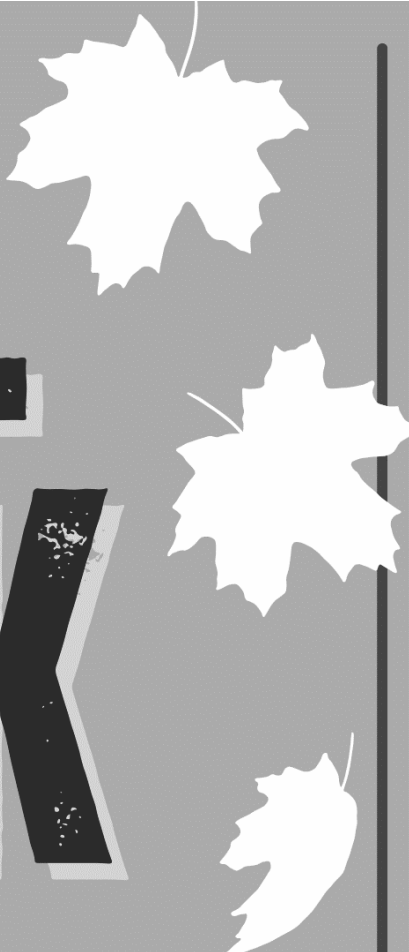


**FALL
KICK
OFF '23**



SEPTEMBER 10



10:00 AM

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be God,
the one who forms us,
✠ Jesus who bears the cross,
the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

Amen.

Let us bow before God in humility,
confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Steadfast and faithful God,
**you have revealed the ways of justice,
yet we fail to follow you.
We are afraid to risk what we have
for the sake of others.
For the harm we have caused,
forgive us.
For the ways we turn away
from you and our neighbor, forgive us.
Lead us back to you
and set us on the right path;
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,
God is always making a new way for us.
In ✠ Christ, you are already and always forgiven.
Amen.

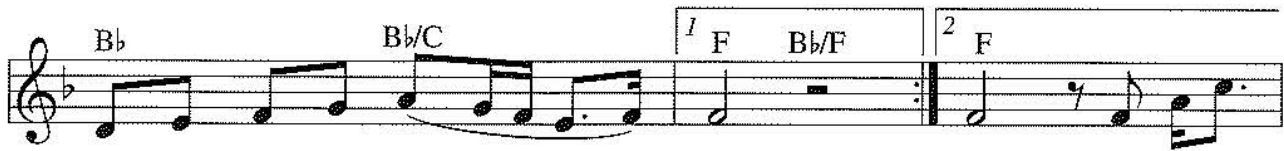
GATHERING HYMN: W&P 29 COME AND SEE



1 Come and see the glo - ry of the Lord. Come, be - hold the
 2 Come and give thanks un - to the Lord. Come, be - hold the



Lamb. Come and see the mer - cy of the King,
 Lamb. Come and sing the prais - es of the King,



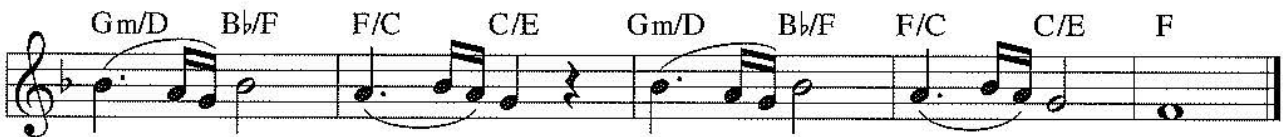
bow - ing down be - fore him. him. For he is
 bow - ing down be - fore him.



Lord a - bove the heav - ens, Lord in all the earth,



Lord of all the an - gels, wor - thy to be served.



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, Lord.

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.

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 33:7-11

A reading from Ezekiel.

God appointed Ezekiel as a sentinel for the house of Israel. Ezekiel must faithfully convey God's warnings to the people. Remarkably, God—who is about to attack Jerusalem—gives a warning with the hope that repentance will make the attack unnecessary.

⁷So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. ¹⁰Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" ¹¹Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Romans 13:8-14

A reading from Romans.

