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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, September 13, 2026

"God's Work, Our Hands"

Now the Feast and Celebration

DEDICATION OF THE BLESSING BOX

Jesus asked Peter, "Do you love me?" Peter replied, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Then Jesus said, "Feed my sheep."

Lord, teach us to love you by loving and feeding our neighbors.

Jesus' words remind us that love for Christ is never separate from care for those Christ loves. When our neighbor is hungry, we are called to respond. When someone is in need, we are called to see not a stranger but a neighbor—a member of the flock God loves.

What we have received by grace, we share with grace.

Today we dedicate this Blessing Box as a sign of God's abundance and of Christ's command to "feed my sheep." May this Blessing Box be a place where hunger is met with generosity, need with compassion, and every person is treated with dignity.

May there always be enough to share. May all who come here know they are welcome and loved.

We give thanks for all who will place food here, for all who will care for this ministry, and for every neighbor who will receive what they need.

Lord, make us generous in spirit, willing to serve, and attentive to our neighbors' needs.

God of abundance, bless this Box and all who give to it and receive from it. May it be more than a box filled with food. May it be a visible sign of your kingdom among us. Remind us that the bread on our tables is your gift and that you call us to share it with others. Give us eyes to see hunger, hearts moved by compassion, and hands ready to serve. As Christ said to Peter, "Feed my sheep," help us hear those words addressed to us as well.

May we feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, care for our neighbors, and follow Christ in love.

We dedicate this Blessing Box to the glory of God and to the loving service of our neighbors, in the name of Jesus Christ, who feeds us with grace and sends us to feed others.

May all people be fed, welcomed, and loved. Thanks be to God. Amen.

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.
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GATHERING SONG – “How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord” (ELW 580)

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord



1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call
2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
3 We mar - vel how your saints be - come in hin - dranc - es more sure;
4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,



to live ac - cord - ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re - fresh - ed, re - stored,
if world - ly pres - sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un - wind
whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame the ca - sual way we wear your name,
in old rou - tines or ven - tures new, may we not cease to look to you,



that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.
its tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.
and by our faults ob - scure your pow'r to cleanse and cure.
the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav - ored done.

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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

CONGREGATION

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

3rd time to Coda

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
praise, for the strength to live your Word, let us pray to the

Coda

Help, save, and de - fend us, O

cy.

* Ending for Kyrie

God.

A - men.

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

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 Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Genesis 50:15-21

A reading from Genesis.

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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 103:1-13

¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

² **Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits—**

³ who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases;

⁴ **who redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**

⁵ who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

⁶ **O LORD, you provide vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.**

⁷ You made known your ways to Moses and your works to the children of Israel.

⁸ **LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;**

⁹ you will not always accuse us, nor will you keep your anger forever.

¹⁰ **You have not dealt with us according to our sins, nor repaid us according to our iniquities.**

¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.

¹² **As far as the east is from the west, so far have you removed our transgressions from us.**

¹³ As a father has compassion for his children, so you have compassion for those who fear you, O LORD.

SECOND READING: Romans 14:1-12

A reading from Romans.

¹ Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ² Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³ Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat, for God has welcomed them. ⁴ Who are you to pass judgment on slaves of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵ Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶ Those who observe the day, observe it for the Lord. Also those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to God, while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷ For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸ If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. ¹⁰ Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹ For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." ¹² So then, each one of us will be held accountable. Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

CONGREGATION

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Repeat optional*

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹ Peter came and said to [Jesus,] "Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" ²² Jesus 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. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, ²⁵ and, 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. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But 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.' ²⁹ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt.

³¹ When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.” The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Beloved in Christ, our hands tell stories.
They carry and create, teach and tend, cook and clean, build and repair,
comfort and care, welcome and work, hold on and let go.
Through these hands, love takes shape in countless ordinary ways.
Yet Christian vocation does not begin with what our hands accomplish.
It begins with grace.

In baptism, God claims us in love and joins us to Christ.
From those waters, grace ripples outward into every part of our lives—into our homes and work, our relationships and communities, our joys and struggles, and our acts of mercy and work for justice.

We serve because we have received.
We gather because we need one another to help us remember, question, listen, and recognize where God is already at work.

And Christian life keeps bringing us back:
back to grace, back to the promise, back to one another, and then back again to the world. Not because we have left our baptism behind, but because, without even realizing it, we have lived so deeply into its promise that we find ourselves again where we began.

AFFIRMATION OF CHRISTIAN VOCATION

Trusting in the grace of God that has already claimed you, will you keep returning to grace, receiving God’s love as a gift rather than measuring your worth by what you accomplish?

By grace, and with God’s help, we will.

Will you seek companions on the way of Jesus—people with whom you can question and learn, forgive and be forgiven, and remember and find your way again?

By grace and with God’s help, we will.

Will you remain open to the ways Christ feeds and forms you—in water, Word, and Meal, and in the ordinary places where grace meets you each day?

By grace and with God's help, we will.

Will you serve your neighbors without dividing the world into givers and receivers, care for God's creation, and strive for justice and peace throughout the world?

By grace and with God's help, we will.

And when the work is unfinished or your hands are weary,
will you remember that the world does not depend on you and that
God's grace holds you in giving and receiving, in working and in resting?

By grace and with God's help, we will.

RETURNING OUR HANDS TO THE WATER

Today, you are invited to return your hands to the water,
not because you have left your baptism behind,
but because these hands have been living into its promise.
Watch the water.

One pair of hands enters, and ripples spread outward.
They reach the edges, return toward the center,
and meet the ripples of another.
So it is with grace.
It moves outward into our lives, touches others' lives,
and somehow brings us back again—to the water, to the promise,
to one another, to Christ.
Come, then.

