

Living

HOPE LUTHERAN
CHURCH

"I will bless you, and make
your name great, so that you
will be a blessing."

GENESIS 12

Sunday, September 18th, 2022

9:00am Worship

Sharing the Heart of Christ in the Heart of the City!

Living Hope Lutheran Church
The Heart of Christ in the Heart of the City

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost – September 18, 2022 9:00am

WELCOME

Pastor Jason Adams

PRELUDE

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

arr. Smith

*GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

*OPENING HYMN

As We Gather at Your Table

Hymn #522

As We Gather at Your Table



1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
where tri - um-phiant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;
There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who is eager to forgive
and who loves us beyond our days.

Amen.

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge
our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy and forgiveness,
we confess that sin still has a hold on us.
We have harmed your good creation.
We have failed to do justice,
love kindness,
and walk humbly with you.
Turn us in a new direction.
Show us the path that leads to life.
Be our refuge and strength on the journey,
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.
Amen.

Beloved of God:
your sins are forgiven † and you are made whole.
God points the way to new life in Christ,
who meets us on the road.
Journey now in God's abiding love
through the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God of covenant,

you promised Abram land, descendants, and blessing so that he might be a blessing for all. Show us how to honor the covenant, so that we might be a blessing to others. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SPECIAL MUSIC

Holy Is His Name

J.M. Talbot

THE WORD

A reading from **Genesis 12:1-9**

1Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. 2I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

4So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. 5Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, 6Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. 7Then the LORD appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. 8From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar

to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. 9And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(Psalm 111, et. al.)

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

*THE GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to **Matthew 28:19-20**

Glory to you, O Lord.

19Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“Being a Blessing”

Pastor Jason Adams

*HYMN OF THE DAY

Take My Life and Let it Be

Hymn #838

Take My Life, That I May Be

Toma, oh Dios, mi voluntad

Refrain/Estribillo



To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na -
 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,



da más; to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón
 to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;



y tu tro - no en él ten - drás. ten - drás.
 let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.



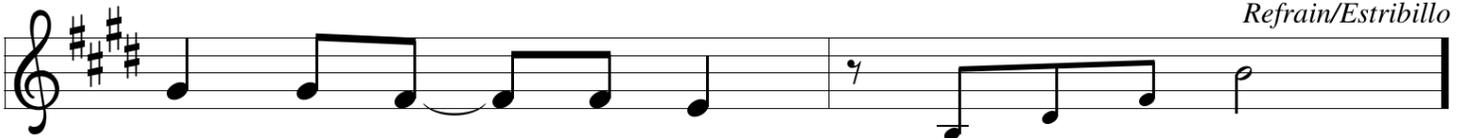
1 *Que mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té*
 1 Take my hands and let them move
 2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,
 3 Take my voice and let me sing
 4 Take my will and make it thine;



con - sa - gra - da a ti, Se - ñor;
 at the im - pulse of thy love;
 not a mite would I with - hold;
 al - ways, on - ly for my King;
 it shall be no lon - ger mine;



que a mis ma - nos pue - da guiar el im -
 take my feet and let them be swift and
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry
 take my lips and let them be filled with
 take my heart, it is thine own; it shall



pul - so de tu a - mor.
 beau - ti - ful for thee.
 pow'r as thou shalt choose.
 mes - sag - es from thee.
 be thy roy - al throne.

***APOSTLES CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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. On the third day he rose again;
 he ascended into heaven,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
 the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THANKSGIVING AND FAREWELL FOR PASTOR JASON AND FAMILY

The Rostered Minister, a Representative of the synod/cluster designated by the Bishop (Representative), and a Leader of the Congregation (Leader) come forward.

Leader: Pastor Jason, on *June 8, 2014*, we called you to be our pastor: to proclaim God's Word, to baptize new members into the Church of Jesus Christ, to announce God's forgiveness to us, and to preside at our celebration of the Lord's Supper. With the Gospel, you have comforted us in times of sickness and trouble and at the death of our loved ones. Sharing our joys and sorrows, you *and your family* have been important to our life together in the Church of Jesus Christ, in our service to this community, and in God's mission to the world.

