

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH – TWIN LAKES, WI
Lenten Mid-week– March 11th, 2026



AS WE GATHER

This year, our Lenten mid-week services consider 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 Job 14:1–19.

Our text gives us one crucial *detail*; one small part of a much larger story. But this one part—this one detail—is enough. *And it is beautiful.*

✘ PREPARATION ✘

WELCOME

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Based upon Job 19:23-27)*

Pastor: Oh, that my words were recorded, that they were written on a scroll.

People: **That they were inscribed with an iron tool on lead, or engraved in rock forever!**

Pastor: I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth.

People: **And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God.**

Pastor: I myself will see him with my own eyes, I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!

ALL: **I know that my Redeemer lives!**

OPENING HYMN *“Jesus Savior Pilot Me”* LSB 715
Stzs 1 &2

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Gracious God, I confess that I am often like Job,

People: **Lost in a sea of pain and confusion.**

Pastor: Tossed about by storms and dark clouds.

People: **Overwhelmed by churning waves and unknown waters.**

Pastor: I often feel as though I'm sinking and drowning.

***People:* Losses and struggles paralyze me and sometimes threaten to destroy me.**

Pastor: I feel disconnected, despondent and increasingly desperate.

ALL: God, be merciful to me a sinner.

Pastor: Job says, "There is hope for a tree. If it is cut down, it will sprout again, and its new shoots will not fail. Its roots may grow old in the ground and its stump die in the soil, yet at the scent of water it will bud and put forth shoots like a plant." (Job 14:7–9) We have hope and forgiveness because on the tree of the cross Jesus took away our sin and our wretchedness. On the tree of the cross Jesus identifies with our rejection and pain. And three days later the Crucified One is risen!

ALL: I know that my Redeemer lives!

HYMN

"Jesus Savior Pilot Me"

LSB 715

Stz 3

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we adore you and worship you, for you saw us in our wretched state and sent Christ Jesus to die upon Calvary's tree so that we might have hope—hope today and hope forever; through 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 14:1-19

- “Man who is born of a woman
is few of days and full of trouble.
- ² He comes out like a flower and withers;
he flees like a shadow and continues not.
- ³ And do you open your eyes on such a one
and bring me into judgment with you?
- ⁴ Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean?
There is not one.
- ⁵ Since his days are determined,
and the number of his months is with you,
and you have appointed his limits that he cannot pass,
- ⁶ look away from him and leave him alone,
that he may enjoy, like a hired hand, his day.
- ⁷ “For there is hope for a tree,
if it be cut down, that it will sprout again,
and that its shoots will not cease.
- ⁸ Though its root grow old in the earth,
and its stump die in the soil,
- ⁹ yet at the scent of water it will bud
and put out branches like a young plant.
- ¹⁰ But a man dies and is laid low;
man breathes his last, and where is he?
- ¹¹ As waters fail from a lake
and a river wastes away and dries up,
- ¹² so a man lies down and rises not again;
till the heavens are no more he will not awake
or be roused out of his sleep.
- ¹³ Oh that you would hide me in Sheol,
that you would conceal me until your wrath be past,
that you would appoint me a set time, and remember me!
- ¹⁴ If a man dies, shall he live again?

All the days of my service I would wait,
till my renewal should come.

¹⁵ You would call, and I would answer you;
you would long for the work of your hands.

¹⁶ For then you would number my steps;
you would not keep watch over my sin;

¹⁷ my transgression would be sealed up in a bag,
and you would cover over my iniquity.

¹⁸ “But the mountain falls and crumbles away,
and the rock is removed from its place;

¹⁹ the waters wear away the stones;
the torrents wash away the soil of the earth;
so you destroy the hope of man.

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 4:8-18

⁸ We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰ always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our bodies. ¹¹ For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.

¹² So death is at work in us, but life in you.

¹³ Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, “I believed, and so I spoke,” we also believe, and so we also speak, ¹⁴ knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵ For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

Pastor: Oh, God, a tree can overcome being cut down.

People: **And so we will persevere.**

Pastor: A tree can overcome being left for dead.

People: **And so we claim renewal and life in Christ's name.**

ALL: Amen.

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.**

LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus
Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me
this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins
where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this
night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body
and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me,
that the evil foe may have no power over me.**

ALL: Amen.

