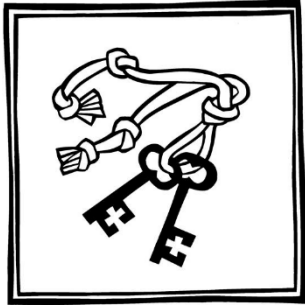




13th Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2026

Hope Lutheran Church in Rossmoor

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The Rev. Andreas Pielhoop, Pastor

Prelude

Instrumental Music

Jaxon Schlagenhauf

Welcome & Introduction

Pastor Andreas Pielhoop

In Isaiah the people are advised to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.

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. *[pause for reflection]* 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

Beautiful Savior - ELW 838 (vs 1, 2, & 4)

Judy Ryken



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,
Son of God and Son of Man!
robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
Son of God and Son of Man!
Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

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.**

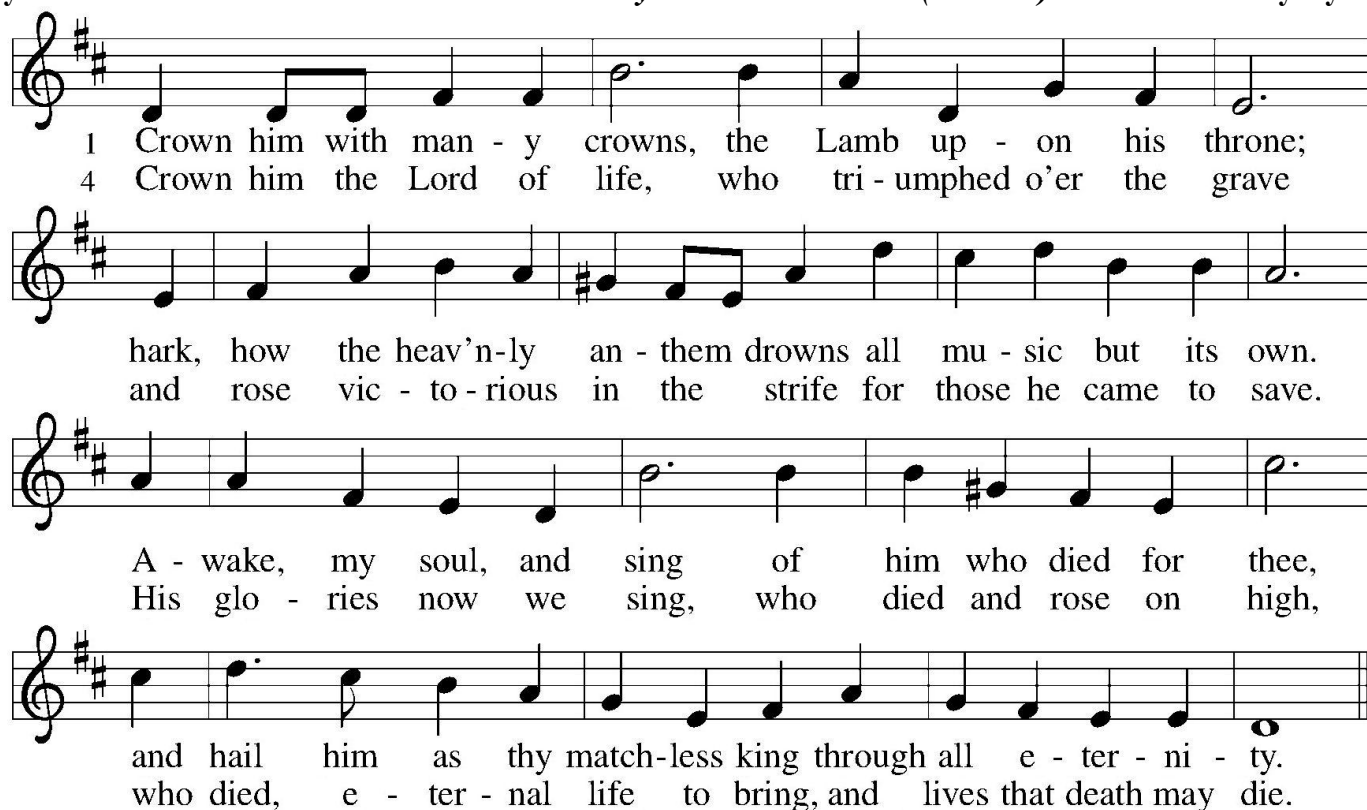
P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

Crown Him with Many Crowns - ELW 855 (vs 1 & 4)

Judy Ryken



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave

hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,

and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor Andreas Pielhoop

P: Let us all pray together.

All: O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 51:1-6

Karen Krauth

Just as God had called Abraham and Sarah and given them many descendants, so now God offers comfort to Zion. God's deliverance will come soon and will never end.

¹ Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn and to the quarry from which you were dug. ² Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah, who bore you, for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. ³ For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. ⁴ Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation, for a teaching will go out from me and my justice for a light to the peoples. ⁵ I will bring near my deliverance swiftly; my salvation has gone out, and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. ⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens and look at the earth beneath, for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats, but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

Psalm 138

Karen Krauth & Congregation

¹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

² **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

³ When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

⁴ **All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD, when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

⁵ They will sing of the ways of the LORD, that great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶ **The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.**

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

⁸ **You will make good your purpose for me; O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.**

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-8

Karen Krauth

In response to God's merciful activity, we are to worship by living holistic, God-pleasing lives. Our values and viewpoints are not molded by the time in which we live but are transformed by the Spirit's renewing work. God's grace empowers different forms of service among Christians, but all forms of ministry function to build up the body of Christ.

