

**August 9, 2026**  
**Hope Lutheran Church**  
6201 Coventry Way  
Clinton, MD 20735

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**The Reverend Eric Faret - Pastor**  
**Jane Snyder – Minister of Music**



**Welcome to Hope Lutheran Church**



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**Our Mission: *To Be God's Loving Presence in a Hurting World***

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### **A Warm Welcome to Hope Lutheran Church**

We hope that your worship experience this morning is spiritually enriching and meaningful.

- Children are always welcome at worship.
- We practice eucharistic hospitality. All are welcome to Holy Communion.
- **Are you here for the first time?** Our congregation is a member of the Metropolitan D.C. Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. If you are looking for a church home, we welcome your inquiry.
- **Restrooms** are located down the hall to the right.
- **Cellphones** create a distraction during worship. We ask that you check now to make sure it is in airplane mode.
- **Our team of ushers** are available throughout the service to assist.
- **Gluten-free hosts:** The baked bread distributed during Holy Communion is gluten-free, nut-free, **but full of Jesus!**

**IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, PLEASE EXIT THROUGH THE SIDE EGRESS.**

## **Worship Plan for Sunday, August 9, 2026**

11th Sunday after Pentecost

Now the Feast and Celebration

### **INTRODUCTION**

The disciples find themselves in a boat battered by wind and waves. Then Jesus comes toward them across the water with words they desperately need to hear: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter steps from the boat, discovers both the courage and fragility of faith, and cries out, "Lord, save me!" In the storms of life, Christ still comes to us, reaches out his hand, and calls us to trust.

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

When the winds rise and the waters rage,  
**Christ comes to us.**

When fear overwhelms us and faith falters,  
**Christ reaches out his hand.**

When we cry, "Lord, save us!"  
**Christ hears our prayer.**

Take heart! Do not be afraid.  
**Jesus Christ is with us. Let us worship him!**

### **GATHERING**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*The assembly stands.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God, who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love  
you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG – “What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine: Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” (ELW 774)**

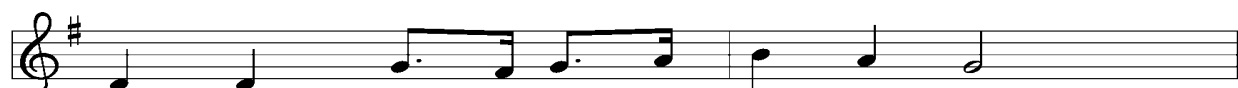
**What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine**  
*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*



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.

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839–1929

Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858–1924

**GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

# KYRIE

**ASSISTANT**  
In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.  
**CONGREGATION**  
Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer -

For the Reign of God, and for peace through - out the  
For your peo - ple here, who have come to give you  
cy.

world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray pray to the the  
praise, for the strength to live your Word, let us pray pray to the

**Coda**  
Help, save, and de - fend us, O  
cy.

God.  
A - men.  
\* Ending for Kyrie

# NOW THE FEAST

## Refrain

CONGREGATION

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,  
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy  
to the God of life and love and  
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -  
er - more!

## Verse 1

CONGREGATION

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once  
slain, whose blood has freed and u -  
nit-ed us to be one great peo - ple of  
God. *to Refrain*

**Verse 2****CONGREGATION**

2. Pow - er and rich-es, wis - dom and  
might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ  
for ev - er. *to Refrain*

**Verse 3****CONGREGATION**

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to  
make us peo - ple of God; to make  
all things new. *to Refrain*

**SALUTATION (Before The Prayer Of The Day)****PRESIDER****CONGREGATION**

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

### FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:9-18

A reading from 1 Kings.

<sup>9</sup> At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" <sup>10</sup> He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

<sup>11</sup> He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake, <sup>12</sup> and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. <sup>13</sup> When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" <sup>14</sup> He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

<sup>15</sup> Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. <sup>16</sup> Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. <sup>17</sup> Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. <sup>18</sup> Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: Psalm 85:8-13**

<sup>8</sup> I will listen to what the LORD God is saying; for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

**Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, that your glory may dwell in our land.**

<sup>10</sup> Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

**<sup>11</sup> Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

<sup>12</sup> The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

**<sup>13</sup> Righteousness shall go before the LORD and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

### **SECOND READING: Romans 10:5-15**

A reading from Romans.

