

WELCOME

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
SAT. SEPT. 12/SUN. SEPT. 13, 2026**



AS WE GATHER

We know that it is our calling in Christ to forgive one another, but that does not eliminate the question of how much or how often we should forgive others. It becomes a particularly vexing question when we are asked to forgive the same sin over and over again. The great temptation is for us to make forgiveness conditional upon the person no longer offending us with their words or actions, but God applies no such condition upon us. Our temptation is to count how often we forgive but to forget how often we are forgiven. Our weakness counts the sins of others, but could it be that God counts only the times we refused to forgive from the heart? We know the riches of the Lord's limitless grace to forgive us without counting the cost. Today, we pray

that we may joyfully receive this precious gift of forgiveness and joyfully forgive others in Christ's name, counting not the cost to forgive but the cost to refuse forgiveness.

OPENING HYMN

"O Bless the Lord, My Soul"

LSB 814

HYPERLINK

<https://youtu.be/mHSjg1N38Nk?si=p8w54yF1GD4SpFjh>

**1.O bless the Lord, my soul!
Let all within me join
And aid my tongue to bless His name
Whose favors are divine.**

**2.O bless the Lord, my soul,
Nor let His mercies lie
Forgotten in un-thankful-ness
And without praises die!**

**3.'Tis He forgives thy sins; '
Tis He relieves thy pain;
'Tis He that heals thy sicknesses
And makes thee young again.**

4. He crowns thy life with love,

**When ransomed from the grave;
He that redeemed my soul from hell
Hath sov'reign pow'r to save.**

**5.He fills the poor with good;
He gives the suff'ers rest.
The Lord hath judgements for the proud
And justice for th' oppressed.**

**6.His wondrous works and ways
He made by Moses known,
But sent the world His truth and grace
By His beloved Son.**

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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

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

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

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

***People:* 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.**

Pastor: 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.

***People:* Amen.**

✂ WORD ✂

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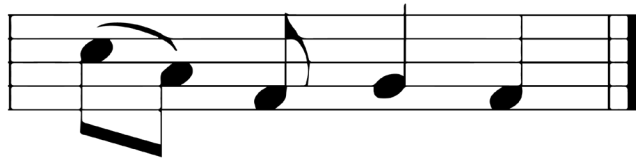
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Christ, have mer - cy;



Lord, have mer - cy.

HYMN OF PRAISE

LSB 817, Sts. 1 & 7

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Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets!

Sing to the Lord a new song!

Oh, victory! Loud shouting army!

Sing to the Lord a new song!

**He has done marvelous things,
I too will praise Him with a new song!**

**Children of God, dying and rising,
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Heaven and earth, hosts everlasting,
Sing to the Lord a new song!
He has done marvelous things,
I too will praise Him with a new song!**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O merciful Lord, in Your goodness You acted
with patience toward us sinners and
delivered up Your own Son to be our Savior
and Redeemer. Grant to us patience with the
erring and grace to forgive one another as
You have forgiven us, presuming nothing
but in all things holding fast to Jesus Christ;

through Him who died that we might live
and who now lives and reigns with You and
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Kings 17:8-16

⁸ Then the word of the LORD came to him, ⁹ “Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰ So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.” ¹¹ And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹² And she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” ¹³ And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make

something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴ For thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, ‘The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.’” ¹⁵ And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶ The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTL

Galatians 5:16-24

¹⁶ But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you

before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VERSE

Matthew 6:14

People: Alleluia. If you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 6:24-34

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁴ “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted

to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money

²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁸ And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

³⁴ “Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY “Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us” *LSB 851*

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<https://youtu.be/S1NR3Hu3Ek0?si=99wcDcOZRbK7gAKy>

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Let all within me join
And aid my tongue to bless His name
Whose favors are divine.**

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Nor let His mercies lie
Forgotten in un-thankful-ness
And without praises die!**

**3.‘Tis He forgives thy sins; ‘
Tis He relieves thy pain;
‘Tis He that heals thy sicknesses
And makes thee young again.**

