



# Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 13, 2025

**Hope Lutheran Church of Rossmoor**

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**Prelude**

***Instrumental Music***

**Carlyn Obringer**

## **Welcome & Introduction**

**Pastor Andreas Pielhoop**

To love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind is to reflect God's mercy in responding to one's neighbor. That mercy found its most profound expression in the "gospel that has come to you"—namely the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That gospel mercy comes to us again today: at the font, at the table, and from the pulpit. It is very near to you.

## **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.

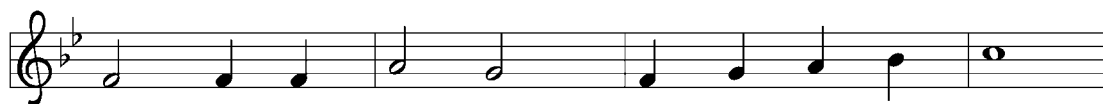
All: **Amen.**



1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;  
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,  
 3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;  
 4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,



wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;  
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,  
 all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?  
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:



stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,  
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;  
 I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.  
 the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,



and make me love you as I ought to love.  
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.  
 Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!  
 my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

### 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.

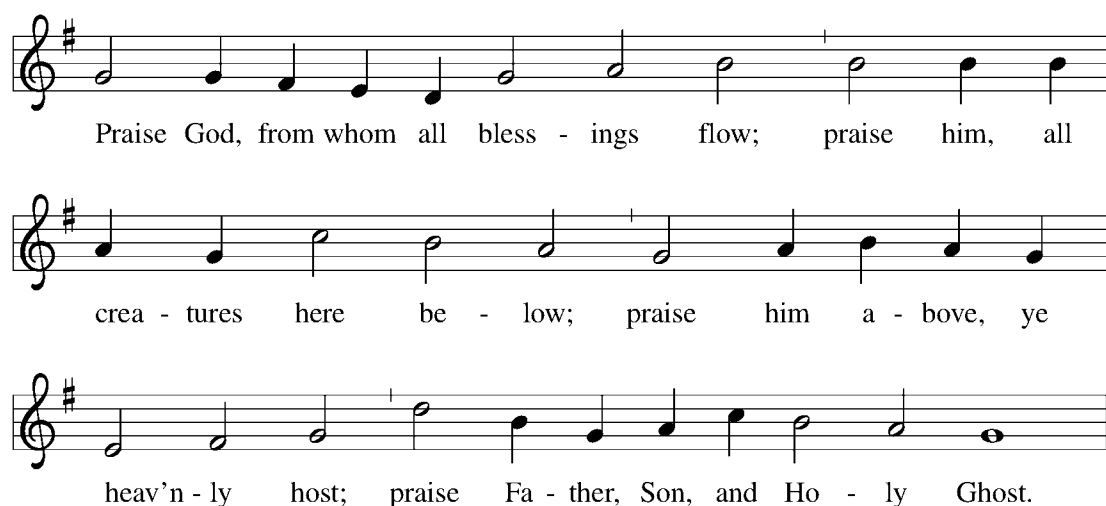
All: **Lord, have mercy.**

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.**

**Prayer of the Day****Pastor Andreas Pielhoop**

P: Let us all pray together.

**All: O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:9-14****Nancy Conrad**

*Moses calls the people who are about to enter the promised land to renew the covenant God made with their ancestors. Through this covenant God gives life and asks for obedience. God's commandment is neither burdensome nor too far off, but dwells in the people's hearts.*

<sup>9</sup> The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, <sup>10</sup> when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. <sup>11</sup> Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. <sup>12</sup> It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" <sup>13</sup> Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?"

<sup>14</sup> No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

**Psalm 25:1-10****Nancy Conrad & Congregation**

<sup>1</sup> To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

<sup>2</sup> **My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

<sup>3</sup> Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

<sup>4</sup> **Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.**

<sup>5</sup> Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

<sup>6</sup> **Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.**

<sup>7</sup> Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

<sup>8</sup> **You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

<sup>9</sup> You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

<sup>10</sup> **All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

**Second Reading: Colossians 1:1-14****Nancy Conrad**

*The letter to the Colossians was written to warn its readers of various false teachings. The first part of the letter is an expression of thanks for the faith, hope, and love that mark this community, including a prayer for strength and courage.*

<sup>1</sup> Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, <sup>2</sup> To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. <sup>3</sup> In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>4</sup> for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, <sup>5</sup> because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel <sup>6</sup> that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. <sup>7</sup> This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, <sup>8</sup> and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. <sup>9</sup> For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, <sup>10</sup> so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. <sup>11</sup> May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully <sup>12</sup> giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup> He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

