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Sunday, October 8, 2023
The Nineteenth 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: #342 "Amid the World's Bleak

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STAND

342 Amid the World's Bleak Wilderness



1 A - mid the world's bleak wil - der - ness A
 2 His love se - lect - ed this ter - rain; His
 3 We are his branch - es, cho - sen, dear, And
 4 From him we draw the juice of life, For



vine - yard grows with prom - ise green, The
 vine with love he plant - ed here To
 though we feel the dress - er's knife, We
 him sup - ply his win - er - y With



plant - ing of the Lord him - self.
 bear the choic - est fruit for him.
 are the ob - jects of his care.
 fruit from which true joys de - rive.



5 Vine, keep what I was meant to be:



Your branch, with your rich life in me.

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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.**

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.

Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please you; 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: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

18 The word of the LORD came to me: ² “What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? ³ As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴ Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die.

²⁵ “Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?

²⁶ When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done

he shall die. ²⁷ Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. ²⁸ Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ²⁹ Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?

³⁰ "Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. ³¹ Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³² For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live."

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(Refrain) Show me your ways; teach me your paths.

Guide me in truth; instruct my heart.

You are my God and Savior strong; for you my soul waits all the day long.

Remember, O Lord, your lovingkindness and tender mercies, for they are ever of old.

Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions.

According to your mercy, Lord, remember me. (Refrain)

SECOND LESSON: Philippians 2:1-11

2 So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy,

² complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same

love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

VERSE OF THE DAY (sung by the soloist)

Alleluia! Happy are they who hear the Word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience. Alleluia!
(Luke 8:15)

STAND

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 21:28-32

²⁸ “What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ ²⁹ And he answered, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

BE SEATED

GOSPEL RESPONSE: “Savior, Teach Me, Day by Day”

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Savior, teach me, day by day, love’s sweet lesson to obey;
Sweeter lesson cannot be, loving him who first loved me.
With a childlike heart of love, at thy bidding may I move:
Prompt to serve and follow thee, loving him who first loved me.
Teach me all thy steps to trace, strong to follow, in thy grace.
Learning how to love from thee, loving him who first loved me.
Love in loving finds employ, in obedience all her joy.
Ever new that joy will be, loving him who first loved me.
Thus may I rejoice to show that I feel the love I owe.
Singing, till thy face I see, of his love, who first loved me.
Savior, teach me day by day, love’s sweet lesson to obey.
Sweeter lesson cannot be: loving him who first loved me.

HYMN OF THE DAY: #306 “Before You, God, the Judge of

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Before You, God the Judge of All



1 Be - fore you, God, the Judge of all, With grief and shame I
 2 O Lord, my God, to you I pray: Oh, cast me not in
 3 O Je - sus, let your pre - cious blood Be to my soul a



hum - bly fall. I see my sins a - gainst you, Lord,
 wrath a - way! Let your good Spir - it ne'er de - part,
 cleans - ing flood. Turn not, O Lord, your guest a - way,



My sins of thought and deed and word. They press me
 But let him draw to you my heart That tru - ly
 But grant that jus - ti - fied I may Go to my



sore; to you I flee: O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!
 pen - i - tent I be: O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!
 house at peace to be: O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!

Text: Magnus B. Landstad, 1802–80; tr. Carl Döving, 1867–1937, alt.
 Tune: VATER UNSER IM HIMMELREICH, DER DU (88 88 88) attr. Martin Luther, 1483–1546.

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.**

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

M: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

M: Merciful Lord, You founded Your Church upon the proclamation of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. Purify the tongues of Your servants, that the tongues of the wicked may be silenced. Turn them from their evil ways, that their sins may be washed away. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

M: Merciful Lord, encourage us by Your Holy Spirit, that we may not lose heart. Make us to be of one mind and will, that we may serve You with gladness, doing the works of Your kingdom here and throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

M: Merciful Lord, sustain all fathers, mothers and children; husbands and wives; friends and neighbors; laborers and employers; and teachers and students. Enable us all to serve our neighbors in godly vocations, delighting in the Lord's lovingkindness. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

M: Merciful Lord, all the might of man is nothing before You, yet You have appointed earthly realms and rulers to punish evil and honor good. Give us faithful leaders who will serve honorably and well. Bless also those who serve in the armed

forces to defend us and protect our liberty. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

M: Merciful Lord, grant the encouragement of Christ and the comfort of His love to those who suffer. In every affliction, prove Yourself a ready and worthy Savior, especially to those who believe. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

M: Merciful Lord, the name of Jesus stands above all names. Before it we bow our knees and confess Him as Lord and God. Inspire in us true devotion and worship as we approach His altar to receive our humble Savior in these humble means of bread and wine for our salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

M: Merciful Lord, in You there is no shadow due to change. Enkindle Your divine light in us, that we may stand united as Christ's own body, holding fast to the word of life and shining brightly in the midst of this world's darkness; through the same 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.**

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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.

