



# Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

**August 10, 2025**

**Hope Lutheran Church of Rossmoor**

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**Prelude**

***Instrumental Music***

**Carlyn Obringer**

## **Welcome & Introduction**

**Pastor Tim Philips**

Jesus says, “It is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” It is God’s promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the “little flock” of which we are a part in today’s assembly. Faith, God’s baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

## **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, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All:** **Amen.**

**P:** Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P:** Merciful God,

**All:** **you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.**

**P:** You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God’s children through faith. In the cross of ☩ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

**All:** **Amen.**



1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing;  
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en,  
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing,



black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.  
 like the first dew - fall on the first grass.  
 born of the one light E - den saw play!



Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!  
 Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,  
 Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry morn - ing,



Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!  
 sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.  
 God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

### 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.**



1 Praise the Lord! O heav'ns, a - dore him; praise him, an - gels, in the height;  
2 Praise the Lord, for he is gra - cious; nev - er shall his prom-ise fail.



sun and moon, re - joice be - fore him; praise him, gleam - ing stars and light.  
God has made his saints vic - to - rious; sin and death shall not pre - vail.



Praise the Lord, for he has spo - ken; worlds his might - y voice o - beyed;  
Praise the God of our sal - va - tion; hosts on high, his pow'r pro - claim;



laws which nev - er shall be bro - ken for their guid - ance he has made.  
heav'n and earth, and all cre - a - tion, laud and mag - ni - fy his name!

### Prayer of the Day

Pastor Tim Philips

P: Let us all pray together.

All: **Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### First Reading: Genesis: 15:1-6

Todd Thaning

*God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God's promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous.*

<sup>1</sup> After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup> But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup> And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup> But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup> He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup> And he believed the LORD, and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

### Psalm 33:12-22

Todd Thaning & Congregation

<sup>12</sup> Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!

<sup>13</sup> **The LORD looks down from heaven, and sees all humankind.**

<sup>14</sup> God sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell on the earth.

<sup>15</sup> **God fashions all their hearts and observes all their deeds.**

<sup>16</sup> A king is not saved by the size of the army, nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

<sup>17</sup> **The horse gives vain hope for victory; despite its great strength it cannot save.**

<sup>18</sup> Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD, upon those who wait for your steadfast love,

<sup>19</sup> **to deliver their lives from death, and to keep them alive in time of famine.**

<sup>20</sup> Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD, our helper and our shield.

<sup>21</sup> **Surely, our heart rejoices in you, for in your holy name we put our trust.**

<sup>22</sup> Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us, even as we place our hope in you.

## **Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16**

**Todd Thaning**

*Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.*

<sup>1</sup> Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup> Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. <sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup> By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup> For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup> By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup> Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." <sup>13</sup> All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup> for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup> But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

## **The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 12th Chapter**

**Pastor Tim Philips**

*All: Glory to you, O Lord.*

*Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.*

[Jesus said:] <sup>32</sup> "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

<sup>33</sup> Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. <sup>35</sup> "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup> be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks.

<sup>37</sup> Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup> If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. <sup>39</sup> "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup> You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

## **P: The Gospel of Our Lord**

*All: Praise to You, O Christ.*

**Special Music**

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

**Hope Choir**

**Message**

**Pastor Tim Philips**



1 My life flows on in end-less song; a-bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,  
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu-sic ring-ing.  
 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.  
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.  
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?  
 What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv-eth.  
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

*Refrain*



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

**Apostles' Creed**

**Pastor Tim Philips**

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.

**Prayers of Intercession**

**Pastor Tim Philips**

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**

*Instrumental Music*

**Carlyn Obringer**

**Offering Prayer**

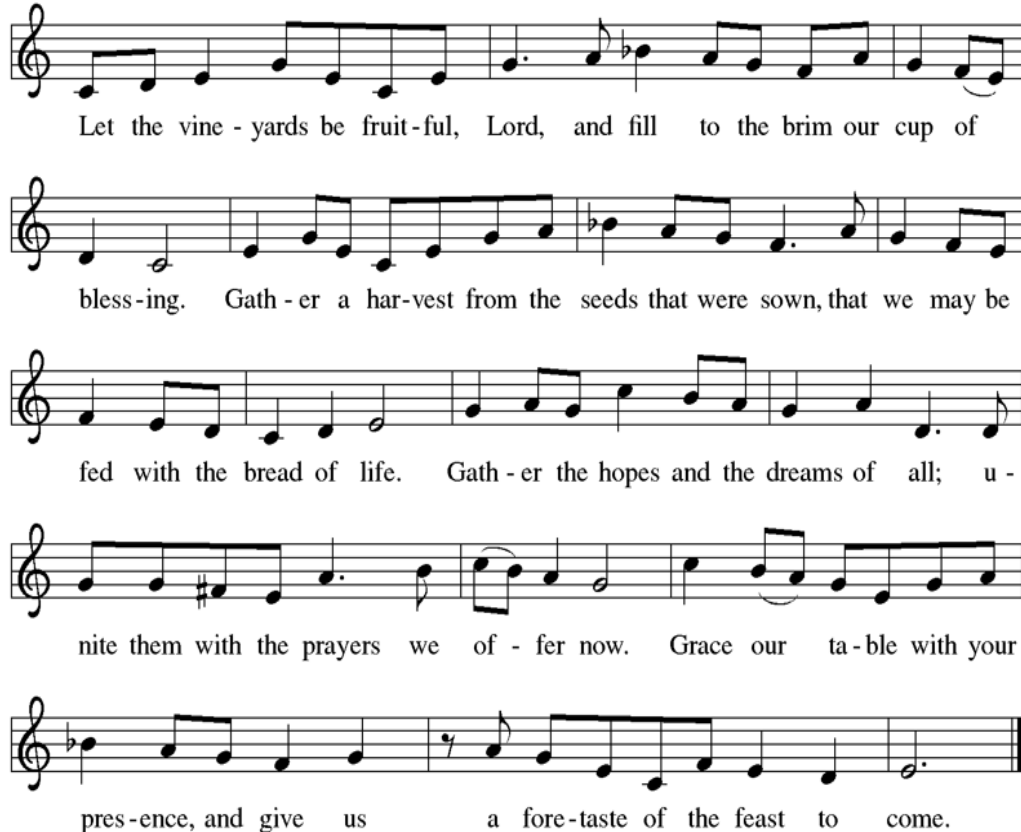
**P:** As we lift up our offerings to the Lord, let us pray.