**The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 10th Chapter****Pastor Andreas Pielhoop**

*All: Glory to you, O Lord.*

*Jesus is challenged to explain what is involved in obeying the greatest commandment. He tells a parable rich in surprises: those expected to show pity display hard hearts while the lowly give and receive unexpected and lavish mercy.*

<sup>25</sup> Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>26</sup> He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" <sup>27</sup> He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." <sup>28</sup> And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." <sup>29</sup> But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" <sup>30</sup> Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. <sup>34</sup> He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' <sup>36</sup> Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" <sup>37</sup> He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

**P: The Gospel of Our Lord**

*All: Praise to You, O Christ.*

**Special Music*****With a Voice of Singing*****Hope Choir****Message*****"Doing the Unexpected Restores the Soul"*****Pastor Andreas Pielhoop**



1 We plow the fields and scat - ter the good seed on the land,  
 2 You on - ly are the mak - er of all things near and far.  
 3 We thank you, our cre - a - tor, for all things bright and good,



but it is fed and wa - tered by God's al - might - y hand,  
 You paint the way - side flow - er, you light the eve - ning star.  
 the seed - time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food.



who sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain,  
 The winds and waves o - bey you, by you the birds are fed;  
 No gifts have we to of - fer for all your love im - parts,



the breez - es and the sun - shine, and soft re - fresh - ing rain.  
 much more to us, your chil - dren, you give our dai - ly bread.  
 but what you most would trea - sure—our hum - ble, thank - ful hearts.

*Refrain*

All good gifts a - round us are sent from heav'n a - bove.



We thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord, for all your 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.**

**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

## 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 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**

**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** – 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 August 7 & 21 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 **Jacqui Ewing** who celebrates her birthday on July 16; **Mary Lyn Padley** who celebrates her birthday on July 18

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

**Our Hope Church Council** meets both in-person and via Zoom tomorrow, July 14, at **NOON** at the Stanley Dollar Clubhouse in Card Room 1. This will be a hybrid meeting. **Please note special meeting time at NOON for this month only.**

Our **Tenor-Bass (TTBB) Choir** will rehearse on Sunday, July 27, at 9:15am. Come join us!

**Fourth Wednesday Lunch Group** – On Wednesday, July 23, we will gather for food and fellowship in Jesus' name at the Creekside Grill in Rossmoor at 11:30 a.m. Call Inge Knight at 217-819-8926 by July 21 so she can make a reservation.

**Bible Study with Pastor Andreas will be on break in July.** We will resume meeting on August 19 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.

**Helpers & Worship Assistants for:**

<b>Today – July 13</b>	<b>Next Sunday – July 20</b>
<b>Presider</b> Pastor Andreas	<b>Presider</b> Pastor Andreas
<b>Altar</b> Priscilla, Sara, Camilla	<b>Altar</b> Priscilla, Gerda, Kathy
<b>Greeters</b> Nancy Siebenand, Deanna Thomas, Robin	<b>Greeters</b> Karen Peterson, Ann Gillette, Robin
<b>Lay Reader</b> Nancy Conrad	<b>Lay Reader</b> Kathy Odne
<b>Communion Assistants</b> Sara Wood, Robin	<b>Communion Assistants</b> Gerda Peterson, Stella Tang
<b>Ushers</b> Bill Kuhnsman, Judy Dybevik	<b>Ushers</b> Stella Tang, Nancy Conrad
<b>Livestream</b> Chase	<b>Livestream</b> Alyssa Schlagenhauf
<b>Special Music</b> Hope Choir	<b>Special Music</b> Sebastian Kim

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

**Readings for next Sunday, July 20:** Genesis 18:1-10a; Psalm 52; Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42

**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, please send it to: Hope Lutheran Church, c/o Carolyn Schick, 1800 Atrium Parkway G345, Napa, CA 94559.

**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, Kim Rathbun (Phil Barth’s daughter), John Siebenand (Nancy’s husband), Brian Woolf, Bill Ryan, Inge Knight, Paula Tagliareni, Ann Dimino (Carole Weyand’s daughter), Dee Reichert, Rosemary Smith (Eloise Gahl’s sister), Carlos Bera (friend of Evelyn Olson), Marlene Swaffar, Nancy Lionetti (Sally’s daughter), Ingrid Brick’s cousin Karen, Mary Lyn Padley, June Payne, Paul Gahl, Melodie Bullock (Karen & Mark’s daughter-in-law), Wayne Anderson, Kate Rossing (Rossing’s daughter-in-law), Daniel Romero (friend of Don Kinunen), Jim Keifer (Charlene Lenk’s cousin), Evelyn Olson, Tyler Smolens (Deanna Thomas’ grandson), Dianne Sugihara (Robin’s friend), Cynthia Benevent (Ced’s daughter)