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Sunday, July 30, 2023
The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Service Notes:

- The following psalms in the front of the hymnal (page 64f) will aid you in your meditation before receiving the Lord's Supper: Psalms 34, 42-43, 51, 84, 116, 150. Prayers for preparation for worship are on pages 10 and 11 in the hymnal. A form for preparation for Communion is on page 156.

- Guests, please sign the guest registry in the narthex.

- If you have a prayer request or would like Pastor Schaefer to visit or call you, please talk to him (734-658-5735).

Holy Communion will be celebrated today. Our guests are kindly asked to note that it is our practice to first become a member of our communion fellowship before communing with us. Please speak to our pastor about becoming a member of our communion fellowship.

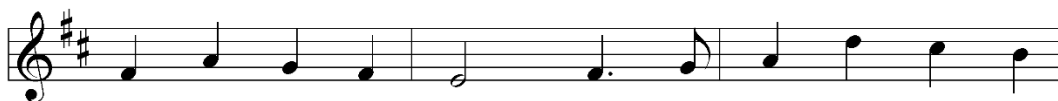
SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

OPENING HYMN: #222 "Songs of Praise the Angels Sang"

Text: James Montgomery (1771-1854)



1 Songs of praise the an - gels sang, Heav'n with
2 Songs of praise a - woke the morn When the
3 Heav'n and earth must pass a - way; Songs of
4 And shall man a - lone be still? Has he
5 Saints be - low, with heart and voice, Still in



al - le - lu - ias rang, When cre - a - tion was be -
Prince of Peace was born. Songs of praise a - rose when
praise shall crown that day. God will make new heav'ns and
nei - ther breath nor skill? No, the Church de - lights to
songs of praise re - joice, Learn - ing here, by faith and



gun, When God spoke and it was done.
he Cap - tive led cap - tiv - i - ty.
earth; Songs of praise shall hail their birth.
raise Psalms and hymns and songs of praise.
love, Songs of praise to sing a - bove.

6 Whispered with their final breath,
Songs of praise shall conquer death.
Then, amidst eternal joy,
Songs of praise their pow'rs employ.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854, alt.
Tune: INNOCENTS (77 77) French melody, 13th century.

STAND

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



C: A - men.

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in
all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,
you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;
you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and
ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,
but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,
how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.
O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,
you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;
you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the
King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,
how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by your help be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BE SEATED



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: Joel 3:12-16

¹² Let the nations stir themselves up
and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat;
for there I will sit to judge
all the surrounding nations.

¹³ Put in the sickle,
for the harvest is ripe.
Go in, tread,
for the winepress is full.

The vats overflow,
for their evil is great.

¹⁴ Multitudes, multitudes,
in the valley of decision!

For the day of the LORD is near
in the valley of decision.

¹⁵ The sun and the moon are darkened,
and the stars withdraw their shining.

¹⁶ The LORD roars from Zion,
and utters his voice from Jerusalem,
and the heavens and the earth quake.

But the LORD is a refuge to his people,
a stronghold to the people of Israel.

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 18

The congregation will sing **Hymn #192** “Triune God, Oh, Be
Our Stay”

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Triune God, Oh, Be Our Stay



Tri - une God, oh, be our stay And let us per - ish nev - er!



Cleanse us from our sins, we pray, And grant us life for - ev - er.



Keep us from the e - vil one; Up - hold our faith most ho - ly;



Grant us to trust you sole - ly With hum - ble hearts and



low - ly. Let us put God's ar - mor on, With all true



Chris - tians run - ning Our heav'n - ly race and shun - ning



The dev - il's wiles and cun - ning. A - men, a - men!



This be done; So sing we, Al - le - lu - ia!

SECOND LESSON: Romans 8:26,27

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And he who searches hearts knows what is the

mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

VERSE OF THE DAY (sung by the soloist)

Alleluia! Watch, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. Alleluia! (Matthew 24:42)

STAND

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

²⁴ [Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵ but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷ And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ ²⁸ He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹ But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, “Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.””

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷ He answered, “The one who sows

the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴² and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY: #541 “Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide”

541

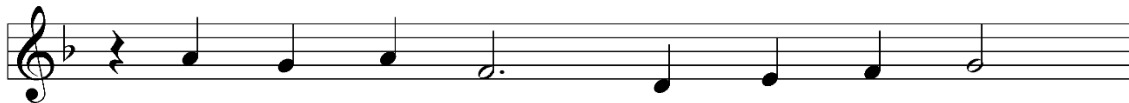
Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, with us a - bide,
 2 O God, how sin's dread works a - bound!
 3 In these last days of sore dis - tress
 4 Lord Je - sus, help, your Church up - hold,
 5 Oh, keep us in your Word, we pray;



For round us falls the e - ven - tide,
 Through - out the earth no rest is found,
 Grant us, dear Lord, true stead - fast - ness
 For we are slug - gish, thought - less, cold.
 The guile and rage of Sa - tan stay!



