



# HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pentecost 23 – November 14, 2021

+ Service of Word and Prayer - 10:30 am +

Sunday School & Adult Bible Study – 9:00 am

## Welcome New Members

Rev. Herbert C. Dolich, Pastor

One Pastor, Many Ministers

Lenna Harris- Music Director/Organist

Tim Schomaker – Assisting Minister

Richard Peterson - Lector

## Introduction

November begins with All Saints Day and ends in or near Advent, when we anticipate Christ's coming again. It is fitting, then, that the readings today tell of the final resurrection and the end time. In the turmoil of hope, fear, and disbelief that these predictions provoke in us, Hebrews sounds a note of confident trust. Christ makes a way for us where there is no way, and we walk it confidently, our hearts and bodies washed in baptismal water, trusting the one who has promised forgiveness. The more we see the last day approaching, the more important it is to meet together to provoke one another to love.

+ GATHERING +

**Prelude:** "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" H. Purcell / C. Berry

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

Stand as you are able

**\*Gathering Hymn:** "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" ELW 645

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and  
2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of  
3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from  
4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,  
hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,  
you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er  
to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,

bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's  
 hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est  
 with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter  
 ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and

help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.  
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.  
 in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.  
 one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

**\*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** Almighty God, Your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that Your kingdom comes and Your will is done through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen**

Please be seated

*+ WORD +*

**First Lesson – Daniel 12:1-3**

*The book of Daniel is an example of apocalyptic literature, which is full of strange visions and symbolism. Arising during times of great persecution, apocalyptic literature is concerned with God's revelation about the end time and the coming kingdom of God, when God will vindicate the righteous who have been persecuted.*

**L The first reading is from Daniel, the 12<sup>th</sup> Chapter**

<sup>1</sup>At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. <sup>2</sup>Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup>Those who are

wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 16 (Read responsively by full verse)**

<sup>1</sup>Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”

<sup>2</sup>**All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,  
upon those who are noble among the people.**

<sup>3</sup>But those who run after other gods  
shall have their troubles multiplied.

<sup>4</sup>**I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,  
never take their names upon my lips.**

<sup>5</sup>O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;  
it is you who uphold my lot.

<sup>6</sup>**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;  
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

<sup>7</sup>I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;  
my heart teaches me night after night.

<sup>8</sup>**I have set the LORD always before me;  
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

<sup>9</sup>My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;  
my body also shall rest in hope.

<sup>10</sup>**For you will not abandon me to the grave,  
nor let your holy one see the pit.**

<sup>11</sup>You will show me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

**Second Reading – Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25**

*Images of worship and sacrifice are used throughout Hebrews to highlight what Christ has uniquely accomplished through his death. Because we have received forgiveness through Christ’s death, we live with sincere hearts by trusting in God’s promises and encouraging love and good works from each other.*

**L The second lesson is from Hebrews the 10<sup>th</sup> Chapter**

<sup>11</sup>Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup>But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” <sup>13</sup>and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” <sup>14</sup>For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. [<sup>15</sup>And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

<sup>16</sup>“This is the covenant that I will make with them  
after those days, says the Lord:

I will put my laws in their hearts,  
and I will write them on their minds,”

<sup>17</sup>he also adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

<sup>18</sup>Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.]

<sup>19</sup>Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), <sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup>not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able

**\*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 – Mark 13:1-8**

*In the last week of his life, Jesus warned his disciples concerning trials that were to come upon them and upon the world. He exhorts the listener: Do not be alarmed.*

**P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 13<sup>th</sup> Chapter**

**C Glory to You, O Lord**

<sup>1</sup>As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" <sup>2</sup>Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

<sup>3</sup>When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup>"Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" <sup>5</sup>Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. <sup>6</sup>Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. <sup>7</sup>When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. <sup>8</sup>For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs."

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

Please be seated

**Meditation**

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.*

*James and Cathy Clark  
Audra Doll  
Kama Mengel  
Koryn Organetti  
Barry and Dana Schaffer*

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**

+ RESPONSE TO THE WORD +

\*Please stand as able

\*Hymn of the Day: "My Lord, What a Morning" ELW 438

*Refrain*

My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn-ing; oh,

my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be-gin to fall.

