

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pentecost 18 – September 26, 2021

+ Memorial Service: A Celebration of Special Lives - 10:30 am +

Rev. Herbert C. Dolich, Pastor

One Pastor, Many Ministers

Lenna Harris - Music Director/Organist

Terry Cressman – Assisting Minister

Lector – Richard Peterson

Introduction

Someone who isn't part of Jesus' own circle is casting out demons in Jesus' name, and the disciples want him stopped. They appeal to Jesus, as Joshua did to Moses about the elders who prophesied without official authorization. Like Moses, Jesus refuses to see this as a threat. Jesus welcomes good being done in his name, even when it is not under his control. The circle we form around Jesus' word must be able to value good being done in ways we wouldn't do it, by people on whom we can't keep tabs.

*Congregation please stand as able

+ GATHERING +

Choral Prelude - "Unclouded Day" Sacred Harp

Welcome & Announcements

Stand as you are able

*Gathering Hymn: "We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus" ELW 451



1 We are bap-tized in Christ Je - sus, we are bap - tized in his death;
2 In the wa - ter and the wit-ness, in the break-ing of the bread,
3 Glo-ry be to God the Fa - ther, glo-ry be to Christ the Son,



that as Christ is raised vic - to - rious, we might live a brand new life.
in the wait - ing arms of Je - sus who is ris - en from the dead,
glo-ry to the Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er three and ev - er one;



And if we have been u - nit - ed in a dread-ful death like his,
God has made a new be - gin-ning from the ash - es of our past;
as it was in the be - gin-ning, glo - ry now re-sounds a - gain



we will all be re - u - nit - ed, for he lives.
in the los - ing and the win - ning we hold fast.
in a song that has no end - ing. . . . A - men.

***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!

***Gloria:**



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 Generous God, Your Son gave His life that we might come to peace with You. Give us a share of Your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

Please be seated

+ *WORD* +

First Reading – Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

What constitutes legitimate need and legitimate leadership is the focus of this reading. God provides manna in the wilderness, yet the people crave meat. What is truly needful? God bestows the spirit on seventy elders, yet two men not designated as leaders prophesy in the power of God's spirit. What constitutes real leadership?

L The first lesson is from the 11th Chapter of Numbers

⁴The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; ⁶but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹So Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors'?"

¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' ¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. ¹⁵If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery."

¹⁶So the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you."

²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

²⁶Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." ²⁸And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" ²⁹But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!"

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading – James 5:13-20

Marks of the Christian community include praying for those who are sick and in need, celebrating with those in good health, restoring those who have strayed, confessing sins to one another, and offering forgiveness to each other.

L The second lesson is from the 5th chapter of James

¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise.

¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able

*Gospel Acclamation:



*Holy Gospel – Mark 9:38-50

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus teaches his disciples about ministry that involves service and sacrifice. His disciples are slow to realize that these words apply to them as well as to others.

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 9th Chapter

C Glory to You, O Lord

³⁸John said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." ³⁹But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us.

⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

⁴²If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

⁴⁹For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated

+ RESPONSE TO THE WORD +

*Please stand as able

Anthem - "Some Day We'll Know" B. D. Martin/J. M. Martin

Remembering Grace Klipple
Remembering Harold Shafer

Anthem - "Sing your Way Home" Music by J. M. Martin

Remembering Kathleen Ernst

*Hymn: "Take My Life, that I May Be" ELW 685

1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
 take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

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

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

Remembering Janet Mellwig
Remembering Gwen Lichthenwalner

Anthem - "Life is a Journey" J. M. Martin

Remembering Jane Mengel

Hymn: "Lord of All Hopefulness" ELW 765

1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,

whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
 whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
 your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:
 whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:

be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,
 your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
 your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
 your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
 your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Remembering Steven Herb
Remembering Barbara Encababian

Anthem - "Be Not Afraid" by Taylor Davis

Remembering Harold Zellner
Remembering Oscar Stieger (Ozzy)

***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

+ PRAYER +

***Prayers of Intercession:**

A Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A We pray for the church and its ministry. Bless the newly baptized and encourage them in their journey of faith. Sustain all members of the body of Christ in lives of prayer, service, and worship. Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A We pray for natural wonders of Your creation; restore damaged forests, waterways and natural habitats and lead us to be good stewards of what You have provided. Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A We pray for those in authority. Give them wise minds and compassionate hearts. Strengthen in them a desire to protect the vulnerable and care for those underserved. Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A We pray for those who are struggling with cancer, dementia, or any other disease (especially those whose names we elevate to You...) Provide them with peace and resilience for the days ahead. Sustain caregivers with energy and patience. Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A We pray for the worship leaders of this congregation: musicians, readers, acolytes, and ushers; bless us through their ministry and grant them the passion to continue in their service. Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A We give thanks for all Your saints, those we have loved and known and those from every time and place. Especially on this Sunday we remember:

Grace Klipple, Harold Shafer, Janet Mellwig, Steven Herb, Barbara Encababian, Harold Zellner, Oscar Stieger, Kathleen Ernst, Jane Mengel, Gwen Lichtenwalner.

