



HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

+ Time After Pentecost + July 17, 2022

+ Service of Holy Communion + 9:30 am

Rev. Herbert C. Dolich, Pastor

One Pastor, Many Ministers

Lenna Harris- Music Director/Organist

Tim Schomaker – Assisting Minister

Richard Peterson- Lector

Introduction

Perhaps the church, at its best, is “all ears.” God urges the faithful, again and again, to “listen up!”—to heed the word that gives life. So, it was with Abraham and Sarah, Mary and Martha, and the early church at Colossae. So, it is today as we join the assembly to hear the word of God, the word of life.

+ GATHERING +

Welcome & Announcements (see the last page for additional announcements)

Prelude **"The Old Rugged Cross"** G. Bennard / J. Ray

Please Stand

Gathering Hymn **"When Morning Gilds the Skies"** ELW 853

1 When morn-ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries:
2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:
3 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heav'n is known
4 Let all of hu - man - kind in this their con - cord find:
5 Sing, sun and stars of space, sing, all who see his face,

may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning shad - ows fall,
may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer
than "Je - sus Christ be praised!" There to the e - ter - nal Word
may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round
sing, "Je - sus Christ be praised!" God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,

this rings my cur - few call: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
has none that can com - pare with "Je - sus Christ be praised!"
the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: oh, Je - sus Christ be praised!
ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
to - day and ev - er - more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

Greeting

- P For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. (Jeremiah 29:11)
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

P In the beginning was the Word,

C and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

P In the Word was life,

C and the life was the light of all people.

P The Word became flesh and lived among us,

C and we have seen His glory, full of grace and truth.

Kyrie



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

Canticle



- 1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo - ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac - claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might - y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Eternal God, You draw near to us in Christ, and You make Yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to Your presence, that we may treasure Your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated

+ **WORD** +

First Reading – Genesis 18:1-10a

The LORD visits Abraham and Sarah to tell them that the long-awaited promise of the birth of a child will be fulfilled for them in their old age.

L The first reading is from the 18th Chapter of Genesis

¹The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. ³He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." ⁶And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." ⁷Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." ^{10a}Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 15 (Read responsively by full verse)

¹LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

²**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,
who speak the truth from their heart;**

³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

⁴**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD.
They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent.
Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

Second Reading – Colossians 1:15-28

This letter offers a mystical teaching, that the great mystery of God is "Christ in you." Because Christ is present in the church, Christians share in his life, suffering, and glory.

L The second reading is from Colossians the 1st Chapter

¹⁵[Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or

rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

²¹And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—²³provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

²⁴I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation



Holy Gospel – Luke 10:38-42

During his visit to the home of Mary and Martha, Jesus reminds Martha that her concern for her many tasks distracts from the one thing that precedes all else: abiding in the presence of God.

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 10th Chapter

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁸Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried

and distracted by many things; ⁴²there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated

Sermon

Time for Reflection

Please stand

Hymn of the Day "Open Your Ears, O Faithful People" ELW 519



1 O - pen your ears, O faith-ful peo-ple, o - pen your ears and hear God's word.
2 They who have ears to hear the mes-sage, they who have ears, now let them hear;



O - pen your hearts, O roy - al priest-hood, God has come to you.
they who would learn the way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.

Refrain



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
God has spo - ken words of wis-dom, hal - le - lu - jah!



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
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To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
God has spo - ken words of wis-dom, hal - le - lu - jah!

Apostles Creed – Confession and Forgiveness

P In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C We believe in Him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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**

P Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

C Pray in the Holy Spirit.

P Keep yourselves in the love of God;

C look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

P If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

C Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!

P God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Gracious God,

C have mercy on us. In Your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by Your Spirit so that we may live and serve You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your holy name through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

P Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

A United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A Ever-present God, in Christ You fill all things. As Your church gathers to hear Your word, share Your meal, and receive Your blessing, teach us to welcome strangers as we have been welcomed by You. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Through Christ You created all things, visible and invisible. Teach humankind to honor and protect all creation, including living things that remain hidden from our eyes such as air, atmosphere, molecules, and microscopic creatures. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Through Christ You reconcile all things. Motivate those in power to end enslavement, dehumanization, or brutality of any kind and to protect and improve the lives of Indigenous peoples. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Through Christ You bring peace. Assure all who are worried and distracted by many things of Your constant presence. Soothe those suffering in mind, body, or spirit. Sustain all who are

afflicted and those who serve as caregivers, *especially all those we name before You now*. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A In Christ You make Your word fully known. Inspire this worshiping community to abide fully in Your word as we sit at the feet of Jesus. Bless the ministry of teachers and Bible study leaders. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A In Christ You brought forth the firstborn from the dead. We give thanks for the saints You have gathered at Your table. Gather us with them in Your eternal glory. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with Your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into Your holy keeping.

