

Lamb
of God



Welcome to Hope Lutheran Church!



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

Wednesday, March 13 "What is Truth?" (John 18:28-38)

Saturday/Sunday, March 17 "Will you have Jesus as your King?" (John 19:1-16)

WORSHIP CHECK-IN. Please take a moment to check in online on the homepage of Hope's website (www.hopelutheranwf.org). A special welcome to guests and visitors today!

OFFERINGS & TITHES. 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 plate next to the sanctuary exit doors as you leave. May God bless our offerings and tithes, and bless the ministry which these gifts enable!

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Shirley Holzschuh in memory of Dennis Paul Holzschuh.

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Wayne Puls
Margo Adamec

Senior Pastor
Director of Christian Education Intern

Lamb of God

Fourth Sunday in Lent
Holy Communion: River of Life
March 10, 2024 ~ 8:30 & 11:00AM

✠ *Gathering* ✠

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

INTROIT FOR LENT(8:30AM)

"Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"
Adult Choir

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & TIME OF GREETING

INVOCATION

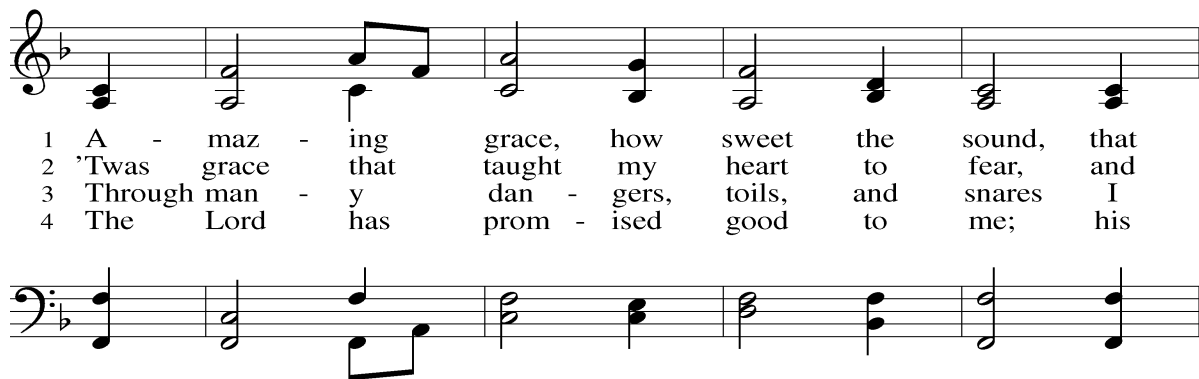
PRAYER OF CONFESSION

- P:** As we stand beneath the cross of our Lord this day, let us confess our sins to God: the sins which nailed his Son to the tree, the sins for which Jesus gave his body and blood. We pray:
- C:** O God, holy and almighty Father, we confess to you that we are poor sinners. Every day, and in every way, we have broken your commandments. We have done what we know is wrong, and we have not done what we know is right. But, O Lord, we are sorry for our sin. We have wronged you, and offended you. We repent, and we ask for your forgiveness because of what Jesus did for us on the cross. Help us to turn to you in faith, and to trust in your mercy alone. Amen.

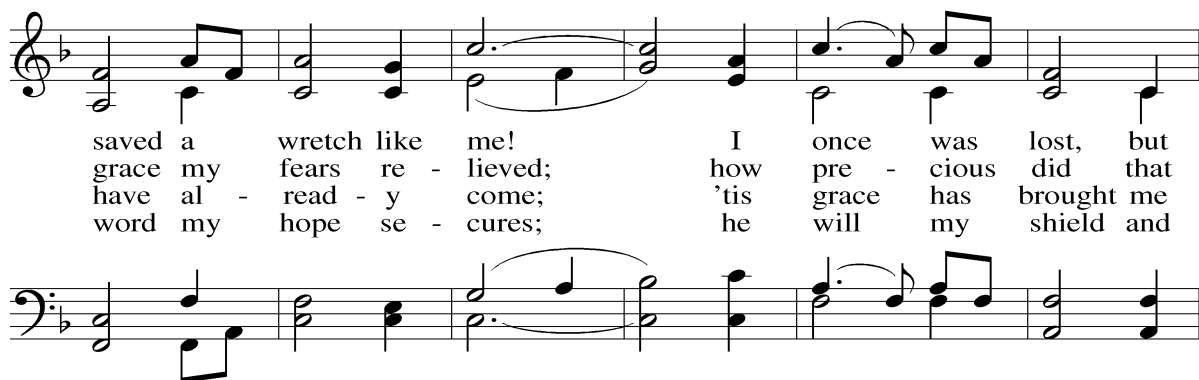
ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