Nor let your Word, that heav'n - ly light,
 And false - hood's spir - it wide has spread,
 That pure we keep, till life is spent,
 Oh, pros - per well your Word of grace,
 Oh, may your mer - cy nev - er cease!



For us be ev - er veiled in night.
 And er - ror bold - ly rears its head.
 Your ho - ly Word and sac - ra - ment.
 And spread its truth in ev - 'ry place.
 Give con - cord, pa - tience, cour - age, peace.

6 The cause is yours, the glory, too.
 So hear us, Lord, and keep us true,
 Your Word alone is our defense,
 The Church's glorious confidence.

7 Oh, grant that in your holy Word
 We here may live and die, dear Lord,
 And when our journey's ending here,
 Receive us into glory there.

Text: *Geistliche Psalmen*, Nürnberg, 1611, st. 1, 3; Nikolaus Selnecker, 1532–92, st. 2, 4–7, abr., adapt.; tr. composite.
 Tune: ACH BLEIB BEI UNS (LM) *Geistliche Lieder*, Leipzig, 1589, alt.

SERMON

STAND

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son
of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from
true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from
heaven,**

**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin
Mary,
and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with
the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and
the dead,**

and his kingdom will have no end.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

**who in unity with the Father and the Son is
worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic
Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness
of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the (+) life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

M: Redeemer and Lord of hosts, the future is in Your hands. Remove all fear from us, and keep us mindful that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed in us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: Lord of heaven and earth, we give thanks that Your Son, Jesus Christ, died to redeem the world and restore creation. Until new life supplants the groanings of this age, lead us to steward Your creation well, not in waste but in wise and diligent use with thanksgiving. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

M: Heavenly Father, pour out the blessing of Your Holy Spirit on the delegates who will assemble in convention this week. Give wisdom to those who propose, deliberate and decide for the work and welfare of our Synod. Guard all who speak

and all who listen. Give us courage to do with integrity what we promise. Bless our plans and actions, and grant success. Only let our manner of life be worthy of the Gospel of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

M: We give You thanks for all who serve as instruments of Your compassion, those who care for the elderly at home, and those who work in retirement and nursing facilities. Grant that we also may serve as Your hands, feet and voices to give comfort and company to the lonely. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

M: O Lord, You are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. Be patient with those who do not repent or believe. Send Your Holy Spirit to bring them into saving faith. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

M: Guide the leaders of all nations, that they would work for peace and justice in the face of conflict and discord. By, or despite, their efforts, protect the weak and defenseless. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

M: We commend to You all who endure the bondage of decay through infirmity and weakness. Deliver them according to Your will, and strengthen and preserve their faith, that they may rejoice that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed in us. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

M: Preserve us in hope for what we do not see. Grant that we would receive Your Holy Supper with hearts free from

pride, presumption or any other sin that would profane His precious body and blood. May we rejoice in His bodily presence for our forgiveness. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

M: Lord God, You have called us according to Your purpose. You cause all things to work together for our good. Keep us safe until that day when You gather us with the saints into Your kingdom, which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

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Please use this time for personal preparation or meditation before the Lord's Supper. A form to assist you is on page 156 in the front part of the hymnal.

NOTE: *Please be prepared to receive the host in your outstretched hand, rather than in your mouth.*

STAND



THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing.

He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (Sanctus)



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is the new testament in my (+) blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace (+) of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



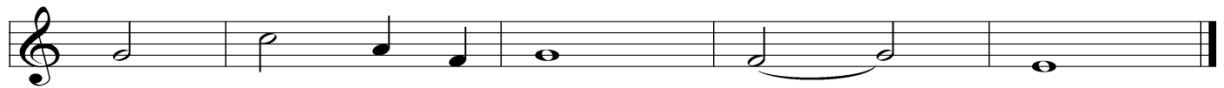
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A - men.

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DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION ANTHEM:

“Grant, Holy Ghost, that We Behold”

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Grant, Holy Ghost, that we behold the grace of Christ our Savior,
Whose wounds and agony untold made good for our behavior.
The last hour cannot bring us loss when we are sheltered by the
cross
That canceled our transgressions.

Your living Word shine in our heart and to a new life win us.
With seed of light implant the start of Christ-like deeds within us.
Help us uproot what is impure, and while faith's fruits in us mature,
Prepare us for your harvest.

