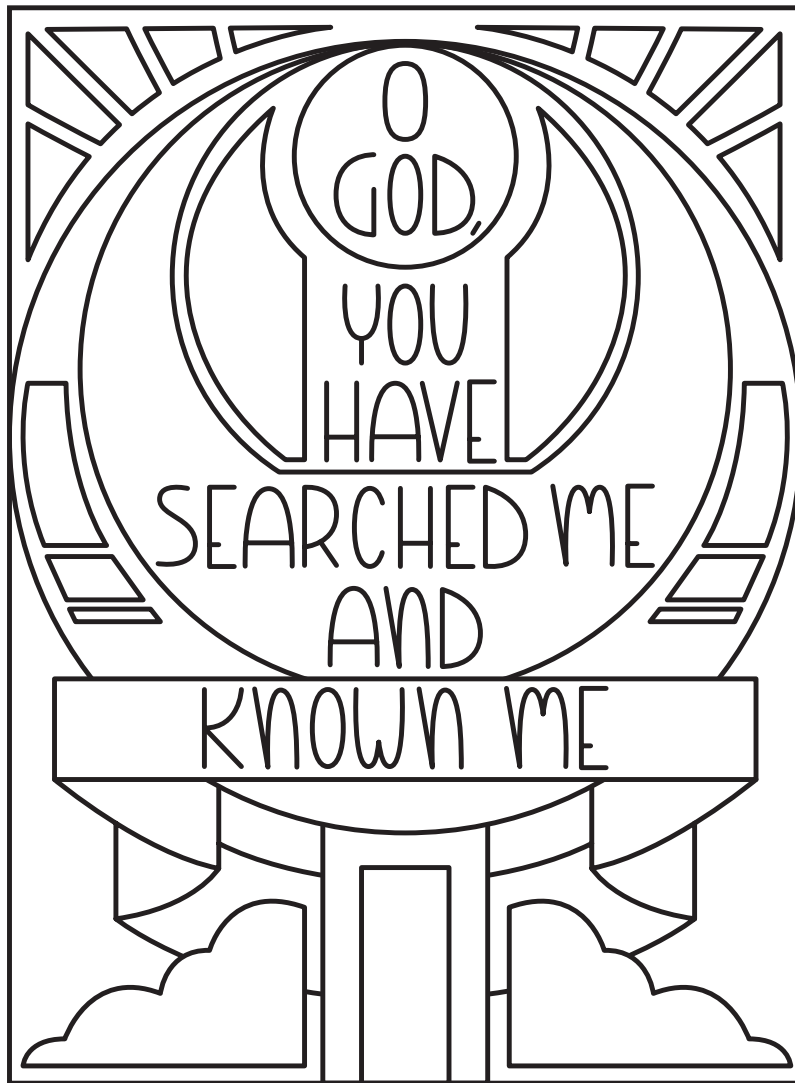


HOPE CHURCH



THE HOLY EUCHARIST
THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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Thanks for worshiping with us today! We know that stepping through the doors of a new church is a vulnerable and courageous act. We see you. Whatever the reasons that brought you here, we pray that during our worship the Spirit of God brings you rest and healing.

Here at Hope, we talk a lot about belonging, what it is to settle into your belovedness in God, and to be a part of an ever-widening community of people trying to grow into the grace and love of Jesus Christ. The invitation that we offer you is the same that Jesus offered his early disciples, "Come and see."

As an Episcopal church, we believe that our worship is the primary way that we experience the life-changing presence of God. The prayers we pray, the Scripture we read, the actions and symbols you see around you are some of the same ones used by the early church—some even before much of the New Testament was written. And we believe that all generations—in all our human diversity—have a place in our worship; our elders, grandparents, aunts and uncles, middle-agers, teenagers, fidgety kids, and squawking toddlers. Our table is big enough for all.

So come. Settle in. Rest your weariness. Stumble through these prayers with us. Eat the bread and drink the wine. And let's feast on the love of God together.

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S LITURGICAL PARTICIPANTS

The Very Rev. Jared Moore; *Celebrant*

Diane Stirling; *Eucharistic Minister*

Mark Gelsthorpe; *Lector*

Bob Stirling; *Usher*

Bobbi Reese; *Organist and Choir Director*

Bethany Barr, Heidi Hoffman Brown, Jennifer Holtmann, Lauren Johns,
Meredith Kessler, Drake Nagle, Joanne Owen, Amira Siddique,
Vicki Thompson, Kaye Weerts; *Musicians*

Kathy Joslin, Carol Link, Carie Kennedy, Mary Miller,
Kaye Weerts, Wendy Wirkus; *Altar Guild*

Barry Schenck, Mark Dinzler, Chris Sturgeon, Bob Stirling; *Videography*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

HOLY EUCHARIST

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Please stand at the ringing of the bell.

