

Hope Lutheran Church

Worship Service

October 4, 2026

Nineteenth 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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the beginning, God made the heavens and the earth,

People: And God saw that it was good!

Leader: One thing we ask; one thing we seek:

People: To live in God's house for all of our days,

Leader: To behold the beauty of God, and learn of God's ways.

People: Here, in the temple of the church,

Leader: And here, in the temple of creation!

People: Come, let us worship God!

OPENING HYMN

"Morning Has Broken"



1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing;
2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en,
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing,



black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.
like the first dew - fall on the first grass.
born of the one light E - den saw play!



Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry morn - ing,



Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with You!

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Let us pray, beloved God,

People: from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated

CHOIR ANTHEM

Voices of Hope

"A Place in the Choir"

PSALM

Psalm 104

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

¹³ From your lofty abode you water the mountains; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.

¹⁴ **You cause the grass to grow for the cattle and plants for people to cultivate, to bring forth food from the earth**

¹⁵ and wine to gladden the human heart, oil to make the face shine and bread to strengthen the human heart.

¹⁶ **The trees of the field are watered abundantly, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.**

¹⁷ In them the birds build their nests; the stork has its home in the fir trees.

¹⁸ **The high mountains are for the wild goats; the rocks are a refuge for the coney.**

¹⁹ You have made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows its time for setting.

²⁰ **You make darkness, and it is night, when all the animals of the forest come creeping out.**

²¹ The young lions roar for their prey, seeking their food from God.

²² **When the sun rises, they withdraw and lie down in their dens.**

²³ People go out to their work and to their labor until the evening.

PSALM

Psalm 148

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

¹ Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

² **Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!**

³ Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

⁴ **Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the heavens!**

⁵ Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.

⁶ **He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**

⁷ Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

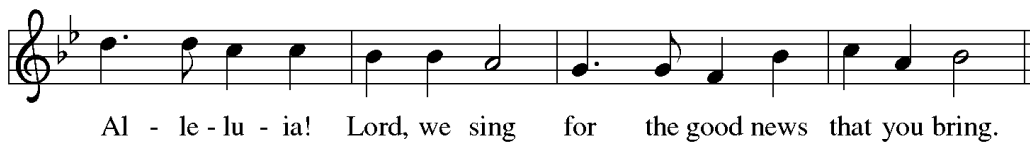
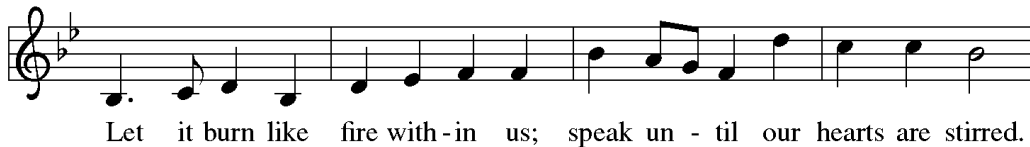
⁸ **fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!**

⁹ Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

¹⁰ **Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!**

Please stand, if able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 6th chapter.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴ "No one can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

²⁵ "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸ And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' ³² For it is the gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

³⁴ "So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S SERMON -Noisy Offering**Pastor Amy Oehlschlaeger****"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,
4. in his hands, he's got _____ ev - ery-bod - y here _____



- 1-5. in his hands, he's got the whole world in his hands.



- 1-4. 5. whole world in his hands.

SERMON**Pastor Amy Oehlschlaeger***Please stand, if able*

"Seek Ye First"

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al -

D F#m G D G

1 Seek ye . . . first the king - dom of God and its
 2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and
 3 We do not live by bread . . . a - lone, but by

le - lu - ia, al - le -

D Em A⁷ D F#m

righteous - ness, and all these things shall be
 you shall find; knock and the door shall be
 ev - 'ry word that pro - ceeds from the

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

G D G D Em A D

add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
 o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
 mouth . . of . . . God. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

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 THE ANIMALS

You may bring your pet forward or pull out a picture of your pet.

O God of land, sea, and sky, you filled creation with your creatures and you have filled our lives with love for the pets we have. Thank you for our pets. Bless and keep them in Your care. May our lives continue to be richer because of them. May their lives be richer because of us. May we find delight in our pets and may we treat them always with kindness and love. Amen

PRAYERS

Leader: Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

A brief silence.

Leader: God of every creature, bless and protect the earth and all those who dwell within it. We give thanks for those who have helped us to see your Spirit in creation (*especially Francis of Assisi, renewer of the church*). Hear us, O God.

People: Your mercy is great.

Leader: God of every nation, restore peace to the world's conflict zones, and shelter those who live within them. We pray especially for the safety of displaced people and refugees. Hear us, O God.

People: Your mercy is great.

Pastor: God of every comfort, you made us in your own image. Grant healing and relief to all who are sick or suffering (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

People: Your mercy is great.

Leader: God of every gift, thank you for the council and the teams and the committees. Guide and direct them. Bless their work and ministry. Hear us, O God.

People: Your mercy is great.

Leader: God in the flesh, thank you for Hope's preschool. Thank you for the patience and love of the teachers. Thank you for the children who attend and their curiosity in learning about You. Hear us, O God.

People: Your mercy is great.

Pastor: Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

BEAUTY TALK

OFFERING SONG

"For the Fruit of All Creation" (vs 1-2)



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.

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

Leader: Let us pray, Creator God, people, plants, animals, food-you made it all. You even made this bread and wine. As we get ready to eat and drink; make us ready to serve you and remind us of the world you love.

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: All are welcome at Hope's communion! Taste and see that the Lord is good.

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

Please be seated

COMMUNION HYMN

"As the Grains of Wheat"

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.
1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when
Refrain
may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

"The Trees of the Field"

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace,
 and the moun-tains and the hills will break forth be - fore you.
 There'll be shouts of joy and all the trees of the field
 will clap, will clap their hands.
 And all the trees of the field will clap their hands.
 The trees of the field will clap their hands.
 The trees of the field will clap their hands,
 while you go out with joy.

Please start

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

People: **Amen.**

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Leader: Holy God, thank you for this food and thank you for your love.
 Help us to love one another. Help us to be your people. Thank you.

People: **Amen.**

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: We are children of God made in the image of God, born in beauty,
 called to make creation more beautiful; let us love in our words
 and in our deeds. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless
 us now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

Refrain

All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea - tures great and small,
all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.

1 Each lit - tle flow'r that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun - tains, the riv - er run - ning by,
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

Refrain

God made their glow - ing col - ors, God made their ti - ny wings.
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky.
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - 'ry one.
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace. Be thankful. Tell everyone what God has done.

People: Thanks be to God.

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