

## ***HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH***

**+ Time After Pentecost + August 7, 2022**

**+ Service of Holy Communion + 9:30 am**

**Rev. Herbert C. Dolich, Pastor**

One Pastor, Many Ministers

Lenna Harris- Music Director/Organist

Terry Cressman – Assisting Minister

### **Introduction**

Jesus says, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." It is God's promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the "little flock" of which we are a part in today's assembly. Faith, God's baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

**+ GATHERING +**

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

**Prelude**                    **"Let All Things Now Living"**                    Welsh Melody / C. Berry

Please Stand

**Gathering Hymn**                    **"Beautiful Savior"**                    ELW 838

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!  
 robed in the flow'rs of spring;  
 bright in the spar - kling stars on high;  
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er  
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
 than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

## 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 Almighty God, You sent Your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of Your church. Open our hearts to the riches of Your grace, that we may be ready to receive You wherever You appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

Please be seated

+ **WORD** +

## First Reading – Genesis 15:1-6

*God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God's promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous.*

### L The first reading is from the 15<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Genesis

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup>But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 33:12-22 (Read responsively by full verse)

<sup>12</sup>Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD!

Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!

<sup>13</sup>**The LORD looks down from heaven,  
and sees all humankind.**

<sup>14</sup>God sits firmly enthroned and watches  
all who dwell on the earth.

<sup>15</sup>**God fashions all their hearts  
and observes all their deeds.**

<sup>16</sup>A king is not saved by the size of the army,  
nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

<sup>17</sup>**The horse gives vain hope for victory;  
despite its great strength it cannot save.**

<sup>18</sup>Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD,  
upon those who wait for your steadfast love,

<sup>19</sup>**to deliver their lives from death,  
and to keep them alive in time of famine.**

<sup>20</sup>Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD,  
our helper and our shield.

<sup>21</sup>**Surely, our heart rejoices in you,  
for in your holy name we put our trust.**

<sup>22</sup>Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us,  
even as we place our hope in you.

## Second Reading – Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

*Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.*

### L The second reading is from Hebrews the 11<sup>th</sup> Chapter

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

<sup>13</sup>All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup>for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

## Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

## Holy Gospel – Luke 12:32-40

*Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.*

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 12<sup>th</sup> Chapter

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>32</sup>Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailling treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your

treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>35</sup>Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup>be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

<sup>39</sup>But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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

### "Blessed Assurance"

ELW 638

1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!  
 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;  
 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,

Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
 an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
 watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

*Refrain*

This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long:

this is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

## **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 Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

A Let Your loving kindness be upon Your church. Fill all who proclaim the gospel with Your Spirit. Equip Your flock to speak Your word of promise and hope in the midst of fear and uncertainty. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

A Let Your loving kindness be upon Your creation. Dwell among us and sustain our earthly home. In places of famine, provide nourishment. In places of plenty, fashion us to be good stewards of Your bounty. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

A Let Your loving kindness be upon Your world. Be our helper and our shield in places torn by strife and violence (*especially*). Raise up courageous leaders to govern with compassion and justice. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

A Let Your loving kindness be upon Your children. Look upon all who wait for Your steadfast love. Console those who grieve and embrace those who cry out to You *especially* those we name before You now. Help us to trust Your promise and not be afraid. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

A Let Your loving kindness be upon this community. Fashion our hearts to strive for the way of peace. Strengthen the outreach ministries of this congregation and all who care for those in need. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

A With thanksgiving we remember all who have died in faith and now rest in You. As they placed their hope in You, so strengthen us to trust in Your promise of new life. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

P Receive the prayers of Your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in Your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

**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**

**"Majesty"**

J. Hayford / J. Purifoy

## Special Music

## "In Jesus Name"

Madison Reed, Soloist  
(Lenna's Great Niece)

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.**

### Preface – page 207

- 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.

