
HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD



THEN I SAW A NEW HEAVEN
& A NEW EARTH, FOR THE
FIRST HEAVEN & THE FIRST
EARTH HAD PASSED AWAY...

R E V E L A T I O N 21:1

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Divine Service, Setting One
5 & 6 September AD 2026

Order of Service

Carillon Peal

Welcome

Hymn of Invocation: #670 – Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Exhortation

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Confession of Sins

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Absolution

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

P How great are your works, O Lord!

C Your thoughts are very deep!

P It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

C to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

P to declare your steadfast love in the morning,

C and your faithfulness by night,

P to the music of the lute and the harp,

C to the melody of the lyre.

P For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work;

C at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P How great are your works, O Lord!

C Your thoughts are very deep!

Kyrie

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



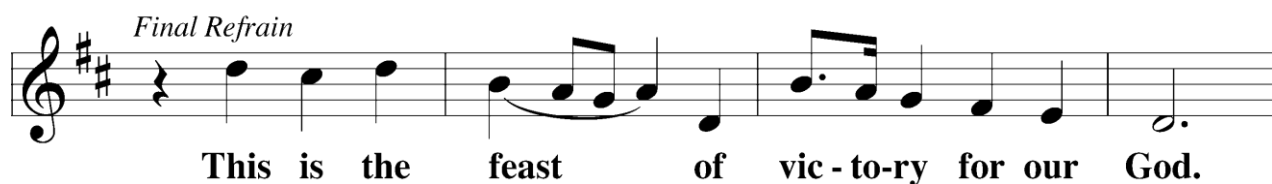
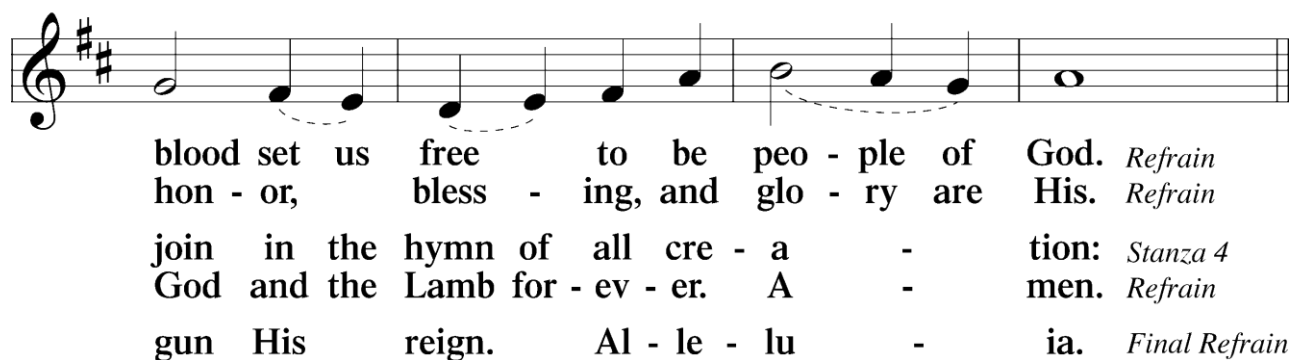
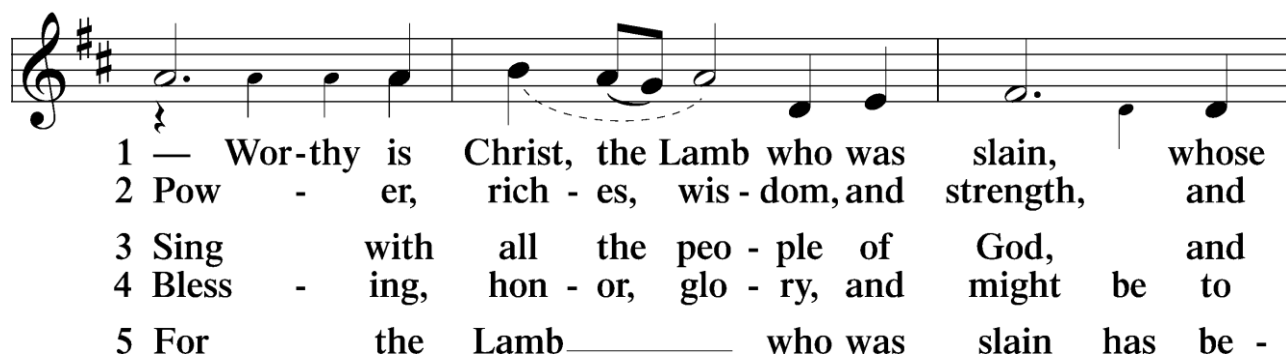
C Lord, have mer - cy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

