



ASH WEDNESDAY

Hope Lutheran Church ✝ February 14, 2024

Welcome to Hope Lutheran Church

THANKS FOR YOUR PRESENCE TONIGHT!

LENT SERMON SERIES

"LAMB OF GOD"

As John's Gospel portrays the dramatic events leading up to the crucifixion of Christ, we marvel at the unwavering commitment and focus of our Lord. Through his words and actions, Jesus demonstrates the amazing depths of his love for us. Christ's willingness to take on the role of the sacrificial Lamb is our joy and inspiration in this holy season of Lent, and the cause of our salvation for all eternity.

Next Week's Sermons

Saturday/Sunday, February 17/18	"Father Glorify Your Name " (John 12:27-36a)
Wednesday, February 21	"Why Did Jesus Come?" (John 12:44-50)

WORSHIP CHECK-IN. Please take a moment to check-in online at www.hopelutheranwf.org, scrolling to the Worship Check-In link on the main page.

OFFERINGS. All are invited to make an offering today, as a worshipful expression of thanksgiving to God, and in support of the ministries of Hope Lutheran Church. You may place your gift in the offering plates as you leave, next to the sanctuary exit doors. May God bless our offerings and tithes!

MIDWEEK LENT SOUP & SANDWICH DINNERS. The Men of Hope will provide a meal prior to each midweek Lent service, from 5:30-6:15PM. A free-will donation will be received. Proceeds benefit Men of Hope service projects. The menu on February 21 will be "The Lineberger," sausage, peppers, and onion sandwich served with pasta faggioli soup.

SPRING NEW MEMBER CLASS. If you have been worshipping at Hope, it's time to consider officially joining our congregation! Making a commitment to become a church member is a big step, but it is a great way to solidify your spiritual beliefs and to invest in a spiritual home for your life. Learn more about Lutheran teachings and practices, and about the ministries and mission of Hope Lutheran Church, at our eight-week Spring New Member Class. The class meets on Sunday mornings, March 3- April 28 (except Easter) 9:45-10:45AM, Room 300. Contact Pastor Wayne or Pastor Devin for details.

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FEBRUARY 14, 2024 ~ 7:00PM

SILENT PRAYER & MEDITATION



PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION

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

C: **Amen.**

P: Thus says the Lord: "In a time of favor I have answered you; in a day of salvation I have helped you." *Isaiah 49:8*

C: **"For you are dust, and to dust you shall return."** *Genesis 3:19*

P: "Yet even now," says the Lord, "Return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning." *Joel 2:12*

C: **"The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise."** *Psalms 51:17*

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Let us pray to God, with humble, repentant hearts, and confess our sins.

C: **God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you in our thoughts, in our words, in our actions. We have rebelled. We have ignored you. We have broken your commandments, and followed our own way. We have no excuse, and we stand condemned before you. We are truly sorry, and plead for your mercy, for the sake of Jesus Christ alone. We come with broken, contrite hearts, for we have sinned. Amen.**

Congregation is seated

THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES

The ashes are an ancient sign of mortality and death, sorrow and forgiveness, used at the beginning of Lent. Those who desire to receive ashes may come forward in a continual flow down the center aisle and side aisles. Ashes will be placed upon the forehead or the forehead of each person with the words:



"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."



*After receiving the ashes, return to your seat for
silent prayer & meditation.*

Congregation stands

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

HYMN

"Savior, When in Dust to You" (LBW91)



1 Sav-ior, when in dust to you low we bow in hom-age due;
2 By your help-less in-fant years, by your life of want and tears,
3 By your hour of dire de-spair, by your ag-o-ny of prayer,



when, re-pen-tant, to the skies scarce we lift our weep-ing eyes;
by your days of deep dis-tress in the sav-age wil-der-ness,
by the cross, the nail, the thorn, pierc-ing spear, and tor-tur-ing scorn,



oh, by all your pains and woe suf-fered once for us be-low,
by the dread, mys-te-rious hour of the in-sult-ing tempt-er's pow'r,
by the gloom that veiled the skies o'er the dread-ful sac-ri-fice,



bend-ing from your throne on high, hear our pen-i-ten-tial cry!
turn, oh, turn a fa-v'ring eye; hear our pen-i-ten-tial cry!
lis-ten to our hum-ble sigh; hear our pen-i-ten-tial cry!

