

WELCOME
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
SAT. SEPT. 19/SUN. SEPT. 20, 2026



AS WE GATHER

In our minds, justice seems strong while mercy appears weak. In reality, mercy is stronger than justice and greater in every way. While justice may seem appealing to us, what we seek from God is not fairness or equity but mercy. Mercy is what must be taught to our sinful hearts, and for this reason, it remains the higher or greater path. Justice we can understand and reason, but mercy requires God to become flesh in His Son, to suffer and die as the Innocent One for our sins, and to rise to bestow upon us grace and mercy we neither earned nor deserve. Such mercy is a scandal to us and can often be an offense to those who do not realize the magnitude of its gift.

OPENING HYMN

“Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious”

LSB 548

HYPERLINKS

https://youtu.be/j3ilFZsg_70?si=4iQr8NU4ItCmPbwW

1. Thanks to Thee, O Christ, victorious!

Thanks to Thee, O Lord of Life!

Death hath now no power o'er us,

Thou hast conquered in the strife.

Thanks because Thou didst arise

And has opened paradise!

None can fully sing the glory

Of the resurrection story.

2. Thou has died for my transgression,

All my sins on Thee were laid;

Thou hast won for me salvation,

On the cross my debt was paid.

From the grave I shall arise

And shall meet Thee in the skies.

Death itself is transitory;

I shall lift my head in glory.

**3. For the joy Thine advent gave me,
For Thy holy, precious Word;
For Thy Baptism, which does save me,
For Thy blest Communion board;
For Thy death, the bitter scorn,
For Thy resurrection morn,
Lord, I thank Thee and extol Thee,
And in heav'n I shall behold Thee.**

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 ✠

Hyperlink

<https://youtu.be/DI2zN9JZUNQ>



HYMN OF PRAISE

LSB 791,

St. 1 & 5

Hyperlink

<https://youtu.be/IXGTIJE76qo?si=XWnz2hIt-jkPrsd&t=27>

**All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth, His praise forthtell;
Come ye before Him and rejoice.**

**To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heav'n and earth adore,
From us and from the angel host
Be praise and glory evermore.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word;

through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Kings 17:17-24

¹⁷ After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill. And his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. ¹⁸ And she said to Elijah, “What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance and to cause the death of my son!” ¹⁹ And he said to her, “Give me your son.” And he took him from her arms and carried him up into the upper chamber where he lodged, and laid him on his own bed. ²⁰ And he cried to the LORD, “O LORD my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by killing her son?” ²¹ Then he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried to the LORD, “O LORD my God, let this child's life come into him again.” ²² And the LORD listened to the voice of Elijah. And the life of the child came into him again, and he

revived. ²³ And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper chamber into the house and delivered him to his mother. And Elijah said, “See, your son lives.” ²⁴ And the woman said to Elijah, “Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Ephesians 3:13-21

¹³ So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶ that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Ephesians 2:8*

People: Alleluia. By grace you have been saved through faith.

And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 7:11-17*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the seventh chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹¹ Soon afterward he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. ¹² As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man

who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. ¹³ And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, “Do not weep.” ¹⁴ Then he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, “Young man, I say to you, arise.” ¹⁵ And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. ¹⁶ Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has arisen among us!” and “God has visited his people!” ¹⁷ And this report about him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"The Will of God Is Always Best"

LSB 758

HYPERLINK

<https://youtu.be/A-v-Svf4kxY?si=3ESF1lkEMTWpULYm&t=10>

**1 The will of God is always best
And shall be done forever;**

**And they who trust in Him are blest;
He will forsake them never.
He helps indeed
In time of need;
He chastens with forbearing.
They who depend
On God, their friend,
Shall not be left despairing.**

**2 God is my comfort and my trust,
My hope and life abiding;
And to His counsel, wise and just,
I yield, in Him confiding.
The very hairs,
His Word declares,
Upon my head He numbers.
By night and day
God is my stay;
He never sleeps nor slumbers.**

**3 Lord, this I ask, O hear my plea,
Deny me not this favor:
When Satan sorely troubles me,
Then do not let me waver.
O guard me well,**

