



Sunday, October 11, 2020

11:00 am

# ***GATHERING***

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## **PRELUDE**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the Holy Trinity + one God,  
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Faithful God,

**Have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we are captive to sin  
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways.**

**We pass judgment on one another before examining  
ourselves.**

**We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.**

**We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.**

**Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us  
again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

God hears the cries of all who call out in need,  
and through his death and resurrection,  
Christ has made us his own.

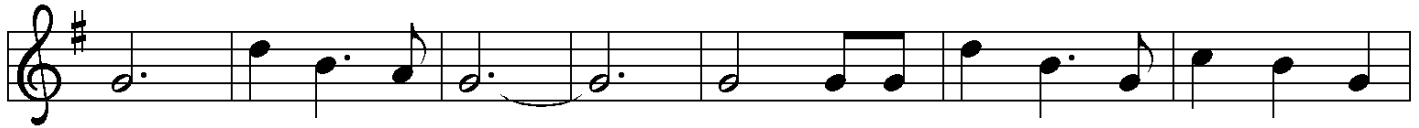
Hear the truth that God proclaims:

Your sins are forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ.

Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work  
in the world.

**Amen.**

# GATHERING HYMN: 720 – WE ARE CALLED



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the  
2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in  
3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to  
fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so  
one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.  
ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.  
sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.



We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Lord of the feast ... our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

# WORD

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**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 25:1-9

A reading from Isaiah.

*After a hymn of praise acknowledging God as a shelter for the poor, the prophet portrays a wonderful victory banquet at which death—which in ancient Canaan was depicted as a monster swallowing up everyone—will be swallowed up forever. The prophet urges celebration of this victory of salvation.*

<sup>1</sup>O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. <sup>2</sup>For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. <sup>3</sup>Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. <sup>4</sup>For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, <sup>5</sup>the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. <sup>6</sup>On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. <sup>7</sup>And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; <sup>8</sup>he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. <sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING:** Philippians 4:1-9

A reading from Philippians.

*Though writing from prison and facing an uncertain future, Paul calls on the Philippians to rejoice and give thanks to God no matter what the circumstance. God's peace is with us and binds together our hearts and minds in Jesus Christ, especially when things around us do not seem peaceful.*

<sup>1</sup>My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. <sup>2</sup>I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. <sup>3</sup>Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. <sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup>Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL:** Matthew 22:1-14

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus tells a parable indicating that the blessings of God's kingdom are available to all, but the invitation is not to be taken lightly.*

<sup>1</sup>Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: <sup>2</sup>“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. <sup>3</sup>He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. <sup>4</sup>Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ <sup>5</sup>But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup>while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. <sup>7</sup>The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. <sup>8</sup>Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup>Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ <sup>10</sup>Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

<sup>11</sup>“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, <sup>12</sup>and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup>Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ <sup>14</sup>For many are called, but few are chosen.”

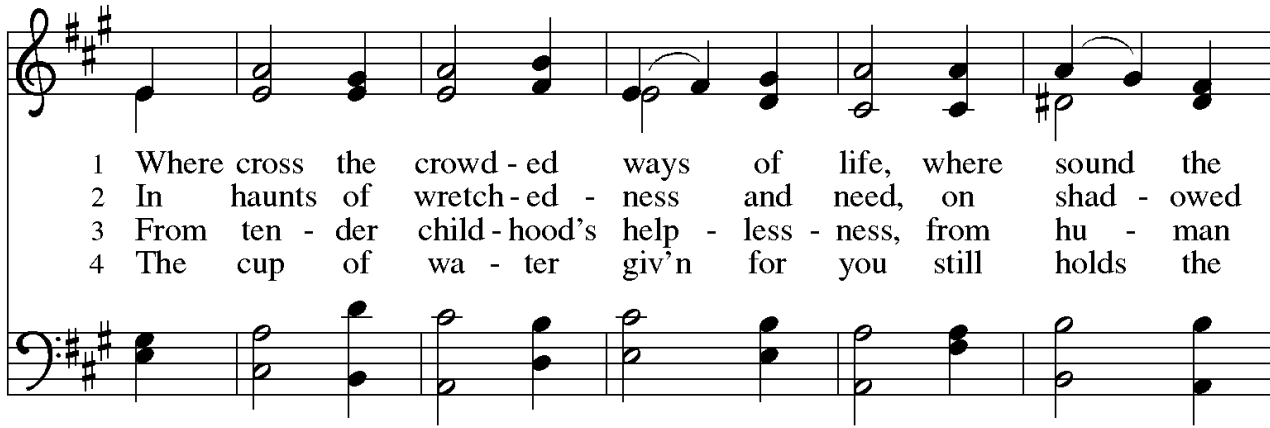
The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