Congregation is seated

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Joel 2:12-19

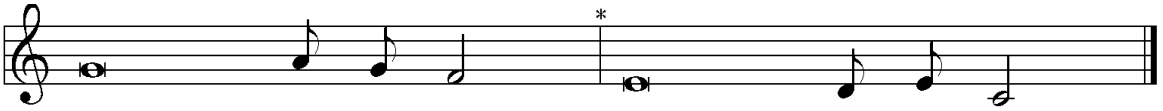
"Yet even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; ¹³and rend your hearts and not your garments." Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster. ¹⁴Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the Lord your God? ¹⁵Blow the trumpet in Zion; consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly; ¹⁶gather the people. Consecrate the congregation; assemble the elders; gather the children, even nursing infants. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her chamber. ¹⁷Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep and say, "Spare your people, O Lord, and make not your heritage a reproach, a byword among the nations. Why

should they say among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'" ¹⁸ Then the Lord became jealous for his land and had pity on his people.

¹⁹ The Lord answered and said to his people, "Behold, I am sending to you grain, wine, and oil, and you will be satisfied; and I will no more make you a reproach among the nations."

THE SINNER'S PRAYER

Psalm 51:1-6



¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | loving kindness;*

in your great compassion blot out | my offenses.

² Wash me through and through | from my wickedness;*

and cleanse me | from my sin.

³ For I know | my transgressions;*

and my sin is ev- | er before me.

⁴ Against you only | have I sinned*

and done what is evil | in your sight.

⁵ And so you are justified | when you speak*

and upright | in your judgement.

⁶ Indeed, I have been wicked | from my birth;*

A sinner from my | mother's womb.

Congregation stands

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 6:1-6

"Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.

² "Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ³ But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴ so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁵ "And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ⁶ But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you."

Congregation is seated

SERMON

"Wash Me Through and Through"
Pastor Wayne Puls

ANTHEM

"There's A Wideness in God's Mercy"
Senior Choir

Congregation stands

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition ends with the following response:

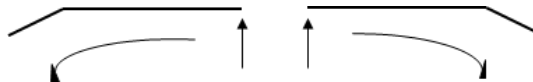
P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion Participation: As Lutheran Christians, we believe Christ's body and blood are truly present with the bread and wine, offering forgiveness of sins to all who believe in Jesus Christ. We ask those who commune to share this unity of faith in Christ and understanding of the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Since the Scripture teaches that we are to examine ourselves before eating of the bread and drinking of the cup (1 Corinthians 11:28), if you are not certain of the meaning of Holy Communion or have not been baptized or instructed in the Christian faith, please speak with the Pastor before communing.

Communion Distribution Process: Please form two lines in the main center aisle, proceeding to the altar. After you have received communion, you may return to your pew via the side aisles.



White grape juice is provided in the center of the trays. Individual cups may be placed in the baskets provided by the acolyte. Gluten-free bread is available upon request.

Communion and Children: First communion is ordinarily offered at Hope to youth after instruction classes in the 5th grade. Children and youth who have not been confirmed may come to the altar to receive a blessing. Children and non-confirmed youth should fold their arms over their chest to acknowledge they are receiving the blessing.

THE WORDS OF CONSECRATION

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

THE 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.

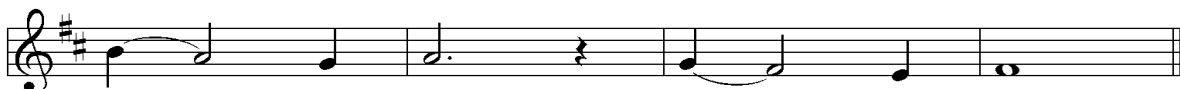
THE AGNUS DEI (Lamb of God)



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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grant us peace, grant us peace.

