

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

WORSHIP CELEBRATION
ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
August 9, 2026



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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Bringing people into a life-changing relationship
With Jesus Christ

To All Guests and Visitors:

Welcome to Hope Lutheran Church! The members of Hope extend a warm greeting to you. We ask that you join with the members of Hope in signing the "Fellowship Pad" passed out during the service, using one line for each family member. Next to one family member's name, please include your address and phone number. We invite you to join the people of Hope Lutheran Church in living for Christ as a member of this congregation.

Our Vision: Hope provides a way in our community where all people can connect through worship, interest groups, youth activities and ministries that strengthen faith in Jesus Christ.

Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Belief and Practice

With the universal Christian Church, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod teaches and responds to the love of the Triune God: the Father, creator of all that exists; Jesus Christ, the Son, who became human to suffer and die for the sins of all human beings and to rise to life again in the ultimate victory over death and Satan; and the Holy Spirit, who creates faith through God's Word and Sacraments. The three persons of the Trinity are coequal and coeternal, one God.

Being "Lutheran"

Our congregations accept and preach the Bible-based teachings of Martin Luther that inspired the reformation of the Christian Church in the 16th century. The teaching of Luther and the reformers can be summarized in three phrases: Grace alone, Faith alone, Scripture alone.

You have many choices of where to worship on Sunday, thank you for choosing Hope; we welcome you in the name of Jesus!



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMORY CHALLENGE VERSE FOR AUGUST **(Say it together)**

"...if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved..." Romans 10: 9&10

GREETING OF PEACE *Please greet those to the left and right, front and behind you in the peace of the Lord.*

Confession and Absolution

971 There Is a Redeemer



1 There is a Re - deem - er— Je - sus, God's own Son;
 2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, Name a - bove all names;
 3 When I stand in glo - ry, I will see His face;



Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Ho - ly One.
 Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Hope for sin - ners slain.
 There I'll serve my King for-ev - er In that ho - ly place.

Refrain



Thank You, O my Fa - ther, For giv-ing us Your Son,



And leav - ing Your Spir-it Till the work on earth is done.

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Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a
 true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father,
 beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ
 to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
 C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto
the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto
You all my sins and iniquities with which I have
ever offended You and justly deserved Your
temporal and eternal punishment. But I am
heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of
them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and
for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings
and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be
gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my
office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word,
announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the
stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I
forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and
of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 34:4–8; antiphon: v. 1

I will bless the LORD at all times;

his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

I sought the LORD, and he answered me

and delivered me from all my fears.

Those who look to him are radiant,

and their faces shall never be ashamed.

This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him

and saved him out of all his troubles.

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!

Blessèd is the man who takes refuge in him!

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.

I will bless the LORD at all times;

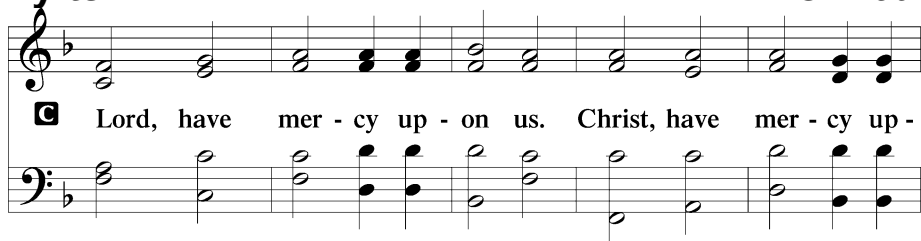
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

G Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;

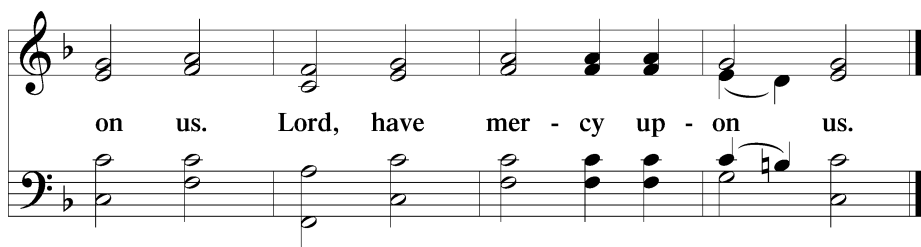
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Kyrie

