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Hope Lutheran Church exists to bring people to faith in Jesus Christ, and to develop our lives as his disciples.

WITH PURPOSE, ON PURPOSE

February 28, 2021

AS WE GATHER

Our Lord's whole purpose in becoming one of us in human history was to die for us. As a result, He purposely marched toward Jerusalem and the certain death on the cross He knew would come. For Him, the Scriptures were not forecasts of what might happen but God's immutable will for Him. He had to suffer and die so that we could be saved. And the eternal life He thereby won for us gives us purpose in daily living. We can willingly deny ourselves in service to others; we can take up our cross, knowing that our life with Him will never end.

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING SONG: O Lord Throughout These Forty Days (LSB 418)

- 1 O Lord, throughout these forty days You prayed and kept the fast; Inspire repentance for our sin, And free us from our past.
- You strove with Satan, and You won; Your faithfulness endured;
 Lend us Your nerve, Your skill and trust In God's eternal Word.
- Though parched and hungry, yet You prayed And fixed Your mind above;
 So teach us to deny ourselves, Since we have known God's love.
- 4 Be with us through this season, Lord, And all our earthly days,

That when the final Easter dawns, We join in heaven's praise. Text: © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship. Used by permission: ccli no. 1034713

INVOCATION

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P God established an everlasting covenant with Abraham,
- **b**ut our faith has waxed and waned. O Lord, forgive our forgetfulness of Your unchanging grace.
- P David wrote, "All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,"
- **G** but we have failed to remind one another of God's mercy and love. O Lord, forgive our hesitancy to share the news of Your gracious presence.
- Paul wrote that because Christ died for the ungodly, we are justified by His blood,
- **b**ut we have tried to hide our sinfulness. O Lord, forgive our blindness to the necessary sacrifice of our Savior.
- P God sent His Son into the world with one purpose: to save us from the wrath of God. "For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by His life." As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the -H Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen. Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PRAISE: You Are My King

Verse I'm forgiven Because You were forsaken I'm accepted You were condemned I'm alive and well Your Spirit is within me Because You died And rose again

Chorus Amazing love How can it be That You my King Would die for me Amazing love I know it's true It's my joy to honor You In all I do I honor You

Ending You are my King You are my King Jesus You are my King Jesus You are my King

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SALUTATION

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength.

- By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul;
- through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, ²that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly." ³Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, ⁴"Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. ⁷And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. . . .

¹⁵And God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

EPISTLE

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 8:27-38

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁷And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." ²⁹And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." ³⁰And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

³¹And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

³⁴And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. ³⁶For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? ³⁷For what can a man give in return for his life? ³⁸For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN: Grace Flows Down

Verse Amazing grace how sweet the sound Amazing love now flowing down From hands and feet that were nailed to the tree Grace flows down and covers me

Chorus It covers me It covers me It covers me And covers me

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SERMON: Pastor Paul Kollek

NICENE CREED

G I believe in one God,

the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God,

begotten of His Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light,

very God of very God,

begotten, not made,

being of one substance with the Father,

by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary

and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the Church here and around the world and for all people in their various circumstances.

For the Church around the world, all people who join Peter in professing that Jesus is the Christ, that they trust God's purpose for their lives, take up their crosses, and follow, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

- P For all who spend their lives serving the physical, mental, social, and emotional needs of the people around them, that God bless and guide them according to His gracious purpose, let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For professional counselors and private confidants who alleviate suffering, enable endurance, support character, and encourage hope, that they serve as conduits for God's purposes in the lives of their patients, family, and friends, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

- P For those who lead the governments of the world, that they find purpose in their positions, using every means to increase harvests, combat global health crises, minimize conflict between nations, and ensure equal justice for all their citizens, let us pray to the Lord.
- **Lord**, have mercy.
- P For those near and dear to us, <u>[especially . . .]</u>, that God bring about the healing, comfort, freedom, and dignity for which they send requests to our gracious Lord, let us pray to the Lord.
- **G** Lord, have mercy.
- These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of the bitter sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray.
- C Amen.

+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- **G** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on us and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. We rejoice to receive the salvation He won for us by the sacrifice of His body and blood.

Forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit; gather us with all the faithful from the ends of the earth for the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end.

To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

- As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- **G** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

 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.

