

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.

That There Be No Division

January 26, 2025

AS WE GATHER

The mystery of the body analogy is not that there are different parts but that all the different parts work together for one purpose. In other words, unity is what is most impressive about how the body works and how the Body of Christ, the church, works. Though it may seem an odd arrangement, the church as the Body of Christ is exactly what God intended it to be. Within the Body of Christ, there are no important parts or unimportant parts. Every part is essential, and when every part is working toward the same goal, it is a wonder of God's grace and design. It is given to us not to figure it out but to treasure the Body of Christ according to God's working and to learn how to work together toward a goal bigger than any part.

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: Alleluia! Let Praises Ring (LSB 822)

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Psalm 19:7–9, 11–14

P The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;

C **the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;**

P the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the just decrees of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.

C **Moreover, by them is Your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.**

- P** Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults.
- C** **Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

Silence is kept for meditation and reflection.

- P** Let us confess our sin to God our Father.
- C** **I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God has had mercy upon you and has given His only Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Jesus Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**

SONG OF PRAISE: Seek Ye First

SALUTATION

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray.
Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; 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

Nehemiah 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–10

¹ All the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel. ² So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. ³ And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women

and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. . . .

⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. ⁶And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. . . .

⁸They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 12:12–31a

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴For the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²²On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, ²⁴which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, ²⁵that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 4:16–30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁶[Jesus] came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. ¹⁷And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” ²²And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” ²³And he said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Physician, heal yourself.’ What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.” ²⁴And he said, “Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. ²⁵But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, ²⁶and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. ²⁷And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.” ²⁸When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. ²⁹And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. ³⁰But passing through their midst, he went away.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON SONG: We Believe

SERMON: Pastor Paul Kollek

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C 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 \dagger of the world to come. 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.

+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

LSB 216

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C 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.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and

blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. 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.

THE 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

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P 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

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

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you, Pastor.

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (LSB 821)
Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord
(LSB 637)**

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 HYMN: Sent Forth By God's Blessings (LSB 643)

DISMISSAL

- P** Go in peace! Serve the Lord!
- C** Thanks be to God.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUTREACH

OASIS is an afterschool program for Linden Middle School students and meets on Thursdays from 2:30 to 5pm. Volunteers are always welcome and needed! Snacks and treats are always happily consumed by hungry kids too!

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORD AND WORSHIP

WORSHIP SERVICES Worship service is on Sundays at 9:30am. If you are unable to attend in person, the services are recorded and will be available on our website at hopelinden.org.

BIBLE STUDIES

- Coffee & Questions with Pastor on Sunday Mornings after Worship. Stay after for great fellowship and conversation! This is a very informal time for sharing and learning and is open to everyone of all ages!
- Women's Bible Study on the book of Isaiah on Tuesdays at 10AM
- Women's At Home Bible Study can be done at your convenience. Pick up January's packet in the Narthex.
- Taste for Truth Bible Study will be held on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm. If your New Years Checklist includes healthier living, join this wonderful study that will give you tools for managing temptations of all kinds.
- Wednesday Morning Adult Bible Study meets at 10am. This group is doing a new study called **NOT ALL WHO WONDER ARE LOST**—a study on trusting God in the Unknown.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP

PLEASE CHECK your church mailbox on the right side of the sanctuary. Tis the season for mail!

NEXT WEEK
Office Hours
M-Th 9am-Noon

Monday, Jan. 27

Tuesday, Jan. 28
 Women's Bible Study 10am

Wednesday, Jan. 29
 Adult Bible Study 10am
 Choir 1pm
 Taste for Truth 5:30pm
 Chimes 6:30pm

Thursday, Jan. 30
 Oasis 2:30 to 5pm
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
TRACY & CANDICE CHOATE!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY CRAIG
BARNABY!

Friday, Jan. 31
 Office Closed

Saturday, Feb. 1
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
BECKY EBERHARD!

Sunday, Feb. 2
 Worship Service at 9:30am
 Coffee and Questions with Pastor
 after service

**The Altar Flowers Today
 are in Celebration of:**

**Craig and Teri Barnaby's
 Anniversary
 And
 Thomas Rose's Baptism
 Anniversary from his
 Mom, Christine Schmidt**

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Weekly Information

Attendance

01/19/25 Worship 9:30 34
 01/19/25 Coffee and Questions 7
 01/21/25 Women's Bible Study Canceled
 01/22/24 Adult Bible Study

Collections and Facility Income

01/19/24 2436.00
 Givings Needed Weekly to meet budget 3337.52

Financial Update for December 2024

Actual Revenue 25845.34
 Actual Expenditures 13810.44
 Actual Overage 12,034.90
 YTD Overage 3375.85

**YTD does not include special offerings and memorials.*



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