

# Hope Lutheran Church

Worship Service

July 5, 2026

Sixth 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**

*Please stand, if able*

**OPENING HYMN**

**"Give Me Jesus"**

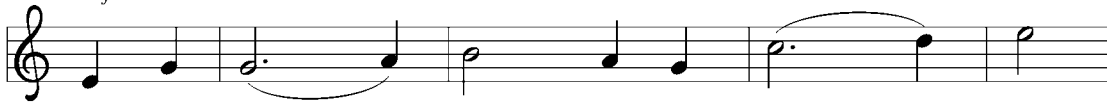


1 In the morn-ing when I rise, in the morn-ing when I rise,  
 2 Dark . . . mid-night was my cry, dark . . . mid-night was my cry,  
 3 Just a - bout the break of day, just a - bout the break of day,  
 4 Oh, . . . when I come to die, oh, . . . when I come to die,  
 5 And . . . when I want to sing, and . . . when I want to sing,



in the morn-ing when I rise, give me Je - sus.  
 dark . . . mid-night was my cry, give me Je - sus.  
 just a - bout the break of day, give me Je - sus.  
 oh, . . . when I come to die, give me Je - sus.  
 and . . . when I want to sing, give me Je - sus.

*Refrain*



Give me Je - sus, give me Je - sus.



You may have all the rest, give me Je - sus.

**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, You are great, O God,

**People: and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

### **READING**

A reading from Zechariah, chapter 9.

<sup>9</sup> Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. <sup>10</sup> He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. <sup>11</sup> As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. <sup>12</sup> Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Word of God, word of life.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **READING**

A reading from Romans, chapter 7.

<sup>15</sup> I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup> But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup> For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. <sup>19</sup> For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. <sup>20</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. <sup>21</sup> So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup> For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, <sup>23</sup> but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup> Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue

me from this body of death? <sup>25a</sup> Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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 11<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:]

<sup>16</sup> "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, <sup>17</sup> 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

<sup>18</sup> "For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; <sup>19</sup> the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

<sup>20</sup> Then he began to reproach the cities in which most of his deeds of power had been done because they did not repent.

<sup>21</sup> "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. <sup>22</sup> But I tell you, on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon than for you.

<sup>23</sup> And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? No, you will be brought down to Hades. "For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. <sup>24</sup> But I tell you that on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom than for you."

<sup>25</sup> At that time Jesus said,

"I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; <sup>26</sup> yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup> All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son

and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

<sup>28</sup>“Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*

**CHILDREN’S SERMON - Noisy Offering**

**Pastor Amy Oehlschlaeger**

**“I’ve Got the Joy, Joy, Joy”**



1 I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy,  
2 I've got the peace that pass - es un - der - stand - ing,  
3 I've got the love of Je - sus, love of Je - sus,



down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart;  
down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart;  
down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart;



I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy,  
I've got the peace that pass - es un - der - stand - ing,  
I've got the love of Je - sus, love of Je - sus,



down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.  
down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.  
down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.

**SERMON**

**Pastor Amy Oehlschlaeger**

*Please stand, if able*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

### "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling"



1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing,  
2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing,  
3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised,



call - ing for you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's  
plead - ing for you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and  
prom - ised for you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has



wait - ing and watch - ing, watch - ing for you and for me.  
heed not his mer - cies, mer - cies for you and for me?  
mer - cy and par - don, par - don for you and for me.



*Refrain*  
"Come home, come home! You who are wea - ry, come home!"



Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly, Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

## 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: Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

Leader: Guide your church, O God. Help us to serve you and the neighbor. Bless the ministries of Kids Against Hunger, Sharing Meals, and Oasis Food Pantry. God of grace,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Comfort all people, who are isolated, lonely, or ill especially...Give them your presence and surround them with loving communities. God of grace,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Leader: Fill us with awe at your creation. Thank you for the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and for our pets. Bless our pets with good health. God of grace,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Leader: Bless family life everywhere and fill all homes with respect, joy, laughter and prayer. Strengthen the commitment of husbands and wives to one another. Pour out your Spirit on parents. Empower families to live in your grace and forgiveness. God of grace,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Leader: Bless the leaders of our land. Help us as a nation to be a blessing to citizens and neighbors. God of grace,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.

**People: Amen.**

**OFFERING SONG**

**"O Beautiful, for Spacious Skies"**



1 O beau-ti-ful for spa-cious skies, for am-ber waves of grain,  
2 O beau-ti-ful for he-roes proved in lib-er-at-ing strife,  
3 O beau-ti-ful for pa-triot dream that sees be-yond the years



for pur-ple moun-tain maj-es-ties a-bove the fruit-ed plain:  
who more than self their coun-try loved, and mer-cy more than life:  
thine al-a-bas-ter cit-ies gleam, un-dimmed by hu-man tears:



A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God shed his grace on thee,  
A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! May God thy gold re-fine,  
A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God mend thine ev-'ry flaw,



and crown thy good with broth-er-hood from sea to shin-ing sea.  
till all suc-cess be no-ble-ness, and ev-'ry gain di-vine.  
con-firm thy soul in self-con-trol, thy lib-er-ty in law.

**OFFERTORY**

**"Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring"**

(vs 1)



1 Ac-cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up-on your ta-ble.  
2 The vines were plant-ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea-sure.  
3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be-fore you.



We do not wor-ship as we ought but on-ly as we're a-ble.  
What once was com-mon, dail-y food be-comes a ho-ly trea-sure.  
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum-bly we a-dore you.

*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

### "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta - tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?  
3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum-bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need-less pain we bear—  
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?  
Do your friends de-spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

## "Day By Day"



1 Day by day, your mer-cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort  
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and  
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens



to my anx-ious soul. Day by day, the bless-ings, Lord, you send me  
wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me  
grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



draw me near - er to my heav'n-ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all  
o'er the paths I strug-gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil  
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter



mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur-dens of my quest; Sav-ior,  
of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav-ior,  
what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav-ior,



lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.  
help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.  
with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

*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

### "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"



1 Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord;  
2 He has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall nev - er call re - treat;  
3 In the beau - ty of the lil - ies Christ was born a - cross the sea,



he is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
he is sift - ing out the hearts of men be - fore his judg - ment seat.  
with a glo - ry in his bos - om that trans - fig - ures you and me.



he has loosed the fate - ful light - ning of his ter - ri - ble swift sword:  
Oh, be swift, my soul, to an - swer him; be ju - bi - lant, my feet!  
As he died to make men ho - ly, let us live to make men free,



his truth is march - ing on.  
Our God is march - ing on.  
while God is march - ing on.



*Refrain*  
Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah!



Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! His truth is march - ing on.



## DISMISSAL

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

People: Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

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