

# Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*October 19, 2025*

***Hope Lutheran Church of Rossmoor***

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***The Rev. Andreas Pielhoop, Pastor***

**Prelude**

***Instrumental Music***

**Jaxon Schlagenhauf**

**Dedication & Blessing of New Banner**

**Pastor Andreas Pielhoop**

**Welcome & Introduction**

**Pastor Andreas Pielhoop**

Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is Christ's encouragement in the gospel today. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed

**Confession and Forgiveness**

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

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

**All: Amen.**

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

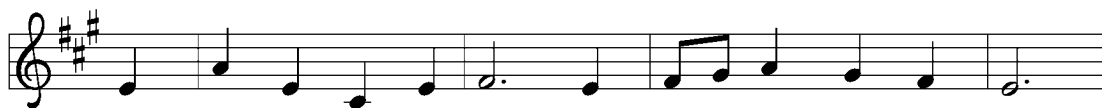
P: Merciful and loving God,

**All: We are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.**

P: Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

You who were lost have been found. In the name of ✝ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

**All: Amen.**



- 1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
- 2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulfs earth's frame;
- 3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king-dom's task em - brace;
- 4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
- 5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;



Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.  
as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.  
re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.  
stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.  
and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

**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.**

*Refrain*

Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa-ther's glo - ry;  
blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;  
send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the  
2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our fac - es dis -  
dark-ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,  
play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,  
set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.

*Refrain*

Shine on me, shine on me:  
Shine on me, shine on me:

## Prayer of the Day

**Pastor Andreas Pielhoop**

P: Let us all pray together.

**All: O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## First Reading: Genesis 32:22-31

## Karen Krauth

*Returning to the home he had fled many years before after stealing his brother's birthright and his father's blessing, Jacob wrestles all night long with a divine adversary who ultimately blesses him and changes his name to "Israel," a name that means "he wrestles with God."*

<sup>22</sup> The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup> He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had.

<sup>24</sup> Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. <sup>25</sup> When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with

him. <sup>26</sup> Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." <sup>27</sup> So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." <sup>28</sup> Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." <sup>29</sup> Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. <sup>30</sup> So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." <sup>31</sup> The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

## **Psalm 121**

**Karen Krauth & Congregation**

<sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

<sup>2</sup> **My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.**

<sup>3</sup> The LORD will not let your foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

<sup>4</sup> **Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;**

<sup>5</sup> the LORD watches over you; the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

<sup>6</sup> **the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

<sup>7</sup> The LORD will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.

<sup>8</sup> **The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore.**

## **Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5**

**Karen Krauth**

*The writer of this letter continues his instruction of Timothy, his younger colleague in ministry, by emphasizing the importance of faithful teaching despite opposition.*

<sup>14</sup> But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it <sup>15</sup> and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. <sup>4:1</sup> In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: <sup>2</sup> proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. <sup>3</sup> For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires <sup>4</sup> and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. <sup>5</sup> As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

## **The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 18th Chapter**

**Pastor Andreas Pielhoop**

*All: Glory to you, O Lord.*

*Jesus tells a parable of an unjust judge who is worn down by a widow's pleas. Jesus is calling God's people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call.*

<sup>1</sup> Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. <sup>2</sup> He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. <sup>3</sup> In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' <sup>4</sup> For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, <sup>5</sup> yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " <sup>6</sup> And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. <sup>7</sup> And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? <sup>8</sup> I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

**P:** The Gospel of Our Lord

*All: Praise to You, O Christ.*



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat  
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst-ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;  
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long-ings as noth - ing else would do.  
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.  
 I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

*Refrain*

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo-ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

