

24th Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2026

Hope Lutheran Church in Rossmoor

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The Rev. Andreas Pielhoop, Pastor

Judy Ryken, Director of Music and Cantor

Prelude ***Instrumental Music*** **Carlyn Obringer**

Welcome & Introduction **Pastor Andreas Pielhoop**

Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the Lamb.

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, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers.

All: Amen.

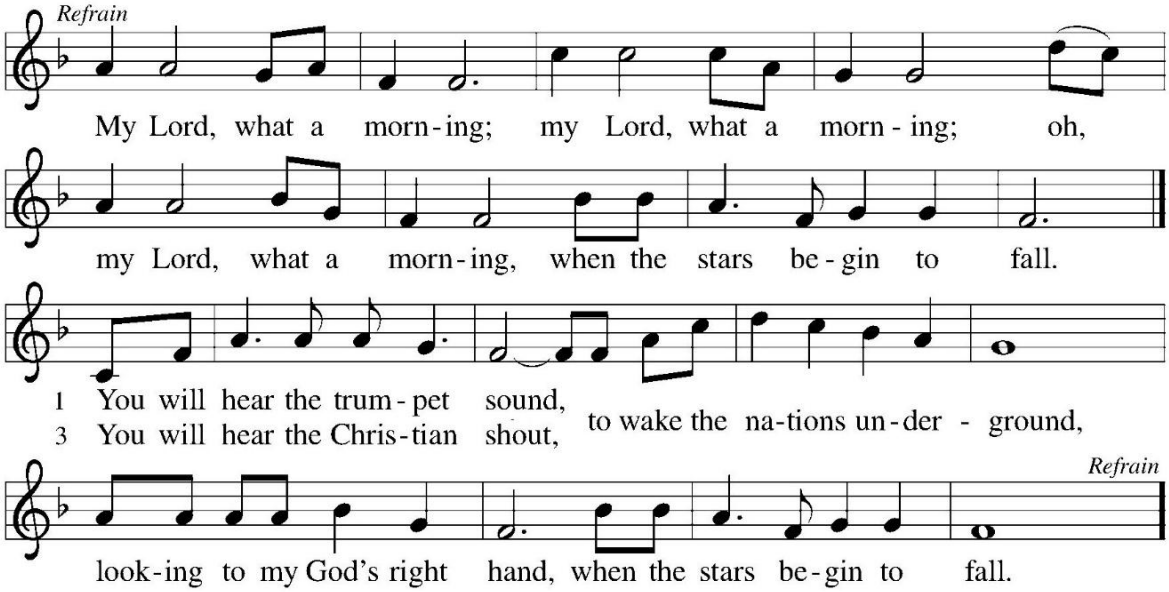
P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *[pause for reflection]* Holy God,

All: we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.

P: Inherit the riches of God's grace. ✠ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you.

All: Amen.

Gathering Hymn ***My Lord, What a Morning - ELW 438 (vs 1 & 3)***



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.