This Is the Feast



Salutation and Collect of the Day

Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Old Testament Reading:

Isaiah 65:17-25

¹⁷ "See, I will create
new heavens and a new earth.
The former things will not be remembered,
nor will they come to mind.

¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever
in what I will create,
for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight
and its people a joy.

¹⁹ I will rejoice over Jerusalem
and take delight in my people;
the sound of weeping and of crying
will be heard in it no more.

²⁰ "Never again will there be in it
an infant who lives but a few days,
or an old man who does not live out his years;
the one who dies at a hundred
will be thought a mere child;
the one who fails to reach a hundred
will be considered accursed.

²¹ They will build houses and dwell in them;
they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²² No longer will they build houses and others live in them,
or plant and others eat.
For as the days of a tree,
so will be the days of my people;
my chosen ones will long enjoy
the work of their hands.

²³ They will not labor in vain,
nor will they bear children doomed to misfortune;
for they will be a people blessed by the Lord,
they and their descendants with them.

²⁴ Before they call I will answer;
while they are still speaking I will hear.

²⁵ The wolf and the lamb will feed together,
and the lion will eat straw like the ox,
and dust will be the serpent's food.
They will neither harm nor destroy
on all my holy mountain,"
says the Lord.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 98

P ¹ Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things;

C his right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.

P ² The Lord has made his salvation known

C and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

P ³ He has remembered his love
and his faithfulness to Israel;

C all the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.

P ⁴ Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth,

C burst into jubilant song with music;

P ⁵ make music to the Lord with the harp,

C with the harp and the sound of singing,

P ⁶ with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn—

C shout for joy before the Lord, the King.

P ⁷ Let the sea resound, and everything in it,

C the world, and all who live in it.

P ⁸ Let the rivers clap their hands,

C let the mountains sing together for joy;

P ⁹ let them sing before the Lord,

C for he comes to judge the earth.

P He will judge the world in righteousness

C and the peoples with equity.

Second Reading:

Revelation 21:1-7

¹ Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ² I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne

saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.⁴ 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

⁵ He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

⁶ He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life."⁷ Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

P Alleluia. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia.



Holy Gospel:

John 14:1-11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹ "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me.² My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going."

⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

⁶ Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.⁷ If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."

⁸ Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us."

⁹ Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can

you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰ Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. ¹¹ Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

(8:00) Children's Message

Hymn of the Day: #673 – Jerusalem, My Happy Home

God's Word is Taught and Applied: The Sermon - *Home at Last*

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in Me. John 14:1,2

A troubled heart looks inward and asks:

- Am I strong _____?
- Can I handle _____?
- What if everything goes _____?
- What if I _____ fix this?
- What if I lose _____ I love?
- What if _____ comes?

The strength of _____ is not found in how firmly we hold on to _____.

The strength of faith is found in the _____ who _____ on to us.

And Jesus holds on to us: in His _____, in our _____, in _____.

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" John 14:5

The World says:

_____ is the way.

_____ is the way.

_____ effort is the way.

My _____ is the way.

Every religion is simply a _____ road leading to the same destination.

Jesus says, "I am the _____."

Jesus says, "I am the _____."

Jesus says, "I am the _____."

