



# HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Anchored in His Word  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

Order of Worship

March 26 2023

Words of Welcome

Prelude

Order of Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace. **Amen**

Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God, **we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen**

Hear the good news: God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life. This promise is for you! God embraces you with divine mercy, + forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power. **Amen**

Opening Hymn

*As We Gather at Your Table*

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Greeting

The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Kyrie

In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen**

Glory to God

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father: we worship you and we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One; you alone are the Lord;  
you alone are the Most High Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together. Almighty God, **your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

[Sit]

## Youth Message

***"Lazarus, Come Out!"***

## Reception of New Members

*(Those wishing to join with the congregation as New Members are asked to come to the front of the sanctuary now as their name is read)*

Dear friends, we rejoice that you have come forward here in the household of God to make this commitment to be members with us in this congregation.

Will the congregation please stand.

Brothers and sisters in Christ: In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you members of his Church. In the community of God's people, you have learned from his Word God's loving purpose for all creation. You have been nourished at his holy table and called to be witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Now therefore I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

Do you renounce all forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises? If so, say "I do." **I do.**

Do you believe in God the Father? **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God? **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit? **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**

*(The congregation may be seated as the pastor addresses the New Members)*

New Members, you have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear his word and share his supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the world? **I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

Congregation, will you faithfully care for these new brothers and sisters in our midst? Will you help them in every way that God gives you opportunity, that they may bear witness to the faith we profess, and that, living in the covenant of their baptism and in communion with the Church, they may lead godly lives until the day of Jesus Christ? **I will, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

Let us pray. We thank you Lord for these new members of our congregation. By your life-giving power, bind us to each other in you, strengthen us for service, support us all our days, and bring us at length to that day when all your children will be one and you will be All-in-All. **Amen**

*(The New Members return to their seats and the service continues)*

## Choral Anthem

***I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say***

arr. Molly Ijames

The Luther Singers

## First Lesson

**Ezekiel 37:1-14**

Response: Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

**Psalm 130**

*(Congregation speaks together.)*

<sup>1</sup>Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;

<sup>2</sup>O LORD, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

<sup>3</sup>If you were to keep watch over sins,

O LORD, who could stand?

<sup>4</sup>Yet with you is forgiveness,

in order that you may be feared.

<sup>5</sup>I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits;

in your word is my hope.

<sup>6</sup>My soul waits for the Lord

more than those who keep watch for the morning,

more than those who keep watch for the morning.

<sup>7</sup>O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love;

with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.

<sup>8</sup>For the LORD shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

## Second Lesson

**Romans 8:6-11**

Response: Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

[Stand]

## Return to the Lord

**Return to the Lord our God for he is gracious and merciful,**

**Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.**

## Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eleventh chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord**



**John 11:1-45**

Response: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ**

[Sit]

Sermon

**"Lazarus, Come Out!"**

[Stand]

Hymn of the Day

**Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

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Prayers

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

[After each petition, the congregation responds with: **Hear our prayer.**]

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*(The congregation is asked to greet one another with the words of Christ: "Peace be with you.")*

Offering

Offertory

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below;  
Praise him above ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray together. God of good gifts, **receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. Amen**

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also 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 him thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy . . . *(Here the minister continues with the preface appropriate to the day or season, concluding:)* we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest.**

Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.



**And the peace of God  
that passes all understanding  
Shall keep your hearts,  
shall keep your minds  
on Jesus Christ.**

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve in love. **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

***"Our worship is ended; our service and our witness continue!"***

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### **Today's Heavenly Helpers**

* Assisting Minister	8:15 service	Carol Townsend
	10:45 service	Ellen Hancock
* Church Pianist		Sandy Hunter
* Choir Director		Matt Newton
* Lector	8:15 service	Jan Austin
	10:45 service	Julianne Deloney
* Greeters	10:45 service	Tom & Carole English
* Ushers	10:45 service	Rena Ashworth & Barbara Fail
* Communion Asst.	10:45 service	Julianne Deloney
* Counters		Sylvia Negri & Mary Young

Last week's attendance, in person and streaming: 128

### **Calendar of Events for This Week**

Monday	- Knitting & Crochet ministry, 2 PM
Tuesday	- Men's Bible Study/Ellijay, 9 AM, Mike's Restaurant - Ladies Bible Study, 12:15 PM
Wednesday	- Food Pantry, 10 AM-12:30 PM - Service of the Word – noon - Soup & Sandwich supper, 5:30 PM - Choir Rehearsal, 6 PM - Lenten Vespers service – 7 PM
Thursday	- Quilters, 10 AM - Co-ed Bible Study, 2 PM

### Next Week's Scripture Readings Are...

**Old Testament** – Isaiah 50:4-9a

**Psalm** – Psalm 31:9-16

**Epistle** – Philippians 2:5-11

**Gospel** – Matthew 27:11-54

**Mid-Week Altar Guild** – Ann Buehler

### Next Week's Worship Assistants Are...

8:15 **Lector** – Duane Northrup

10:45 **Lector** – Barbara Fail

**Greeters** – Leon & June Edgemon

**Ushers** – Frank & Suzie Quido

**Communion Asst.** – Barbara Fail

**Fellowship** – Jeannine Sieck

**Counters** – Barbara Mefford & Mary Leyden

## ANNOUNCEMENTS and PRAYERS

### Lunch-In Today

Today following the late service we will have a Lunch-In in Founders Hall. Please join us downstairs for a wonderful meal. A free will offering will be taken up for our Youth Scholarship Fund!

### Easter Lilies for the Altar

Today is the final day to sign up to sponsor an Easter lily for the altar either in honor of, or in memory of, loved ones. Signup sheets are on the bulletin board in the narthex. The cost for each plant is \$11.00. You can write a check to Hope Lutheran Church with "lily" on the memo line.

### Ladies Gathering Postponed

The Ladies of Hope Gathering scheduled for next Saturday has been postponed. We will let you know when we have a re-scheduled date.

### Lenten and Holy Week Services

Our final midweek Lenten services will be held this Wednesday at noon and 7:00 PM, with supper starting at 5:30.

Holy Week begins next Sunday, Palm and Passion Sunday, with our traditional procession of palms (weather permitting). Holy Week services include a Service of the Word for Healing on Wednesday, a Maundy Thursday Service of Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altar, and a Tenebrae Service on Good Friday with the extinguishing of candles. All evening services will be at 7:00 PM. There will not be supper or a noon service on April 5<sup>th</sup>.

### Easter Sunday Celebrations

Our schedule for Easter Sunday includes festival services of Holy Communion at 8:15 and 10:45 AM. There will be an Easter brunch reception after the 10:45 service in Founders Hall. Members are requested to bring a dish to share (casseroles, sandwiches, salads, desserts, etc) for the feast! The church will provide ham, green beans, rolls and beverages.

We will hold our annual Easter Egg Hunt for the children at 9:45 AM outside, weather permitting. There will be no Sunday school.