le - lu, hal-le-lu, hal-le - lu, hal-le-lu - jah! Praise ye the Lord!



Praise ye the Lord! Hal-le-lu - jah! Praise ye the Lord! Hal-le-lu - jah!



Praise ye the Lord! Hal-le - lu - jah! Praise ye the Lord!

Please stand, if able

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: 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:

COMMUNION VIDEO

EUCHARISTIC 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

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

(sing 3x)



Lord, I lift your name on high, Lord, I love to sing your
prais - es. I'm so glad you're in my life,
I'm so glad you came to save us. You came from heav - en to earth
to show the way, from the earth to the cross,
my debt to pay; from the cross to the grave,
from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.

"What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"



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.

"Love, Love, Love"



Love, love, love! That's what it's all a - bout! 'Cause



God loves us, we love each oth - er, moth - er, fa - ther, sis - ter, broth - er.



Ev'-ry-bod-y sing and shout, 'cause that's what it's all a - bout! It's a-bout



love, love, love! It's a-bout love, love, love!

Additional stanzas ad lib:

Peace, peace, peace!
 Joy, joy, joy!
 Me, me, me!
 You, you, you!

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

Jack: 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

Children are invited to pick up a shaker or scarf.

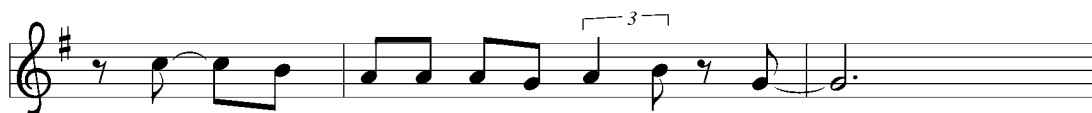
"We Are Marching in the Light of God"



Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the



nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',
light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:

We are dancing ...

We are praying ...

We are singing ...

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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