“No one comes to the Father except through Me.” John 14:6

Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.” John 14:8

Show me something _____.

Answer my _____.

Change _____.

“Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves.” John 14:11

When your _____ trouble you, look to Jesus, who carried them to the _____.

When your _____ accuses you, listen to His _____ of forgiveness.

When you _____ alone, remember that you have been _____ into Christ and bear the name of the Triune God.

When _____ frightens you, look to the risen Lord, who has _____ a place for you.

When you do not know the way _____, remember that Jesus does not merely show the way. He is the _____.

When _____ surrounds you, remember that Jesus is the _____.

When _____ appears to win, remember that Jesus is the _____.

“Do not let your hearts be troubled.” John 14:1

Living the Faith this Week:

- 1) Jesus does not dismiss our troubles; He gives us Himself.
- 2) The strength of faith is found in its object.
- 3) The cross and the resurrection confirm Jesus’ promises.

Thoughts to consider this week:

1. What is the difference between denying our troubles and trusting Christ in the midst of them?
2. When your heart is troubled, are you more likely to look inward, at your circumstances, or toward Christ? Why?
3. Why is the statement “No one comes to the Father except through me” both exclusive and gracious?

Nicene Creed

CI believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer;

P As You live and reign, Father Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever,

C Amen.

Offering (please sign the Friendship Register)

Offertory



C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Service of the Sacrament

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so 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 Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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.

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution Hymns:

#680 - Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

#730 - What Is the World to Me

#622 - Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared

Thank the Lord



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Benediction

P The Lord bless Thee and keep Thee.

The Lord make His face shine upon Thee and be gracious unto Thee.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon Thee ☩ and give Thee peace.



C A - men.

Hymn to Depart: #718 – Jesus, Lead Thou On

Hope Lutheran Weekly News for 9/5 & 9/6

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For the Sick and Hospitalized – *Prayer requests are always welcome and encouraged. "The prayers of the righteous are powerful and effective" (James 5:16). Names will remain on the list for one month. Please get in touch with Pastor or fill out a yellow prayer request if you would like your name or the name of a loved one added.*

Prayers for those who are sick and/or hospitalized: Vivian Gorden, Mary Dahl, Mark Fields, Tony, Debra Leigl, Janet Schmit, John Gleason, Lee Dikeman, Genevieve Pausma.



For Your Family and Friends Birthdays:

6-Miah Graham	6-Jerry Jost	6-Bonnie Federman	6-Jerry Wickwire
6-Theodore Dorner	7-Harry Braatz	7-Barb Olig	7-Glenn Lutze
7-Mark Fields	7-John Rosenau	7-Karl Mittelsteadt	8-Dexton Boeck
8-Sawyer Provot	8-Noah Hernandez	8-Everett Werth	8-Roman Williams
9-Brycen Hopf	9-Lila Nelson	10-John Manthey	10-Mark Barber

Wedding Anniversaries:

6-Jeff and Kristina Noren (23)	7-Kenneth and Kelli Retzleff (41)
7-Brian and Tami Lemke (24)	8-Don and Dianne Theusch (53)
9-Tim and Dawn Bunkelman (31)	12-Ryan and Holly Dobbs (6)
12-Rev. Dr Phillip and Katherine Enderle (33)	



Events & Information

Attendance – Saturday August 29, 5:30pm -78; Sunday August 30, 8:00am -106; 10:30 am -76.

Altar Flowers – This week is sponsored by Miah Graham in celebration of her birthday.

Café Corner – Café coffee time on Sunday will continue throughout the summer. There is a signup sheet on Café counter for volunteers to donate treats.

Monday Evening Small Group Bible Study – will not meet September 7 for Labor Day.

Volunteer Appreciation – Hope is such a special congregation because of the many, many, MANY people that serve in a HUGE variety of ways throughout the year! The staff of Hope thank you, we appreciate you, and we want to honor you in a small but heartfelt way. Please join us in the Café Corner on Sept 20th between services for a special cake to honor our MANY volunteers!