HYMN

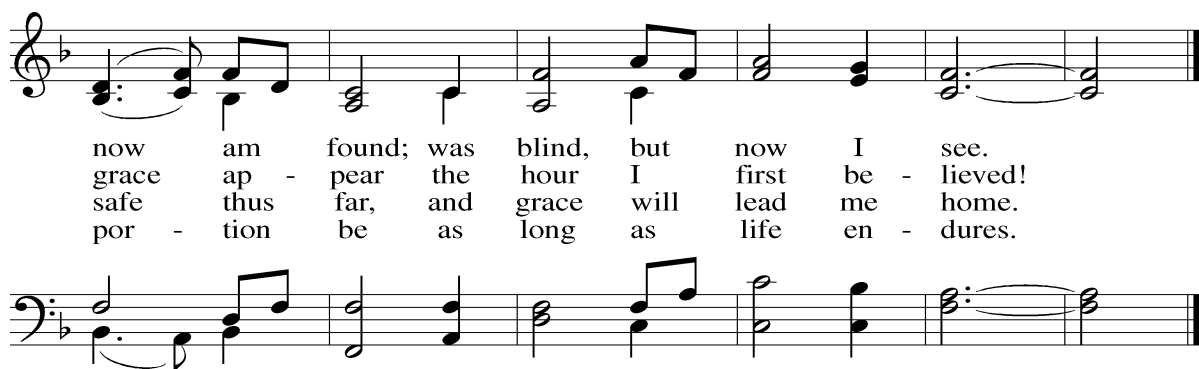
“Amazing Grace” (LBW448)



1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and



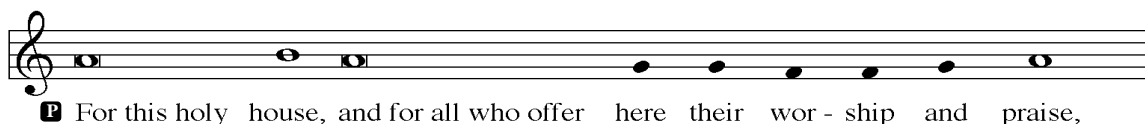
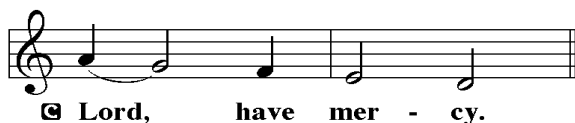
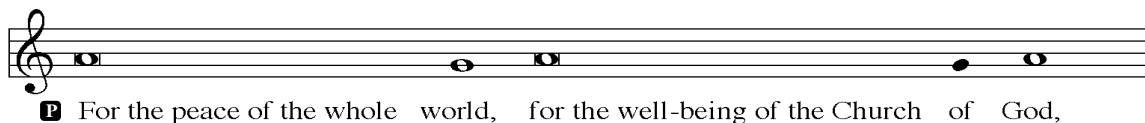
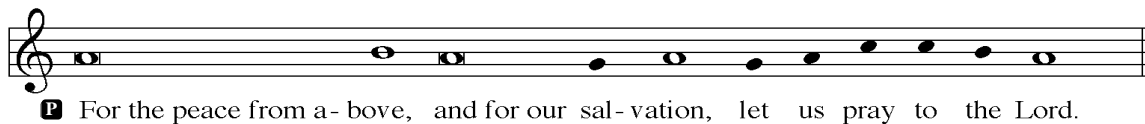
now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. God of all mercy, by your power to heal and to forgive, graciously cleanse us from all sin and make us strong; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.



