

# 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.**

**February 18, 2024**

**First Sunday in Lent**

**“GET BEHIND ME, SATAN! I’M BAPTIZED!”**

## **AS WE GATHER**

The season of Lent lasts for forty days (excluding Sundays). This forty-day season of Lent is a time of fasting and repentance. It is a time when we recall Jesus’ forty days of fasting and temptation in the wilderness. Throughout these forty days, remember where we are going. We are headed toward the cross and empty tomb of Jesus. We are headed toward Jesus’ victory over sin, death, and the devil.

## **WELCOME**

## **OPENING PRAYER**

## **OPENING SONG: Jesus Friend of Sinners**

## **INVOCATION**

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## **OPENING SENTENCES**

- P** It was in this triune name of God that we were baptized—  
**C** the name of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- P** As we begin our Lenten journey, we remember our Baptism.  
**C** We remember we were washed and forgiven.
- P** We remember we were made members of God’s family.  
**C** We remember we were united with Jesus.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Though we are baptized and united with Jesus, we often act as if we were separated from Jesus. There are times when we fall prey to Satan and his temptations. There are times when sin reigns within us. Still, our heavenly Father is merciful, and He invites us to draw near to Him in repentance, asking for forgiveness.

*Silence for reflection.*

- P** Heavenly Father,  
**C** **we have ignored Your help in resisting Satan and His temptations. We have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. Yet our entire lives are lives of repentance. Have mercy on us. Forgive our sins, and lead us in righteousness, on account of Jesus. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son, Jesus Christ, to endure temptation, suffering, and death for us and our salvation. 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. We are forgiven. We are baptized into Christ.**

## Praise Hymn: Jesus Lover of My Soul

## SALUTATION

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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray.  
Lord Jesus Christ, You endured the temptations of Satan in the wilderness. Be present with us on our Lenten journey toward the cross and empty tomb, always mindful of our identity as those baptized in Your name, for You live and reign with the Father 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.*

## CHOIR SPECIAL: God Is Good All The Time

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 22:1–18

<sup>1</sup>After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.”  
<sup>2</sup>He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.”  
<sup>3</sup>So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God

had told him. <sup>4</sup>On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. <sup>5</sup>Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." <sup>6</sup>And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. <sup>7</sup>And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here am I, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" <sup>8</sup>Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

<sup>9</sup>When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup>Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. <sup>11</sup>But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." <sup>12</sup>He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." <sup>13</sup>And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup>So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

<sup>15</sup>And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven <sup>16</sup>and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup>I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, <sup>18</sup>and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE

James 1:12–18

<sup>12</sup>Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. <sup>13</sup>Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. <sup>14</sup>But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. <sup>15</sup>Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

<sup>16</sup>Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. <sup>17</sup>Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:9–15

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

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

<sup>12</sup>The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## **SERMON SONG: Revelation Song**

**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.

### **OFFERING**

*We do not pass the offering plate here at Hope. If you are a visitor, we don't want you to feel obligated to give an offering, we are just glad that you have joined us for worship this day. Those who would like to give an offering may drop it off in the Offering Basket located in the Narthex. There is also an online option for giving by using the QR code located in the back of the bulletin. Pastor will bless the offerings at this time.*

## 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 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: As The Deer

## **UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUTREACH**

**FAMILY GAME NIGHTS! FEBRUARY 23rd AT 6PM** During the Post-Christmas Slump, we are still making Merry! Bring your favorite board or card game and a snack to share. Sign up today for a great time of fellowship to chase the January doldrums away! Invite your friends, neighbors, and family! If weather related cancellations occur, they will be posted on our Facebook page.

**LINDEN PAY IT FORWARD IS COLLECTING ALPINE RECEIPTS.** If you shop there and would like to donate to this community organization, please put your receipts in the box in the Narthex.

## **UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORD AND WORSHIP**

**WORSHIP SERVICES** Worship service is 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](http://hopelinden.org).

**LADIES BIBLE STUDY ON TUESDAYS AT 10AM.** Please join Barb Wright in the deep study of the book of Isaiah. Invite your friends and family!

**A TASTE FOR TRUTH BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAYS AT 5PM** offers a study and hands on renewing of the mind to strengthen yourself against any temptations you face!

**WEDNESDAY EVENING MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES AT 7PM. Pastor is doing a sermon series focused on the Passion of John.**

**SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY AFTER SERVICE.** This is a mixed adult class led by Pastor. This class will be taking a deeper look at the scripture readings for that Sunday...good conversation and the chance to ask Pastor questions!

## **UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP**

**NEW MEMBER CLASS WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup> 9AM TO NOON**

Pastor will be leading a one-day class for new or transferring members. Please sign up in the Narthex.

**CHILI COOK OFF COMING MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup> AT 6PM.** Chili will be judged in three categories—Traditional (Beef and Bean Only), Non-Traditional and Wild Game. Cost is \$5 per person. Games Afterward! SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX!

**MICHIGAN CHURCH EXTENSION FUND** The February interest rates have been posted on the bulletin board near the office door for the various investment opportunities with MI-CEF. MI-CEF supports Michigan churches and their related activities. Investing with them helps us and others!

**EASTER FLOWERS** If you would like to help adorn the altar and sanctuary with Easter flowers for Easter morning, please place your offering in the envelopes found in the Narthex, and we will purchase flowers according to the amount received. After Easter, the plants will be available to take home for planting. Questions can be directed to April in the church office at 810-735-4807.

## **NEXT WEEK**

**Office Hours**  
**M-Th 9am-Noon**

**Monday, Feb 19**  
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
**CANDICE CHOATE!**

**Tuesday, Feb 20**  
Women's Bible Study  
10am

**Wednesday, Feb 21**  
Choir Rehearsal 5pm  
Chime Choir 6pm  
Adult Bible Study  
5pm

**Lenten Service 7PM**  
**HAPPY**  
**ANNIVERSARY**  
**RICH & MELISSA**  
**PARKER!**

**Thursday, Feb 22**  
Oasis 2:30-5pm

**Friday, Feb 23**  
Office Closed  
Family Game Night  
6pm

**Saturday, Feb 24**

**Sunday, Feb 25**  
Worship Service  
9:30am  
Adult Bible Study  
Afterward

## **CONTACT WITH QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS**

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### Weekly Information

#### Attendance

02/11/24 Worship 9:30 .....	62
02/13/24 Women's Bible Study .....	7
02/14/24 Adult Bible Study 5pm .....	X
02/14/24 Mid-Week Lenten Service .....	

#### Collections and Facility Income

02/04/24 Givings .....	3495.00
Memorial .....	1000.00
Oasis .....	100.00
02/11/24 Givings .....	2155.00
Givings Needed Weekly to meet budget .....	3194.00

#### Financial Update for November 2023

Actual Revenue .....	13674.64
Actual Expenditures .....	11537.28
Actual Excess .....	2137.36

#### Financial Update for December 2023

Actual Revenue .....	18320.00
Actual Expenditures .....	16779.62
Actual Excess .....	1943.00

Fiscal YTD Excess .....	963.22
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