Processional Hymn

Ye Holy Angels Bright

Hymn 625

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid.

People **Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

GLORIA

I have decided to follow Jesus

I have decided to follow Jesus

I have decided to follow Jesus

No turning back, no turning back

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God is with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON: Genesis 28:10-19a

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go,

and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, “Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!” And he was afraid, and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s People.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 139:1-11, 22-23

Lord, you have searched me out and known me;*
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

You trace my journeys and my resting-places*
and are acquainted with all my ways.

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,*
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

You press upon me behind and before*
and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;*
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

Where can I go then from your Spirit?*
where can I flee from your presence?

If I climb up to heaven, you are there;*
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

If I take the wings of the morning*
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

Even there your hand will lead me*
and your right hand hold me fast.

If I say, “Surely the darkness will cover me,*
and the light around me turn to night,”

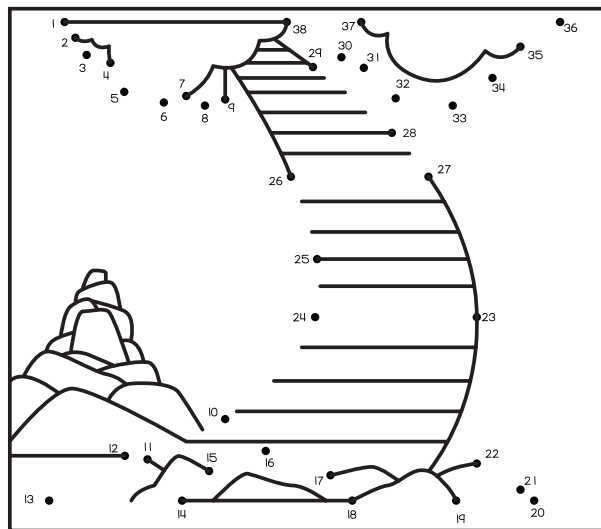
Darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day;*
darkness and light to you are both alike.

Search me out, O God, and know my heart;*
try me and know my restless thoughts.

Look well whether there be any wickedness in me*
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

CONNECT the DOTS

In Genesis 28, Jacob has a powerful dream where he sees a stairway set up on earth, reaching all the way to heaven. He feels God’s presence in a powerful way, and when he wakes up, he builds a special stone tower to represent this experience. Connect the dots to illustrate this story. By the stones, write a time you felt God’s presence in a powerful way.



THE NEW TESTAMENT: Romans 8:12-25

So then, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation, but it isn’t an obligation to ourselves to live our lives on the basis of selfishness. If you live on the basis of selfishness, you are going to die. But if by the Spirit you put to death the actions of the body, you will live. All who are led by God’s Spirit are God’s sons and daughters. You didn’t receive a spirit of slavery to lead you back again into fear, but you

I believe that the present suffering is nothing compared to the coming glory that is going to be revealed to us. The whole creation waits breathless with anticipation for the revelation of God's sons and daughters. Creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice—it was the choice of the one who subjected it—but in the hope that the creation itself will be set free from slavery to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of God's children. We know that the whole creation is groaning together and suffering labor pains up until now. And it's not only the creation. We ourselves who have the Spirit as the first crop of the harvest also groan inside as we wait to be adopted and for our bodies to be set free. We were saved in hope. If we see what we hope for, that isn't hope. Who hopes for what they already see? But if we hope for what we don't see, we wait for it with patience.

Please stand.

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

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

Following the sermon, a brief period of silence is observed.

THE NICENE CREED

All

**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 truly 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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

Leader

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy." For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

People

Lord, have mercy. *(said after every statement)*

Leader

For Sean, the Presiding Bishop; Deon our own Bishop; Jared, our Priest, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the outreach ministries of this parish and the ways that they reveal Christ's love to our neighbors; the nourishing of children and families through St. Luke's Preschool, the feeding of the hungry through Shepherd Farm and Peace Meal. May your love be made known through our labor, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the peace of the world and our nation, that a spirit of respect and forgiveness may grow among nations and peoples, and that the deep divisions we are experiencing in this country may be healed. Where fear and anxiety is infectious and widening, give us peace and assurance as we love our neighbors as ourselves, we pray to you, O Lord.

For those in positions of public trust, especially Donald, our President; Mike, our Governor; and all our local leaders, that they may serve justice and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

For those who weigh heavy on our hearts; the sick and homebound, those in grief and suffering, the poor and persecuted, especially those we name either silently or aloud *[prayers offered]* that they may be healed and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

For Hope Church, that our hearts may be filled with love for one another and that we may continually grow together as we follow in the Way of Jesus, we pray to you, O Lord.