**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.**

## Receiving New Members

Pastor Andreas Pielhoop & Jack Padley

**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.

**Everett & Pamela Arnold, Forest & Diane Borene, Beth Abinanti**

**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: Receive our prayer.**

## Offering

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

## Special Music

*Gift of Music*

Joffria Whitfield

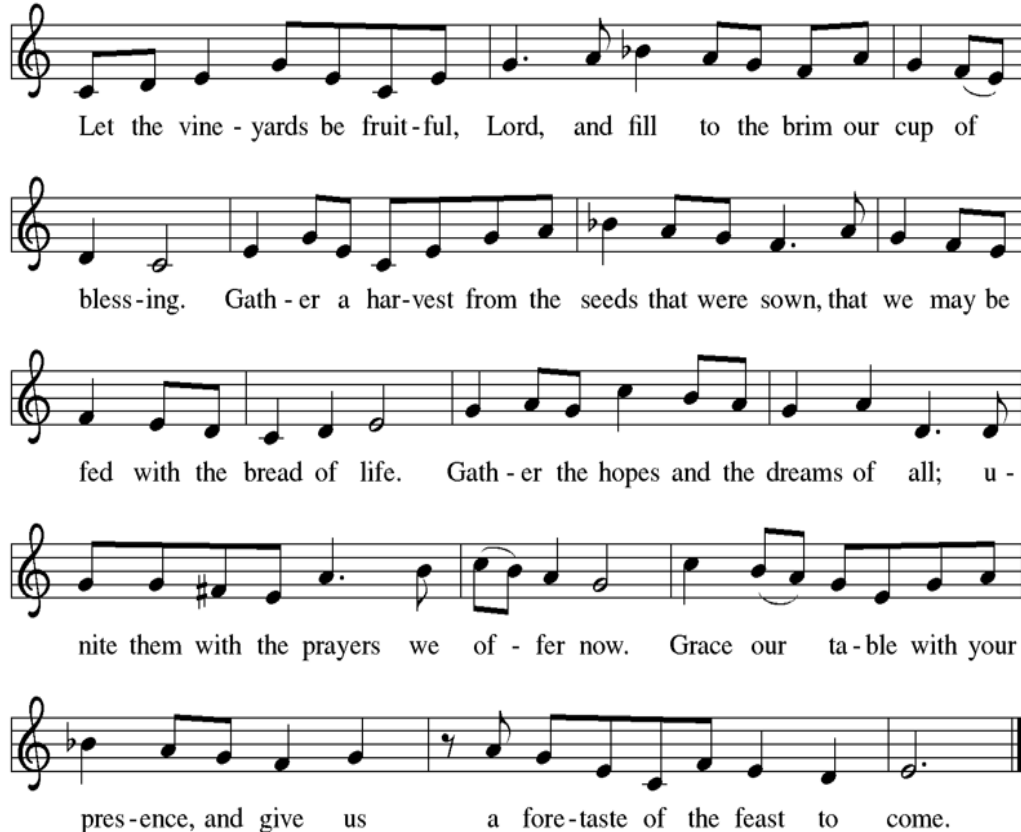
## Offering Prayer

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

**All: Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 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 opportunity afterwards at our coffee hour.*

### Instrumental Music

Jaxon Schlagenhauf

### Prayer after Communion

P: Let us pray.

All: O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

P: The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ✝ bless you now and forever.

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. Do not lose heart.

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](mailto:pielhoop77@earthlink.net).

**Meet with Pastor Andreas** – Pastor Andreas will have office hours on November 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 **Chase Wilcox** who celebrates his birthday on Oct 23; **Tom Lee** who celebrates his birthday on Oct 24

**Anniversary Blessings** go out to **Paul & Eloise Gahl** who celebrate their 68th anniversary on Oct 19; **Everett Arnold** who celebrates the 56<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination on Oct 19.

Thank you to **Joffria Whitfield** for providing special music for today's worship and celebration!

**Commitment Sundays** - October 19, 26 are Commitment Sundays. If you weren't able to fill out your estimate of financial support for 2026 yet, please do so today. When you come up for Communion, you may drop off your Estimate of Giving form in the plates on either side of the altar or you can give them to Robin. The yellow Estimate of Giving forms are on the greeting table. We are blessed to make a positive difference in the life of Hope through your commitments.

**New Members** – Today we welcome new members into our faith family at Hope – **Everett & Pamela Arnold, Forest & Diane Borene, Beth Abinanti**

**Reformation Sunday** is next Sunday, October 26. Remember to wear red!

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

**Bible Study with Pastor Andreas** – On Tuesday, October 21, we will meet at 2:00pm in the Bunker Room at Creekside. All are welcome.

**Fourth Wednesday Lunch Group** – On **Wednesday**, October 22, we will gather for food and fellowship in Jesus’ name at The Hangout at 11:30 a.m. Let Inge know, tel 217-819-8926, if you plan to attend so she can make a reservation.

**SOCK-tober** is here! This is one way Hope supports Trinity Center. Trinity distributes socks to the homeless population in Walnut Creek. Each \$20 donation will buy 10-15 pairs of socks. Checks should be made out to Hope Lutheran Church with “SOCKTOBER” in the memo line and placed in the collection basket. Socktober envelopes are available on the greeting table. Thank you for caring and sharing!

**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.

**Helpers & Worship Assistants for:**

| <b>Today – October 19</b>                                | <b>Next Sunday – October 26</b>                      |
|----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Presider</b> Pastor Andreas Pielhoop                  | <b>Presider</b> Pastor Andreas Pielhoop              |
| <b>Altar</b> Jean, Gerda, Kathy                          | <b>Altar</b> Jean, Gerda, Kathy                      |
| <b>Greeters</b> Karen Peterson, Ingrid Wood, Kathy Odne  | <b>Greeters</b> Sigrid Beach, Jean Faszholz, Robin   |
| <b>Lay Reader</b> Karen Krauth                           | <b>Lay Reader</b> Mark Krauth                        |
| <b>Communion Assistants</b> Gerda Peterson, Nancy Conrad | <b>Communion Assistants</b> Lois Nelson, John Moilan |
| <b>Ushers</b> Nancy Conrad, John Odne                    | <b>Ushers</b> Stella Tang, Gerda Peterson            |
| <b>Livestream</b> Chase                                  | <b>Livestream</b> Jaxon                              |
| <b>Special Music</b> Joffria Whitfield                   | <b>Special Music</b> TTBB                            |

**Readings for next Sunday, Oct 26:** Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 46; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36

**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, 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 (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:** Doris Hendrickson, Inge Knight, Paula Tagliareni, Tyler Smolens (Deanna Thomas’ grandson), Larry Deibler, Steve & Kathy Peterson, Julane Sampson, Joan Birke (Carole Weyand’s friend), Haley Thaning (Todd’s daughter), Nancy Siebenand, Sally Lionetti, Heidi & the Woolf Family



*"We have this Hope of Christ's promises as an Anchor for our lives"*  
*Hebrews 6:19*