1 You will hear the trum-pet sound,  
2 You will hear the sin-ner cry, to wake the na-tions un-der - ground,  
3 You will hear the Chris-tian shout,

*Refrain*

look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be-gin to fall.

## \*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**

+ PRAYER +

## \*Prayers of Intercession:

A Eternal God, You hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

*A brief silence.*

A God our creator, You show us the path of life. Bless faithful people everywhere with humility as they extend compassion to those who have experienced harm in religious spaces. Cultivate healthy congregations that tell of and enact your reconciling love. God, in Your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

A God our constant, You love our universe from beginning to end. As the seasons change, protect animals that migrate and hibernate. Bring them safely to a sheltered place and a more abundant season. God, in Your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

God our ruler, You write Your law on human minds and hearts. Give wisdom to all elected leaders and officials to govern with insight and compassion. Make them mindful of the well-being of all people, so that Your world will flourish. God, in Your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

A God our stronghold, You are present amid disaster. We pray for those affected by natural disasters. Come to the aid of all survivors of earthquakes, famines, floods, hurricanes, and wildfires, and the first responders who support them. Calm their fear, supply their need, and be the solid ground beneath their feet. God, in Your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

A God our guide, You are greater than we can imagine. Surround congregations with your expansive inclusion. Be present in the midst of disagreements, differences, and questions. Unite people of diverse viewpoints in the love of Christ. God, in Your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

A God our healer, You console those who grieve and hear the cries of those who call to You for healing, especially those who we name before You now. God, in Your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

A God our beginning and our end, Your beloved people shine like the brightness of the sky. We thank You for the lives of all who rest in your eternal mercy, from famous saints to the people we have loved (*especially*). Assure us of Your resurrection promise. God, in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

P God our hope and strength, we entrust to You all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, 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: "The Foundation"**

W. B. Bradbury / B. Barrett

**Anthem: "I Am Not Afraid" Martin / Larson**

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**



1 Give to our God im - mor - tal praise! Mer - cy and  
 2 He sent his Son with pow'r to save from guilt and  
 3 Give to the Lord of lords re - nown; the King of  
 truth are all his ways. Won - ders of grace to  
 dark - ness and the grave. Won - ders of grace to  
 kings with glo - ry crown. His mer - cies ev - er  
 God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.  
 God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.  
 shall en - dure when lords and kings are known no more!

Extinguishing of candles

\*Dismissal:

A Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: "Holy God, We praise Thy Name"

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.

**Bulletins** are given to the Glory of God in Honor of Kimberly Organetti’s birthday by daughter, Audra Doll.

**Flowers** are given to the Glory of God in Memory of my parents, Calvin and Verna Metzger by Kimberly Organetti.

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

Richard Spangler, Rosie Lichner, Rhonda (Millheim) Fries, Tyrone Klump, Sr. (Tracy Riedinger's father) and Dani Doll (father-in-law to Audra Doll)

**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 – 11/14 -**

**Pentecost 23  
Service of Word and Prayer - 10:30 AM  
New Members Reception**

**11/15 – Monday -**

AI-A-Non Group – 11:00 AM

**11/16 – Tuesday -**

AA – 8:00 PM  
AA 8:00 PM Social Hall

**11/17 – Wednesday -**

**Sr. Choir 7:00 - PM**

**11/18 – Thursday -**

AA – 10:00 AM  
AA Tatamy Women's Group - 6:30 PM  
Forks of the Delaware Bottlers Club 6:30 PM  
AA, AI-A-Non 7:30 PM

**11/19 – Friday -**

**11/20 – Saturday -**

**11/21 – Sunday -**

**Christ the King / Thanksgiving Service** (bring your canned goods)  
**Service of Holy Communion - 10:30 AM**

**Birthdays this week**

11/14 Dave Gleason, Matthew Mengel  
11/15 Greg Drennan, Ronette Mendonis, Kim Organetti  
11/17 Kathryn Raub, Marissa Reed  
11/21 Anna Herb

**Anniversaries this week**

N/A

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

**LECTIONARY 33**

**The Promise of Apocalypse**

A joke made the rounds in bookstores in the spring of 2020: “Post-apocalyptic fiction has been moved to our current affairs section.”