God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Congregation is seated

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵ And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” ⁶ Then the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷ And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you. Pray to the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸ And the Lord said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” ⁹ So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

EPISTLE LESSON

Ephesians 2: 1-10

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³ among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

ANTHEM

(8:30AM) "Come Unto Me"

Adult Choir

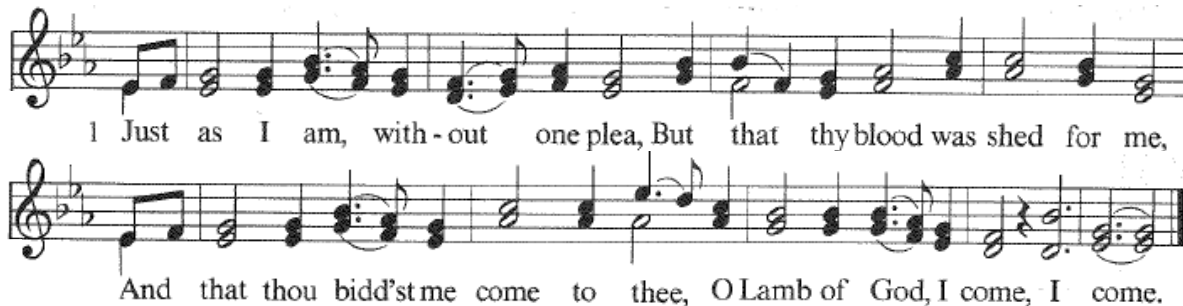
Jacob Holt, Soprano Saxophone

(11:00AM) "Pie Jesu"

Adult Handbells

VERSE FOR LENT

"Just As I Am"



Congregation stands

HOLY GOSPEL

John 18:15-18; 25-27

Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he entered with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, ¹⁶but Peter stood outside at the door. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the servant girl who kept watch at the door, and brought Peter in. ¹⁷The servant girl at the door said to Peter, "You also are not one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." ¹⁸Now the servants and officers had made a charcoal fire, because it was cold, and they were standing and warming themselves. Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself. ²⁵Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. So they said to him, "You also are not one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." ²⁶One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" ²⁷Peter again denied it, and at once a rooster crowed.

APOSTLES' CREED

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.

Congregation is seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children may come to the front.

Children ages 3 – Grade 2 may leave for Children's Church immediately following the Children's Message by DCE Intern Margo Adamec.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"In the Hour of Trial" (LBW106)



1 In the hour of tri - al, Je - sus, plead for me,
2 With for - bid - den plea - sures should this vain world charm,
3 Should thy mer - cy send me sor - row, toil, and woe,



lest by base de - ni - al I de - part from thee.
or its sor - did trea - sures spread to work me harm,
or should pain at - tend me on my path be - low,



When thou seest me wa - ver, with a look re - call;
bring to my re - mem - brance sad Geth - sem - a - ne,
grant that I may nev - er fail thy hand to see;



nor from fear or fa - vor suf - fer me to fall.
or, in dark - er sem - blance, cross-crowned Cal - va - ry.
grant that I may ev - er cast my care on thee.

"LAMB OF GOD" SERMON SERIES

"The Denier"

Pastor Wayne Puls

Congregation stands

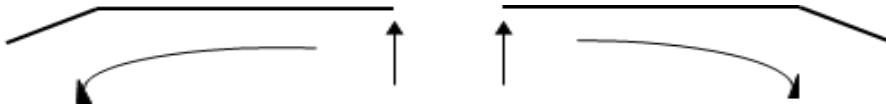
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

The ministers and congregation greet one another in the name of the Lord.

COMMUNION SONG

"Lamb of God" (TCH302)



1. Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have sent Him from Your
2. Your gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and scorned Him as He
3. I was so lost I should have died, But You have brought me to Your

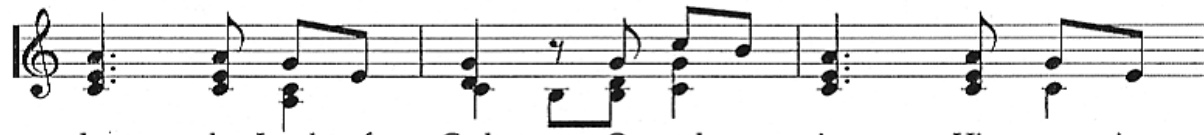


side To walk up - on this guilt-y sod, And to be-come the Lamb of God.
died; The hum-ble King they named a fraud, And sac-ri-ficed the Lamb of God.
side To be led by Your staff and rod, And to be called a lamb of God.

