



8th Sunday after Pentecost

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Hope Lutheran Church in Rossmoor

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The Rev. Andreas Pielhoop, Pastor

Prelude

Instrumental Music

Jaxon Schlagenhauf

Welcome & Introduction

Pastor Andreas Pielhoop

It is an age-old question: why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day that all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God, and from the Lord's table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, whose compassion endures forever.

All: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin to God. Compassionate God,

All: **We confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

P: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

All: **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come - ELW 693 (vs 1, 2, & 4)

Judy Ryken



1 Come, ye thank-ful peo-ple, come; raise the song of har-vest home.
2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un-to his praise to yield;
4 E - ven so, Lord, quick-ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home.

All be safe - ly gath - ered in ere the win - ter storms be - gin.
wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.
Gath - er then thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,

God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.
there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy gar - ner to a - bide.

Come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.
Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
Come, with all thine an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

Greeting

- P: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- All: And also with you.**
- P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- All: Lord, have mercy.**
- P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
- All: Lord, have mercy.**
- P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
- All: Lord, have mercy.**
- P: For this holy house, and all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
- All: Lord, have mercy.**
- P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- All: Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

All People That on Earth Do Dwell - ELW 883 (vs 1 & 2)

Judy Ryken

1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with mirth, his aid he did us make. We are his folk, he praise forth tell; come ye be - fore him and re - jice. doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.

Prayer of the Day

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P: Let us all pray together.

All: Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Wisdom of Solomon 12:13, 16-19

Bill Kuhnsman

God's deeds of forgiveness and gift of hope indicate that God's faithful people must also show kindness. No other god cares for all people.

¹³ For neither is there any god besides you whose care is for all people, to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly, ¹⁶ For your strength is the source of righteousness, and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all. ¹⁷ For you show your strength when people doubt the completeness of your power, and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it. ¹⁸ Although you are sovereign in strength, you judge fairly, and with great forbearance you govern us, for you have power to act whenever you choose. ¹⁹ Through such works you have taught your people that the righteous must be kind, and you have filled your children with good hope, because you give repentance for sins.

Psalm 86:11-17

Bill Kuhnsman & Congregation

¹¹ Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

¹² **I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and glorify your name forevermore.**

¹³ For great is your love toward me; you have delivered me from the pit of death.

¹⁴ **The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent people seeks my life; they have not set you before their eyes.**

¹⁵ But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

¹⁶ **Turn to me and have mercy on me; give your strength to your servant, and save the child of your handmaid.** ¹⁷ Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame; because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

Second Reading: Romans 8:12-25**Bill Kuhnsman**

For Paul, true spirituality means that we experience the reality of the Spirit, which enables us to pray as God's children, keeps us in solidarity with creation, and gives us unseen hope that God will liberate us and creation from bondage to death and decay.

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. ¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th Chapter**Pastor Andreas Pielhoop**

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus tells a parable about the coexistence of good and evil in this world. God's judgment will remove all evildoers and causes of sin, but not until the end of human history.

²⁴ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field,²⁵ but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ ²⁸ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹ But he replied, ‘No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’ ” ³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷ He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

P: The Gospel of Our Lord

All: Praise to You, O Christ.



1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
 take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

P: As baptized people, we see our daily life as a place to carry out our vocation, our calling. All aspects of life, home and school, community and nation, daily work and leisure, citizenship and friendship belong to God. All are places where God calls us to serve. God's Word and the church help us to discover ways to carry out our calling.

P: These persons have come to us from other congregations and desire to transfer their membership into the Hope community of faith.

Carol Guillebeaux

Mark & Beth Vance

R: We welcome you as members of Hope Lutheran Church of Rossmoor to join with us in worshipping God, hearing his Word and sharing his supper, proclaiming the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, serving all people, and striving for justice and peace in all the earth.

All: Amen

P: We thank you Lord, for the new members of our congregation. By your life-giving power, bind us to each other in you, strengthen us for service, support us all our days, and bring us at length to that day when all your children will be one and you will be All-in-All.

All: Amen

Presentation of certificates

Prayers of Intercession

Pastor Andreas Pielhoop

Each petition ends with: God of grace, **Response: Hear our prayer.**

Offering

*We invite you to place your **Offering** in the offering plate as it is passed.*

Special Music

Gift of Music

Laurie Carlson

Offering Prayer

P: As we lift up our offerings to the Lord, let us pray.

All: **Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.**

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful (Offering Song)

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

The image shows a musical score for a song. It consists of five staves of music in a single system. The melody is written on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The song is titled 'Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful (Offering Song)'. The lyrics are: 'Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.'

Holy Communion: Words of Institution

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P: For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes again. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

The Lord's Prayer

All: **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.**

At Hope we practice Open Communion. We believe the invitation to the table comes from Jesus Christ himself. Therefore, you do not need to be a member of this or any other congregation to join in the meal. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please let the pastor know you prefer one when your turn comes. To preserve the solemnity as guests at Christ's table, please return silently to your seat and refrain from talking while others receive Holy Communion. There will be plenty of opportunities afterwards at our coffee hour.