C Amen.

Peace

P Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Please share our Lord's Peace with one another

Please be seated

Responding to God's Faithfulness with Giving

Offertory

"Beautiful Savior"

Schlesische Volkslieder

arr. by M. Bober

Please stand

Offering Prayer

A Let us pray.

A God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon You, and You open Your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at Your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

C Amen.

+ MEAL +

Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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P It is indeed right, ... we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:



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.

Thanksgiving at the table

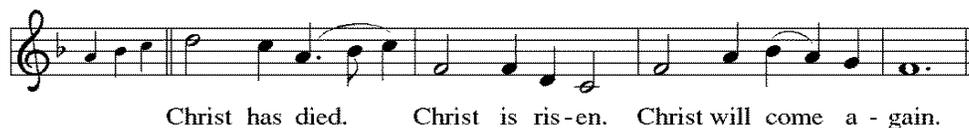
In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying:

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:

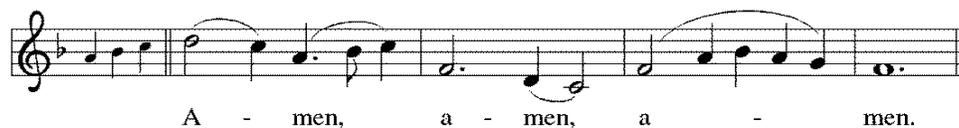
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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



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

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



A - men, a - men, a - men.

Lord's Prayer – Page 208

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C Our Father, who art in Heaven.....

C Amen.

Invitation to Communion

P Come to the table. Feast on God's abundant life for you.

Please be seated

Communion (Communion up the aisle or at your seats)

P The body of Christ, given for you.

P The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Please Stand

Communion Canticle "I Exalt Thee"

Verse 1 – I Exalt Thee (sing 3x)

End with – Oh, My Lord

Verse 2 – We Exalt Thee (sing 3x)

End with – Oh, My Lord

Verse 3 – Hallelujah (sing 3x)

End with – Oh, My Lord

Prayer after Communion

A We give You thanks, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In Your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

+ *SENDING* +

Blessing

P Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

God, the creator strengthen you;

Jesus the beloved fill you;

and the Holy Spirit the comforter ☩ keep you in peace.

C **Amen.**

Refrain
Leader All

Ne - no, ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la - ku - i - ta we - we,
Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,

ne - no la wo - ko - vu, te - na je - ma. ma.
of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy. joy.

Leader All

Ye - su a - li - se - ma, Mka - hu - bi - ri.
1 Je - sus gave his man - date: share the good news
2 Let none be for - got - ten through - out the world.
3 Help us to be faith - ful, stand - ing stead - fast,

Leader All *Refrain*

Ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la wo - ko - vu.
that he came to save us and set us free.
In the tri - une name of God go and bap - tize.
walk - ing in your pre - cepts, led by your Word.

Extinguishing of candles

Dismissal

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

G. Webb / J. Ray

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Welcome to All Visitors who worship with us this morning. Jesus came to make God’s love known to our world. May your worship with us make God’s love known in your heart and in your life this day and always. We invite you to sign our Guest Register and introduce yourselves to the pastor after worship.

Flowers are given to the Glory of God in Memory of Bruce Frace, Sr. from Barbara and the Frace family.

Bulletins are given to the Glory of God.

~ Please keep the following people in your daily prayers ~

Rosie Lichner, Rhonda (Millheim) Fries, Bernadette Roeder (Anna Herb’s sister), Cindy Rissmiller (friend of congregation), Tyrone Klump (Tracy Riedinger’s father) Linda Spangler, Jack Weasner and Patty Hager.

Please, take a few minutes to read through the prayer list and let Diane in the office know if any names should be added or removed.

