

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 20

"The Crucifixion – No Greater Love" (John 15:13)

**WORSHIP CHECK-IN.** Please take a moment to check in online on the homepage of Hope's website ([www.hopelutheranwf.org](http://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 Josh & Beth Agner in honor of Sadie Agner's first birthday.

## LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Wayne Puls  
Rev. Devin Murphy  
Makayla Meyer

Senior Pastor  
Associate Pastor  
Family Program Intern

# Lamb of God

Fifth Sunday in Lent  
Holy Communion: Liturgy of Joy  
March 17, 2024 ~ 11:00AM

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## PRELUDE

## WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & TIME OF GREETING

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

### ORDER OF CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

**C: Amen.**

**P:** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*(silence for reflection and self-examination)*

**P:** Most merciful God,

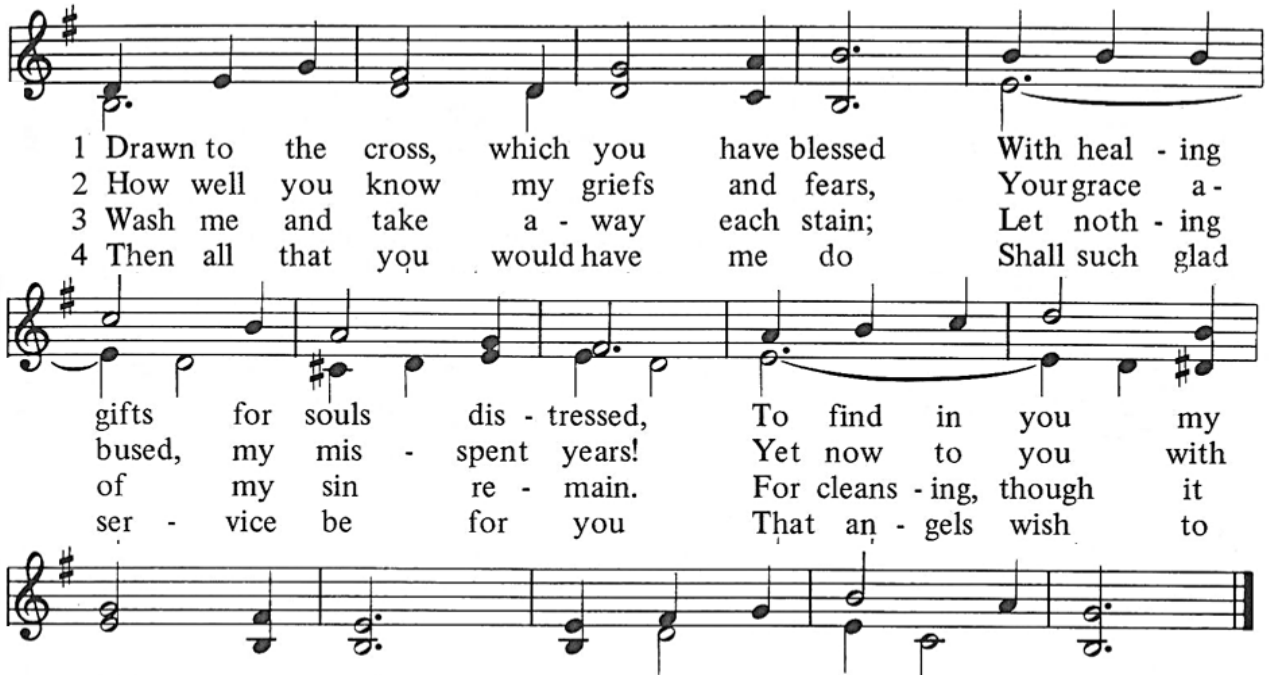
**C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

**P:** Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## HYMN

*"Drawn to the Cross, Which You Have Blessed" (LW356)*



1 Drawn to the cross, which you have blessed With heal - ing  
2 How well you know my griefs and fears, Your grace a -  
3 Wash me and take a - way each stain; Let noth - ing  
4 Then all that you would have me do Shall such glad  
gifts for souls dis - tressed, To find in you my  
bused, my mis - spent years! Yet now to you with  
of my sin re - main. For cleans - ing, though it  
ser - vice be for you That an - gels wish to  
life, my rest,  
con - trite tears,  
be through pain,  
do it too.