BE SEATED

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:



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.



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



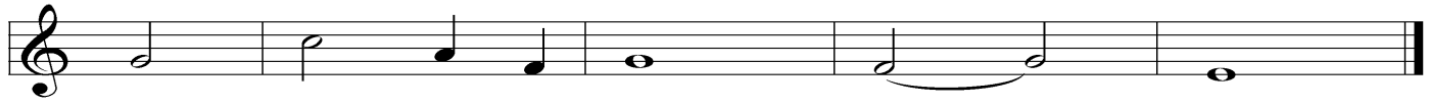
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



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.

BE SEATED

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#316 "O Jesus, Blessed Lord to Thee" Text: Thomas H. Kingo (1634-1703). Setting
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Delay Not! Delay Not



1 De - lay not! De - lay not! O sin - ner, draw near!
 2 De - lay not! De - lay not, O sin - ner, to come,
 3 De - lay not! De - lay not! The Spir - it of grace,
 4 De - lay not! De - lay not! The hour is at hand;
 5 De - lay not! De - lay not! Why long - er a - buse



The wa - ters of life are now flow - ing for you.
 For mer - cy still lin - gers and calls you to - day.
 Long grieved and re - sist - ed, may take his sad flight
 The earth will dis - solve, and the heav - ens will fade.
 The love and com - pas - sion of Je - sus, your God?



No price is de - mand - ed; the Sav - ior is here.
 Its voice is not heard in the vale of the tomb;
 And leave you in dark - ness to fin - ish your race,
 The dead, small and great, in the Judg - ment must stand—
 A foun - tain is o - pened—how can you re - fuse?



Re - demp - tion is pur - chased; God's prom - ise is true.
 Its mes - sage, un - heed - ed, will soon pass a - way.
 To sink in the gloom of e - ter - ni - ty's night.
 What pow'r, then, O sin - ner, can lend you its aid?
 Come, wash and be cleansed in his par - don - ing blood.

Text: Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872, alt.

Tune: MALDWYN (11 11 11 11) Welsh melody, 17th century.

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O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee



1 O Je - sus, bless - ed Lord, to thee My heart - felt
2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is



thanks for - ev - er be, Who hast so lov - ing - ly
come to me this day! My Sav - ior dwells with - in



be - stowed On me thy bod - y and thy blood.
my heart— How blest am I! How good thou art!

Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634–1703; tr. Arthur J. Mason, 1851–1928.
Tune: OLD HUNDREDETH (LM) *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551.

THANKSGIVING

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 - joice 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.



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 Assistant: Mark Castellese

Organist: Mrs. Jan Jacobi; Soloist: Mark Castellese

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

Today - 9:30 AM Divine Service
- 10:45 Adult Bible Class and Sunday School
Wednesday – 9:30 AM Online Bible Class
Thursday – 7:00 PM Senior Choir Practice
Friday – 10:30 AM Hope Christian Academy “Hawk For a Day”
Sunday - 9:30 AM Divine Service
-10:45 Adult Bible Class and Sunday School
- 2:00 PM HCA Conference of Congregations Meeting

Serving next week: Altar Guild – Nancy Winkler; Ushering – Team 4

Altar Flowers are donated to the glory of God and in honor of the birthday of Ingrid Schimizze.

Pastor vacation – Pastor Schaefer will be on vacation from October 14 through 21. If a pastoral emergency should occur, please contact Rev. Tom Schroeder, Good Shepherd, Novi (248)348-2613. Pastor Emeritus Rodney Schwab will be officiating for the October 15 Divine Service and Adult Bible Class.

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

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October Update

In partnership with families and Association churches, HCA exists to provide each student with a quality Christ-centered education preparing them for lives of service now and for eternity.

Hawk for a Day

On Friday, October 13, HCA will be hosting our Hawk for a Day for 7-8th grade students. Students get a chance to attend classes, meet the teachers, interact with other students, and see what high school is like. If you know a 7-8th grade student who might be interested in attending, please email Neil Schlieve at nschlieve@hopehawks.org

Trunk or Treat

HCA is hosting a trunk or treat for the community on October 16th from 5-7pm. Everyone is invited to attend.

Come for a Visit

If you haven't been to Hope Christian Academy in a while, come check us out. We've made a number of improvements to the facilities and are excited about our educational focus on Critical Thinking, Communication, Collaboration, and being Christ-centered. Come for an event or visit our website at www.hopehawks.org

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Upcoming Dates

Oct 13 - HCA Hawk For a Day (Grades 7-8) (10:30-2:30)

Oct 15 - HCA Conference of Congregations Meeting (2pm)

Oct 16 - HCA Trunk or Treat Event (5-7pm)