Prayer after Communion

Pastor Andreas Pielhoop

P: Let us pray.

All: **Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.**

Blessing *(Please stand as you are able)*

P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ✠ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

All: **Amen.**

Peace I Leave With You

*Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you. Not as the world giveth,
give I unto you; Not as the world giveth, give I unto you.
Let not your heart be troubled; Neither let it be afraid.
Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you. Amen.*

P: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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Announcements

Pastoral Needs - For any pastoral need, you can call or text Pastor Andreas Pielhoop at 415-577-5461 or via email at pielhoop77@earthlink.net.

Meet with Pastor Andreas – Pastor Andreas will have office hours on August 6 & 20 from 1pm-3pm in Card Room 1 upstairs at Stanley Dollar Clubhouse. You can make an appointment but walk-ins are welcome too.

Birthday Blessings go out to **Nancy Simmons** who celebrates her birthday on July 21; **John Moilan** who celebrates his birthday on July 23.

Anniversary Blessings go out to **Steve & Kathy Peterson** who celebrate their 40th anniversary on July 20; **Wayne & Margaret Anderson** who celebrate their 60th anniversary on July 22.

Thank you to **Laurie Carlson** for providing special music for today's worship!

Friends Feeding Friends – Next Sunday is the 4th Sunday of the month and we will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Food Pantry at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Concord. A collection box will be located by the welcome table. Not only can providing food to others help sustain life, but it can also bring a spark of hope.

Bible Study with Pastor Andreas – On Tuesday, July 21, we will meet at 2:00pm in the Bunker Room at Creekside. Please bring your own NRSV or NIV Bible.

Fourth Wednesday Lunch Group – On Wednesday, July 22, we will gather for food and fellowship in Jesus' name at The Golden Pear at Creekside at 11:30 a.m. Carole Weyand is coordinating. Call Carole at 925-788-6499 by July 20 so she can make a reservation.

Our **Tenor-Bass (TTBB) Choir** will rehearse & sing at worship on Sunday, July 26, at 9:15am. Come join us!

Fellowship – Immediately following worship, please join us for a time of sharing coffee, goodies and great fellowship. Thank you to those helping with the set-up and clean-up. We ask one person from each table to bring their tray up to the counter at 12:15pm. This helps the clean-up tremendously. You are welcome to stay, socialize and drink coffee beyond that but we must have the clean-up completed by 1pm.

Helpers & Worship Assistants for:

Today – July 19	Next Sunday – July 26
Altar Kathy, Gerda	Altar Kathy, Gerda
Greeters Jacqui Ewing, Kathy Odne, Robin	Greeters Lois Nelson, Karen Peterson, Robin
Lay Reader Bill Kuhnsman	Lay Reader Kathy Odne
Communion Assistants Jack & Mary Lyn Padley	Communion Assistants Lois Nelson, Kathy Odne
Ushers John Odne, Todd Thaning	Ushers Forest & Diane Borene
Livestream Chase	Livestream Jaxon
Special Music Laurie Carlson	Special Music TTBB

Readings for next Sunday, July 26: Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 119:129-136; Romans 8:26-39; Matt 13:31-33, 44-52

Anchor Newsletter – if you are not currently receiving Hope's Anchor newsletter and would like to, please give Robin your email address so you can be added to the distribution list.

Rides to Church – Our volunteer drivers to worship are Sally Lionetti, Nancy Conrad (3rd, 4th, 5th Sundays only). If you need a ride to church, please contact them for the possibility of a ride.

Our Worship Service is available to live-stream and view online each week on our website. The link to the live-stream worship service is <https://bit.ly/3v6JTXm> The bulletin is available on the Hope website under the tab "Worship". Select "Worship Bulletin" and click on the desired week.

Your Offering – You can choose how to make your OFFERING to Hope. Traditionally, there's weekly giving as the offering plate is passed during the service. Many, however, give monthly, often on the first Sunday. For retirees with IRAs, direct distribution of your RMD to Hope in the form of a QCD is convenient and tax advantageous. You can also mail checks or set up an electronic transfer from your bank account. However you choose to give, know that your offering is appreciated and supports the on-going ministries of Hope. If you would like to mail us your offering (including QCDs), please send it to: Hope Lutheran Church, 399 Wiget Lane, Walnut Creek CA 94598 (This is Hope's mailing address, not our worship location).

Please remember in prayer: Paula Tagliareni, Joan Birke (Carole Weyand's friend), Haley Thaning (Todd's daughter), Wayne Anderson, Lina Hale, Evelyn Olson, Brent Granado (Padley's son-in-law), Nancy Lionetti (Sally's daughter), Cynthia & Eric Benevent (Ced Ferrett's daughter & son-in-law), Ced Ferrett, Janet Arnold (Everett's sister)