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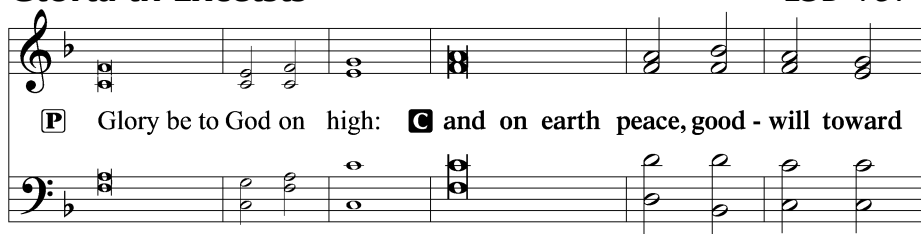
C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



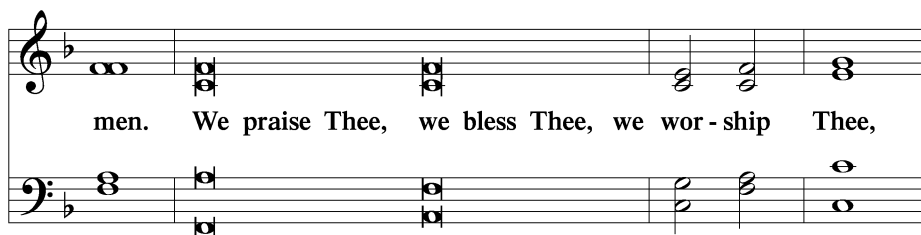
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

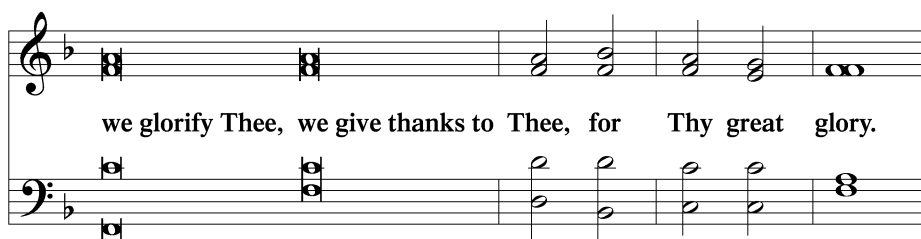
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P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



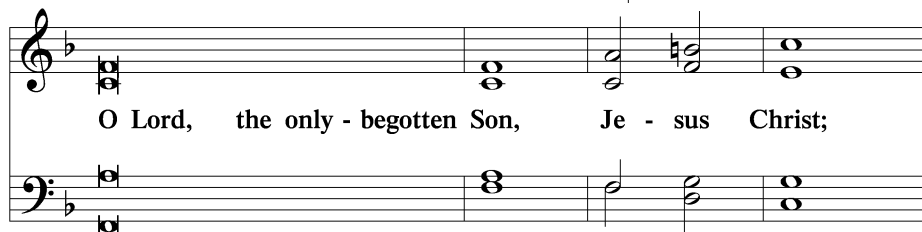
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



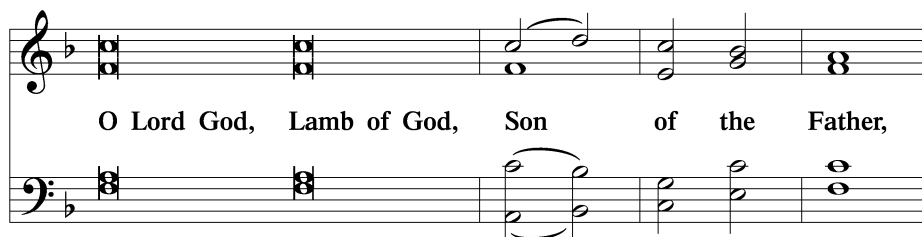
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



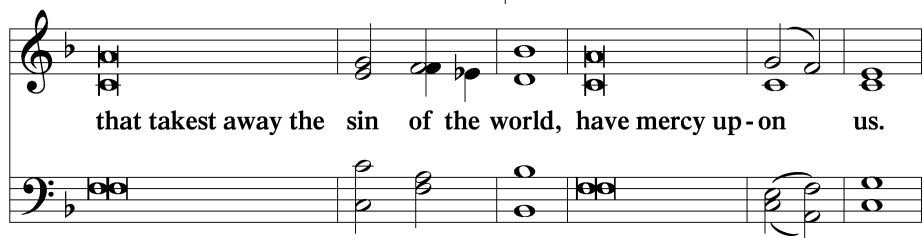
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