For our companion community, St. John's in Portland, Missouri, and for their priest, Jessica, that they may be encouraged and strengthened in their life and ministry, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who have died whom we have loved, especially those we name either silently or aloud *[prayers offered]*, that they may find eternal rest in the light of your mercy where there is neither pain nor grief, and be raised to life on the last day, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all your loving-kindness, we respond by offering our lives to you in praise and thanksgiving.

People **To you, O Lord our God.**

The Celebrant may add a concluding collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People greet one another with the Peace of God.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory Sentence

Celebrant St. Paul says each of you should give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a **cheerful giver!**

Please be seated.

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Offertory

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS



Celebrant Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker and of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

All Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.
AMEN.

Celebrant And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,
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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ, our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Agnus Dei

Je - sus, Lamb of God; you take a - way the
sin of the world, have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, Bread of Life; you take a - way the
sin of the world, have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, Lamb of God; you take a - way the
sin of the world: grant us your Peace.

The Invitation

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God!

A consecrated gluten-free wafer may be requested from the Presider.

Please be seated.

Communion Music

PRAYER FOR SENDING FORTH EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

If a Eucharistic visitor is to be sent, the following prayer is said. If no Eucharistic visitor is sent, the service continues with the Postcommunion Prayer.

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We, who are many, are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.**

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant God is with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Together, let us pray.

People **God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life and cup of salvation. May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Closing Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

Hymn 344

THE DISMISSAL

The Celebrant will offer words of dismissal.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude

HOPE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THIS WEEK AT HOPE

Sun 7/26 9:00 am Sunday School for all ages
10:00 am Worship Service

NEXT SUNDAY

Lessons:

Genesis 29:15-28
Psalm 105:1-11, 45b
Romans 8:26-39
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Serving:

Eucharistic Minister: Carie Kennedy
Lector: Fran Connelly
Usher: Mark Gelsthorpe

ALTAR FLOWERS:

TODAY WE PRAY FOR:

- Those who need strength and healing: Ellie Burd, Evie Morgan, The Rev. Fred Breitfeld, The Thorpe Family, Katrina Schreiber, Donna Bahr, Alexandra Link, Larry Ward, T. J. Guffey, Roger Koch, Robert Wright, Paul Hacunda, Mara Oien, Mark & Lisa Hehner, Jeff Brueckman, David Westfall, Josh Marion, Amy Bartelink, Alex Courier, Bob Blankenheim, Canon Desiree Brattin, Kathy Joslin, Justin Dirisio, Tim Holtmann, Peter Stirling, and Alexander Currier, Rita Berk, David Plocek, Neal Plocek, Ronda Gelsthorpe, Katie Wood, Don Babcock, Jeanne Fischer, Chris Kerner.
- Our church family who are homebound: Dru Rees, Mark & Linda Dinzler, Lois Wade, Pam Finch, Jack Thompson, Marthel Taylor.
- Those who mourn, especially the family and friends of Pat Bava (mother of Fran Connelly).
- Our Episcopal Church: The Most Rev. Sean Rowe, Presiding Bishop; The Rt. Rev Deon Johnson, our bishop; The Very Rev. Jared Moore, our priest.
- In our Diocese of Missouri, we pray for Calvary Episcopal Church in Louisiana and Deb, their Priest-in-Charge.
- In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for The Episcopal Cathedral School.
- In the Anglican Communion, we pray for Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan.

Please make a prayer request by filling out a prayer request card located in the pew pocket and place it in the offering plate.

LECTIONARY DEEP DIVE

Come join us as we take a deeper look at Sunday's Scripture readings through reading, reflection, and discussion.

PARISH HALL REFRESH

The drywall repairs and repainting in the Parish Hall are still in progress! We look forward to welcoming everyone back into the refreshed space soon.

SHEPHERD'S FARM

To date, we have delivered more than 75 pounds of fresh produce to Circle of Concern: beets, onions, snap peas, beans.

CIRCLE OF CONCERN

Don't forget, we deliver to Circle of Concern for you! Bring your non-perishables and toiletries with you on Sunday! Current needs are: pasta sauce, canned chicken, canned corn, canned mixed vegetables, boxed potatoes, rice, baby wipes.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Do you have an occasion you would like to commemorate? A person you would like to honor or remember? Sponsor our Sunday morning fresh flowers! We will purchase and arrange the flowers and include your occasion/honor/remembrance in the Sunday bulletin for \$50.00. Contact Kathy Joslin at 636-341-7694.

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