PEACE

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- **G** And also with you, Pastor.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: Lamb of God (LSB 550)

- Your only Son, no sin to hide, But You have sent Him from Your side To walk upon this guilty sod, And to become the Lamb of God. Refrain
- ref O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God! O wash me in His precious blood, My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.
- 2 Your Gift of love they crucified, They laughed and scorned Him as He died: The humble King they named a fraud, And sacrificed the Lamb of God. Refrain
- I was so lost, I should have died, But You have brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and rod, And to be called a lamb of God. Refrain
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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that Your Son let nothing keep Him from the cross and that through this Sacrament You have given purpose to our lives. Continue to strengthen us that we may grow in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BENEDICTION

- The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
- C Amen.

CLOSING SONG: Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus (LSB 685)

- Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure, Through a world that would deceive us And to sin our spirits lure.
 Onward in His footsteps treading, Pilgrims here, our home above, Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father's bidding. Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where You guide.
- Let us suffer here with Jesus And with patience bear our cross. Joy will follow all our sadness; Where He is, there is no loss.
 Though today we sow no laughter, We shall reap celestial joy; All discomforts that annoy
 Shall give way to mirth hereafter. Jesus, here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.
- Let us gladly die with Jesus.
 Since by death He conquered death,
 He will free us from destruction,
 Give to us immortal breath.
 Let us mortify all passion

That would lead us into sin; And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heaven. Jesus, here with You I die, There to live with You on high.

Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead That to life we may awaken. Jesus, You are now our head. We are Your own living members; Where You live, there we shall be In Your presence constantly, Living there with You forever. Jesus, let me faithful be, Life eternal grant to me.
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DISMISSAL

- P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God!

Offerings may be left in the basket located in the narthex.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORD AND WORSHIP

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES We are having in-person Sunday worship services at 8:30am (in which masks must be worn during the entire service),and 10:30am. If you are not comfortable attending in person worship services, the services are recorded, and will be available online the following Monday on our website at <u>hopelinden.org</u>. Please contact Pastor if you would like to schedule a time for private communion or confession.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 5TH GRADE is at 9:30am. A 45 minute class using the DIG IN curriculum will be taught by Kathy Collard.

<u>WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY</u> is back on! Pastor will be leading a Bible Study on Wednesday mornings in the coral room. The topics will vary weekly.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS Pastor will be making available a Lenten devotional recording each Wednesday in Lent via youtube. Watch for the email that will give you the link, or you can access it on our website at hopelutheran.org

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUTREACH

<u>FISH FOOD PANTRY</u> is still collecting personal hygiene products, household cleaners, paper products, etc. You may leave your donations in the bin located downstairs in the Sunday School hallway. If you are unable to go downstairs, please leave your donation in the church office.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP AND CARE

TWO COUNCIL POSITIONS TO BE FILLED IN JUNE: Treasurer and President

Karl Opperthauser has been the Treasurer Apprentice this year, and his name will be on the ballot for an official vote to move him into the lead Treasurer position.

Dave O'Toole has served two full terms as President and is not eligible to serve a third term.

Prayerfully consider if you can serve the church with a position on the church council. Please speak with either Pastor or Dave O'Toole if you are interested in the position of President. Likewise, if you know of a strong candidate, please speak with that person first, before sharing their name with Pastor or Dave. Dave can be reached at (810)429-9625 and Pastor at (989)277-3460.

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WEEKLY INFORMATION

Worship 02/21/21

8:30am1	1
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Collections 02/21/21

Givings	2108.00
Paypal	
Electronic Givings	

Weekly Givings	2513.00
*Weekly Fixed Expenses	
Weekly Shortfall	
Fiscal YTD Shortfall	

*Weekly Fixed Expenses are Payroll, Mortgage and Utilities Only. They do not include other discretionary spending.

Next Week at Hope

Regular hours are Monday-Thursday 9am to 2pm

MONDAY, March 1 HAPPY BIRTHDAY KEVIN GOLDEN!

TUESDAY, March 2 Wrestling 5-8pm

WEDNESDAY, March 3 Bible Study 10am Lenten Devotional available Wrestling 5-8pm HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARK SIEFERT!

THURSDAY, March 4 Wrestling 5-8pm HAPPY BIRTHDAY BILL HESLIP!

> FRIDAY, March 5 Office is Closed Wrestling 5-8pm

SATURDAY, March 6 HAPPY BIRTHDAY MAUREEN PETERSON & STEPHANIE PLUMMER!

SUNDAY, March 7 8:30am ALL MASK service 9:30am Sunday School for K-5 10:30am Worship Service HAPPY BIRTHDAY JOSEPH JABLONSKI

CONGRATULATIONS TO PASTOR AND ERIKA ON THE BIRTH OF THEIR SECOND GRANDCHILD, SOPHIA GRACE JANE, BORN FEBRUARY 23RD TO JAKOB & ALICIA KOLLEK