



I am there
among them

MATTHEW 18:20

Hope Lutheran Church
September 6, 2026

Pastor
Organist

Kate Woolf
Alberta Block

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude, Welcome, Announcements
Confession and Forgiveness (*stand in body or spirit*) pg. 94
Opening Hymn "Earth and All Stars" ELW # 731

Greeting & Kyrie pg. 138
Hymn of Praise, "This is the Feast" pg. 140

Prayer of the Day (in unison)

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Response after readings: Word of God, Word of Life

Congregation: Thanks be to God

The Lessons **Ezekiel 33:7-11**
 Psalms 119:33-40
 Romans 13:8-14

Gospel Acclamation-Alleluia (*stand in body or spirit*) pg.142

Gospel: P: The Holy Gospel... C: Glory to you, O Lord.
Matthew 18:15-20

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ (*sit*)

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day "Where Charity and Love Prevail" ELW # 359

Nicene Creed on the sheet in your pew
 The Prayers of Intercession: Carol Speth
 P: Lord in your mercy. C: Hear our prayer
 The Peace
 Offering/Offertory/ Prayer "Let the Vineyards" ELW # 182
 The Great Thanksgiving pg. 144
 The Lord's Prayer (*stand in body or spirit*) pg. 145
 "Lamb of God" pg. 146
 Holy Communion
 Post Communion Cantic
 "Thankful Hearts & Voices Raise" ELW # 204
 The Prayer
 Blessing: The Lord bless...give you peace. Response: Amen
 Dismissal: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
 Response: Thanks be to God
 Sending Song: "Go My Children, With My Blessing" ELW # 543

Welcome to Hope Lutheran. Please welcome Pastor Kate on her first Sunday as our Interim Pastor. Visitors please sign our guest book in the entry. As we celebrate Holy Communion, we invite all communing Christians to participate.

Monday, Sept. 7th: Labor Day

Tuesday, Sept. 8th: 2:00 p.m. Grace & Hope Bible Study

Wednesday, Sept. 9th: 4:00 p.m. Kids for Christ, 7:30 p.m. Hope

Church Council

Friday, Sept. 11th: Patriot Day, 8:30 Memorial Service at Syracuse Cemetery by Am. Legion & VFW; all are welcome.

Sunday, Sept. 13th: 10:00 a.m. Joint Worship at Grace. Potluck to welcome Pastor Kate. Shredded pork & buns provided; bring your favorite dish.

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 33:7-11

So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel: Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" ¹¹Say to them: As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Psalm 119:33-40

SECOND READING: Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."