Then when our earthly course is run, death's bitter hour impending,
May your good work in us begun bring peace to our life's ending,
The joy of surely being brought, by Christ, who our salvation
bought,
Into our Father's mansion.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN:

#613 "Come, You Thankful People, Come" Text: Henry Alford (1810-1871)

613 Come, You Thankful People, Come



1 Come, you thank - ful peo - ple, come; Raise the song of
 2 All the world is God's own field, Fruit un - to his
 3 For the Lord our God shall come And shall take his
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come To your fi - nal



har - vest - home. All be safe - ly gath - ered in
 praise to yield; Wheat and weeds to - geth - er sown,
 har - vest home, From his field shall in that day
 har - vest - home; Gath - er all your peo - ple in,



Ere the win - ter storms be - gin. God our mak - er
 Un - to joy or sor - row grown. First the blade and
 All of - fens - es purge a - way, Give his an - gels
 Free from sor - row, free from sin, There, for - ev - er



shall pro - vide For our wants to be sup - plied. Come to
 then the ear, Then the full corn shall ap - pear. Lord of
 charge at last In the fire the weeds to cast, But the
 pu - ri - fied, In your gar - ner to a - bide. Come with



God's own tem - ple, come; Raise the song of har - vest - home.
 har - vest, grant that we Whole - some grain and pure may be.
 fruit - ful ears to store In his gar - ner ev - er - more.
 all your an - gels, come; Raise the glo - rious har - vest - home.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-71, alt.
 Tune: ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR (77 77 D) George J. Elvey, 1816-93.

THANKSGIVING (page 36)

STAND

THANK THE LORD



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joyce and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



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Communion Assistants: Mark Castellese

Organist and Soloist: Julie Webber

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

Today - 9:30 AM Divine Service; 10:45 AM Lemonade on the Lawn
- 4:00 PM Ordination and Installation of Isaac Pappenfuss into the Divine Ministry at Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, 195 E. Michigan Avenue, Saline 48176. A dinner will follow the service.

Monday - 7:00 PM Divine Service

Tuesday – 7:00 PM Board Meetings: Education/Stewardship, Trustees
- 8:PM Church Council Meeting

Wednesday – NO Bible Class

Sunday - 9:30 AM Divine Service; 10:45 AM Lemonade on the Lawn

Monday - 7:00 PM Divine Service

Serving next week: Altar Guild – Diane Wendland; Ushering – Team 2

Flowers are donated to the glory of God.

Pastor vacation – Pastor Schaefer will be on vacation from August 3 through August 7. If a pastoral emergency should occur, please contact Rev. Tom Schroeder, Good Shepherd, Novi (248)348-2613. Pastor Emeritus Rodney Schwab, is officiating for our Sunday, August 6 Divine Service. Rev. John Gierach of St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Ann Arbor will officiate for the Monday, August 7 Divine Service.

PASTORAL CARE & MERCY – Please remember with prayers, cards, and visits those whose needs have been reported.

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NEWS FROM HOPE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Huron Valley Lutheran HS is now Hope Christian Academy offering Christ-centered education for grades 6-12. For quite some time, however, we will be utilizing both names as we transition to the new name. Please continue to use the name HVL when writing checks or sending donations. Once all the legal documents have been switched to the new name, we will make an announcement to begin using HCA for all purposes. Please let us know if you have any questions.

HCA Upcoming School Year

As we make preparations for the upcoming school year, we are looking for individuals interested in coaching or being assistant coaches at both the High School and Middle School levels. If you or someone you know is interested in helping with soccer, volleyball, or cross country, please have them contact the school office at 734-525-0160 and speak with our athletic director, Kris Ruth. We are also looking for a part-time teacher for music (both vocal and instrumental) at the middle school level. If interested, contact Principal Matt Foley.

HCA Golf Classic - Aug 6

Please join us for the annual HCA Golf Classic on August 6 at the Fellows Creek Golf Club in Canton. All proceeds go towards the HCA athletic department. Visit our website at hopehawks.org to register or become a sponsor.

HCA International Student Hosting - We are always on the lookout for potential host families. If you or someone you know is interested in more information about hosting an international student, please contact the school office at 734-525-0160.

HCA Enrollment Update

For the first year of our middle school program, it appears we will reach our enrollment cap of 18 students and start a waiting list. Most of our families are completely new to us, so we are excited about the opportunity to connect with more families in our community and share the love of Jesus. We are still enrolling for grades 9-12, so if you know of anyone interested in a high-quality, Christ-centered high school education, please let us know.