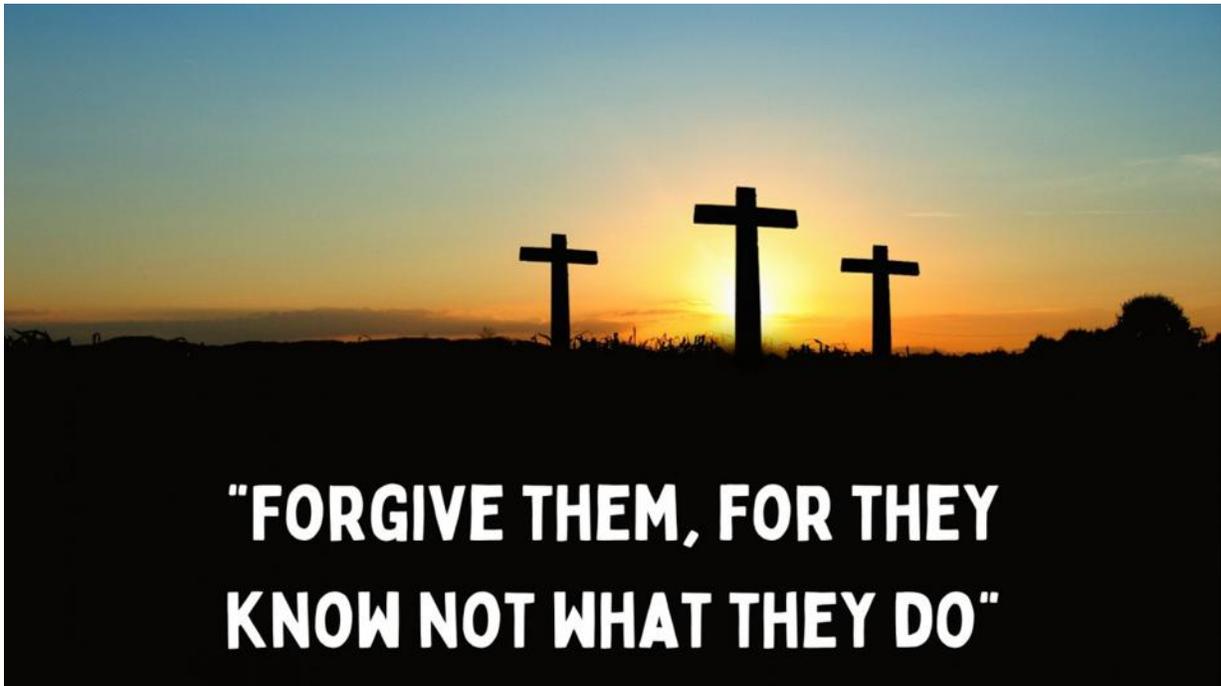


HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH – TWIN LAKES, WI
Good Friday – April 3rd, 2026



✘ PREPARATION ✘

AS WE GATHER

This year, our Lenten mid-week services considered one of the Bible's greatest wisdom books, the book of Job. Eight sermons during mid-week services and Holy Week will help us dig deeply into Job's central message. Tonight we look at God's verdict against Job's friends in 42:7-9.

If anybody had a reason to live in a spite house, with large amounts of animosity and resentment, it was Job. But he prayed for his enemies. So did Jesus. And, by God's grace, so will we!

WELCOME

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

People: **Create in me.**

Pastor: Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

People: **Create in me a clean heart.**

Pastor: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

People: **Create in me a clean heart, O God.**

Pastor: Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge.

People: **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit.**

Pastor: Restore unto me the joy of your salvation and uphold me with your free Spirit.

People: **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

Pastor: O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Dear Jesus, our Savior and Lord, lead us to reverently behold the agony of your rejection, the pain of your condemnation, and the horror of your crucifixion.

***People:* Bring us to the places you walked and to the people you encountered on that Friday so long ago.**

Pastor: Stay with us, Lord, as we witness your suffering and listen to your last words of love.

***People:* As we approach Calvary, keep us mindful of our sins and of our willful rebellion against your holy commandments.**

Pastor: Eternal God, we confess that we have turned away from you in our thinking, speaking and doing.

***People:* We have lived for ourselves and have refused to bear the burdens of others.**

Pastor: We have overlooked others, blinded by our self-centeredness.

***People:* O God, we have tried to hide from you and from one another.**

Pastor: We confess our fatal attractions that enslave us and the failed relationships that haunt us.

***People:* We cannot plead the strength of our temptations or the frailty of our nature or place the blame on other people.**

Pastor: We can only say, “For the sake of Jesus, God, be merciful to me, a sinner.”

✠A moment of silent reflection✠

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Were You There”

19th Century African American Spiritual

Pastor: By the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I, a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

LENTEN RESPONSE

“On My Heart Imprint Your Image”

LSB 422

**On my heart imprint Your image,
Blessed Jesus, King of grace,
That life’s riches, cares, and pleasures
Never may Your work erase;
Let the clear inscription be:
Jesus, crucified for me,
Is my life, my hope’s foundation,
And my glory and salvation!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, graciously behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son,

our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Job 42:7-9

⁷ After the Lord had spoken these words to Job, the Lord said to Eliphaz the Temanite: “My anger burns against you and against your two friends, for you have not spoken of me what is right, as my servant Job has. ⁸ Now therefore take seven bulls and seven rams and go to my servant Job and offer up a burnt offering for yourselves. And my servant Job shall pray for you, for I will accept his prayer not to deal with you according to your folly. For you have not spoken of me what is right, as my servant Job has.” ⁹ So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite went and did what the Lord had told them, and the Lord accepted Job's prayer.

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 53:7-11

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he opened not his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he opened not his mouth.

⁸ By oppression and judgment he was taken away;
and as for his generation, who considered
that he was cut off out of the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people?

⁹ And they made his grave with the wicked
and with a rich man in his death,

Savior, unashamed of the cross that won our deliverance; and we pray with the prayer that he has taught us:

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.

HYMN *“Lamb of God, Pure and Holy”* *LSB 434*

BENEDICTION

MEDITATION As the choir sings and the lights are dimmed, the congregation is invited to meditate. Depart in silence when you wish.

ANNOUNCEMENTS--

Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish, Series A, Quarter 1.
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**PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE EASTER SERVICES AND
EASTER BREAKFAST**

April 4 - Saturday: 9:30 am

April 5- Easter Sunrise: 7:00 am

Easter Breakfast: 8:00am

Easter Worship: 9:30am