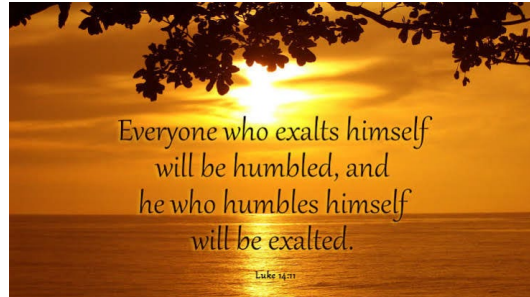


WELCOME

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
SAT. SEPT. 26/SUN. SEPT. 27, 2026**



AS WE GATHER

From the beginning, God implanted His life-creating power into His creation with the command “Be fruitful and multiply” to animals (Genesis 1:22) and to humans (1:28), with one important difference. You are not an accident or only a product of biology. Every human being is a personal soul. So we confess, “I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them” (Small Catechism, Creed, Explanation of the First Article). Because of our inherited sin, however, “the soul who sins shall die” (Ezekiel 18:4). Nevertheless, God’s design is for life—eternal life. He declares, “I have no pleasure in the death of anyone” (18:32). Because God so loves you, He sent His Son to take away your sin by the shedding of His blood on the cross. Therefore, “we preach Christ crucified, . . . the power of God and the wisdom of God” (1 Corinthians 1:23–24). Christ died to sin for you. By Holy Baptism, you died with Christ and are raised to new life in Him. The love of God is yours today by faith in the cross of Jesus Christ.

OPENING HYMN

“From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

LSB 816

HYPERLINK

<https://youtu.be/389NnTXMI4U?si=f9lZ5bNaS2oT2Rhh&t=46>

**1.From all that dwell below the skies
Let the Creator's praise arise;
Alleluia, alleluia!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung
Through ev'ry land by ev'ry tongue.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**2.Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord;
Eternal truth attends Thy Word.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore
Till suns shall rise and set no more.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

***3.All praise to God the Father be,
All praise, eternal Son, to Thee.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Whom with the Spirit we adore
Forever and forevermore:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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.

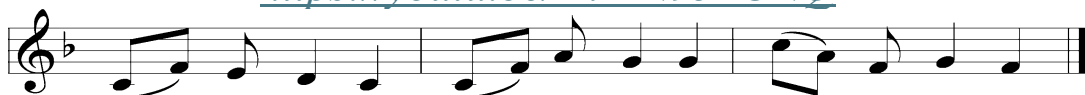
People: Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

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Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

HYMN OF PRAISE

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<https://youtu.be/753g6e-t0jA?si=OG7yasJvzIWeAXLG>

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” *LSB 802, Sts. 1 & 4*

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.**

**Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render: O help us to see
‘Tis only the splendor of light that hides Thee.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Proverbs 25:6-14*

⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great,

⁷ for it is better to be told, “Come up here,”
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.
What your eyes have seen
⁸ do not hastily bring into court,
for what will you do in the end,
when your neighbor puts you to shame?
⁹ Argue your case with your neighbor himself,
and do not reveal another's secret,
¹⁰ lest he who hears you bring shame upon you,
and your ill repute have no end.
¹¹ A word fitly spoken
is like apples of gold in a setting of silver.
¹² Like a gold ring or an ornament of gold
is a wise reprover to a listening ear.
¹³ Like the cold of snow in the time of harvest
is a faithful messenger to those who send him;
he refreshes the soul of his masters.
¹⁴ Like clouds and wind without rain
is a man who boasts of a gift he does not give.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Ephesians 4:1-6*

⁴ I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE *Matthew 28:18b*

People: **Alleluia. All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 14:1-11*

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

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

14 One Sabbath, when he went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. ² And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. ³ And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?” ⁴ But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. ⁵ And he said to them, “Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?” ⁶ And they could not reply to these things.

⁷ Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, ⁸ “When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, ⁹ and he who invited you both will come and say to you, ‘Give your place to this person,’ and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. ¹¹ For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY “Chief of Sinners Though I Be”

LSB 611

HYPERLINK

<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.**

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 meet, 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. From the beginning, You declared Him Your beloved Son in whom You are well pleased, and through Him it is Your good pleasure to restore life to all in the forgiveness of sins won for us by the blood of His cross. Now by faith in Him it is Your good pleasure to call us Your own beloved sons and daughters. 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 “Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”

LSB 940 Sts. 1 & 5

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<https://youtu.be/wqdvekuX6mw?si=bLHjWcCNC-YHdehm&t=28>

**Holy God, we praise Thy name;
Lord of all, we bow before Thee,
All on earth Thy scepter claim,
All in heav'n above adore Thee,
Infinite Thy vast domain,
Everlasting is Thy reign.**

**Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;
Though in essence only one,
Undivided God we claim Thee
And, adoring, bend the knee
While we own the mystery.**

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 198

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

✠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 “Renew Me, O Eternal Light”
LSB 704

HYPERLINK

<https://youtu.be/nLYbcDzYhLM?si=P3xI565Sdp3EiAGc>

**1 Renew me, O eternal Light,
 And let my heart and soul be bright,
 Illumined with the light of grace
 That issues from Your holy face.**

**2 Remove the pow'r of sin from me
 And cleanse all my impurity
 That I may have the strength and will
 Temptations of the flesh to still.**

**3 Create in me a new heart, Lord,
 That gladly I obey Your Word.
 Let what You will be my desire,
 And with new life my soul inspire.**

**4 Grant that I only You may love
 And seek those things which are above
 Till I behold You face to face,
 O Light eternal, through Your grace.**

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<https://youtu.be/Zny7LcmvPDI?si=LVZW03n5FFKzjfHX>

**O Lord, now let Your servant depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father, all glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning, is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding through all eternity.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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 **“Lord Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing”**
LSB 924

HYPERLINK

<https://youtu.be/JwNlmVIQ5WM?si=hWY1ovsBeasSCF9P&t=19>

**1. Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing,
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Your love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us; O refresh us,
Trav'ling through this wilderness.**

**2. Thanks we give and adoration
For Your Gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of Your salvation
In our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful
To Your truth may we be found.**

**3. Savior, when Your love shall call us
From our struggling pilgrim way,
Let not fear of death appall us,
Glad Your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever
Reign with You in endless day.**

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:** Gail Feick
- **Choir Director:** Gail Feick
- **Ensemble Coordinator:** Tabra Gonski
- **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.
- ***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***
- **THERE WILL BE NO BIBLE STUDY this Wednesday, 9/30.**

- **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. Please look for the signup sheet on the back table and flyers to be distributed at church on September 12th and 13th after services."

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH PICNIC

October 4, 2026

10:30AM



BINGO after lunch



- **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: Peter Voigt & Gary Schaetten
Fellowship: Tami Voigt
Altar Guild: Gary & Rita Estes
A/V Team: Brian & Amanda Larie

Stan & Cheryl Grey, Dawn Oswald

NEXT WEEK

Communion: Paul Trettin
Ushers: Gary Estes & Dave Peschke
Fellowship: Mary Beth Fragassi & Evie Benedeck
Altar Guild: John & Peggy Tueting
A/V Team: Brian & Amanda Larie
Stan & Cheryl Grey, Dawn Oswald

BIRTHDAYS

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Calendar of Events This Week
09/28/26–10/04/26

Thursday:	8:00am	Men's Breakfast & Elder's Meeting
	6:00pm	AA Meeting
Saturday:	9:30am	Worship Service
Sunday:	8:00am	Sunday Worship Service
	9:15am	Children's Sunday School
	5:00pm	Bowling @ Towne & Country
	7:00pm	AA Meeting