The genre of apocalyptic is much like modern science fiction—stories set in surreal landscapes with plot twists that hold up a mirror to the challenges of our own time. Much of the Bible was written by, for, and about people living through persecution, political unrest, suffering, and uncertainty about the future. As we move toward the season of Advent, Jesus frames wars, rumors of wars, earthquakes, and famines as the birth pangs of an emerging new creation. There are always wars and rumors of wars, disasters, and upheavals.

The good news is that God is present in all of it. God shows up in the pain, taking it seriously and holding it gently. And God is present above it all in the cosmic story that is so much larger than the daily news. Furthermore, God is present in the moments of joy that always find a way to break through—for life is always more than its worst moments, even in war zones, crises, and pandemics.

Throughout the centuries, the symbol of hope in religious art is the anchor. God is holding the anchor of hope, holding the line that runs through every human soul, holding for us the hope that will not let us go. Apocalyptic brings these layers together: the cosmic story of the universe, the noise and upheaval of our own generation's crises and birth pangs, and that solid anchor of hope. Our sacred texts are lenses to open our eyes and minds to uncover and notice how God is present among us in the most bewildering moments of our lives.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- It's time to start ordering **Christmas Flowers!** Please see attached order form. Return form to Diane or mail to the office.

- The **Quilters Group** needs quilters. If you can thread a needle, come join us. We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month. If interested, see, or call Charlet Baboski, 610-863-9392. Also, any donations of fabric would be greatly appreciated.
- **Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup> is Christ the King Sunday / Thanksgiving Service.** Please bring a non-perishable item to place in front of the Altar. All items will be donated to the Nazareth Area Food Bank.
- **The Angel Tree** is in the Narthex. This year's Angel Tree benefits the children of the Nazareth Area Food Bank clients. NAFB is asking for Target Gift cards in the amounts of \$25 or \$15 and plan on giving the clients at least one per child for children's gifts. Gift cards are **due** to Diane in the office by **Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**.
- 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.
- Mark your calendar for **November 28<sup>th</sup>** – Advent Sunday – Workshop & Snacks. Please sign up on the bulletin board if attending.
- St. Steven's Lutheran Church in Allentown is looking for volunteers to help with dinner for the homeless on **Thanksgiving Day** from 11 – 1. See Pastor for more information.

## Looking ahead



1. **Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>** will be the **Annual Congregational Budget Meeting** following the church service – as well as **Donut Sunday!** Please show your support of the Churches' financial matters by staying for this important meeting.
2. **Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>** the Sr. Choir and Children's Choir will perform the **Cantata**, "Follow the Star", during the church service.
3. **Christmas Eve services** will be held on **Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 p.m. – Family Service and 8:30 p.m. - Candlelight Service.
4. **Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup>** will be the Lessons & Carols Service at 10:30 a.m. There will be no Sunday School classes this day. Please sign up on the bulletin board to be a reader for Lessons.
5. Attention all council members and committee chairpersons, please submit your **2021-year end reports** by December 26<sup>th</sup> for preparation of the Annual Congregational meeting which will be held on a date to be determined in January. Please hand in your reports to Diane in the office.

# Christmas Flowers

Let's make our Chancel festive for Christmas! You may order **Red Poinsettias** by dropping this form, with payment, in the offering plate, give it to Diane or mail it to the office.

Deadline for ordering is Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>!

All plants are \$8.00 each.

<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Memorial or Dedication to: (circle one)</i>

----- Total ordered @ \$8.00 each = -----

Name (as you want it to appear in the bulletin)

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Phone number where you can be reached if questions:

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Any questions, please call the office at 610-252-5181

Mail order forms to:  
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240 South 8<sup>th</sup> St.  
Easton, PA 18045-7879