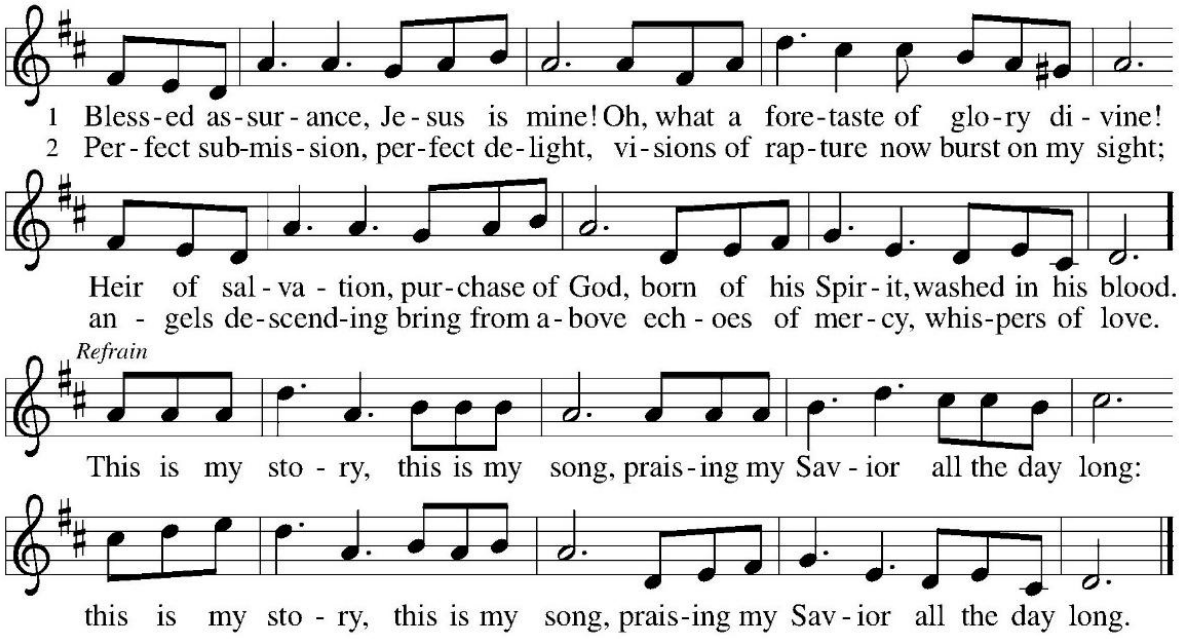
P: For this holy house, and all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

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

All: Amen.

Hymn of Praise ***Blessed Assurance - ELW 638 (vs 1 & 2)***



Prayer of the Day **Pastor Andreas Pielhoop**

P: Let us all pray together.

All: O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24 **Todd Thaning**

In the days of Amos, people thought that the day of the LORD would be a time of great victory, but Amos announced that it would be a day of darkness, not light. He said liturgy is no substitute for obedience. The LORD demands justice and righteousness in the community.

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the LORD? It is darkness, not light,
19 as if someone fled from a lion and was met by a bear or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall and was bitten by a snake. 20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? 21 I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. 22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them, and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. 23 Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. 24 But let justice roll down like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Psalm 70 **Todd Thaning & Congregation**

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; O LORD, make haste to help me.
2 **Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded; let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.**
3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back because of their shame.
4 **Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the LORD!"**
5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God. You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 **Todd Thaning**

Some of the Thessalonians are worried that dead Christians will be excluded from the resurrection to eternal life when Christ comes again. Paul reassures them with the word of hope that all Christians, living or dead, will be raised into everlasting life with Christ.

13 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 15 For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died.
16 For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever.
18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th Chapter **Pastor Andreas Pielhoop**
All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.