The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we "put on the Lord Jesus Christ" and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.

Jesus said to the disciples: ¹⁵"If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one.

¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER BLESSING

For the marvels of your creation,
we praise you, O God.

For the opportunity to explore and study,
we praise you, O God.

For those who guide us, teachers and mentors,
we praise you, O God.

Teach us your ways and guide us in your path,
for you are the creator of all that is seen and unseen.

Amen.

Let us pray.

Gracious God, you have called workers to various tasks in the world and in your church, so you have called these servants to this ministry of teaching.

By your Holy Spirit give all our teachers insight into your holy word. Grant them joy and a spirit of bold trust that their work may stir up those whom they teach to love and serve the Lord all the days of their lives.

We give thanks and pray especially for Ms. Jill, Jocelyn Stumbaugh, Megan Cross, Jackie Schleiden, Lori Altenhof, Olivia Hanna, Reese Hanna, Megan Lenz, Christi Karcher, Merritt Fasick, Rebecca Sinetar, Kim Maravich, Meagan Williams, Taylor Kane, Rachel Lambert, Beth Goodman, Linda Radio, Sam Hurst, Kia Yohe, Pam Teeter, Troy Kroll, Allison Smith, Richelle Gibson, Jocelyn Cilik, and Susan McDowell. In Jesus name. **Amen.**

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

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Remember us according...through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

PEACE

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

MEAL

OFFERING

Please place offering in offering plates as they are passed, utilize our online giving tools (www.hlc.church), or scan the QR code to remain current in your generosity. Checks can be sent to: Hope Lutheran Church, 8070 Rowan Road, Cranberry Twp. PA 16066.





SPECIAL MUSIC: "FREE AT LAST" OFFERED BY THE HOPE CHOIR AND SWEET RESURRECTION PRAISE BAND, WRITTEN BY CHASE UPCHURCH

OFFERTORY: BIND US TOGETHER, LORD

Refrain
F Gm⁷ Am⁷ Dm⁷ Gm⁷

Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that

C⁷ B \flat /C C⁷ F Gm⁷/C F Gm⁷

can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,

Am⁷ Dm⁷ Gm⁷ C⁷ F B \flat /F F

bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er in love.

F Gm⁷ Am⁷ Gm⁷ F

1 There is on - ly one God. There is
2 You are the fam - 'ly of God. You are the

Gm⁷ C⁷ F B \flat /F F Gm⁷ Am⁷

on - ly one King. There is on - ly one Bod - y;
prom - ise di - vine. You are God's cho - sen de - sire, . . .

Gm⁷ F Gm⁷ C⁷ F B \flat /C *Refrain*

that is why we can sing:
you are the glo - rious new wine.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of power, God of plenty,

all things belong to you.

**We bring your gifts to the table,
that all might be fed.**

**Form us into the body of your Beloved,
Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

Amen.

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

Jesus invites you to this table.
Come, eat and live.

HOLY COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

STUDENTS AGES 3 (PRESCHOOL) THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL (INCLUDING CONFIRMATION) ARE DISMISSED TO SUNDAY SCHOOL AFTER THEY HAVE RECEIVED A BLESSING OR COMMUNION. PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO WALK THEIR STUDENT TO THE DOORS BY THE COMMUNITY HALL WHERE THEY CAN EITHER WALK THEM TO THEIR CLASSROOM OR MEET ONE OF OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS WHO WILL WALK THE STUDENT TO THE CLASSROOM.

COMMUNION HYMN: 801 – CHANGE MY HEART, O GOD

LED BY CLAIRE OSCHÉ

471 – LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER ON OUR KNEES

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Blessed be your name, O God,
for we have feasted on your Word,
Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts.
Strengthened by this food,
send us to gather the world to your banquet,
where none are left out and all are satisfied.
In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY: 779 – AMAZING GRACE

SERMON

SENDING

SENDING HYMN: 536 – GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN

BENEDICTION

The God of glory,
✠ Jesus Christ, name above all names,
and the Spirit who lives in you,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. God is at work in you.

Thanks be to God.