Hope Lutheran Church

Worship Service
November 8, 2026
24th Sunday of Pentecost



For when the **foolish** took their lamps,
they **took no oil** with them,
but the **wise** took
flasks of oil with their lamps.

Matthew 25:3-4

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

"My Lord, What a Morning"



CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Pastor: Holy God,

People: we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.

Pastor: Inherit the riches of God's grace. ☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you.

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, Almighty God,

People: you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

CHOIR ANTHEM **Voices of Hope**

"Keep the Home Fires Burning"

PSALM **Psalm 70**

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

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; O Lord, make haste to help me.
2 **Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded; let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.**
3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back because of their shame.
4 **Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the Lord!"**
5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God. You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, I do not tarry.

READING

A reading from 1 Thessalonians, chapter 4.

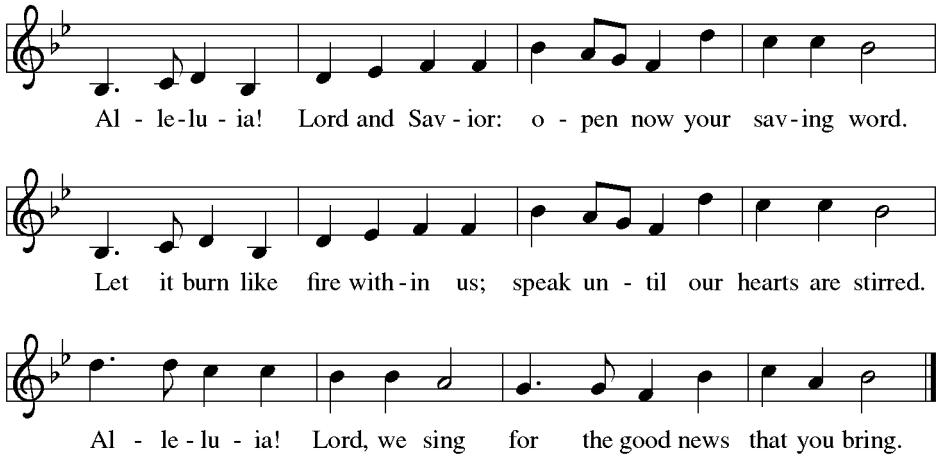
13 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who
have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For
since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God
will bring with him those who have died. 15 For this we declare to you by the
word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the
Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. 16 For the Lord himself,
with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's
trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then
we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with
them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever.
18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Word of God, word of life.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand, if able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 25th chapter.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:]

1 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Tenyoung women took
their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were
foolish, and five were wise. 3 When the foolish took their lamps, they
took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps.
5 As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept.
6 But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom!
Come out to meet him.' 7 Then all those young women got up and
trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of
your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9 But the wise replied, 'No! there
will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers
and buy some for yourselves.' 10 And while they went to buy it, the

bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. 11 Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' 12 But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' 13 Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

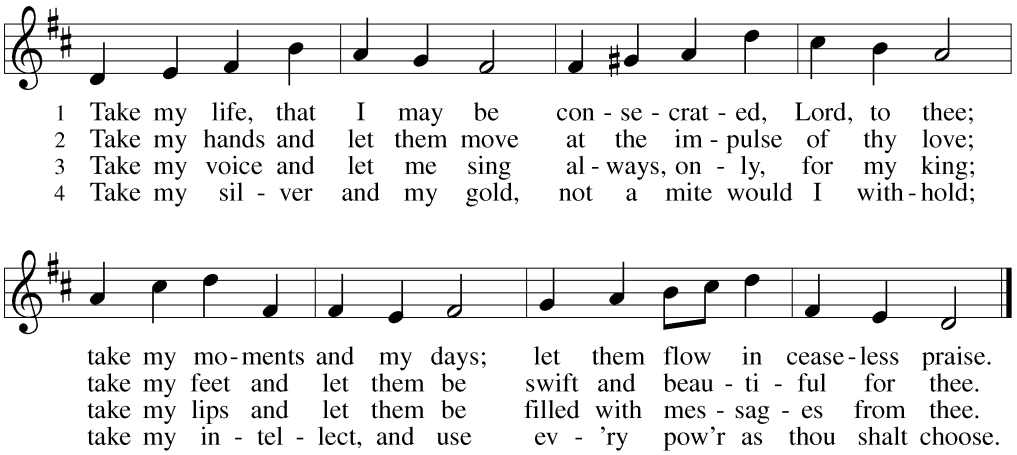
CHILDREN'S SERMON **Pastor Amy Oehlschlaeger**

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Please stand, if able

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Take My Life, That I May Be"



5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

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: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Leader: You create and sustain the earth's natural rhythms so that all life might thrive. Show us the wisdom and wonder of nature's balance; make us careful stewards of our common home. God, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Grant healing, peace, and support to veterans. Thank you for their service and sacrifices. Hold close to you, veterans and those who care for them. God, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: You heal our wounds and make whole what is broken. Comfort individuals facing a difficult diagnosis, receiving palliative care, or facing uncertain treatment options. (*We pray especially for …)* God, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: You welcome those who have come before us in faith into the joys of heaven. Sustain us by your grace and guide us into the promise of everlasting life. God, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

People: Amen.