Return your hands to the water, the wellspring of your vocation in Christ.
Remember: before these hands ever carried, created, cared for, worked,
welcomed, or served, you were already held in love.
Then bring your hands forward, open to receive again the sign of the
cross that has marked your life and a blessing for the places where
your vocation takes flesh.

HYMN OF THE DAY – “God’s Work, Our Hands” (ACS 1000)

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

God’s Work, Our Hands



1 God’s work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,
 2 God’s work, our feet: trav - ’ling to - geth - er,
 3 God’s work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,
 4 God is at work in and a - round us:

build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,
 fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,
 prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,
 seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread’s on the rise!

rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,
 walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,
 pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,
 Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,

feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - ’ring the cold.
 run - ning the race with God’s fu - ture the goal.
 claim - ing God’s love for the lost and the least.
 gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God’s love.

Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
 Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,
 Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
 Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,

shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.
 shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.
 shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.
 shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.

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People come continuously. Each person places both hands into the baptismal water and then approaches the minister with hands open. The minister traces the sign of the cross with oil on each person's hands.

PRAYER AFTER THE BLESSING

Let us pray.

Bless these hands, now returned to the water. Bless the hands that teach and tend, heal and comfort, plant and build, feed and create, advocate and organize, and welcome and make peace.

When these hands are full, teach them generosity.

When they are empty, teach them to receive.

When they meet suffering, give them compassion.

When they encounter injustice, give them courage to do the work of change.

When they make mistakes, lead them toward repair.

When they are weary, give them rest.

And keep us from believing that everything depends on our hands.

For beneath and around them are the wounded and risen hands of Christ—

hands opened in mercy,

hands extended in peace,

hands from which we receive enough grace to open our own.

As ripple meets ripple, let the grace stirred in one life touch another. Bring us back again: to the water, to the promise, to one another. Then send us again into your beloved world, where you are already at work.

God's work.

Our hands.

God's grace.

Our life.

God's beloved world.

Our neighbor.

Through it all, Christ holds us.

Amen.

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 (Spoken Responsively)

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation.

Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

PRESIDER **CONGREGATION**

The Lord be with you. And al - so with

you. **PRESIDER** **CONGREGATION**

Lift up your hearts. We

lift them to the Lord. **PRESIDER**

Let us give

thanks to the Lord our God. **CONGREGATION**

It is

right to give God thanks and praise.

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

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.

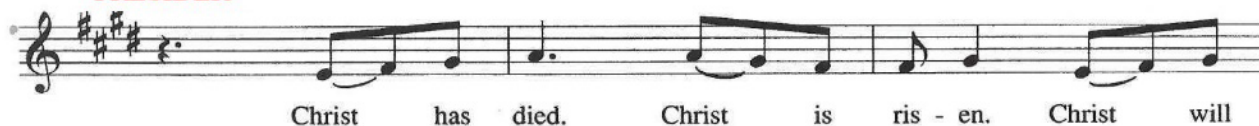
In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

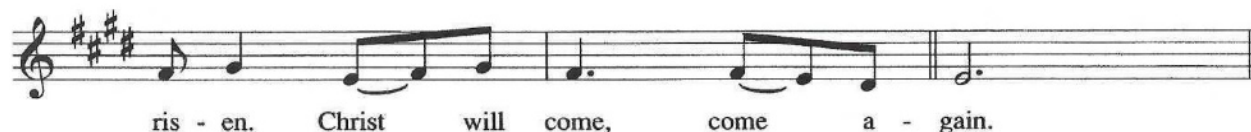
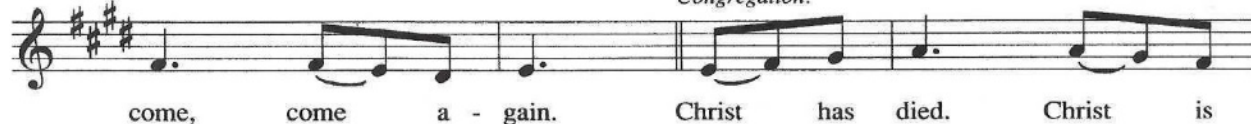
For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION 1 (for use with other Eucharistic prayers)

PRESIDER



Congregation:



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

Congregation:

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

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

The assembly may be seated.

SONG - "Lamb of God"

CONGREGATION



Lamb of God,

CONGREGATION

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: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
 fear:
 peace:
 love.

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"

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!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (Assistant Minister)

Let us pray.

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

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

BIRTHDAYS/WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES/BAPTISM ANNIVERSARY

Birthdays: Lorna Reading – September 14th

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 – “Will You Come and Follow Me: The Summons” (ELW 798)

Will You Come and Follow Me *The Summons*

1 “Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 “Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 “Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 “Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call

your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners in -
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low

know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and

name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional

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SENDING (Assistant Minister)

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

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CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregation Meeting today after worship.

Council Meeting – Sunday, September 20th.

Hope Bible Resumes - Join us on Fridays at 11:00am. Great interactive discussions and fellowship. Come out and be a part!

Neighborhood Walking Group – Join the community walking group. The group meets every Tuesdays at 8:15am in Hope's parking lot. The See Kristine Easley for additional information.

Drag Bingo! – Join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. Saturday, September 26th, 3:00 – 6:00pm, at Hope Lutheran Church. Doors will open at 2:30pm. 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!

Christmas Shoe Box Project – Beginning this month, we are collecting shoe boxes to wrap and fill with personal items for S.O.M.E. (So Others May Eat). Please bring your empty shoe boxes to church (preferably wrapped)!!! A signup sheet is posted in the Narthex listing needed items. Please bring in your donated items by Sunday, November 22nd. Cash donations will also be accepted. The boxes will be assembled on Sunday, November 29th.

Calling all Temple Servers - Opportunities are available to serve on Sundays. Sign up in the Narthex.

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

