



HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

+ Time After Pentecost + October 2, 2022

+ Service of Holy Communion + 10:30 am

"WELCOME NEW MEMBERS"

Rev. Herbert C. Dolich, Pastor

One Pastor, Many Ministers

Lenna Harris- Music Director/Organist

Mike Riedinger – Assisting Minister

Marissa Reed - Lector

Introduction

A little faith goes a long way is Jesus' point in the gospel. A mustard seed's-worth of faith has miraculous potential. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in holy baptism, holy communion, and the word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving.

+ GATHERING +

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

Prelude **"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"** Mason / Pethel

Please Stand

Gathering Hymn **"All Are Welcome"** ELW 641

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 – page 203

Canticle – page 204 (Glory be to God in heaven...)

Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated

+ **WORD** +

First Reading – Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Injustice and violence in the time leading up to the Babylonian exile move this prophet to lament: How can a good and all-powerful God see evil in the world and seemingly remain indifferent? God answers by proclaiming that the righteous will live by faith.

L The first reading is from the 1st and 2nd Chapter of Habakkuk

¹The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?
Or cry to you "Violence!"
and you will not save?

³Why do you make me see wrongdoing
and look at trouble?
Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

⁴So the law becomes slack
and justice never prevails.
The wicked surround the righteous—
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

^{2:1}I will stand at my watchpost,
and station myself on the rampart;
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

²Then the LORD answered me and said:

Write the vision;

make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.

³For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come, it will not delay.

⁴Look at the proud!

Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faith.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 37:1-9 (Read responsively by full verse)

¹Do not be provoked by evildoers;
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

²**For they shall soon wither like the grass,
and like the green grass fade away.**

³Put your trust in the LORD and do good;
dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

⁴**Take delight in the LORD,
who shall give you your heart's desire.**

⁵Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD,
and see what God will do.

⁶**The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light
and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.**

⁷Be still before the LORD and wait patiently.

Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

⁸**Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;
do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.**

⁹For evildoers shall be cut off,
but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.

Second Reading – 2 Timothy 1:1-14

This letter written to Timothy is a personal message of encouragement. In the face of hardship and persecution, Timothy is reminded that his faith is a gift of God. He is encouraged to exercise that faith with the help of the Holy Spirit.

L **The second reading is from 2 Timothy the 1st Chapter**

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

²To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; ⁷for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹²and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. ¹³Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation - page 205 (Alleluia! Lord and Savior...)

Holy Gospel – Luke 17:5-10

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus instructs his followers about the power of faith and the duties of discipleship. He calls his disciples to adopt the attitude of servants whose actions are responses to their identity rather than works seeking reward.

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 17th Chapter

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."

⁷“Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? ⁸Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? ⁹Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’”

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated

Sermon

Time for Reflection

+ Reception of New Members +

P These persons have come to us and desire to make public affirmation of their Baptism and become members in this community of faith.

*Their names are read by a representative of the congregation.
The new members may come forward.*

Louis and Simona Pepe

Shawn, Valerie, and Brielle Carr

Dave Falk, Jr., Hope, Rylee, Makannah, Faith, Nathan, Christian, Logan

Save and Kathy Santone

Andy and Pam Inge

P Dear friends, we rejoice to receive you, members of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, into our fellowship in the Gospel. We welcome you as members of Hope Lutheran Church to join with us in worshiping God, hearing His Word and sharing his Supper, proclaiming the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, serving all people, and striving for justice and peace in all the earth.

P Brothers and sisters in Christ: in Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you members of his Church. In the community of God's people, you have learned from His Word God's loving purpose for you and all creation. You have been nourished at His holy table and called to be witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Now, therefore, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

Congregation joins

P Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

C I do.

P Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C 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.

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C 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 Let us pray for those who are here received as members of Hope Lutheran Church, and for all the baptized everywhere; that they may be redeemed from all evil and rescued from the way of sin and death; that the Holy Spirit may open their hearts to Your grace and truth; that they may be kept in the faith and communion of Your holy Church; that they may be sent into the world in witness to Your love; that they may be brought to the fullness of Your peace and glory;

P We thank you, Lord, for these new members of our congregation. By Your life-giving power, bind us to each other in You, strengthen us for service, support us all our days, and bring us at length to that day when all Your children will be one and You will be All-in-All!

C Amen

Please stand

Hymn of the Day

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

ELW 759

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 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 As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God’s good creation.

A brief silence.

A We pray for Your holy church in every place and for those who serve following the example of Christ. Help them to live by faith and walk by the light of Your gospel. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A For parts of the world ravaged by natural disaster: relieve those affected by floods, wildfires, droughts, earthquakes, tornadoes, and hurricanes. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A For every nation and for those entrusted with authority: grant our leaders self-discipline in all things, and inspire them with love for Your people. God of grace,
C hear our prayer.