Refrain



O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God; I love the



ho - ly Lamb of God. O wash me in His pre - cious



blood. 1,2. My Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.
3. Till I am just a lamb of God.

Congregation is seated

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary” (LBW93)



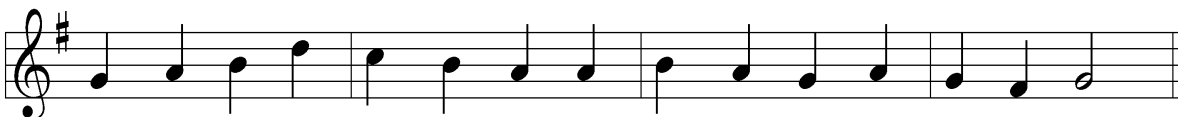
1 Je - sus, ref - uge of the wea - ry, blest re - deem - er, whom we love,
2 Do we pass that cross un - heed - ing, breath - ing no re - pen - tant vow,
3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing with more fer - vent love for you;



foun - tain in life's des - ert drea - ry, Sav - ior from the world a - bove:
though we see you wound - ed, bleed - ing, see your thorn - en - cir - cled brow?
may our eyes be ev - er turn - ing to be - hold your cross a - new;



of - ten have your eyes, of - fend - ed, gazed up - on the sin - ner's fall;
Yet your sin - less death has brought us life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest;
till in glo - ry, part - ed nev - er from the bless - ed Sav - ior's side,



yet up - on the cross ex - tend - ed, you have borne the pain of all.
on - ly what your grace has taught us calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.
grav - en in our hearts for - ev - er, dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied.



1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, who, in bit - ter pains,
2 Grace and life e - ter - nal in that blood I find;
3 Blest through end - less a - ges be the pre - cious stream
4 A - bel's blood for ven - geance plead - ed to the skies;



poured for me the life - blood from his sa - cred veins.
blest be his com - pas - sion, in - fi - nite - ly kind.
which from end - less tor - ment did the world re - deem.
but the blood of Je - sus for our par - don cries.

5 Oft as earth exulting
wafts its praise on high,
angel hosts rejoicing
make their glad reply.

6 Lift we then our voices,
swell the mighty flood;
louder still and louder
praise the precious blood.

WORDS OF BLESSING

Congregation stands

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

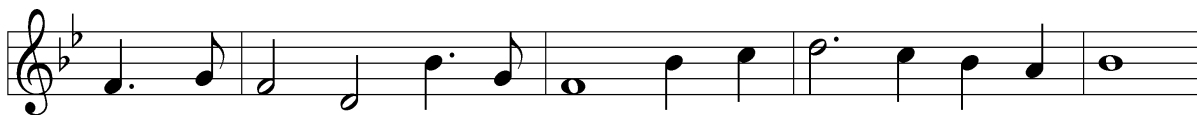
✠ *Sending* ✠

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

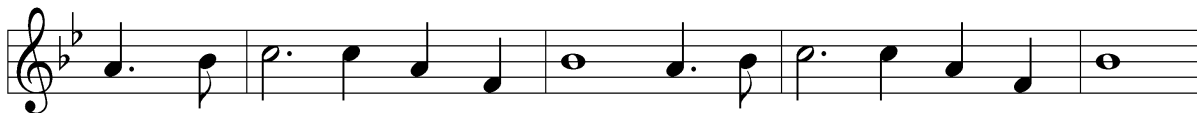
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CLOSING HYMN

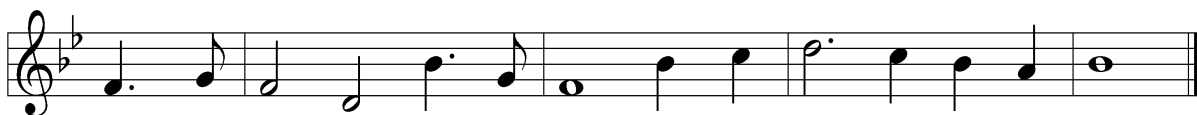
“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me” (LBW327)



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,



let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,
could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;
when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.
foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

DISMISSAL

P: The worship is ended.