Leader: Today, the congregation's call to you comes to an end. As you leave this community of faith and say farewell to one another, we give thanks for your ministry and pray for God's blessing.

Pastor: I thank you, the members of *Living Hope* Lutheran Church, for the love, the kindness, and the support shown to me *and my family* during active ministry among you. I ask forgiveness for the times I have not served well. I am grateful for the ways my ministry has been accepted. As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.

Congregation: We receive your thankfulness. We offer you our forgiveness and accept that you now leave to *resume your ministry in another congregation*. We express our gratitude for your time among us. We ask forgiveness for the times we have not served well with you. Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave us at your departure.

Pastor: I forgive you and accept your gratitude, trusting that our time together and our parting are pleasing to God.

Representative: Do you offer encouragement for Pastor Jason's ministry as it unfolds in his new congregation?

Congregation: We do, with God's help.

Representative: Do you, Pastor Jason, commend the congregation into the care of another pastor?

Pastor: I do, with God's help.

Representative: Do you offer your encouragement for the continued ministry here?

Pastor: I do, with God's help.

Representative: People of God, as representatives of the members of *Living Hope Lutheran*, and with thanks to God for the ministry of Pastor Jason among you, do you now release her/him from service as your pastor?

Congregation: We do, and we give thanks to God.

Representative: Pastor Jason, with thanks to God for the members of this community and for their ministry with you, do you recognize and accept the completion of your ministry with Living Hope Lutheran Church?

Pastor: I do, and I give thanks to God.

Representative: On behalf of the Grand Canyon Synod I witness to the words spoken here: words of thankfulness, forgiveness, and release. We will hold you in our prayers as you (*begin your ministry at Good Samaritan at the Lakes*). We pledge our support and love to you and wish you God's blessing.

Leader: Let us pray: God, whose everlasting love for all is trustworthy, help each of us to trust the future that rests in your care. The time we were together in your name saw our laughter and tears, our hopes and

disappointments. We give you thanks for the countless ways our lives have been woven together in the tapestry of your church. Guide us as we hold these cherished memories, but move us in new directions, until that time to come when we are completely one with you and with each other, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

Representative: Pastor Jason and representatives of Living Hope Lutheran Church: your siblings in the Grand Canyon Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America give thanks to God for the ministry you have shared. We promise you both our continued support and prayer.

Rejoicing in the blessings of God in this congregation and in the ministry of Pastor Jason, with hope in God's abundant grace in years to come, I announce that this pastoral relationship is ended effective September 18, 2022.

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor, smile on you - and give you peace.

Congregation: Amen. Thanks be to God!

*PEACE

(John 20:19, 26)

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

We share a sign of the peace of Christ!

Shake a hand with a neighbor if you and they are comfortable.

Post an emoji or comment online as we are reconciled before God!



OUR OFFERING

All that we have belongs to God, and we give faithfully in gratitude for God's abundance, as a practice of discipleship, and to serve the needs of those around us. Our mission to bless and serve our neighbors matters now more than ever.

You can give your
offering online to
our church
at www.livinghopelasvegas.org

Using the Vanco Mobile (simply giving) on your smart phone:

1. *Download the free mobile app from the App Store or Google Play by searching for "Vanco Mobile."*
2. *Locate our church by ZIP code (89104) or name.*
3. *Donate!*

or by mail to:

Living Hope
580 E. Saint Louis Ave.
Las Vegas, NV 89104



Thank you for your generosity!

For more info on giving to Living Hope, look for the Giving Brochure in the Narthex or talk to Mary La Barbara, office manager.