This Week at Hope

Today - 07/17 -

07/18 – Monday -

07/19 - Tuesday -

07/20 – Wednesday-

07/21 – Thursday -

07/22 – Friday -

07/23 – Saturday -

07/24 – Sunday -

Time after Pentecost - 6

Service of Holy Communion - 9:30 AM

Al-A-Non group 11:00 AM - Social Hall

AA 8:00 PM Social Hall

Music & Worship Committee – 9:30 AM

VBS Set-Up – 10:00 AM

AA 10:00 AM – Social Hall

AA Tatamy Women’s Group 6:30 PM

AA, Al-A-Non 7:30 PM

Time after Pentecost - 7

Service of Word & Prayer 9:30 AM

VBS Set-Up after church

Birthdays this week

07/19 – Kristen Wallace

07/21 – Garry Dorney, Rosie Lichner

Anniversaries this week

07/20 – Kathy & Robert Houck

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Summer Worship Services will be held at 9:30 a.m. and all services will be held outdoors in the Pavilion, weather permitting.**
- Hope Lutheran Church will once again be helping with the **Summer Lunch Program** at the Nazareth Moravian Church. Our scheduled week will be **Monday, August 1st through Friday, August 5th**. We will report to the Nazareth Moravian Church at **11:15 to 2:00 p.m.** They need 5 to 6 volunteers each day. If you can help, please sign-up on the bulletin board.
- **ATTENTION** High School Graduates and College Students: students who are graduating from High School and plan on attending college or a technical school can apply for a small **Educational Grant from Hope Lutheran Church**. Returning college students may reapply for the grant as well. Please see Diane in the church office for a copy of the guidelines and application. **Reminder applications are due by Sunday, July 24th.**
- We are looking for volunteers to once again start up and organize the **Garden of Hope**. All food produced will be donated. If interested in helping, see Diane in the office.
- We need volunteers to sign up for **Safe Harbor in Easton** – pick up food donations at Wegman’s on the first Saturday of each month and deliver to Safe Harbor. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board – for more information, see Bill Kiefer.
- **Looking for sponsors for Donut Sundays!** Dates from August to December are open. See Karen Woolley for information or Diane in the office.
- A **“Congregational Challenge”** – The Evangelism Committee has come up with a challenge for every church member – ask a non-member friend, family member, or a neighbor to come to church with you. Each member who brings a (non-member) visitor, will be eligible to a quarterly drawing in our **“Each One – Reach One”**. Place your name and the visitor’s name in the fishbowl located on the table in the Narthex. Prizes will be gift certificates for Giant Food Store. Each One – Reach One slips are located by the fishbowl. For more information, see Brenda Knowles.

“Hope -- An Anchor for the Soul”

Hebrews 6:19

July 17, 2022

LECTIONARY 16

Intentional Attention

We set the table just so. We light fresh taper candles. We mop the floor and put out the best china. We carefully attend to the recipe, being sure to exclude any allergens and to include tons of home-cooked flavor.

Many of us have been taught how to be hospitable to guests in our home. In fact, there’s a whole industry dedicated to hospitality and making others feel welcome in new places!

But today we are reminded that hospitality is not just a matter of attention to detail, but of attention to the individual guests too.

Though this text is often used to pit Mary and Martha against one another in the hearts of hearers (with Mary often winning that contest), perhaps it is less about either/or and more a both/and situation.

Jesus is on the scene, and Martha is so busy trying to make him feel welcome that she neglects to pay attention to him. Certainly, he is the focus of her work (she wants the place ready for him!), but when it comes to Jesus, his words are at a premium, and Mary devotes her attention to making him feel welcome by making him feel heard.

Martha is not wrong in her desire to create the right environment. Her intention is right. Being welcoming is serious business and takes time and effort (and she could probably use her sister's help to get the work done!). But what good is a clean house and a good meal at the expense of the guests being seen, heard, and truly known?

For heavenly hospitality in homes, churches, and communities, it is not enough to set the table and invite the guests. They must be listened to, heard, and given attention. Both intention and attention must be considered for true hospitality to be shown. In Jesus, God shows humanity both.

Vacation Bible School

July 25 – July 29, 2022

9:00 – 11:30

- **VBS Food Donation Board:**

All the snacks have been filled!
Thank you for your generosity!

- **VBS Mission Project:**

During VBS children will bring in food items to support Family Promise. Children will be making Blessing Bags with the food donated during the Food Drive.



Family Promise of the Lehigh Valley

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Supporting Families Experiencing Homelessness

We provide safe lodging, meals, and comprehensive support services to enable families to obtain sustainable housing and financial security.

Items needed for the Food Drive:

Individually Wrapped Snacks

- Cookies
- Rice Krispies Treats
- Fruit Snacks
- Gold Fish
- Snack Bars
- Your Choice?
- Juice Boxes

Please leave donations in the **red bin and label the items "Food Drive"**.

Donations can also be brought to the VBS Church Service on 7-31-22 and brought forward during the offertory song "Feed My Sheep".