A For victims of violence, abuse, and neglect: heal those who have been harmed and protect those who are vulnerable. For all who are sick *especially those we name before you now*. God of grace,
C hear our prayer.

A For this and every congregation: rekindle Your gifts within Your people, and inspire councils, committees, and individuals to plan and work together so that all may know Your love. God of grace,
C hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A In thanksgiving that You have abolished death, and for the saints who have died. Bring us all to eternal life with You. God of grace,
C hear our prayer.

P Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to You; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
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	"Glorify Thy Name"	J. Purifoy
Anthem	"Be Thou My Vision"	J. Althouse

Please stand

Offering Prayer

A Let us pray.

A Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let Your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into Your kingdom, for Yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

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:

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)

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 O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give You thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of Your Son. By Your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give You praise and serve Your earth and its many peoples, 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 "On Our Way Rejoicing"

ELW 537

Extinguishing of candles

Dismissal

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

"O Word of God Incarnate"

arr. by C. Berry

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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 Donald Kammeyer by the Dewey 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), Linda Spangler, Jack Weasner, Patty Hager, Cathy Clark, Garry Dorney and Shelby Knox (Charlet Baboski’s friend)

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 - 10/02 -

**Time after Pentecost – 17
Sunday School & Adult Bible Study – 9:00 AM
Service of Holy Communion - 10:30 AM
New Member Reception – Donut Sunday
Property Committee**

10/03 – Monday -

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

10/04 – Tuesday -

AA 8:00 PM Social Hall

10/05 – Wednesday-

Quilters – 9:30 AM

Sr. Choir – 7:00 PM

10/06 – Thursday -

AA 10:00 AM – Social Hall

AA Tatamy Women’s Group 6:30 PM

AA, Al-A-Non 7:30 PM

10/07 – Friday -

10/08 – Saturday -

10/09 – Sunday -

**Time after Pentecost – 18
Sunday School and Adult Bible Study – 9:00 AM
Service of Word & Prayer 10:30 AM
Council Meeting**

Birthdays this week

10/04 – Brandon McEntire, June Smith
10/08 – Dorothy Todora
10/09 – Kevin Correll, Gloria Riegel, Susan Uelses

Anniversaries this week

10/03 – Kim & Chris Riffert
10/04 – Ed & Janet Bandics



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 27th**.

Also appreciated would be donations of **new or slightly used** towels, blankets, sheets, pillowcases, caps, gloves, mittens, scarves, baby clothes, toys, puzzles, and playing cards. A few organizations have also expressed a need for cleaning supplies, socks, and sweatshirts.

- WELCA is once again sponsoring Samaritan's Purse - "**Operation Christmas Child**". Shoeboxes are now available in the Narthex and will be due by **October 30th**. For more information, see Karen Woolley.
- 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. October and November dates are open.
- We are still collecting non-perishable food items for the **Nazareth Area Food Bank**. Items can be placed in the bin under the coat rack in the Narthex. A list of needed non-perishables is listed above the box.
- 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.

Stay Tuned...



**Sunday, November 6th
Special Veterans Appreciation Day
after church in the Social Hall**

“Hope -- An Anchor for the Soul”

Hebrews 6:19

October 2, 2022

LECTIONARY 27

Less Is More

“Increase our faith!” cry the disciples in today’s gospel (Luke 17:5). Maybe you have come to worship with the same hope. Our world and lives are full of challenges that constantly test our limits—the limits of our patience, our love, our hope, our capacity for justice and mercy. Wouldn’t it be nice to have as much of those things as possible? Wouldn’t that allow us to fix this broken world?

But Jesus’ response is exactly the opposite—when it comes to faith, he tells his disciples to think small—like the size of a minuscule mustard seed. While that may not sound like enough, it will be if we can let go of thinking we are in control. The power of faith, Jesus tells us, does not come from the quantity we possess; it comes from placing our trust in the one who possesses everything.

If our trust shifts from God to ourselves, no amount of faith will ever be enough. God did not make us to be masters, so when we place ourselves in that position, anxiety and overwhelm are sure to follow. Instead, Christ calls us to be servants of an abundance that we will never possess or control. This is the abundance of God’s kingdom—where faith, hope, and love exist without limit. Even the smallest amount of trust in this abundance is enough because it pins our hearts and hopes on the one who is truly in control.

The things this assembly of faith-seekers will offer one another today are small, but with just a mustard seed of faith they can be so much more. Here, simple human words can become the vessels of the divine Word, bringing healing and transformation to our lives. Here, drops of water can wash away sins and create heirs to God’s kingdom. Here, bread and wine can become the food that offers us life everlasting through Christ’s victory over death.