<sup>5</sup> Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” <sup>6</sup> But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup> “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup> But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), <sup>9</sup> because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. <sup>11</sup> The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup> For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup> For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

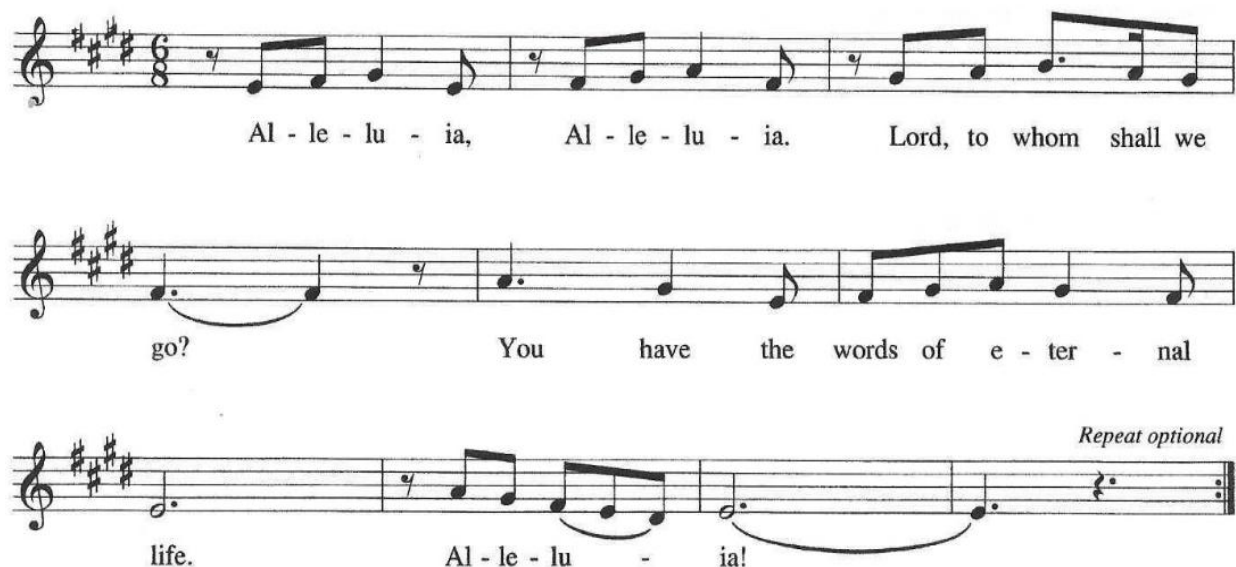
<sup>14</sup> But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? <sup>15</sup> And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

CONGREGATION



## GOSPEL: Matthew 14:22-33

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>22</sup> [Jesus] made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee,] while he dismissed the crowds.<sup>23</sup> And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,<sup>24</sup> but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.<sup>25</sup> And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.<sup>26</sup> But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear.<sup>27</sup> But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

<sup>28</sup> Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."<sup>29</sup> He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.<sup>30</sup> But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"<sup>31</sup> Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"<sup>32</sup> When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.<sup>33</sup> And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

