

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Hope Lutheran Church exists to bring people to faith in Jesus Christ, and to develop our lives as his disciples.

Counting the Cost September 7, 2025

AS WE GATHER

Jesus is blunt about the cost of discipleship. He does not sugarcoat the life He calls us to in the baptismal waters but neither does He diminish His promises, gifts, and blessings that accompany this life of faith. Today He calls us to count the cost, knowing that the way of the Christian is constantly tested and tried by our affection for the things of this life, our vulnerability to the enemies of the faith, and the weakness of our own sinful flesh. Part of that cost is not just in what you desire but also in what you are willing to surrender for the sake of Christ and His kingdom.

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING SONG: Here I Am Lord

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Most holy and merciful Father,

G **we confess to You, and to one another, and to the whole company of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

P We have not loved You with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

G **Have mercy and forgive us, Lord.**

P We have taken for granted Your grace and mercy and lived as though You did not matter and we mattered most of all.

G **Have mercy and forgive us, Lord.**

- P** We confess to You, O Lord, that we have done the evil Your Word prohibits and have not done the good You command.
- C** **Have mercy and forgive us, Lord.**
- P** We confess that we have hidden our sin from You and from one another and have not confessed honestly before You or to those whom we have hurt.
- C** **We are truly sorry for the sins we have committed in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done that is wrong and by our failure to do what is right. Have mercy and forgive us, Lord.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the X Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**

PRAISE SONG: In the Cross of Christ I Glory (LSB 427)

SALUTATION

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray.
O merciful Lord, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

GREETING OF PEACE: *Please stand and greet one another with the Peace of Christ.*

CHOIR: Praise the King

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 30:15–20

¹⁵“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God,

obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Philemon 1–21

¹Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our beloved fellow worker ²and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier,
and the church in your house:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, ⁵because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, ⁶and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. ⁷For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

⁸Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, ⁹yet for love’s sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus—¹⁰I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. ¹¹(Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) ¹²I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. ¹³I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own free will. ¹⁵For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.

²¹Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 14:25–35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁵Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, ²⁶“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation

and asks for terms of peace. ³³So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

³⁴"Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? ³⁵It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN: Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake (LSB 688)

SERMON: Pastor Paul Kollek

APOSTLES' CREED

G I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P (After each petition...) Lord, in Your mercy,

G hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

G 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.

BENEDICTION

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
C Amen.

CLOSING SONG: All the People Said Amen

DISMISSAL

- P** Go in peace! Serve the Lord!
C Thanks be to God.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORD AND WORSHIP

WORSHIP SERVICES Worship service is on Sundays at 9:30am. If you are unable to attend in person, the services are recorded and will be available on our website at hopelinden.org.

BIBLE STUDIES

- **Coffee & Questions** with Pastor on Sunday Mornings after Worship. Stay after for great fellowship and conversation! This is a very informal time for sharing and learning and is open to everyone of all ages! We encourage everyone to stay—you will love it!
- **Women's At Home Bible Study** can be done at your convenience. Pick up September's packet in the Narthex.
- **Adult Bible Study** with Pastor on Wednesdays at 10am.
- **Women's Bible Study on the book of Isaiah** returns on Tuesdays at 10am starting **September 9th**. You can jump into this study even if you never attended before. Please contact Barb Wright with questions.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Choir usually meets once per week for practice. No previous singing experience needed!
- Chime Choir meets once per week for practice. Hand chimes are easy and fun! Contact Teri at (586) 634-;1319 (no texts please) for more information about both Choir and Chime Choir.
- Readers are needed each week for the First and Second Readings. Readings can be sent to you ahead of time so that you can practice.
- The weekly Opening Prayer can be spoken by a volunteer. You may read a prayer or extemporize. The volunteer schedule is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex, and you may sign up for any date. If you have questions, please contact April in the church office.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUTREACH

OASIS for Linden Middle Schoolers will begin on Thursday, October 2nd at 2:30 pm. Volunteers are always welcome and needed!

KIDS HOPE USA is a mentoring partnership between one elementary age student and one adult. Mentors are desperately needed! Please prayerfully consider mentoring a student just one hour per week during the school day. You will not regret it!

QUESTIONS REGARDING OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES CAN BE REFERRED TO KIM COLMER AT (586)383-5729

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP

Guests, please fill out the Guest Registration card located in the pew. Members and regular attendees no longer need to sign in as we are streamlining our attendance accounting. Thank you!

BBQ is BACK! On Sunday, September 21st, Brian Norwood's famous Pulled Pork meal will be available for purchase. You may take it to go or eat here at Hope with friends and family! Each dinner includes: Pulled pork, BBQ sauce, roll, coleslaw, mac & cheese, baked beans and a cookie. A \$12.00 minimum donation per dinner is requested. All proceeds go to the Hope Lutheran Scholarship Fund. Checks may be made out to Shelli Laird. **SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX TODAY!**

COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENT? Now is the time of year many parents are filling freshmen pockets or thinking about their student's future plans. How about getting a CEF Extension Plus Debit Card? Opening an Extension Plus Account is a great way to provide dollars for college students with easy access to the funds. For college students, it's a perfect solution. Parents can give college students a fixed budget (there is no credit associated with the card), and the whole family participates in the ministry of Church Extension Fund. Your account will be earning competitive rates of interest while building places for the Gospel of Jesus Christ to be shared. For more information, contact Connie Casselton at 810-869-1438 or call toll-free 800-242-3944

NEXT WEEK
Office Hours
M-Th 9am-Noon

Monday, September 8

Tuesday, September 9
Women's Bible Study at 10am

Wednesday, September 10
Adult Bible Study at 10am
Choir 1:00

Happy Anniversary
Steve & Shelli Laird!

Thursday, September 11

Friday, September 12
Office Closed

Saturday, September 13

Sunday, September 14
Worship Service at 9:30am
Coffee and Questions with Pastor

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Weekly Information

Attendance

08/31/25 Worship 9:3038

08/31/25 Coffee and Questions9

09/03/25 Adult Bible Study5

Collections and Facility Income

08/31/253880.00

Givings Needed Weekly to meet budget3337.52

Financial Update for July 2025

(July began a new fiscal year)

Actual Revenue10821.26

Actual Expenditures13756.12

Actual Shortage.....2934.86

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**YTD does not include special offerings and memorials.*



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