



Sunday, October 11, 2020
9:00 am

GATHERING

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stand and remain
standing as able.

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be seated

INTRODUCTION

In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

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.

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

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.

¹O 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. ²For 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.

³Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

⁴For 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, ⁵the 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. ⁶On 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. ⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; ⁸he 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. ⁹It 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.

¹My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. ²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, 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. ⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, 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. ⁹Keep 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.

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

¹¹“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless.

¹³Then 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.' ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

↓ **SERMON**

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

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!"

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.

↓ 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) 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.

Those attending worship in person, please drop your offering in the offering plates which are located at the rear and front of the Sanctuary.

MEAL

↑ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.
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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the banquet table
where Christ gives himself as food and drink.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized believers are invited to share in Holy Communion.

*For those who are comfortable, communion will be distributed in the bread alone.
A wafer will be dropped in your hand. Please receive the wafer with an open hand.
We believe Christ is fully present in just one element, so go in peace knowing that
you have fully received God's gifts through this meal.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, gracious God,
that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare,
the body and blood of Christ.

Lead us from this place, nourish and forgiven,
into your beloved vineyard
to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst,
guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ
and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

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 PLUST⁺

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 25th 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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OUR MISSION: Knowing God. Inspiring People. Transforming Lives.



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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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