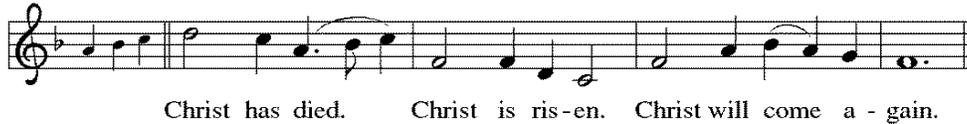
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.



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



### 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 Gracious God, in this meal You have drawn us to Your heart and nourished us at Your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be Your people in the world, and to proclaim Your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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.

## Closing Hymn

### "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

ELW 834

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!  
thy clouds which are foun - tains, of good - ness and love,  
and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.  
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

## Extinguishing of candles

### Dismissal

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

### Postlude

### "To God Be the Glory"

Doane / Bober

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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 and Bulletins are given to the Glory of God** and in Honor of Gail and Greg Drennan's Anniversary as well as Kristin and Martin Pelletier's Anniversary (Gail and Greg's daughter and son-in-law).

### **~ Please keep the following people in your daily prayers ~**

Rosie Lichner, Rhonda (Millheim) Fries, Bernadette Roeder (Anna Herb's sister), 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 - 08/07 -**

**Time after Pentecost - 9**

**Service of Holy Communion - 9:30 AM**

**Property Committee – Donut Sunday**

**08/08 – Monday -**

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

**08/09 - Tuesday -**

AA 8:00 PM Social Hall

**08/10 – Wednesday-**

**08/11 – Thursday -**

AA 10:00 AM – Social Hall

AA Tatamy Women's Group 6:30 PM

AA, Al-A-Non 7:30 PM

**08/12 – Friday -**

**08/13 – Saturday -**

**08/14 – Sunday -**

**Time after Pentecost - 10**

**Service of Word & Prayer 9:30 AM**

**Council Meeting**

### **Birthdays this week**

08/09 – Kathy Houck

08/10 – Brook Wallace

08/11 – Margaret Smith

08/12 – Kristin Wade

08/13 – Karen Woolley

### **Anniversaries this week**

08/09 – Brad & Jen Woolley

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Hope Lutheran Church's **WELCA** will be collecting **175 each of Soap and Washcloths** for the Easton / Bethlehem Mission District Christmas Ingathering. The following will benefit from their efforts – New Bethany Ministries, Safe Harbor Shelter, Hellertown Food Bank, Bright Hope, Turning Point, Victory House and ProJeCt. Please place items in the box by the front door **by November 27<sup>th</sup>**.

The Mission District is also asking each congregation to contribute a monetary gift which will be used to purchase items for the benefit of people in their local institutions. Checks should be made payable to Bethlehem/ Easton Mission District.

- Mark your calendars – the Smith Sister's will be performing on Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>!
- 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!** 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.

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## ***"Hope -- An Anchor for the Soul"***

**Hebrews 6:19**

**August 7, 2022**

**LECTIONARY 19**

**Security Systems That Don't Fail**

Jesus knows that we worry about a lot of things. Many people who own a lot of possessions live in fear of losing them. Some find that a security system installed with cameras and sensors and smart doorbells can lower their anxiety. But even with internet-of-things technology, these security systems do not stop the risk of theft. We may get a video of someone stealing our stuff, but we still lose the stuff. Anxiety over losing what we have persists and may in fact be ever-present as our cell phones alert us to each passerby at the front door.

Jesus proposes several other security systems that transform our anxiety over losing what we have into a different kind of calm. The first one he offers is probably the least popular: *Sell your possessions and give the money to the poor*. You don't have to worry about your belongings being stolen if you get rid of them. It's a radical option, but an option nonetheless.

Jesus also proposes another kind of security: *Place value in the things that can't be stolen*. When we treasure the mercy and love of God as our most prized possession, we have what no one else can take. We have a security system that does not fail. We have deep and abiding peace. Our fears are calmed.

There is one additional security system to which Jesus invites us: *Have confidence that it is God's good pleasure to give us life with God*, life in a world where everyone has enough and no one worries about losing it, life where we all know we are equally beloved. When this is our treasure, when it is where we place our hearts, we find the peace that is a secure gift.