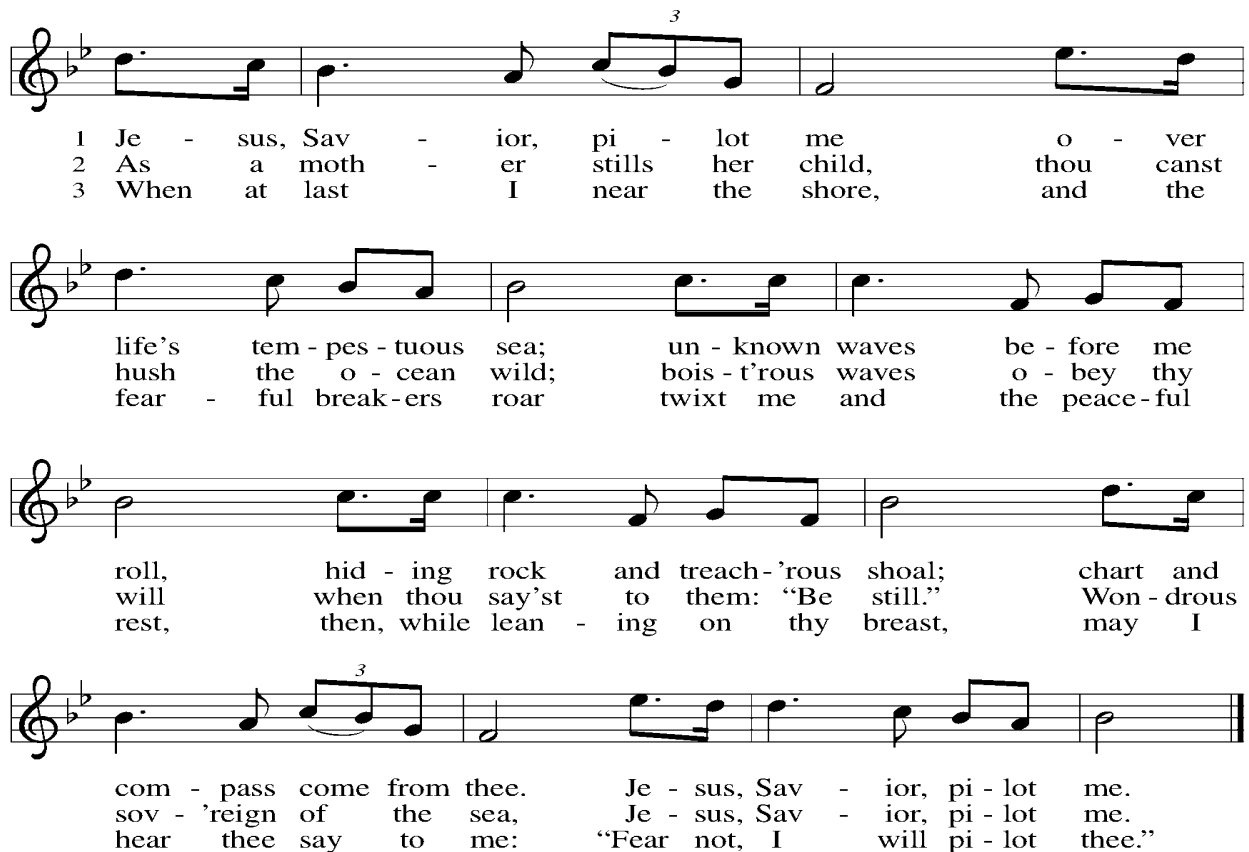
## SERMON

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

# HYMN OF THE DAY – “Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me” (ELW 755)

*The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.*

## Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me



1 Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me o - ver  
2 As a moth - er stills her child, thou canst  
3 When at last I near the shore, and the

life's tem - pes - tuous sea; un - known waves be - fore me  
hush the o - cean wild; bois - t'rous waves o - bey thy  
fear - ful break - ers roar twixt me and the peace - ful

roll, hid - ing rock and treach - 'rous shoal; chart and  
will when thou say'st to them: "Be still." Won - drous  
rest, then, while lean - ing on thy breast, may I

com - pass come from thee. Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.  
sov - 'reign of the sea, Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.  
hear thee say to me: "Fear not, I will pi - lot thee."

Text: Edward Hopper, 1818–1888

Music: PILOT, John Edgar Gould, 1822–1875

## APOSTLES' CREED (Assistant Minister)

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 OF INTERCESSION

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the servants of your gospel in every place, that your word may be heard. Where your voice is scorned and your people persecuted, strengthen the church in its faithful witness. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

For this world you have created, that all life may flourish. Preserve biodiversity in all its variety and help ecosystems to survive the extremes of a changing climate. Move our hearts with compassion to join in this work. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

For leaders of towns, states, nations, and organizations, and all who are in positions of authority, that they lead with justice and integrity. Teach us to respond with Christlike mercy to all who are afraid or in danger. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

For all who struggle amid the storms of life, that they find peace and hope in your loving presence. Comfort any who are lonely and grieving and all who suffer. We especially pray for David, Pastor Nikki, Linda, Joe, Bob, Ben, Paul, Pastor Anna, Ron, Annie, Sheila, Jane, Tanya, Joe, Elna, Shuey, and all those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts..... Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

For this congregation and its ministries, that they reflect your love and life amid a turbulent world. Guide council members, elders, and other church leaders with your still, calm voice. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for all our service people and chaplains in all places of conflict. We especially pray for Sgt Kenneth and Sgt Diego serving our country. We pray for all for a safe return to their families. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We give thanks for the faithful who have gone before us. Guide us in our earthly journey, that we may one day join them in your eternal kingdom. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

## OFFERING SONG – “As the Grains of Wheat” (ELW 465)

### 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.

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen

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## OFFERING PRAYER (Assistant Minister)

Let us pray.

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

## DIALOGUE

## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

**CONGREGATION**

The musical score is written for a congregation in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). It consists of five staves of music. The first staff begins with a 6/8 time signature. The second staff changes to 3/8 time. The third staff returns to 6/8 time. The fourth and fifth staves continue in 6/8 time. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!'.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the  
One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

## EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION 1 (for use with other Eucharistic prayers)

**PRESIDER**

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will  
come, come a - gain. Christ has died. Christ is  
ris - en. Christ will come, come a - gain.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

## THROUGH CHRIST, WITH CHRIST, IN CHRIST

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the  
u - ni - ty of the Spir - it, all glo - ry and hon - or is  
yours, O God, now and for ev - er.  
A - men.