Congregation is seated

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION SONGS

"In The Cross of Christ I Glory" (LBW104)



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
3 When the sun of bliss is beam-ing light and
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of
ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the
love, up - on my way, from the cross the
cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that



sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
ra - diance stream-ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

"On My Heart Imprint Your Image" (LBW102)



On my heart im - print your im - age, bless-ed Je - sus, king of grace,



that life's trou-bles nor its plea-sures ev - er may your work e - rase.



Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



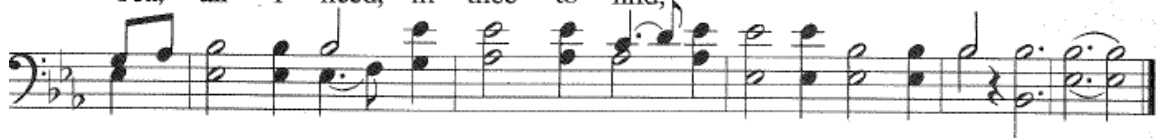
is my life, my hope's foun-da-tion, all my glo-ry and sal - va - tion!



- 1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, But that thy blood was shed for me,
 2 Just as I am, and wait - ing not To rid my soul of one dark blot,
 3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a con - flict, man - y a doubt,
 4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight, rich - es, heal - ing of the mind,



And that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
 To thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
 Fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 Yea, all I need, in thee to find,



5 Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
 Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
 Because thy promise I believe,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am; thy love unknown
 Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
 Now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

WORDS OF BLESSING

Congregation stands

PRAYER OF THANKS

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (LBW115)



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a



prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
trib - ute far too small; love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

EVENING DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace and quiet,

C: Rising to faithfully serve him in the new day.



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NEWS & EVENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:45-10:45AM)


- **KIDS:** See signs in the Narthex and Children's Center Foyer.
 - **PK-** Discovering God's amazing Bible stories.
 - **K1 Crew** - Animals of the Bible and how God used them.
 - **Level 23-** Lutheranism 101 for kids.
 - **Club 45-** Making our way through Exodus
- **MIDDLE SCHOOL:** God's Love for Us in Room 101
- **HIGH SCHOOL:** John in Room 102
- **ADULT:** Lenten Lessons in room 301

BLOOD DRIVE. Hope will be hosting a blood drive on 2/17, from 11:30AM-4:30PM. The Blood Connection bus will be parked outside the Youth Center. Along with the lifesaving gift of blood that your donation will provide, you will receive a \$25 gift card as well as a \$25 donation made to TWOLA, a mental health organization, in honor of Jeremy Moran. Please come out if you can and pass the word to your friends and family.

KID'S & YOUTH MINISTRY. For more information and to sign-up for these events check out Hope's website.

- **K1 CREW: GROW WITH JESUS.** February 25, 12:15-2:00PM.
- **MIDDLE SCHOOL & CLUB 45.** Come join us on 2/23. Drop-off is from 5:30-6:00PM at Galaxy Fun Park.
- **HIGH SCHOOL SERVICE SUNDAY.** February 25. 1:50PM- 3:30PM

LOCAL DISASTER RESPONSE TRAINING OPPORTUNITY. Have you wanted to get involved with disaster response, but are not quite sure where to start? Have you attended training in the past, but feel a bit rusty? In partnership with Jordan Lutheran Church, Lutheran Servants for Christ Disaster Response is offering a two-day training opportunity on April 5-6, 2024. The training will take place at Jordan Lutheran's property in Apex, NC. Planned training areas include muck-out, chainsaw operation and safety, tractor maintenance and operation, and mobile food ministry. Participants can sign up for one or more segments. Email Hilary Tew at treasurer@lutheranservantsforchrist.org to add your name to the event and receive updates!



Save the Dates

LENT & HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

MIDWEEK SERVICES
WEDNESDAY EVENINGS 7:00PM

2/21-3/20

PALM SUNDAY
5:30PM; 8:30 & 11:00AM

3/23-24

MAUNDY THURSDAY
7:00PM

3/28

GOOD FRIDAY
7:30PM

3/29

EGGSTRAVAGANZA
10:00AM

3/30

EASTER SUNDAY
6:45, 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00AM

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