Christ Cru - ci - fied, I come.

## 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

**P:** Today we join the Church of all the ages, as we cry out to the Lord for mercy:

**C:** Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

**P:** We come before the Lord humbly, as sinners in need of forgiveness.

**C:** Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

**P:** We seek the Lord's healing and renewal, for all the hurts and sorrows in our lives.

**C:** Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

**P:** We pray in the holy name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**C:** Amen.

# ✠ The Service of Holy Baptism ✠

**Dahlia Nadine Earnest**

Birthdate: September 16th, 2023

Parents: Matthew & Calandra Earnest

## BAPTISM HYMN

*"I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry"*



1 "I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be  
2 "When you heard the won - der of the Word I was  
there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you  
there to cheer you on; you were raised to praise the  
were bap - tized Lord, to see your life un - fold.  
liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.  
I was there when you were but a child, with a  
If you find some - one to share your time and you  
faith to suit you as well; in a blaze of light you  
join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your  
wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell."  
vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."

*<sup>4</sup> "I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, To see your life unfold."*

# ✠ The Service of The Word ✠

*Congregation is seated*

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

**Jeremiah 31:31-34**

"Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, <sup>32</sup> not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. <sup>33</sup> For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup> And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

## EPISTLE LESSON

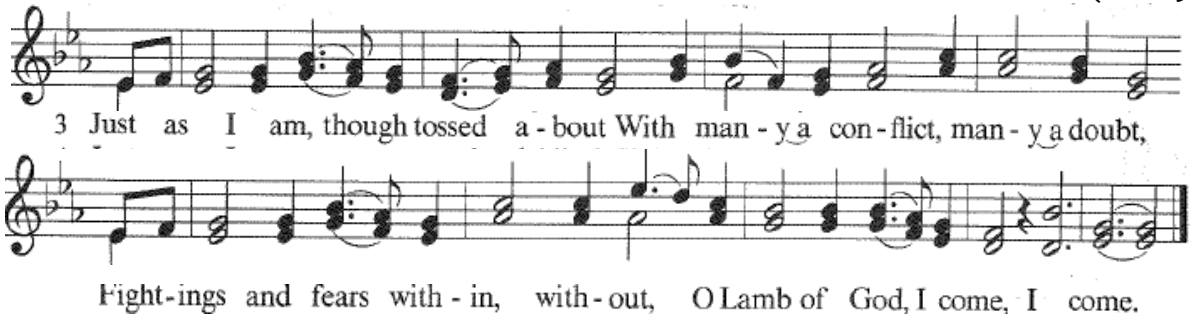
**Hebrews 5:7-10**

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. <sup>9</sup> And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, <sup>10</sup> being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

*Congregation stands*

## VERSE FOR LENT

*"Just As I Am" (LBW296)*



## HOLY GOSPEL

**John 19:1-16**

Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him. <sup>2</sup> And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe. <sup>3</sup> They came up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and struck him with their hands. <sup>4</sup> Pilate went out again and said to them, "See, I am bringing him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in him." <sup>5</sup> So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold the man!" <sup>6</sup> When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no guilt in him." <sup>7</sup> The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has made himself the Son of God." <sup>8</sup> When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. <sup>9</sup> He entered his headquarters

again and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. <sup>10</sup> So Pilate said to him, "You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?" <sup>11</sup> Jesus answered him, "You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered me over to you has the greater sin." <sup>12</sup> From then on Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar." <sup>13</sup> So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha. <sup>14</sup> Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" <sup>15</sup> They cried out, "Away with him, away with him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." <sup>16</sup> So he delivered him over to them to be crucified.