OFFERTORY

O How He Loves You and Me

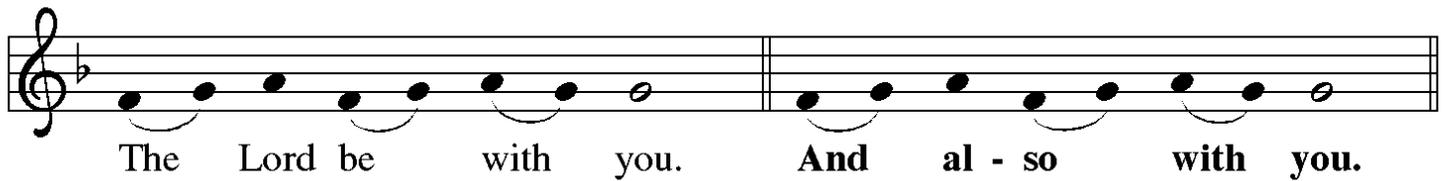
Kurt Kaiser

*OFFERING PRAYER

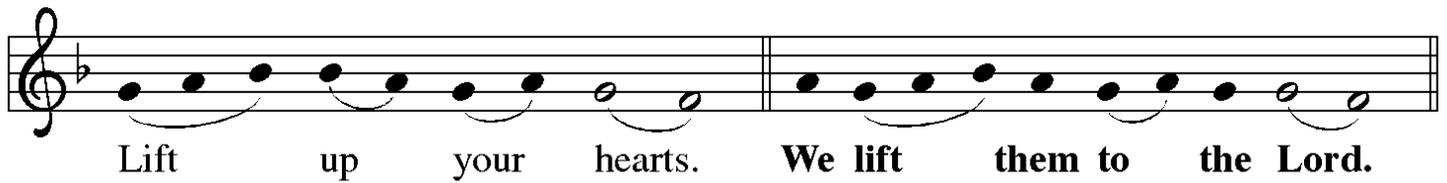
P God of abundance,

C you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

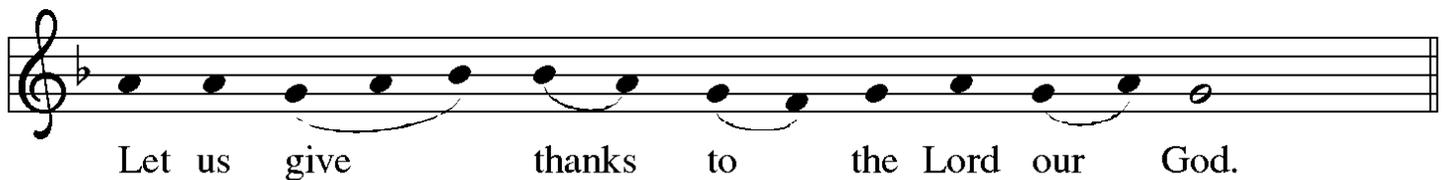
*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*PREFACE

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy". It consists of four staves of music in a single system, all written on a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,". The second staff continues with "heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the". The third staff continues with "high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -". The fourth staff concludes with "san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The music features various note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, along with rests and slurs.

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(1 Cor. 11:23-25)

P In the night in which he was betrayed...

*LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

This is the Lord's table, and Christ welcomes YOU.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

You may come forward as directed by the ushers, receive bread, and take a cup with either wine (in the round tray) or white grape juice (in the rectangular tray) and return to your seat.

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Gift of Finest Wheat

Refrain

You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



- 1 As when the shep-herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres-ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your-self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,

Refrain

so when you call your fam-'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.
 that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav'n-ly food.
 Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
 whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
 to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

***COMMUNION BLESSING**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ ✠ strengthen you now and into eternal life. Amen.

Amen.

***SONG AFTER COMMUNION**

(Luke 2:29-32)



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the



sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions



and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

Life-giving God,

Through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Jason Adams

***BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

Amen.

***SENDING HYMN**

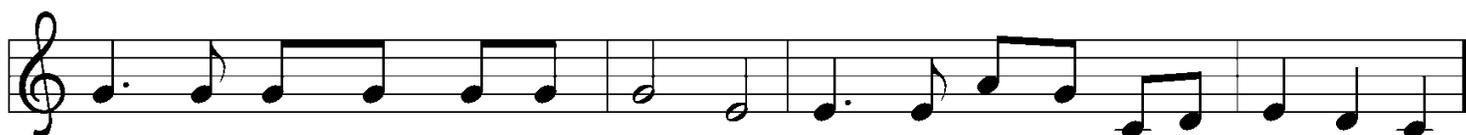
God Be With You Til We Meet Again

Hymn #536

God Be with You Till We Meet Again



- 1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; by good coun-sels guide, up - hold you,
- 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you,
- 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils thick con-found you,