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 16th Chapter

Pastor Andreas Pielhoop

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

At a climactic point in Jesus' ministry, God reveals to Peter that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and Jesus responds with the promise of a church that will overcome the very gates of Hades.

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

P: The Gospel of Our Lord

All: Praise to You, O Christ.

Message

Peter Gets it Right but Has to Shut Up!

Pastor Andreas Pielhoop

Hymn of the Day

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less - ELW 597 (vs 1, 2, & 4)

Judy Ryken

1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than
 2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
 4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,

Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my
 rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
 may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -

own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain
 On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Apostles' Creed

Pastor Andreas Pielhoop

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 Andreas Pielhoop

Each petition ends with: Merciful God, **Response: Receive our prayer.**

Offering

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

Special Music

Gift of Music

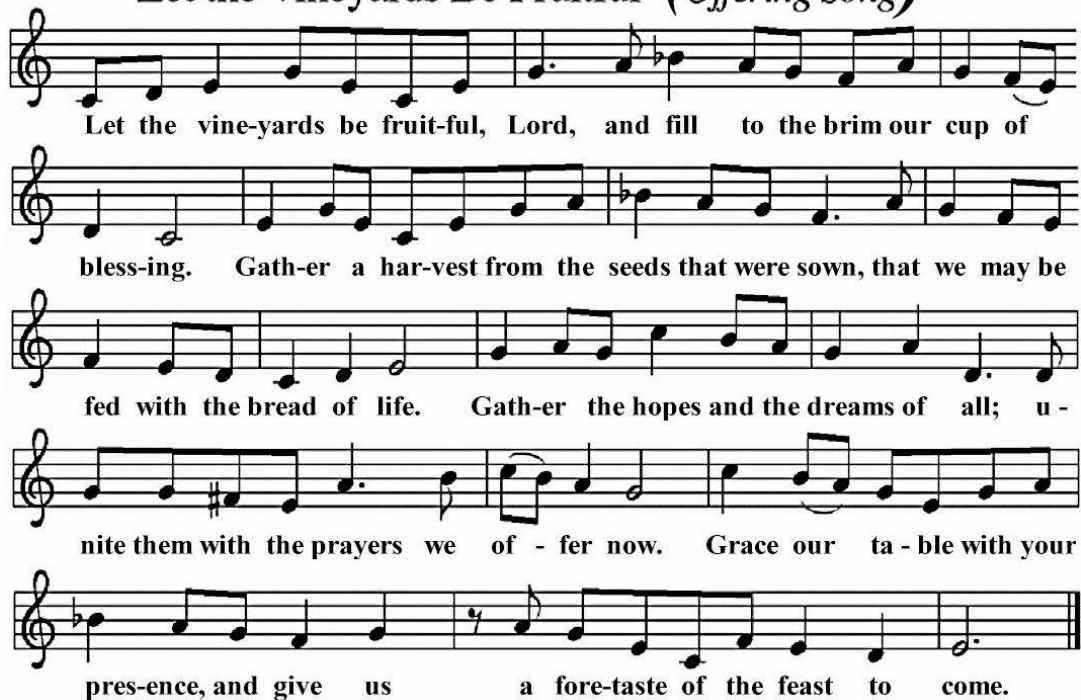
Kyler Svendsgaard & Tom Neely

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*)



Holy Communion: Words of Institution

Pastor Andreas Pielhoop

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.

Instrumental Music

Jaxon Schlagenhauf

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 September 3 & 17 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 **Karen Krauth & Ann Gillette** who celebrate their birthdays on August 28.

Thank you to **Kyler Svendsgaard & Tom Neely** for providing special music for today's worship!

Friends Feeding Friends – Thank you to those who brought in non-perishable food items today which will help support those in need through the Food Pantry at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Concord.

Our **Tenor-Bass (TTBB) Choir** will rehearse & sing at worship on Sunday, August 30, at 9:15am. Come join us!

Fourth Wednesday Lunch Group – On Wednesday, Aug 26, we will gather for food and fellowship in Jesus' name at Buttercup (660 Ygnacio Valley Rd) at 11:30 a.m. Carole Weyand is coordinating.

Helpers & Worship Assistants for:

Today – August 23	Next Sunday – August 30
Altar Kathy, Gerda	Altar Kathy, Priscilla
Greeters John Moilan, Ingrid Wood, Robin	Greeters Karen Peterson, Yolanda Campo, Robin
Lay Reader Karen Krauth	Lay Reader Jacqui Ewing
Communion Assistants Jack & Mary Lyn Padley	Communion Assistants Kathy Odne, Nancy Conrad
Ushers John Odne, Todd Thaning	Ushers Forest & Diane Borene
Livestream Alyssa	Livestream Jaxon
Special Music Kyler Svendsgaard & Tom Neely	Special Music TTBB

Readings for next Sunday, Aug 30: Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 26:1-8; Romans 12:9-21; Matt 16:21-28

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.

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 – 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 & Wally Hale, Brent Granado (Padley's son-in-law), Nancy Lionetti (Sally's daughter), Cynthia & Eric Benevent (Ced Ferrett's daughter & son-in-law), Thom Faulkner (Jacqui Ewing's son), Carol Guillebeaux, Cheryl Murphy (Everett Arnold's sister), Sigrid Beach, Jason Niemi