## **NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic\* and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*\* "universal" (original wording of the Creed; portraying God's perspective that the whole of God's people on earth are truly one In Christ)*

*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 Family Program Intern Makayla Meyer.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*"The Lamb" (LSB547)*



1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?  
2 The Lamb, the Lamb, one per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.  
3 The Lamb, the Lamb, as way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill.  
4 He sighs, he dies, he takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.  
5 He rose, he rose, my heart with thanks now o - ver - flows.



Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!  
The Lamb, the Lamb, let earth join heav'n his praise to sing.  
So still, his will on our be - half the Law to fill.  
He lives, for - gives, he gives me his own righ - teous - ness.  
His song pro - long till ev - 'ry heart to him be - long.

### *Refrain*



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me his own!



The Lamb is reign - ing on his throne!

## SERMON

*"Behold Your King!"*

Pastor Wayne Puls

## ANTHEM

*"How Great His Love"*

Adult Choir

*Congregation stands*

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words.*

**P:** Lord, in your mercy...

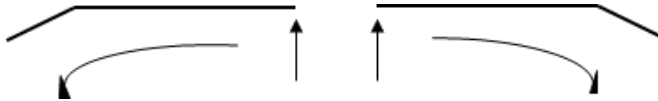
**C:** Hear our prayer.



## ✠ The Service Of Holy Communion ✠

**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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 for the 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."

## 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.

## SHARING OF 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

*"Jesus, Remember Me"*



Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.



Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

**Repeat Twice**

*Congregation is seated*

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION SONGS

*"What A Friend We Have in Jesus" (LBW439)*



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!

2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?

3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!

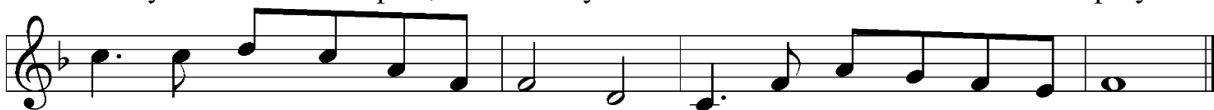
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—take it to the Lord in prayer.

Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer.





Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need-less pain we bear—  
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?  
 Do your friends de-spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.

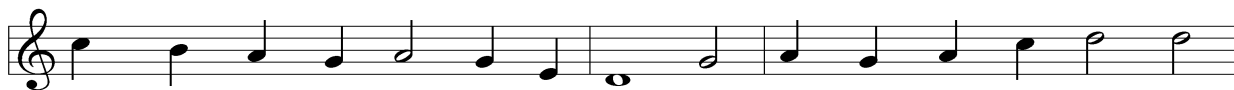


all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

*"What Wondrous Love Is This" (LBW385)*



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when  
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to  
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is this that  
 I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down be -  
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb, who  
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free, I'll



caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my  
 neath God's righ - teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my  
 is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will  
 sing his love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul?  
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.  
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.  
 on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

*Congregation stands*

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**P:** Most holy Lord, we thank you for your sacrificial death on the cross and for giving us your true body and blood in this meal.


**C:** **Strengthen our faith, so that we may trust in your eternal Word as we await your glorious return. In your awesome and perfect name we pray. Amen.**

## BENEDICTION


## CLOSING HYMN

*"Lift High the Cross" (LBW377)*


*Refrain*



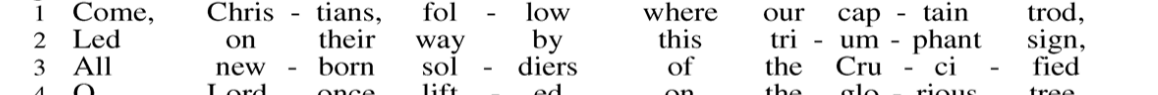
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till



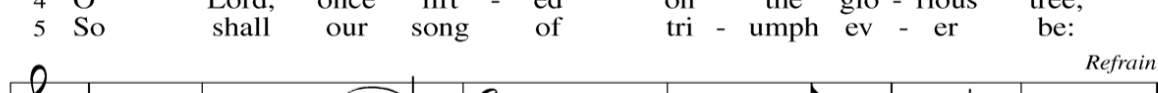
all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.