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When ransomed from the grave;
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The Lord hath judgements for the proud
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**6. His wondrous works and ways
He made by Moses known,
But sent the world His truth and grace
By His beloved Son.**

SERMON

Rev. Paul Ficken

CONFESSION OF FAITH - The Nicene Creed

**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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: 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, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto

death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS

LSB p. 195

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<https://youtu.be/ahQMjZ1HNRs?si=vqoSSvI8HE9v2i0Y>

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He,
Blessed is He that
cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew*
26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1
Corinthians 11:23–25

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave it to His disciples saying, *“Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”*

After the same manner also He took the cup when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, *“Drink ye all of it; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me.”*

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

“Lamb of God”

LSB 550 St. 1 & 3

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<https://youtu.be/qkVZGGIVFdY?si=GS9NIL0ckO6l74YC>

**Your only Son, no sin to hide,
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod,
And to become the Lamb of God.
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

**I was so lost, I should have died,
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod,
And to be called a lamb of God.
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“Chief of Sinners Though I Be”

LSB 611

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https://youtu.be/_IHdD4Oe-ZM?si=WYA68mIZ8XPND5XC

**1.Chief of sinners though I be,
Jesus shed His blood for me,
Died that I might live on high,
Lives that I may never die.
As the branch is to the vine,
I am His, And He is mine.**

**2.Oh, the height of Jesus’ love,
Higher than the heav’ns above,
Deeper than the depths of sea,
Lasting as eternity!**

**Love that found me—wonderous thought!
Found me when I sought Him not.**

**3.Only Jesus can impart
Balm to heal the wounded heart
Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n,
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,
Faith and hope to walk with God
In the way that Enoch trod.**

**4.Chief of sinners though I be,
Christ is all in all for me;
All my wants to Him are known,
All my sorrows are His own.
He sustains the hidden life
Safe with Him from earthly strife.**

**5.O my Savior, help afford
By Your spirt and Your word!
When my wayward heart would stray,
Keep me in the narrow way;
Grace in time of need supply
While I live and when I die.**

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

“O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee”

LSB 632

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<https://youtu.be/izIjqDUiZEA?si=lCqau8FoI9Awh4c&t=10>

**1. O Jesus, Blessed Lord to Thee
My heartfelt thanks forever be,
Who hast so lovingly bestowed
On me Thy body and Thy blood.**

**2. Break forth, my soul,
for joy and say:
What wealth is come to me this day!
My Savior dwells within my heart:
How blessed am I!
How good Thou art!**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,

People: for His steadfast love endures forever!

Pastor: Heavenly Father, we give You thanks and praise that You are always faithful in Your promises and in Your gifts. Grant that we may so receive the gifts of Your grace, that we be led by Your Spirit to live holy,

upright, and godly lives, multiplying Your mercies by forgiving one another as You have forgiven us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng”

LSB 813

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<https://youtu.be/15JVB76d6f4?si=xcim2JAYyTdyzKJ9&t=31>

**1. Rejoice, O pilgrim throng!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
Your festal banner wave on high,**

**The cross of Christ your king.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!**

**2. With voice as full and strong
As ocean's surging praise,
Send forth the sturdy hymns of old,
Send forth the sturdy hymns of old,
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!**

**3. With all the angel choirs,
With all the saints on earth
Pour out the strains of joy and bliss,
True rapture, noblest mirth.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!**

**4. Yet on and onward still,
With hymn and chant and song,
Through gate and porch and columned aisle
The hallowed pathways throng.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!**

**5. Still lift your standard high,
Still march in firm array,
As pilgrims through the darkness wend
Till dawns the golden day.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!**

**6 At last the march shall end;
The wearied ones shall rest;
The pilgrims find their home at last,
Jerusalem the blest.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!**

**7. Praise Him who reigns on high,
The Lord whom we adore:
The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
One God for evermore.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT:

**“Dedicated to knowing Christ and making Christ
known to others”**

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- Pastor: Pastor Paul Ficken**
- Liturgist (Sun.) Rev. Maurice Lind, Pastor Emeritus**
- Sat. Organist: Lina Schaal**
- Sun. Organist: George Kelm**
- Choir Director: Gail Feick**
- Ensemble Coordinator: Tabra Gomski**
- A/V Team: Brian & Amanda Larie
Stan & Cheryl Grey, Dawn Oswald**

- Please call (262-822-5410) or e-mail Pastor Ficken (fickenp@yahoo.com) with your prayer requests.