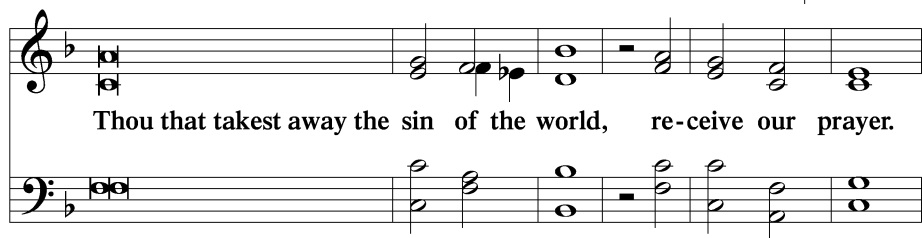
O Lord, the only - begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



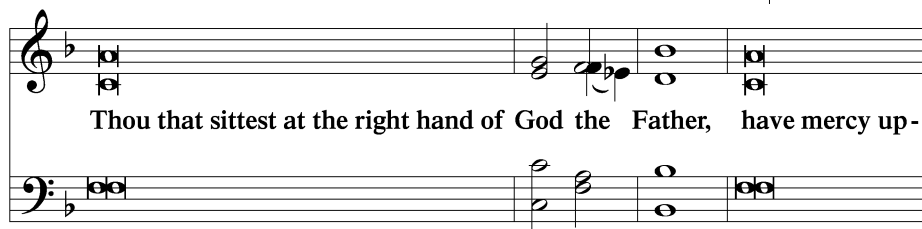
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what You want done; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Job 38:4–18

⁴[The Lord said to Job:] "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding.

⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it?

⁶On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone,

⁷when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

⁸"Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb,

⁹when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band,

¹⁰and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors,

¹¹and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed'?

¹²"Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place,

¹³that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it?

¹⁴It is changed like clay under the seal, and its features stand out like a garment.

¹⁵From the wicked their light is withheld, and their uplifted arm is broken.

¹⁶"Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep?

¹⁷Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?

¹⁸Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth?
Declare, if you know all this."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 18:1–6; antiphon: v. 46

¹I love you, O LORD, my strength.

²**The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.**

³I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,
and I am saved from my enemies.

⁴The cords of death encompassed me;
the torrents of destruction assailed me;

⁵the cords of Sheol entangled me;
the snares of death confronted me.

⁶In my distress I called upon the LORD;
to my God I cried for help.

From his temple he heard my voice,
and my cry to him reached his ears.

Epistle

Romans 10:5–17

⁵Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. ⁶But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷or "'Who will descend into the abyss?"' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say?

"The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim);⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.¹¹For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame."¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him.¹³For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

¹⁴But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" ¹⁶But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" ¹⁷So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand **Alleluia** **LSB 190**

Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 14:22–33

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

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

²²Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

²⁸And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³²And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

**C I 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.**

717 Eternal Father, Strong to Save



1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, Whose arm hath bound the
 2 O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain, O'er which our traf - fic
 2 O Christ, whose voice the wa - ters heard And hushed their rag - ing
 3 O Spir - it, whom the Fa - ther sent To spread a - broad the



rest - less wave, Who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep Its
 runs a - main By moun - tain pass or val - ley low; Wher -
 at Thy word, Who walk - edst on the foam - ing deep And
 fir - ma - ment; O Wind of heav - en, by Thy might Save



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we
 ev - er, Lord, Thy peo - ple go, Pro - tect them by Thy
 calm a - mid its rage didst sleep: O hear us when we
 all who dare the ea - gle's flight, And keep them by Thy



cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.
 guard - ing hand From ev - 'ry per - il on the land.
 cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.
 watch - ful care From ev - 'ry per - il in the air.

**Most Holy Spirit, who didst brood
 Upon the chaos dark and rude,
 And bid its angry tumult cease,
 And give, for wild confusion, peace:
 O hear us when we cry to Thee
 For those in peril on the sea.**

**O Trinity of love and pow'r,
 Our people shield in danger's hour;
 From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
 Protect them wheresoe'er they go;
 Thus evermore shall rise to Thee
 Glad praise from air and land and sea.**

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Sermon

P The peace of God, which passes all
understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ
Jesus.

