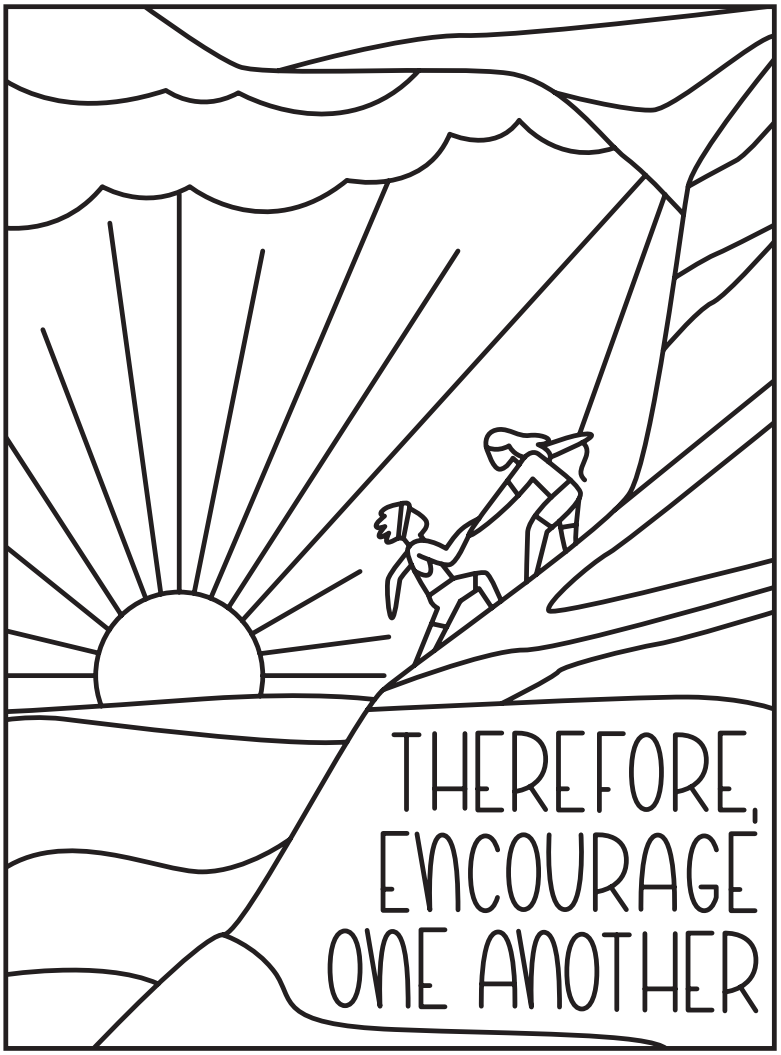
HOPE
CHURCH



The Holy Eucharist

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2026

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*

Bruce Ward; *Eucharistic Minister*

Marion Lyons-Koch; *Lector*

Dave Miller; *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 Lo! He Comes, with Clouds Descending Hymn 57

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

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 LEVAS 130

Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Since I laid my burden down.
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Since I laid my burden down.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God is with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Word of God

Please be seated.

The First Lesson: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

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

Psalm 78:1-7

Hear my teaching, O my people;*
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable;*
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us,*
we will not hide from their children.

We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord,*
and the wonderful works he has done.

He gave his decrees to Jacob

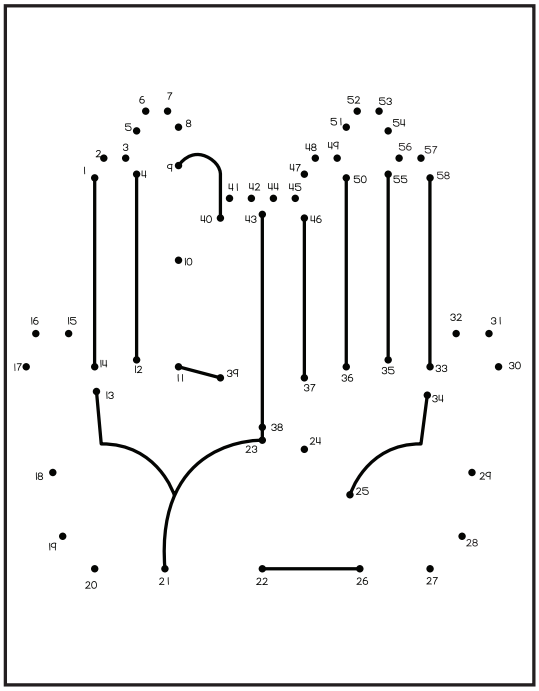
and established a law for Israel,*
which he commanded them to teach their children;

That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet unborn;*
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

So that they might put their trust in God,*
and not forget the deeds of God,
but keep his commandments;

CONNECT the DOTS

In Psalm 78, we are encouraged to remember and share the amazing things God has done in our lives. Connect the dots to form open hands. Inside, write or draw some things God has done in your life for which you are thankful!