In addition to leading he serves in ministering to the sick, distressed, troubled, bereaved and all who desire spiritual counsel.

- IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECOMMEND A PASTOR to be considered on Hope's Call List, please see Peter Voigt (Head Elder) for the form. *You must personally know the Pastor in order to nominate him.* The completed form will be submitted to the District President for consideration.

- **WORSHIP SERVICES STARTING SEPTEMBER 12**

Saturday Worship Service	9:30am	
Sunday Worship Service	8:00am	
Bible Study & Children's Sunday School		9:15am
Wednesday Night Bible Study	6:00pm	

- *BROTHERS AND SISTERS AT HOPE, I am still overwhelmed and deeply humbled at the overwhelming expressions of your love at my retirement. Christ has surely untied us in this church and I thank Him even as I struggle to apprehend the immeasurable conduit you have been to me for that love. Dear ones to my soul, let us press forward together toward his upward call. Pastor Tim*
- THE NEXT QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING will be held on Sunday, September 20th, immediately following our worship service.

- **CHOIR STARTS on 9/13 at 10am, immediately following Bible class. We will meet upstairs by the keyboard.**
- **OUR NEXT LADIES LUNCHEON will be Thursday, September 17 at 11:30 am. All Ladies at Hope and friends are welcomed. We meet at “On the Go, Bar and Grill” in Twin Lakes. 406-N. Lake Avenue. Please contact Beth Schneider 262-351-6578 or Mary Beth Fragassi 847-269-0818 if you will be coming, if you would like a ride there, or have any questions for us. Come join us as we say goodbye to Judy Kelley and Kathy Kelley as they will be heading to Florida soon.**
- **"HOPE LUTHERAN WOMEN OF HOPE WILL BE HOSTING OUR SOUTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT 21 LWML FALL RALLY event on Saturday, October 10th! The women of the Lutheran Missouri Synod +churches in our District are invited to attend this event. The program will begin with our 9:30am service, a short program featuring the "Informed Choices" organization (putting Pro-Life into action at Informed Choices) and then, followed by a light luncheon in the lower level, provided by the women of Hope. We will also be collecting baby layette items to help "Informed Choices" provide their layettes for the new babies. The baby layette items needed will be listed on the flyer. Also, our Tabra Gonski volunteers at this organization. Please look for the signup sheet on the back table and flyers to be distributed at church on September 12th and 13th after services."**

- **TASTY FELLOWSHIP:** We would appreciate additional help in providing treats after Sunday services. If you are interested or would like more information, please see Tami Voigt.

THIS WEEK

Communion: Paul Schneider
Ushers: Joeseeph & Trina Metz
Fellowship: Beth Schneider
Altar Guild: Gary & Rita Estes
A/V Team: Brian & Amanda Larie
 Stan & Cheryl Grey, Dawn Oswald

NEXT WEEK

Communion: Paul Schneider
Ushers: William & Susan Keating
Fellowship: Phyllis Klen
Altar Guild: Gary & Rita Estes
A/V Team: Brian & Amanda Larie
 Stan & Cheryl Grey, Dawn Oswald

ANNIVERSARIES

09/15 Pauline & Larry Anderson
09/16 Gary & Rita Estes

Calendar of Events This Week **09/14/26–09/20/26**

Wednesday: 6:00pm Bible Study

**Thursday: 11:30am Ladies Luncheon at On
 the Go Restaurant, Twin Lakes
 6:00pm AA Meeting**

Saturday: 9:30am Worship Service

**Sunday: 8:00am Sunday Worship Service
 9:15am Children's Sunday School
 9:15am Voter's Meeting
 10:00am Choir Practice
 7:00pm AA Meeting**