C **Amen.**

Stand

Offertory

LSB 192

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -

new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -

way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it

from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -

tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Sit

Offering

Stand

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

P For the faithful proclamation of Christ's saving name, that God's people may be strengthened in the true faith and His kingdom extended, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the holy Christian Church throughout the world and for all who confess the name of Christ, that God would guard and defend us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this congregation, its mission and its people; for the ability to meet the needs that arise as we do the work God has given us to do; and for the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the educational institutions of our synod: for our preschools, our day schools and high schools, our colleges and universities, and for our seminaries, that those who teach and those who learn in them would be transformed by the wisdom of Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all who partake this day of Christ's holy body and blood, that in their eating and drinking they may receive the benefits of forgiveness of sins and the renewal of life and have a foretaste of the feast to come, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who have wandered from the faith, that the Holy Spirit would use us to call them home to the Father, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the government and all who have been set into positions of leadership, that they may use the authority entrusted to them honorably and for the good of the people, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all who serve in worthy occupations, professions, arts, and sciences, that God would grant them skill and integrity in the performance of their responsibilities and valued service through their vocations, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who suffer from hunger, homelessness, poverty, or unemployment, that God's great mercy and love would preserve and relieve them, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all the faithful, that the Spirit would lead them to cheerful, generous giving from the bounty the Lord provides, to support the Church and to help those in need, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who are sick (especially [name]), that God would grant healing to their bodies and strength to bear their infirmities with patience and grace, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who mourn (especially [name]), that in their time of sorrow they would not lose hope but rely on God's promise that He will never leave them or forsake them, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who rejoice in the rich blessings of God, that they may always remember the Giver of every gift and give Him heartfelt thanks, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together 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,
for to You alone we give all glory, honor, and worship,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

**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
glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Benediction

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and
be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you
and + give you peace.

A - men, a - men, a - men.

Hymn to Depart

1 Lord, dis - miss us with Your bless - ing, Fill our hearts with
 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For Your Gos - pel's
 3 Sav - ior, when Your love shall call us From our strug - gling

joy and peace; Let us each, Your love pos - sess - ing,
 joy - ful sound. May the fruits of Your sal - va - tion
 pil - grim way, Let not fear of death ap - pall us,

Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us;
 In our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,
 Glad Your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us, Trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
 ev - er faith - ful To Your truth may we be found.
 may we ev - er Reign with You in end - less day.

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How to Become a Member of Hope

Letter of transfer: Make arrangements to have a letter sent from your former Lutheran congregation.

Confirmation: We invite those adults new to the Lutheran faith to participate in our Adult Information Class.

Baptism: We believe in our Lord's command to baptize all people and therefore, we extend to all – infants, children, youth and adults who have not been baptized the sacrament of the Holy Baptism.

If you are interested in any of the above, please contact
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Hope Lutheran Prayer List

August 9, 2026

*For Jay Scholes with back problems

*For Barbara Patton.

*Gail Kohler's brother, Mark Meadows for healing from oral cancer.

*For Al Cate (Esala) with pancreatic cancer.

*For Joe Fischone (Esala) healing from valve replacement surgery.

*Susan Stephens who recently had a mastectomy

For prayer changes to be included in the insert, email Dawn at her new email dghlc456@hopelcaurora.org

Memory Challenge Verse for August

"...if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved..."

Bible Studies

The Adult Bible Study
1 Corinthians
Sundays 8:45-9:30

"In the Word Bible Study"
The bi-weekly Bible study is on
The Book of Acts on Saturday.
August 22nd at 9:15am

Hope's Weekly News

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION
JULY 26



SUNDAY BRUNCH
August 30th after service.
Sign ups are on the
Welcome table.

Coffee Fellowship

Sundays
9:30 - 10:00
in the Narthex



Adult Bible Study is moving
up 15 minutes to begin at 8:45
and end at 9:30.

The coffee fellowship in the
narthex will be from 9:30 to
10:00.



LWML Fall Retreat September 19, 2026 "Smiles Across the Miles!" "A joyful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones." Proverbs 17:22 Jordan Creek Lake Metro Park 7250 Alexander Rd. Concord Twp., Ohio (Off of Route 608) Cost - \$25.00/person, includes breakfast snacks and a light lunch REGISTER EARLY (Deadline is September 8th, 2026) Registration forms are on the bulletin board in the hall leading to the fellowship hall.

Entryway Improvements Underway

- *Creating a new banner on the welcome table
 - *Making our LCMS identity more prominent
 - *Refinishing or replacing old furniture and fixtures
 - *New church sign on Chillicothe Road
 - *Begin Sunday Bible Study 15 minutes earlier
- You may have noticed some of these changes please keep an eye out for future announcements about them.

CHURCH COUNCIL

The next church council meeting will be on
Thursday, August 13th at 3:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 20 - 3 PM

FROM CRADLE TO GRAVE

BY TIM A. GARFIELD



Learn about the 20th president of the United States, James A. Garfield from his great great grandson, Tim Garfield. President Garfield served from March to September 1881 before being assassinated.

Read the book: *Destiny of the Republic*
Watch the Netflix Series: *Death by Lightning*

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