OFFERING SONG ***"Blessed Assurance"*** **WOV 699**



OFFERTORY

"We Are an Offering"



Please stand, if able

OFFERING PRAYER

Pastor: Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

People: Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

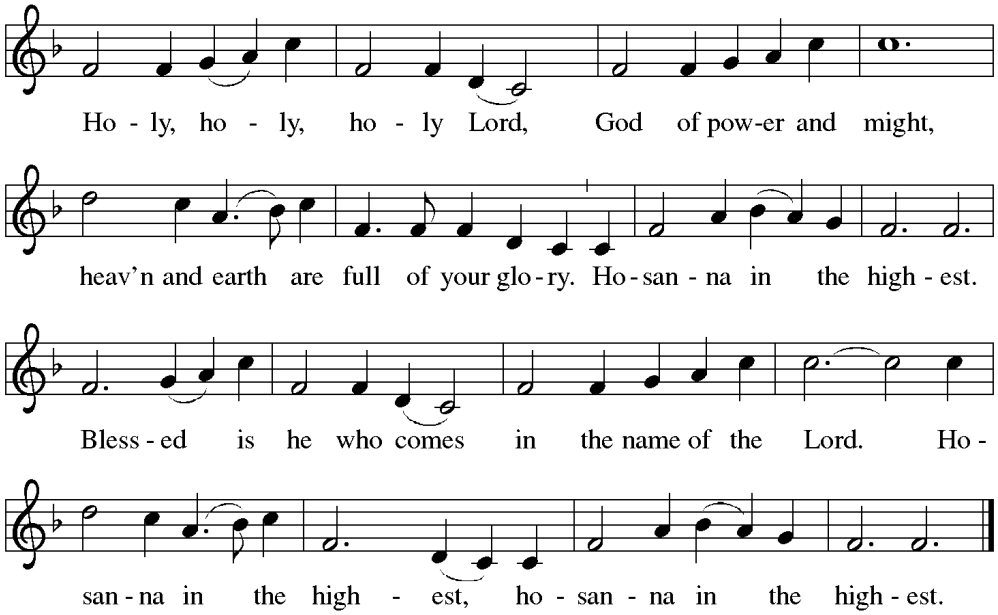
People: We lift them to the Lord.

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



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

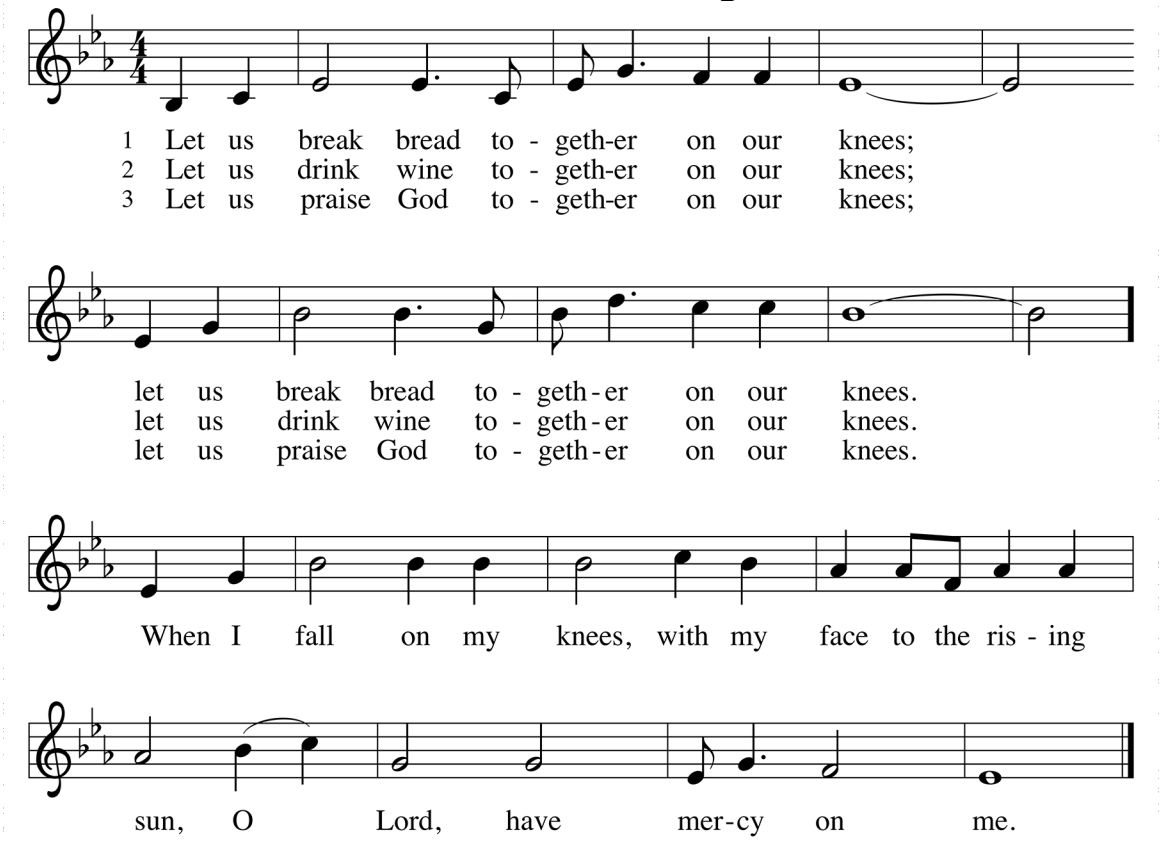
Pastor: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

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

Please be seated

COMMUNION HYMN

"Let Us Break Bread Together"



"Eat This Bread"



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, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"O Beautiful, for Spacious Skies"



DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace. Encourage one another.

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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