**All:** **Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful.**

**Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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.

### Holy Communion: Words of Institution

Pastor Tim Philips

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 opportunity afterwards at our coffee hour.*

### Instrumental Music

*Gift of Music*

Carlyn Obringer

### Prayer after Communion

P: Let us pray.

All: Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.

**Blessing** (Please stand as you are able)

P: The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ✠ bless you and give you peace.

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: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

All: Thanks be to God.

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**Announcements**

**Pastoral Needs** – While Pastor Andreas is on retreat Aug 9-18, please call Margaret Anderson or Robin Kanno if you need pastoral care. They will call St. Matthew to provide coverage.

**Meet with Pastor Andreas** – Pastor Andreas will have office hours on August 21 from 1pm-3pm in Card Room 1 upstairs at Stanley Dollar Clubhouse. You can make an appointment but walk-ins are welcome too.

Thank you to **Pastor Tim Philips** for being our presider and homilist today while Pastor Andreas is on retreat in New Mexico.

**Birthday Blessings** go out to **Dorothy Davis-Press** who celebrates her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on Aug 10; **Priscilla Mah** who celebrates her birthday on Aug 11

Thank you to **the Hope Choir** for providing special music for today's worship!

**Bible Study with Pastor Andreas** – On Tuesday, August 19, we will meet at 2:00pm in the Bunker Room at Creekside. All are welcome.

**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.

**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.

**Readings for next Sunday, Aug 17:** Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 82; Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56

**Helpers & Worship Assistants for:**

<b>Today – August 10</b>	<b>Next Sunday – August 17</b>
<b>Presider</b> Pastor Tim Philips	<b>Presider</b> Pastor Tim Philips
<b>Altar</b> Priscilla, Sara, Camilla	<b>Altar</b> Gerda, Kathy
<b>Greeters</b> Nancy Siebenand, Yolanda Campo, Robin	<b>Greeters</b> Karen Peterson, Bill Kuhnsman, Robin
<b>Lay Reader</b> Todd Thaning	<b>Lay Reader</b> Jack Padley
<b>Communion Assistants</b> Jack & Mary Lyn Padley	<b>Communion Assistants</b> Bill Kuhnsman, Robin
<b>Ushers</b> Todd Thaning, Ingrid Wood	<b>Ushers</b> Nancy Siebenand, Robin
<b>Livestream</b> Jaxon	<b>Livestream</b> Chase
<b>Special Music</b> Hope Choir	<b>Special Music</b> Chase Wilcox

**For both Sundays** – We always need helpers for set-up and clean-up. **Set-up (9:30 am); Clean-up (12:15pm)**

**Rides to Church** – Our volunteer drivers to worship are Sally Lionetti, Camilla Durham, Nancy Conrad (3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> 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** – If you would like to mail us your offering, 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 also remember in prayer:** Marc Knight (Inge’s son), Doris Hendrickson, Sue Puska, Linda Farrell, Jeremiah Michaels (Hilda’s son-in-law), Ben Swaffar (Marlene’s grandson), Bo Warwick Smith (Barrie’s grandson), Darrick Dixon (Evelyn Olson’s grandson), Sandy Williams, Rena Ferrell, Brian Woolf, Bill Ryan, Inge Knight, Paula Tagliareni, Rosemary Smith (Eloise Gahl’s sister), Marlene Swaffar, Nancy Lionetti (Sally’s daughter), Ingrid Brick’s cousin Karen, Mary Lyn Padley, June Payne, Paul Gahl, Jim Keifer (Charlene Lenk’s cousin), Evelyn Olson, Tyler Smolens (Deanna Thomas’ grandson), Cynthia Benevent (Ced’s daughter), Carol Chong (Robin’s friend), Larry Deibler, Steve & Kathy Peterson, Wayne Anderson, Julane Sampson



***"We have this Hope of Christ's promises as an Anchor for our lives"***

*Hebrews 6:19*