1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,



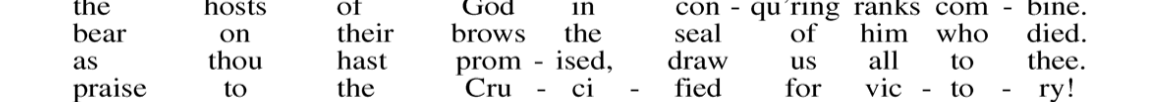
2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,



3 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied




4 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,

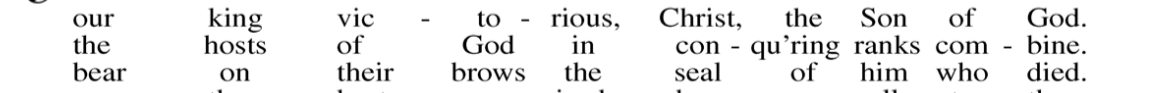


5 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

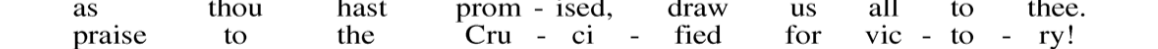
*Refrain*




our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.




the hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.



bear on their brows the seal of him who died.



as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.



praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

## 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 102
- **HIGH SCHOOL:** The Life of Jesus in Room 101

**SUNDAY ADULT EDUCATION: ELEMENTS OF EASTER.** Join Pastor Seaman this week, from 9:45-10:45AM in Room 301, for the third major element of Easter Sunday. Learn more from the four Gospels about the words of the angels, their function and role in the announcement of Jesus' resurrection, and the powerful witness they offer to Jesus' promises and ministry.

**LENTEN SOUP AND SANDWICH.** Men of Hope will be serving soup and sandwich before each of the Wednesday Lent services, from 5:30-6:15PM. A free-will donation supports Men of Hope's service projects. This week's meal will be The Margo (meatball parmigiana sandwich served with chicken and rice soup.)

**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](mailto:bagner@hopelutheranwf.org).

**EASTER CROSS OF FLOWERS.** The Easter Cross of Flowers will be placed on the church lawn for Easter Sunday. All worshippers are invited to bring one flower (any color, any style) and place it through the wire mesh on the cross before entering the service. It's a great spot for Easter Sunday family photos, a tradition for many families!

**EASTER MORNING RECEPTION.** The Fellowship Volunteers will be hosting an Easter Morning Reception after the 8:00, 9:30, & 11:00AM services. Please consider bringing plated and ready-to-serve brunch goodies (baked goods, pastries, bagels, fruit, muffins, coffee cake, and lunch items after the 11:00AM service) and apple juice and come join in the fun!

**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](http://www.hopelutheranwf.org/flowers).

**EGGSTRAVAGANZA.** Saturday, March 30 at 10:00 AM. All kids 5th grade and below are invited to Hope's Easter Egg Hunt, complete with egg hunting, chicks, bunnies, bouncing, and celebrating Jesus. Friends and neighbors are welcome to attend. Questions? [bagner@hopelutheranwf.org](mailto:bagner@hopelutheranwf.org).

**WESTERN HABITAT FOR HUMANITY.** Habitat of Mitchell/Yancy Counties is in desperate need of volunteers! We have supported this group for the past 13 years and are planning our next trip in May. We will be leaving 5/14 and returning on 5/18. Cost: \$140.00 per person, (\$240.00 per couple) which covers food, lodging, & travel. No construction skills are necessary. There is always plenty of work for everyone. If you are interested in helping others and would like to join us, please contact Don Yakopcic by text or phone call @ (919) 609-0675.

**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](mailto:treasurer@lutheranservantsforchrist.org) to add your name to the event and receive updates!