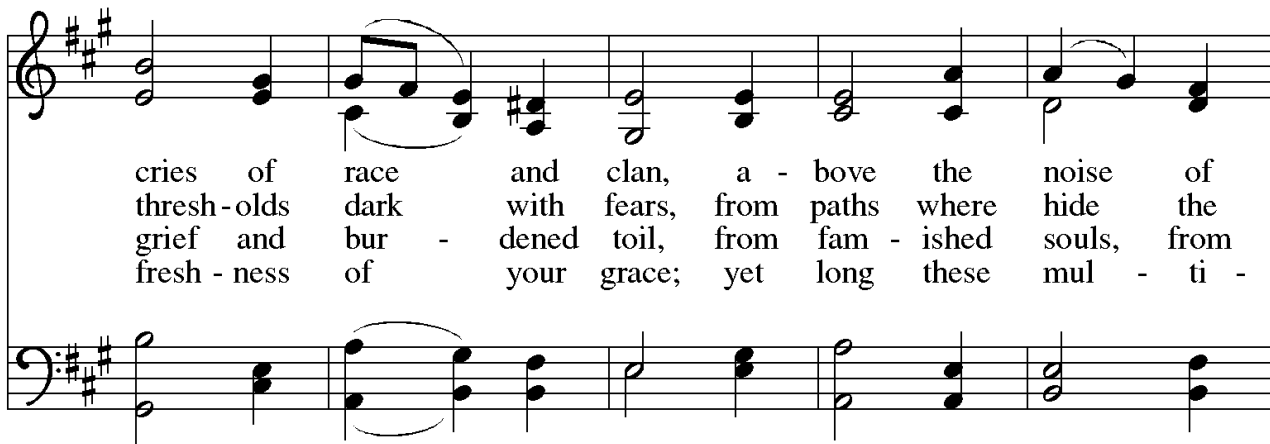
**SERMON**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

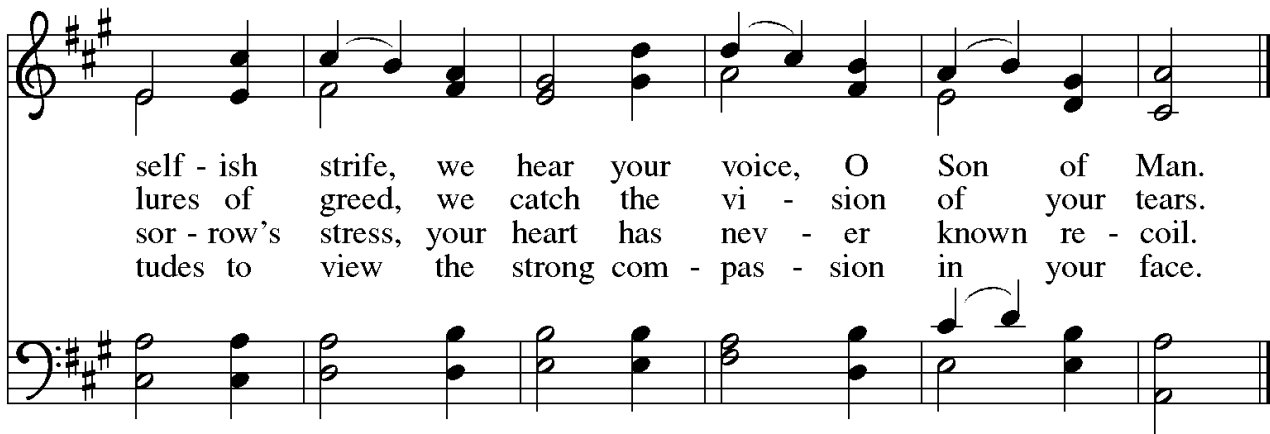
# HYMN OF THE DAY: 719 – WHERE CROSS THE CROWDED WAYS OF LIFE



1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the  
2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on shad - owed  
3 From ten - der child - hood's help - less - ness, from hu - man  
4 The cup of wa - ter giv'n for you still holds the



cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of  
thresh-olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the  
grief and bur - dened toil, from fam - ished souls, from  
fresh - ness of your grace; yet long these mul - ti -



self - ish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of Man.  
lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of your tears.  
sor - row's stress, your heart has nev - er known re - coil.  
tudes to view the strong com - pas - sion in your face.

5 O Master, from the mountainside  
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;  
among these restless throngs abide;  
oh, tread the city's streets again;

6 Till all the world shall learn your love,  
and follow where your feet have trod;  
till glorious from your heav'n above  
shall come the city of our God.

## **APOSTLES CREED**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Listen as we call on you ... Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC – "COME, LET US GATHER"**

Offered by the Hope Lutheran Quartet

"Come, let us gather, now to sing!  
Praises and thanks to God our King  
God's love surpasses everything!"



## OFFERING

At Hope Lutheran Church, we believe generosity changes the world while transforming the giver. We are called to give more time, love, forgiveness and resources to others. Please utilize our online giving tools ([www.hlc.church](http://www.hlc.church)) to remain current in your generosity. We have also included at the end of the bulletin the instructions on texting and mobile giving. Checks can be sent to: Hope Lutheran Church, 8070 Rowan Road, Cranberry Twp. PA 16066.