Save the Date: Ladies, mark your calendars for the fall retreat at Hope on Saturday, September 19, 9am-1pm. We'll continue our Journey Together, finding strength and comfort both in God's Word for us and in each other. Watch for details and registration to come!

SCRIP – will be available weekly for 15 min after the 5:30 PM and 8 AM Service. Also, for 15 min before the 10:30 AM service at the Welcome Center. Help support our Music Ministry!

Women On Their Own - will meet at 4:30 (note time change) at Gino's Italian Restaurant on Thursday, Sept. 17. Reservations with Sylvia at 920-979-8465 (call or text).

Men's Ministry – Men of Hope are invited to fellowship every 4th Saturday of the month following Saturday evening worship service. Come for a meal & fellowship followed by a Bible Study. Join us August 22nd at 6:30 pm under the shelter. **Men's Retreat** is scheduled for **Saturday, September 19th**. Registration forms are available in the nave as you walk in.

Sunday Morning Bible Study Series – join us this Sunday at 9:30 am in the fellowship hall as Pastor Andrew walks through the book of Exodus.

A self-guided Bible study – on healing hurt and wounds in relationships, as well as navigating forgiveness, boundaries, and when restoration may not be wise, is now available. Counseling many individuals in this trying area prompted me to put this Bible study together. Copies are available at the Welcome Center. *Pastor Enderle.*

Funding for Church Positions – Hope has two wonderful and talented people on staff who are not funded through the annual church budget but through special gifts. Joan Farrell, our Parish Nurse, and Samantha Imrie, our Director of Children's Ministry. If you would like to contribute for these positions, simply designate "Parish Nurse" or "Director of Children's Ministry" on any offering envelope, or, if you prefer, go to Hope's webpage and make a gift online! What an exciting time at Hope as cogs in the gears of ministry happen.

Church Picnic – It's almost here! Sunday, September 13th, is our annual church picnic and fall schedule kickoff! One service that weekend at 10 am on Sunday, with the meal beginning at 11:30. Yes, the weather will be wonderful!

Special Church Picnic Choir – Calling everyone who loves to sing! Join us for a special, one-time choir as we sing the hymn "How Great Thou Art" at the church picnic. You have the option to sing melody or parts, depending on your preference. All ages and abilities are welcome! We'll have one rehearsal on Wednesday, Sept. 9th, 6:30pm in the Sanctuary.

Music Ministry Important Dates – for new and returning Music Ministry participants. New members are always welcome! Talk to Jessica Finley to learn how to get involved in any of our musical groups: jfinley@lifeathope.org.

Mon, Sept 14, 6:00-7:00pm – Handbell Rehearsals Resume

Wed, Sept 16, 6:30-8:00pm – Choir Rehearsals Resume

This Week at Hope

Monday, September 7

Church Office Closed – Labor Day

Tuesday, September 8

Circuit Pastors Meeting

6:00 PM Board of Finance

7:00 PM Church Council

Wednesday, September 9

6:30 PM Church Picnic Choir Rehearsal
(in the Sanctuary)

Thursday, September 10

10:00 AM Community Chime Choir

2:15 PM Board of Outreach

6:00 PM Journey to Recovery

Friday, September 11

Saturday, September 12

No Saturday Worship

Sunday, September 13

10:00 AM Welcome Home Sunday Service

11:30 AM Church Picnic

Serving today:

Preacher: Pastor Phillip M. Enderle

Liturgist: Pastor Phillip M. Enderle

Organist: Jessica Finley

5:30 PM

Captain: Garv Shields

Elder: Ken Provot

Ushers: Carol Shields, Everett Werth

8:00 AM

Captain: Dave Knuth

Elder: Ryan Hopp/Ryan Graham

Ushers: Bob Cornejo, John Gleason, Ryan Hopp, Brenda Moss

Altar Assistants: John & Carol Graham, Kay Kohlman, Jayne Kaufman