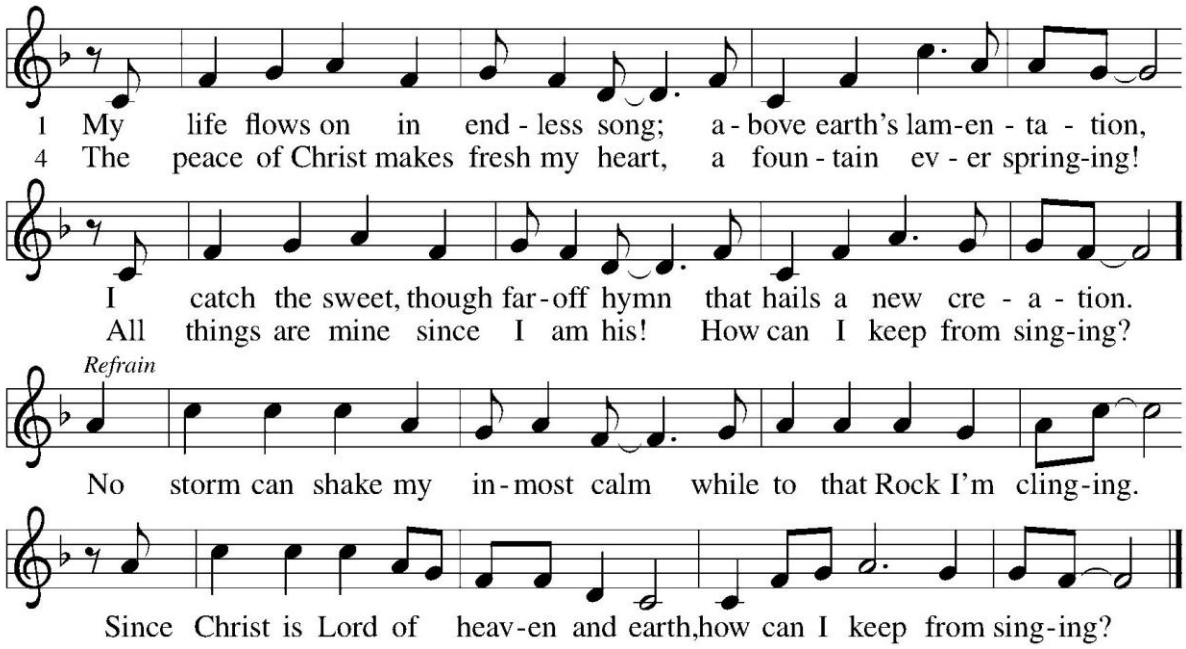
[Jesus said to the disciples:] [1] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2] Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3] When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4] but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5] As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. [6] But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7] Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. [8] The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9] But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' [10] And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. [11] Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12] But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' [13] Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

P: The Gospel of Our Lord
All: Praise to You, O Christ.

Special Music ***Beautiful Savior*** **Hope Choir**

Message **Being Wise Means Being Prepared** **Pastor Andreas Pielhoop**

Hymn of the Day ***My Life Flows On in Endless Song - ELW 763 (vs 1 & 4)***



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: God, in your mercy, **Response: Hear our prayer.**

Offering

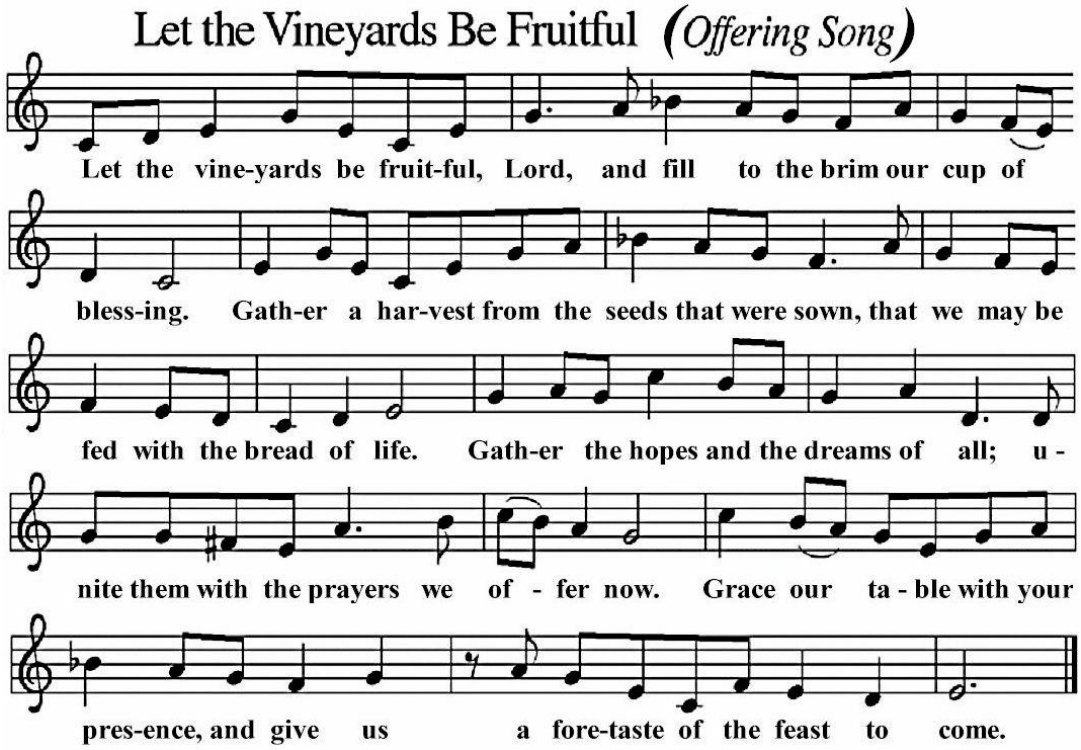
*We invite you to place your **Offering** in the offering plate as it is passed.*