## LORD'S PRAYER (Led by Brother Dan Williams)

Our Father, which 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 debts,  
as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever. Amen.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

*The assembly may be seated.*

## COMMUNION SONG - "Lamb of God" (ELW p. 146)

### LAMB OF GOD

**CONGREGATION**



Lamb of God,      1 you take a - way the sin of the  
2 you break the chains of ha - tred and  
3 you are the way of jus - tice and  
4 you are the way of mer - cy and

world:  
fear:  
peace:  
love.

have mer - cy on us,      mer - cy on us,

**Final Stanza**  
**CONGREGATION**

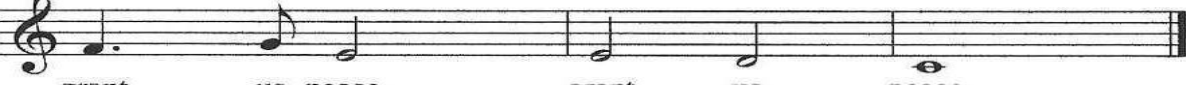


mer - cy on us.      5 Lamb of God, you

**CONGREGATION**



take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,



grant us peace,      grant us peace.

## COMMUNION

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

Amen.

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

Amen.

## POST COMMUNION SONG - "Thanks Be to You" (ELW p. 146)

### THANKS BE TO YOU

*Congregation:*



1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:  
2. From of old you loved and sought us:

Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the  
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Truth and jus - tice

weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for ev - er!  
you have taught us: Thanks be to you for ev - er!

Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your  
love, re - mem - b'ring your cov-e-nant of  
life with us. 3. Praise to you, O  
God of mer - cy: Thanks be to you for ev - er!  
Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for  
ev - er! Thanks be to you for ev - er!

## OFFERING PRAYER (Assistant Minister)

Let us pray.

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

## SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

## BIRTHDAYS/WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES/BAPTISM ANNIVERSARY

Birthdays: Mark Pounds (August 8th)

## BLESSING

May the God of all the nations bring a song of peace to your lips to share with a weary world and neighbors near and far. May the love of Christ flow forth from your hands to be vessels of healing where the wounds run so deep. And may the fellowship of the Spirit guide the direction of your feet and remind you that you are not alone. Go in peace, neighbors.

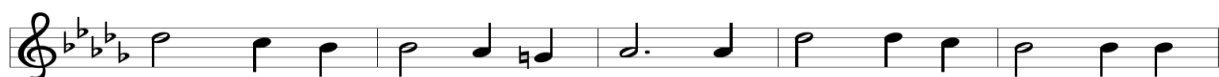
Amen.

## SENDING SONG – “When Peace, Like a River” (ELW 674)

### When Peace, like a River *It Is Well with My Soul*



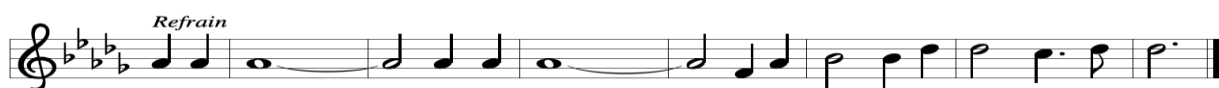
1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when  
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let  
3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my  
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast  
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I  
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888  
Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838-1876

**SENDING** (Assistant Minister)

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

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## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Back-to-School Fair** – Join us for an afternoon of family fun. Sunday, August 23rd, 1:00-4:00pm, James Ryder Randall Elementary School, 5410 Kirby Road, Clinton, MD 207435.

## **CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Worship Meeting today at 12noon.**

**Neighborhood Walking Group** – Come out and join the community walking group on Tuesdays at 8:15am, in the parking lot. For more information or questions, see Kristine Easley.

**Backpack Project 2026 – Supplies are due today.** Thank you for your donations. We will prepare the backpacks on August 16th after worship service.

**Council Meeting** – Sunday, August 16th, at 12noon.

**Date Change for Faith Day at Nats Park** - Faith Day at Nats park was changed to Saturday, August 29th at 4:05 p.m. It's not too late to purchase tickets; visit <https://www.gofevo.com/event/Metrodc7>. Help us cheer on the Washington Nationals as they take on the Miami Marlins.

**Drag Bingo!** – Join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. Saturday, September 26th, 3:00 – 6:00pm, at Hope Lutheran Church. Doors open at 2:30. The cost for the event is \$20.00. Proceeds will benefit Hope's Outreach Ministry. Make sure to invite your family, friends and neighbors! All are welcome!

**Free Musical Performances Streamed Live** - Join Lutheran Summer Music (LSM) online through Live from LSM. View Schedule & Watch Live (<https://LSMacademy.org/calendar>).

For financial donations to Hope Lutheran Church you are welcome to use our QR code.