Continue to guide us by their example and reassure us of Your promised salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to You, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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: "I Love to Tell The Story" Hankey / Fischer / Keveren

Please stand as able

***Offering Prayer:**

A Let us pray.

A Blessed are You, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day You shower us with blessings. As You have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise You and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

***Lord's Prayer:**

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

**C Our Father, who art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy name,
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

+ 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: "Let us Ever Walk With Jesus"**

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1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - ti - ence bear our cross.
3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead

through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.
Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.
he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.
that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,

On - ward in his foot-steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,
 Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy;
 Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;
 we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be

full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding.
 all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.
 and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav - en.
 in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.

Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bid; I shall fol - low where you guide.
 Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.
 Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.
 Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

Extinguishing of candles

***Dismissal:**

A Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "There is a Balm in Gilead" Spiritual / arr. by W. Ringham

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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.

Bulletins are given to the Glory of God in Honor of Diane and Bruce Hewett's Anniversary

Flowers are given to the Glory of God in Honor of Diane and Bruce Hewett's Anniversary

Note: The roses on the altar are in Memory of Kathleen Ernst and Jane Mengel from their secret pals in WELCA.

Please keep the following people in your daily prayers

Richard Spangler, Kenneth Beck (Patty Hagar's brother)

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

This Week at Hope

Today - 09/26

Pentecost 18
Sunday School – 9:00 AM
Service of Word and Prayer - 10:30 AM

09/27 – Monday

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

09/28 – Tuesday

AA 8:00 PM Social Hall

09/29 – Wednesday

Sr. Choir 7:00PM

09/30 – Thursday

AA 10:00 AM-Social Hall

AA Tatamy Women's Group 6:30 PM

10/01 – Friday

AA, Al-A-Non 7:30 PM

10/02 – Saturday

10/03 – Sunday

Pentecost 19
Sunday School - 9:00 AM
Service of Holy Communion - 10:30 AM - Baptism

Birthdays this week

N/A

Anniversaries this week

09/29 Eric & Tina Krug

10/03 Christopher & Km Riffert

“Hope – An Anchor for the Soul” Hebrews 6:19

What to Leave Behind

If you were stranded on a desert island, what five items would you want to have with you? Or if you only had a minute to grab one possession before leaving the rest behind, what would you take? These kinds of thought experiments invite us to clarify what's most important to us while reminding us that, frankly, we have a lot of things we could probably do without.

In today's gospel, Jesus challenges us to take a similar look at ourselves. What parts of ourselves do we need to leave behind as we follow Christ? Maybe it's our perfectionism or our need for control. Maybe it's our desire to escape through addictions or distractions. Maybe it's our harsh judgments about ourselves or others or a broken image of ourselves. Whatever our stumbling block is, Jesus calls us to leave it behind.

Yet, the gruesomeness of Jesus' images—leaving behind body parts—suggests he understands that this isn't easy work. Often our most harmful patterns and behaviors are the hardest to leave behind, because in some way we brought them into our lives to protect us from what scared us the most about ourselves and the world around us. Jesus stands with us to give us courage to look at ourselves fully as we are. He looks at us not with judgment but with love and grace. He invites us to find in him a new source of comfort and security, to let go of our old selves and cling to him and to his cross.

When we take up this cross, Jesus will provide everything else that we need for the journey as his followers—strength and courage, endurance and patience, hope and love. Today in this Christian assembly, we walk through this journey together, encouraging one another with words of peace and feeding one another with Christ's own body and blood given for us.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- For all who signed up for the **bus trip to see Queen Esther on Wednesday, October 13th** – meet at the church at 7:30 a.m. The bus will leave promptly at 7:45. Bring your own morning beverage – water will be provided. Breakfast snack and light lunch will be provided. Any questions, see Karen Woolley or call her at 610-863-9342.
- Council would like to reinstate the **committees**; Evangelism Committee, Parish Life Committee, Stewardship and Nominating Committee. If you are interested in serving on one of these committees, please sign up on the bulletin board.
- We need one more person to help with the **Altar Guild** (setting up the altar depending on the season). See Gail Drennan if interested.