The New Testament: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Brothers and sisters, we want you to know about people who have died so that you won't mourn like others who don't have any hope. Since we believe that Jesus died and rose, so we also believe that God will bring with him those who have died in Jesus. What we are saying is a message from the Lord: we who are alive and still around at the Lord's coming definitely won't go ahead of those who have died. This is because the Lord himself will come down from heaven with the signal of a shout by the head angel and a blast on God's trumpet. First, those who are dead in Christ will rise. Then, we who are living and still around will be taken up together with them in the clouds to meet with the Lord in the air. That way we will always be with the Lord. So encourage each other with these words.

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

Please stand.

Sequence Before Thy Throne Hymn 574

The Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

The Sermon Father Jared

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, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence for two breaths.

Leader For all people in their daily life and work;
People **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Leader For this community, the nation, and the world;
People **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Leader For the just and proper use of your creation;
People **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Leader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
People **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Leader For the ways we feed our communities with the love of Christ;
People **For Shepherd Farm, Peace Meal, and St. Luke's Preschool.**

Leader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
People **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Leader For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Deon our own Bishop; Jared, our Priest, and for all bishops and other ministers;
People **For all who serve in God's Church.**

Leader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. Let us offer them aloud or in the quiet of our hearts.

Silence.

The People may add their own petitions.

Leader Hear us, Lord;
People **For your mercy is great.**

Leader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence.

The People may add their own thanksgiving.

Leader We will exalt you, O God our King;
People **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Leader We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Let us offer their names aloud or in the quiet of our hearts.

Silence.

The People may add their own petitions.

Leader Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
People **Who put their trust in you.**

Celebrant We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.
People **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 God is 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 to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, Sustainer of the Universe.
People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home; by your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with the capacity for memory, reason, and skill; you made us the stewards of your creation.
People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another. Again and again you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous law. In the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of a woman, to be our Savior. He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities. By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace.
People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus S-125

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine; he gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving, we celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming,

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant Therefore, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed, that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, creator of all.

People **Glory to you for ever and 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 S-161

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us 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 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah Hymn 690

The Dismissal

The Celebrant will offer words of dismissal.

People **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Hope Episcopal Church

This Week at Hope

Wed 11/11	9:30 am	Yoga with Heidi
Sun 11/15	9:00 am	Sunday School for all ages
	10:00 am	Worship

Next Sunday

Lessons:
- Judges 4:1-7
- Psalm 123
- 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
- Matthew 25:14-30

Serving:
- Eucharistic Minister: Dave Miller
- Lector: Mark Gelsthorpe
- Usher: Carol Link

Altar Flowers:

The altar flowers this week are sponsored by Wendy Wirkus.

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, Mark & Lisa Hehner, Jeff Brueckman, Josh Marion, Amy Bartelink, Alex Courier, Bob Blankenheim, Canon Desiree Brattin, Justin Dirisio, Tim Holtmann, Peter Stirling, Alexander Currier, Rita Berk, David Plocek, Neal Plocek, Ronda Gelsthorpe, Katie Wood, Jeanne Fischer, Chris Kerner, Chuck Link, Peter Rogovich, Rebecca Shah, Marthel Taylor, Major General AJ Mark.
- Our church family who are homebound: Dru Rees, Mark & Linda Dinzler, Lois Wade, Jack Thompson, Marthel Taylor.
- Those who mourn.
- 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 Christ Episcopal Church in Cape Girardeau and Carol, their Deacon-in-Charge.
- In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for Centro de Salud Conductual (Center of Behavioral Health).
- In the Anglican Communion, we pray for Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo.
- We pray for goodwill among nations; for Donald, our President, Mike, our Governor, and our local and county leaders. We pray for the welfare of those serving our nation at home and abroad.

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 Sundays at 9 AM as we take a deeper look at Sunday's Scripture readings through reading, reflection, and discussion.

Stewardship 2027

"Making Room for More" is our 2027 stewardship theme. Our annual campaign runs through November 15th, Commitment Sunday. You can make your annual pledge by visiting our website, scanning the QR code, or filling out a pledge card and submitting in the offering plate. Together, let's make room for God's new work

Fellowship Meal: Commitment Sunday, November 15

To celebrate God's provision in our stewardship season, we're having a carry-in meal after service on Sunday, November 15th. Sign up in the foyer to bring a dish to share!

Women's Study Group

Join us every first and third Wednesday of the month. Meetings take place at Mike Duffy's, 1024 Schnucks Woodsmill Plaza. All women are welcome to come every time or to drop in occassionally for discussions about the Bible or related literature. For further information, contact Lesley McIntire at 314-341-0816.

Hope Ride Assist

Looking for a simple way to serve at Hope? We are starting a new ministry to assist with rides. This could be for medical appointments, or when a vehicle is in the shop, etc. If you feel like you could help a fellow parishioner when a ride is needed, please consider adding your name to the new Ride Assist list. Please speak to or reach out to Julie Nguyen to have your details added (bfattiffanys@gmail.com, or call/text 612-532-3340). This list will be published in hard copy form.

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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