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

God's Truth: Easy and Powerful

March 9, 2025

AS WE GATHER

"Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness" (1 Timothy 3:16). As we have now entered the forty-day pilgrimage of Lent, we approach the most climactic event of our Lord's earthly ministry, the one that confused and frightened the first followers of Jesus and perhaps even some to this day. The expectation of the establishment of the kingdom of God with Jesus, the Son of God, seated on a royal throne as ruler was demolished as they witnessed their Rabbi, Master, and Lord taken captive, convicted, tortured, and executed on that Passover in Jerusalem.

The cross has always been an offense. To this day, the same mystery stands: His royal throne is but a frightful cross of crucifixion—His kingdom hidden to the eyes. When confronted with the facts of God's Word, many cannot see past this mystery. Yet it is the power of God's Word that gives people the gift of faith and new eyes to see what was incomprehensible and secret now revealed by the Spirit of God. God's truth is that in the death of Christ, redemption and forgiveness of sin now avails for the entire world. Sinners are delivered, justified before God by faith in the blood of Jesus shed on the cross and given the ability to repent and believe and become children of God for eternity. For sinful mankind, this life-giving truth is impossible to believe or understand. Only because of the mighty Word of God proclaimed to the world by His church and by the power of the Spirit is that otherwise mysterious Word actually easy and powerful to understand and to believe.

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: Our God

INVOCATION

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

G Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 124:8; Romans 10:13, 10

- P** Our help is in the name of the LORD,
- C** **who made heaven and earth.**

- P** Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.
- C** **For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Psalm 91:9

- P** Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith and confess our sins unto God our Father, that we may receive His forgiveness.
- C** **O God, we believe Your Word is true for it reveals our sin for which we deserve Your rebuke and judgment. Yet even more, we believe in Your promise of mercy and forgiveness for the sake of Christ. We therefore confess to You all our sins. We plead the suffering and sacrifice of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, as the all-sufficient price of our redemption, and beg Your grace and forgiveness for the sake of faith in our Savior alone. Hear us in Your mercy and according to Your promise in Christ, our Lord.**
- P** “Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place—the Most High, who is my refuge,” upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

CONFESSION HYMN: Jesus, Lead Thou On (LSB 718)

SALUTATION

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray.
O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; 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

Deuteronomy 26:1–11

¹“When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. ³And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.’ ⁴Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God.

⁵“And you shall make response before the LORD your God, ‘A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. ⁶And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. ⁷Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. ⁹And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me.’ And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God. ¹¹And you shall rejoice in all the good that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Romans 10:8b–13

“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 4:1–13

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness ²for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. ³The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” ⁴And Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’” ⁵And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, ⁶and said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be

yours.”⁸And Jesus answered him, “It is written, “You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.”

⁹And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written, “He will command his angels concerning you,

to guard you,¹¹and “On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.” ¹²And Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹³And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (LSB 425)

SERMON: Pastor Paul Kollek

NICENE CREED

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 † 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

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.

PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

LSB 161

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r 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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. 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."

P Lord, 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.

AGNUS DEI

C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: God Loved the World So That He Gave (LSB 571)
Rock of Ages (LSB 761)**

NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 165

- C** Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of ev'ry
people:
A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth forever.
- P** We give thanks to You, almighty God, both for Your command to believe and for the faith to
receive this salutary gift, and we pray that as Christ's redeemed people we may show forth
the light of Your grace and love to our neighbors; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

- P** Bless we the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

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: Great Is The Lord

DISMISSAL

- P** Go in peace as you serve our heavenly Father and His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C Amen.

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.

MID WEEK LENTEN services on Wednesdays at 7pm. This year we are focusing on the "Good News from the Beginning: The Gospel in Genesis".

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 February'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.
- **SPECIAL LENTEN BIBLE READING PLAN AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX!**

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP

Guests, please fill out the Guest Registration card located in the pew. Members and regular attendees no longer need to sign in as we are streamlining our attendance accounting. Thank you!

SOUP AND SALAD DINNERS DURING LENT Please sign up in the Narthex if you are interested in joining in a simple meal before the Lenten services. At 6pm starting March 12th. **PLEASE SIGN UP TO HELP US PLAN!**

Thank you for the love and care shown to me during my recent surgery and convalescence. I appreciate all of you! Debbie Shiegay

2025 Lent and Easter Services at Hope

Ash Wednesday, March 5th

Worship Service with Imposition of Ashes
7:00pm

Sunday Worship Services during Lent

9:30am

Mid-Week Lenten Services

Wednesdays at 7pm

Soup and Salad Dinner at 6pm

Maundy Thursday, April 17th

Candlelight Communion Service
7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 18th

Prayer Vigil

Noon to 3pm

Tenebrae Vespers

7:00p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 20th

Easter Breakfast 8 a.m.

Festival Service 9:30 a.m.



Everyone

who calls on the name of



the Lord

Romans 10:13

Kg'22



Sermon Notes

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It is
with your



that you
Believe
and are
justified.
It is with
your



that you
profess
your faith
and are
Saved.

Romans 10:10

KG22

NEXT WEEK
Office Hours
M-Th 9am-Noon

Monday, March 10

Tuesday, March 11
 Women's Bible Study 10am

Wednesday, March 12
 Choir 5:15
 Soup and Salad Dinner 6pm
 Lenten Service 7pm
 Chimes 7:45

Thursday, March 13
 Oasis 2:30 to 5pm

Friday, March 14
 Office Closed

Saturday, Mar. 15

Sunday, Mar. 16
 Worship Service at 9:30am
 Coffee and Questions with Pastor
 after service

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Weekly Information

Attendance

03/02/25 Worship 9:30.....39
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 03/05/25 Ash Wednesday Service

Collections and Facility Income

03/02/253770.00
 Givings Needed Weekly to meet budget.....3337.52

Financial Update for January 2025

Actual Revenue11979.69
 Actual Expenditures12527.36
 Actual Shortage..... -547.67
 YTD Overage.....2828.18

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



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