**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](mailto: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](mailto:bagner@hopelutheranwf.org).

**MIDDLE SCHOOL PARTY:** Come join us for a St. Patrick's themed party on today 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](mailto: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](mailto:bagner@hopelutheranwf.org).

**WAYS TO GIVE AT HOPE.** There are several ways to give offerings that benefit Hope's ministries. For questions, or to change your contribution format, please contact Hope's Operations Manager Hilary Tew at [htew@hopelutheranwf.org](mailto:htew@hopelutheranwf.org).

- **Mobile App Giving Option.** You can easily make a contribution to Hope on the go through a mobile app. To get started, simply search for "Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement" in the App Store or Google Play to download the free app today. Then, by selecting Hope Lutheran Church (look for our orange and gray logo in the locations listing), you can easily make donations directly from your smartphone using your debit/credit card or checking/savings account. You can securely and conveniently schedule one-time or recurring donations and review your giving history.
- **Electronic Giving.** Using a web browser, you may schedule one-time or recurring donations online, using the Vanco platform. To learn more, visit <https://hopelutheranwf.org/give/>.
- **Offering Envelopes.** Please email Hilary at [htew@hopelutheranwf.org](mailto:htew@hopelutheranwf.org) if you would like start or stop receiving offering envelopes, mailed directly to your residence each month, at no charge to you.
- **Other Options.** A number of other giving formats are also available. For example, did you know that if you are over age 72 and taking a required minimum distribution from certain types of IRAs, you may be able to designate funds to Hope as a qualified charitable distribution? In addition, Thrivent members are able to allocate "Choice" dollars to Hope, and members wishing to donate stock may give in this way, also!



**"Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered."—Proverbs 11:25**

# *Holy Week & Easter*

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## Palm Sunday

***March 23 at 5:30 PM & 24 at 8:30 & 11:00AM***

At each of the services, the children of the church will march down the aisle waving palm branches, as we recall Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. We will joyfully sing "Hosanna!" and offer our praises; but, at the same time, we begin to prepare our hearts in this service for what is coming next in the story of Christ's fateful final week.

## Maunder Thursday

***March 28 at 7:00 PM***

Service of Holy Communion & Stripping of the Altar

As Jesus gathered with his disciples for a Last Supper before he was crucified, so we gather around the Lord's Table on this holy night.

## Good Friday

***March 29 at 7:30 PM***

Tenebrae Service of Darkness

One of the most moving and eloquent worship hours of the whole year. We hear the seven "Words from the Cross" that Jesus spoke and remember, soberly, the suffering and torments of Calvary.

## Eggstravaganza

***March 30 at 10:00 AM***

All kids grades 5 and below are invited to Hope's Eggstravaganza event complete with egg hunting, chicks, bunnies, bouncing, and celebrating Jesus.

## Easter Sunday

***March 31, 6:45AM, 8:00AM, 9:30AM, 11:00AM***

Hope's celebration of the Lord Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead will remind us all of the meaning and power of Easter for our everyday living as God's people. This glorious day begins with an outdoor (indoor in case of rain) Sunrise Service of Holy Communion, with special music led by the Praise Team. Three festival services will follow, in the worship Sanctuary, with special music led by the Handbell Choir, Senior Choir, and Brass Ensemble. The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated at three of the four Easter Sunday services (6:45, 8:00, and 11:00AM). At the 9:30AM Easter Sunday service, we'll focus especially on the new life given to Christians in the Sacrament of Baptism, as we remember and renew our Baptismal vows.

***Easter Cross of Flowers***

The Easter Cross of Flowers will be placed on the church lawn for Easter Sunday. All worshippers are invited to bring one flower (any color, any style) and place it through the wire mesh on the cross before entering the service.

***Easter Breakfast***

The Fellowship Volunteers will be hosting an Easter Morning Reception after the 8:00, 9:30, & 11:00AM services. Please consider bringing plated and ready-to-serve brunch goodies, and gallon lemonade or sweet tea.