C: The service now begins.

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



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

- **KIDS:** See signs in the Narthex and Children's Center Foyer.
- **MIDDLE SCHOOL:** Holy Week and Easter in Room 101
- **HIGH SCHOOL:** The Life of Jesus in Room 102
- **ADULT:** Elements of Easter with Luke Tew in room 301

NEW MEMBER CLASS. It's not too late! 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.

WHEELCHAIR NEEDED? A high-quality electric wheelchair is available, free of charge, for anyone who has need of it. To check it out, contact Pastor Wayne or Briana Evans in the church office.

EASTER LILIES 2024. Easter lilies adorn the chancel and windows at Hope in Easter Sunday. They may be purchased in memory or honor of loved ones. The cost is \$14. Sign up today at www.hopelutheranwf.org/flowers.

DONATE FILLED EASTER EGGS. Hope's Kid's Ministry holds an annual egg hunt in which members, preschool families, and members of the community come together to hear the real story of Easter and participate in an egg hunt. With hundreds of kids coming we need thousands of eggs. So we are asking the people of Hope to help us by donating prefilled Easter Eggs (individually wrapped candy or toys are preferred). The eggs can be put in the wooden benches in the gallery labeled Easter Eggs by Sunday March 24. Questions? bagner@hopelutheranwf.org.

LENTEN SOUP AND SANDWICH. Men of Hope will be serving soup and sandwich before each of the Lenten services, from 5:30-6:15PM. A free-will donation supports Men of Hope's service projects. This week's meal will be The Varner (egg salad and pimiento cheese sandwich with ham and bean soup.)

EGGSTRAVAGANZA. Easter is coming up and you know what that means, Easter egg hunts! We would love for your entire family to come and hunt eggs, pet farm animals, and play on the huge slide. We will also be learning about the most important reason, through a fun skit and music, Jesus has saved us from our sins! Eggstravaganza is on 3/30, 10-11AM. Questions? bagner@hopelutheranwf.org.

WALK OF FAME FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE. Get your kicks and fits on for Hope's Father-Daughter dance on 4/5. Tickets are on sale for \$15 per guest with a \$45/family limit. We will enjoy a kid-friendly dinner, dancing, photo booths, and desserts. Open to all daughters who want to dance with their first love, their dad. Register today on Hope's Website. Questions? bagner@hopelutheranwf.org.

CLUB 45 MARIO PARTY. "Let's-a-go" to the Mario Party. On 3/22 from 6-8:30PM our racers will be having Mario Kart race. Racers will be given food to power them up and then all racers will settle down at Rainbow Road to watch The Super Mario Bros. Movie, Wahoo! Sign up on the Hope's website. Cost: \$5.00 Questions? bagner@hopelutheranwf.org.

MIDDLE SCHOOL PARTY: Come join us for a St. Patrick's themed party on Sunday 3/17 from 12:30-2:00PM in the Youth Center. Wear green and come ready to party. We will play games and have themed snacks. Cost \$5. Questions? madamec@hopelutheranwf.org.

WOMEN'S DUCK PIN BOWLING. Women's Ministry is heading the Strike and Barrel for a night full of laughter, friendship, and duckpin bowling. Come on 3/21 at 7PM. All women 18+ are invited. The cost is \$27, payment required at sign-up. Sign-up on Women's Ministry page. Questions? bagner@hopelutheranwf.org.

BREW: COLLEGE AGE: This month we will be meeting at 6:30 on 3/14 at Village Deli and on 3/28 at church where we will have snacks and chat before Maundy Thursday Service which we will attend together. Questions? madamec@hopelutheranwf.org.

BROWN BAG EVENT. Join Brown Bag on March 16, to sow some seeds and spread some love! We will meet in the area outside the Children's Center at 11AM to pack lunch bags. After they are blessed, volunteers will drive to a neighborhood for distribution. Please sign up on Hope's website under events . Contact Nancy Repak at kapernan@gmail.com with any questions or for more information.



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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