**My fear dispel,
Fulfill Your faithful saying:
All who believe
By grace receive
An answer to their praying.**

**4 When life's brief course on earth is run
And I this world am leaving,
Grant me to say, "Your will be done,"
Your faithful Word believing.
My dearest Friend,
I now commend
My soul into Your keeping;
From sin and hell,
And death as well,
By You the vict'ry reaping.**

SERMON

Rev. Paul Ficken

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again
from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits
at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he will come to judge the living and
the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian
Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness
of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life
everlasting. 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, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. 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 507, St. 1 & 4

Hyperlink

<https://youtu.be/nVjtUByp2ok?si=k6PuN2WVJjUwE4rY>

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise
Thy name in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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

LSB page 163

Hyperlink

<https://youtu.be/TOYxjxhlQlQ?si=uFkk5V760vWbK5oz&t=11>

**Lamb of God, You take away
the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away
the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away
the sin of the world;
grant us peace.**

✠DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION✠

By communing, a person says publicly that they -

- are baptized and confirmed*
- believe Christ's words*
- repent of their sins*
- fully agree with all that the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod teaches.*

How to receive –

- anyone may come to the altar but keep hands folded if not receiving Communion*
- the center of the tray has a cup with just a drop of wine for those who must minimize alcohol*
- smile, exude your joy, but keep a reverent demeanor as others commune*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord”

LSB 637

HYPERLINK

<https://youtu.be/TeMtVLLks0?si=41IRB5ck6TiwmvAp>

**1. Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.**

**2. He who His saints
in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav'nly bread
He makes the hungry whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.**

**3. Come forward then
with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow
As in this feast of love You bless us now.**

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

LSB 632

Hyperlink

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

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

**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: Almighty God, we thank You that You have fed us upon the holy mysteries of the body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ. We humbly pray You to give us the aid of Your grace so that we may continue as true members of the mystical body of Your Son and do the good works You desire; 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

"Have No Fear, Little Flock"

LSB 735

HYPERLINK

<https://youtu.be/oounJeSF9II?si=on9UHSeXWntf0Z3h&t=101>

**1 Have no fear, little flock;
Have no fear, little flock,
For the Father has chosen
To give you the Kingdom;
Have no fear, little flock!**

**2 Have good cheer, little flock;
Have good cheer, little flock,
For the Father will keep you
In His love forever;
Have good cheer, little flock!**

**3 Praise the Lord high above;
Praise the Lord high above,
For He stoops down to heal you,
Uplift and restore you;
Praise the Lord high above!**

**4 Thankful hearts raise to God;
Thankful hearts raise to God,
For He stays close beside you,
In all things works with you;
Thankful hearts raise to God!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT: “Dedicated to knowing Christ and making Christ known to others”

Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish, Series A, Quarter 4.

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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.

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▪ **WORSHIP SERVICES**

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***

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH PICNIC

October 4, 2026

10:30AM



BINGO after lunch



- **QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING TODAY**
immediately following our worship service.
- **CHOIR STARTS** on 9/13 at 10am, immediately following Bible class. We will meet upstairs by the keyboard.

- **"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."**
- **BOWLING will start again Oct. 4 at 5:00pm at Towne & Country Lanes in Burlington, WI. \$2 per game of bowling, \$2 shoe rental, \$2 food and drink menu. Everyone is welcome and little kids have their own lane with bumpers.**
- **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: William & Susan Keating
Fellowship: Phyllis Klen
Altar Guild: Gary & Rita Estes
A/V Team: Brian & Amanda Larie
Stan & Cheryl Grey, Dawn Oswald

NEXT WEEK

Communion: Paul Schneider
Ushers: John & Peggy Tueting
Fellowship: Tami Voight
Altar Guild: Gary & Rita Estes
A/V Team: Brian & Amanda Larie
Stan & Cheryl Grey, Dawn Oswald

BIRTHDAYS

09/24 Beth Schneider
09/25 Kim Bergstrom

Calendar of Events This Week **09/21/26–09/27/26**

Monday	11:00am	Twin Lakes Seniors
Wednesday:	6:00pm	Bible Study
Thursday:	6:00pm	AA Meeting
Saturday:	9:30am	Worship Service
Sunday:	8:00am	Sunday Worship Service
	9:15am	Children's Sunday School
	10:00am	Choir Practice

7:00pm

AA Meeting