Instrumental Music **Carlyn Obringer**

Offering Prayer

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

All: Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



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 **Carlyn Obringer**

Prayer after Communion **Pastor Andreas Pielhoop**

P**:** Let us pray.

All: Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever. Amen.

Blessing *(Please stand as you are able)*

P: The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, 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: Go in peace. Encourage one another.

All: Thanks be to God.

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Announcements

A warm welcome to all who are here for the first time! We are delighted to have you join us for worship.

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 November 19 from 1pm-3pm in Card Room 1 upstairs at Stanley Dollar Clubhouse. You can make an appointment but walk-ins are welcome too.

Anniversary Blessings go out to **Jack & Mary Lyn Padley** who celebrate their 19th anniversary on Nov 10; **Pastor Andreas** celebrates the 30th anniversary of his ordination on Nov 10.

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

Our **Hope Choir** rehearses AND sings at worship on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month. Join us on **Nov 8 & 22** at 9:15am for rehearsal and then singing at worship. All are welcome.

Women of Hope – The women's Bible study group will be meeting on Saturday, November 14, at 10:00-11:30am in the Mulligan Room at Creekside. We'll be covering the third session of the fall series in *Gather Magazine* on Mary Magdalene, who is told by Jesus at the tomb to inform the other disciples of his resurrection.

All are welcome to join us for interesting discussion and snacks. Please see Priscilla Mah if you have any questions.

Bible Study with Pastor Andreas – On Tuesday, November 17, we will meet at 2:00pm in the Bunker Room at Creekside. Please bring your own NRSV or NIV Bible.

~~**Fourth Wednesday**~~ **Third Tuesday Lunch Group** – Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, we will meet on the THIRD TUESDAY, November 17, at The Golden Pear at Creekside at 11:30 a.m. Carole Weyand is coordinating. Call Carole at 925-788-6499 by Nov 15 so she can make a reservation.

Helpers & Worship Assistants for:

Today – November 8	**Next Sunday – November 15**
Altar Priscilla, Sara	**Altar** Jean, Gerda, Kathy
Greeters Deanna Thomas, Ingrid Wood, Robin	**Greeters** Ann Gillette, Kathy Odne, Robin
Lay Reader Todd Thaning	**Lay Reader** Nancy Conrad
Communion Assistants Gerda Peterson, Robin	**Communion Assistants** Mark & Beth Vance
Ushers Mark & Karen Krauth	**Ushers** Carol Heath, Robin
Livestream Alyssa	**Livestream** Chase
Special Music Hope Choir	**Special Music** James Greening-Valenzuela Violin Ensemble

Readings for next Sunday, Nov 15: Zeph 1:7,12-18; Psalm 90:1-12; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matt 25:14-30

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 (1st, 3rd, 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: Lina & Wally Hale, Brent Granado (Padley's son-in-law), Thom Faulkner (Jacqui Ewing's son), Cheryl Murphy (Everett Arnold's sister), Sigrid Beach, Jason Niemi, Sharon Lubkeman, Michael Bess (Barrie's son-in-law), Steve Peterson, Alexandra & Adrienne Fraser (Marilyn's daughters)



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