

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

Conversations with God

January 15, 2023

AS WE GATHER

Prayer is a conversation with God, beginning with His Good News and followed by our response. John first identified Jesus as “the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29) and then the disciples asked where He was staying. Although first called to be a prophet, Isaiah thought his warning had been in vain. But God raised his sight to see in Israel a light for the whole world. And when the faithful people in Corinth seemed plagued with problems, Paul reminded them that they lacked no spiritual gift as they awaited our Lord’s return. Today is a day to hear the Gospel and respond not in our own strength, but out of confidence in what God has already said to us, through prophets and apostles, in print and, of course, in the person of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: I’m But a Stranger Here (LSB 748)

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 40:1, 3a; Isaiah 49:6

P I waited patiently for the LORD; He inclined to me and heard my cry.

C He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

P It is too light a thing that You should be My servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob. . . .

C I will make You as a light for the nations.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: Go My Children With My Blessing (LSB 922 v. 2)

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth,

C **mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days;**

P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

GREETING OF PEACE: *Please stand and greet one another with the Peace of Christ*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 49:1–7

¹Listen to me, O coastlands,
and give attention, you peoples from afar.
The LORD called me from the womb,
from the body of my mother he named my name.

²He made my mouth like a sharp sword;
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow;
in his quiver he hid me away.

³And he said to me, “You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.”

⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain;
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my right is with the LORD,
and my recompense with my God."
⁵And now the LORD says,
he who formed me from the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him;
and that Israel might be gathered to him—
for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength—
⁶he says:
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to bring back the preserved of Israel;
I will make you as a light for the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."
⁷Thus says the LORD,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation,
the servant of rulers:
"Kings shall see and arise;
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves;
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 1:1–9

¹Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,
²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints
together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their
Lord and ours:
³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in
Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—⁶even
as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any
spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the
end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into
the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

VERSE

John 1:29b

- P** Alleluia. Behold, the Lamb of God,
C who takes away the sin of the world! Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:29–42a

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.
C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁹The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ ³¹I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” ³²And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”

³⁵The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” ³⁹He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). ⁴²He brought him to Jesus.

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON SONG: Wonderful, Merciful Savior

SERMON: Pastor Paul Kollek

APOSTLES’ CREED

- C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P (after each petition)...Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

C 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

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you in the year ahead.
The Lord make His face shine on you, now and always.
The Lord lift His countenance upon you and ✠ grant you His peace.
C Amen.

CLOSING SONG: Go My Children With My Blessings (LSB 922 v. 1,4)

DISMISSAL

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

TITHES AND OFFERINGS MAY BE LEFT IN THE DESIGNATED BASKET IN THE NARTHEX.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUTREACH

LINDEN SOUP DAY THURSDAY, JANUARY 26TH 3-6PM Several community organizations are coming together to provide a “soup day” for fellowship and community care. Hope is providing coffee and tea for this event. Please see Pastor if you are interested in volunteering!

VETERANS BREAKFAST We are once again providing breakfast to Veterans and their families on Friday, February 3rd at 9am. Mark your calendars!

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORD AND WORSHIP

WORSHIP SERVICES We are currently holding one worship service on Sundays at 9:30am. If you are unable to attend in person worship services, the services are recorded, and will be available on our website at hopelinden.org. Please contact Pastor if you would like to schedule a time for private communion or confession.

TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY led by Barb Wright is 10am in the Prayer Lounge. There is This group is currently studying Isaiah.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY Pastor is leading a Bible Study on Wednesday mornings in the prayer lounge. This group is now watching Season One of “The Chosen”.

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY Pastor is leading this Sunday morning Bible Study where he will explore our Sunday readings deeper. Class begins at 10:45 and will be in Pastors office.

CHRONOLOGICAL BIBLE READING PLAN This week we are reading Genesis Chapters 12-31. Pastor welcomes any questions over the readings. Text or call him at 989-277-3460.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP

LADIES CREATE & TAKE TUESDAY, JANUARY 24TH 6PM We have a special guest this month teaching us how to create a Vision Board for 2023! Give this fun mixed media class a try! A Vision Board is just a tool to keep your goals for the New Year front and center. Any questions can be directed to April in the church office.

COFFEE HOUR FUNDRAISER We are taking up a collection to replace the coffee service in the Narthex. We are hoping to purchase a commercial Bunn coffee maker and coffee pots for approximately \$900. Envelopes are available to designate your donations. Thank you!

NEXT WEEK

Office Hours:

Monday: 9am-2pm

Tuesday: 10am-3pm

Wednesday: 9am-2pm

Thursday: Closed

Friday: 9am-2pm

Monday, January 16

Drivers Training in Coral

Room 2:30-4:00

Wrestlers in Gym

Tuesday, January 17

Women's Bible Study

10am in Lounge

Wrestlers in Gym

Planning Meeting 7pm

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Doug Rebhahn!

Wednesday, January 18

Adult Bible Study 10am

Wrestlers in Gym

Chime Practice 6pm

Choir Practice 7pm

Thursday, January 19

Oasis 2:30-5

Wrestlers in Gym

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Becky Mihailuk

Melissa Parker!

Friday, January 20

Office Closed

Wrestlers in Gym

Quilters 9am

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Craig and Teri Barnaby!

Saturday, January 21

Sunday, January 22

8am Jr. Confirmation

9:30 am Worship Service

10:45 Adult Bible Study

in Pastors Office

Weekly Information

Attendance

01/08/23 Worship 9:30 65

01/08/23 Sunday Adult Study 6

01/10/23 Women's Bible Study 5

01/12/23 Adult Bible Study 5

Collections

01/08/23 Total Givings 2680.00

Budget Update

Givings Needed Weekly 3807.69

01/08/23 Shortfall 1127.69

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ALTAR FLOWERS

The Flower Calendar for 2023 is now posted on the bulletin board located on the far-left wall as you enter the sanctuary (the side closest to the bathroom). You may choose to sign up for a special date to provide flowers for the Altar in memory of someone special, or in honor of a birthday or anniversary. The office will order flowers for you from Gerych's at a cost of \$26.00—just fill out an envelope (located below the calendar) and place it in the offering basket. You may also choose to buy your own arrangement. If you have any questions, please contact April in the church office.

ENERGY USAGE

Our Energy bill for this month has skyrocketed. Please make sure when you leave the building that the lights are all off, and that the doors are all closed downstairs. Thank you for your diligence!