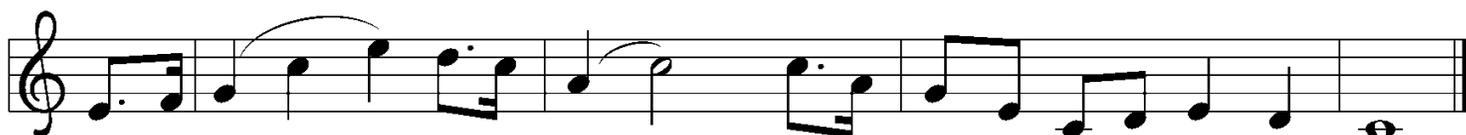


with a shep-herd's care en - fold you;
dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.
put un-fail - ing arms a - round you;

Refrain



Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Je - sus' feet;



till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.

***SENDING**

Go in peace.

Sharing the heart of Christ in the Heart of the City!

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

L.v.Beethoven

Preaching today: Pastor Jason Adams

Worship: Pastor Matt Metevelis

Music: Barbara Siegel

*Next Sunday:
September 25th
Genesis 39:1-23
Joseph in Prison*

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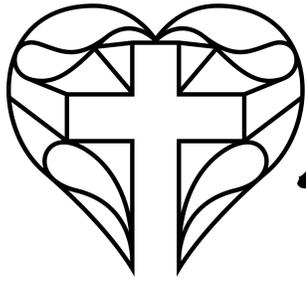


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Last Week's Worship Attendance:

In person: 44

Online Streaming Views: 50

PRAYERS

Please remember in prayer: Suzanne Cason, My Haley, Han Stover, Braydin, Vinny, Tammy's sister Terry, Maria Aumont, Tony M., Maxine Harju's sister Chris, Christy Lyn Gamber and her father Eldon, Taylor, Pastor Marta's niece Rachel and family, Debby and Kelly Dailey, Helen Smith's husband Bruce and nephew Stephen, Donna Delancy Spierer, The Windes Family, Sara Siller, Stephen Sappington, Pete Geloff, Pat Ward, Jeremy Filer, Peggy & Wendell Edwards, refugees and all affected by the war in Ukraine.



Youth Group returns **Sunday, September 25th** after worship!

All youth grade 6-12 are welcome! Invite a friend!

For more info:

See Marissa Metevelis or email youth@livinghopelasvegas.org



Kids are Welcome in worship!

Of course, we want to worship with our whole family! But if you've got little ones that need a place to get a little wild or you'd like to take some space to worship on your own, you can bring them to the Adele Hansen Family Room (double doors through the courtyard) and check them in with our trained and authorized leaders! They can see us worship from the big screen, and will be safely monitored.

Thanks!

Hygiene Kits Available!

Find the basket of hygiene kits in the Narthex every week and grab a kit to carry with you! If you see someone in need, share this gift with them! Each kit has needed items for all our neighbors. Thanks for sharing!





Martin's Mart Closing

We are sad to announce the closing of Martin's Mart, "The Little Thrift Store with the Big Heart."

Martin's Mart, in operation for 51 years, has been a huge presence in downtown Las Vegas. We are so grateful for the time and work the

dedicated volunteers have given to "the Mart." Their faithful service has allowed the store to donate hundreds of thousands of dollars to local charities over the decades. Rising rent, COVID, and a diminishing roster of volunteers were more than the store could handle so it was decided to close the doors permanently.

We thank the many who have made The Mart a part of their lives, *especially longtime church members Judy Schacht, Lois Keeton, and Patt Burton*. The faithful volunteers, the many donations and the special prayers have been very much appreciated. God has led us for years in this special ministry and for that we are forever grateful.

Executive Committee, Martin's Mart Thrift Store

**HOSPITALITY
VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

**Would you like to bring snacks
for after worship? See Mary to
get on the list!**

September

Happy Birthday! *Happy Anniversary!*

2 - Scott Simmerman

6 - Dr. Alexandria Le

7 - Wendell Edwards

9 - Mark Juergens

10 - Jan Ibrahim

11 - Rebekah Johnson

14 - Dana Olson

19 - Tamara Triunfo

26 - Marsha Larson

10 - Pr. Marta Poling Schmitt

& Stefan Schmitt

14 - Pr. Paul and Elaine Hansen