## OFFERTORY: LESS OF ME, MORE OF YOU

Voice

Less of me more of You

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less of me more of You

## THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

O God of justice and love,  
we give thanks to you that you illumine our way  
through life with the words of your Son.  
Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others,  
and at the end bring all the world to your feast;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**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

### BENEDICTION

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

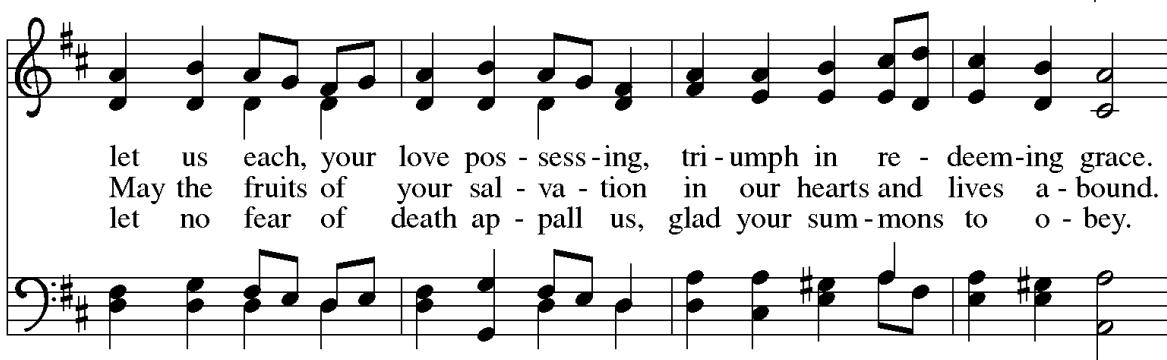
### SENDING HYMN: 545 – LORD, DISMISS US WITH YOUR BLESSING



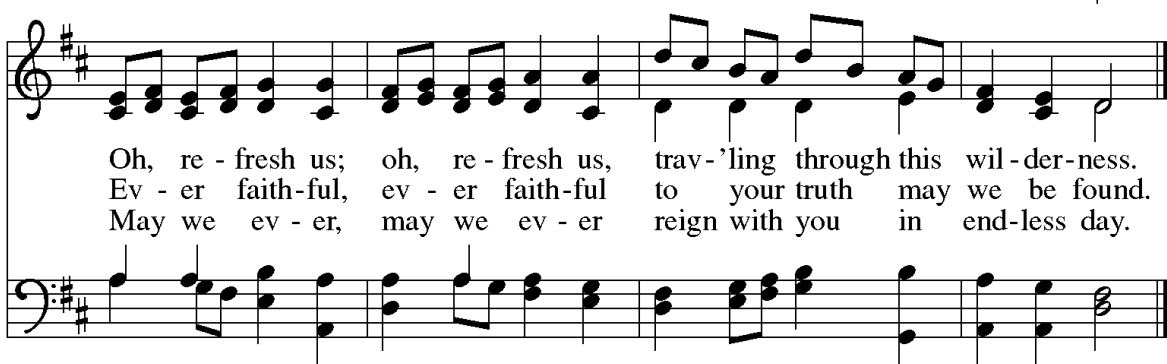
1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.  
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,



let us each, your love pos - sess - ing, tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace.  
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.  
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.



Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.  
Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.  
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.



# DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**Thanks be to God.**

## How to give online

- Open an internet browser
- Type in the following URL: <https://www.hlc.church>
- Scroll down and select the purple button that says 'Online Giving'
- If you have an account, click 'Login' at the top right of the page. If it is your first time, GOTO 'Create Your Online Profile', click 'Create Profile' and follow the prompts.

# GIVE PLUS<sup>+</sup>

## TEXTING INSTRUCTIONS

### Step 1: Get Started

Send a text to 833-253-9734 and enter the amount you wish to donate in the message area then press send.

### Step 2: Register

You will receive a registration link. Click the link and enter your contact and payment information. Tap "Process."

### Step 3: Give

After registration is complete, you will receive a verification text as well as a receipt via email.

### Step 4: Repeat

For future giving, simply send a text with the amount you wish to give, and it will process automatically.

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## MOBILE APP. INSTRUCTIONS

### Step 1: Download the app

I-Phone

Android

\*Make sure the app is by Vanco Payment Solutions

\*Do not open the app from the app store. Clean from history then reopen app.

### Step 2

Type in the zip code **16066** and click search.

### Step 3

Select **Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church**

### Step 4

Create an **account/sign in** or click **Give Now**

### Step 5

Click the **+** at the top right and follow the steps.

\*By placing a check mark to help offset the fee—will help with online donation costs.

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**OCTOBER 11, 2020**

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:** In Thanksgiving for our 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
By: Patricia Joseph

**PRAYER CANDLES:** In Memory of My Sister  
By: Kate Walter

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In Memory of our Parents  
By Don & Kay Freshcorn

**SANCTUARY CANDLES:** To the Glory of God

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*\*The Pastors are always willing to meet with you; however,  
due to the mission and ministry of Hope, please call ahead to make an appointment.*

*Please note: Both pastors care deeply about you and this congregation. When reaching out with pastoral care concerns, each pastor represents both. Please know that both are holding you in prayer.*

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