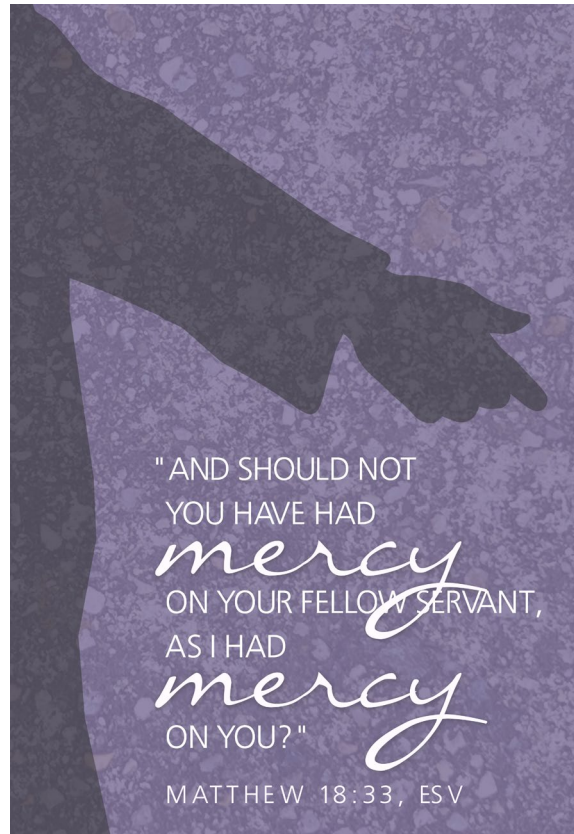


Hope Lutheran Church

10:45 am Worship Service

September 13, 2026

Sixteenth 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: You are children of God.

All: We are children of God.

Leader: God has something to say.

All: And we are listening.

Leader: God hears our voices.

All: So we sing and pray.

Leader: Come, let us worship.

All: Come, let us worship.

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, God,

People: Open our minds to feel your presence. *(touch forehead)*

Open our mouths to speak your words of love. *(touch mouth)*

Open our hands to serve you generously. *(hold hands palm up)*

Open our whole beings to you. *(hold arms open wide)*

Amen

Please be seated

READING

Reader: God speaks to us in many ways.

People: You reach out to us in your spoken word.

A reading from Genesis, chapter 50.

¹⁵ Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said,

"What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?"

¹⁶ So they approached Joseph, saying,

"Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father."

Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said,

"We are here as your slaves."

¹⁹ But Joseph said to them,

"Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹ So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones."

In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Word of God, word of life.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand, if able

"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah". It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and repetitive, with the lyrics "Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!" written below each staff. The first three staves are identical, and the fourth staff repeats the phrase "Hal - le - lu - jah!" twice.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 18th chapter.

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

²¹Peter came and said to [Jesus,]

"Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?"

²²Jesus said to him,

"Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, ²⁵and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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

"Awesome God"

(sing 3 times)

Our God is an awe - some God, he
reigns from heav - en a - bove with wis - dom,
pow'r, and love— our God is an awe - some God!
Our God is an awe - some God! Our God is an awe - some God!

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: There are many ways to pray to God. I invite you to hold onto the prayer beads as we pray together. May the beads help you focus on our loving God.

A brief silence

Leader: Loving God, thank you for the gift of Jesus and God's love for all of us. Help us to share the good news of your love in our words and our deeds. Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer

Leader: Bless our Sunday school. Open our hearts so that we will learn more about You. Thank you for Sunday School teachers: Chris, Pastor Amy, and Mark. Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer

Leader: Thank you for families, siblings, and pets. Help us to listen to one another and to be kind in our actions with one another. Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer

Leader: Give food to all neighbors who are hungry especially bless Oasis Food Pantry, Sharing Meals, and Kids Against Hunger. Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer

Leader: Bring your peace to conflicts in our nation and in the world. Direct us in ways of peace. Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer

Leader: Bless the school kits we are sending through Lutheran World Relief to people in need in our world. Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer

Pastor: Give your healing presence to all who are ill especially...Comfort all Who are grieving the loss of loved ones. Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer

Pastor: Thank you for your light, Lord. Help us to be your light for a weary world.

People: Amen

OFFERING SONG

"Lord I Lift Your Name on High"

(sing 3 times)

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.

OFFERTORY

"Father I Adore You"

1 Fa - ther,
2 Je - sus, I a - dore you, lay my life be -
3 Spir - it,
fore you; how I love you.

Please stand, if able

OFFERING PRAYER

Pastor: 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.

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: 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.

"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.

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: 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: May God the teacher who helps you, God the friend who loves you,
 and God, the rock who protects you, be with you every day.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"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.

DISMISSAL

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

People: Thanks be to God.

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