

A photograph of a vineyard with rows of grapevines. In the foreground, a man wearing a straw hat and a plaid shirt is bending over, reaching for grapes. In the background, a red tractor is parked among the vines. The lighting suggests a sunny day.

GO ~~AND~~ WORK IN THE VINEYARD TODAY

MATTHEW 21:28

Hope Lutheran Church
October 1, 2023

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Pastor
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Eighteenth Sunday of Pentecost

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Opening Hymn "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"	LBW # 499	pg. 56
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Hymn of Praise "This is the Feast"		
Prayer of the Day (in unison)		
God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.		
The Lessons	Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32	
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Sermon		
Hymn of the Day "O Savior, Precious Savior"		LBW # 514
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Welcome to Hope Lutheran. Visitors please sign our guest book in the entry. As we celebrate Holy Communion, we invite all communing Christians to participate. You may come forward to commune or pick up a communion baggie and commune in your pew.

In our prayers we remember Bruce Gerking.

Today: 2:00 Crop Walk leaving from Hope

Wednesday, October 4th: 6:00 p.m. Confirmation

Sunday, October 8th: 9:00 Mission Fest Breakfast 10:00 a.m.

Worship at Grace, offering to People's City Mission

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**FIRST READING: Ezekiel 18:1-4,
25-32 [not printed]**

Psalm 25:1-9

**SECOND READING: Philippians
2:1-13**

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, "make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. "Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. "Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. "Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.

"who, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point
of death—
even death on a cross.

"Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
"so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under
the earth,
"and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

"Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; "for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:23-32

When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²³Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁴Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ²⁵But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." ²⁶So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁷"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁸He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. ²⁹The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. ³⁰Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³¹For 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 after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."