

# HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH – TWIN LAKES, WI

## Lenten Mid-week– March 25th, 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 38.

A good pilot knows how to get people safely through the storm and all the way home. This is true for Job. And all the more so, it is true for **us!**

### ✘ 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, Refuge of the Weary*” *LSB 423*  
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## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Pastor:* God of thundering glory and wondrous love.

*People:* **You laid the earth’s foundation.**

*Pastor:* You marked off its dimensions.

*People:* **You laid its cornerstone.**

*Pastor:* You shut the sea behind doors.

*People:* **And so to you we lay bare the thoughts and desires of our hearts.**

*Pastor:* We have sinfully insisted that we are in control.

*People:* **We are bound to fatal attractions that lead us to think that we are in charge.**

*Pastor:* From the midst of our storm hear our broken cries.

*People:* **For we have no other hope.**

*Pastor:* The God who is with Job in his storm is the same God who in Christ joins you in your storm. Jesus died on a cross, bled for your sins and hung forsaken by his Father. Because of Jesus you are cleansed, healed, forgiven and made new.

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

**HYMN**

***“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”***

*LSB 423*

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### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Pastor:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Pastor:* Let us pray. God of magnificent power and might, just as you spoke to Job in the storm, speak now in our storms so that we have courage for the living of these days; 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 38:1-11*

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said:

<sup>2</sup> “Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

<sup>3</sup> Dress for action like a man;

I will question you, and you make it known to me.

<sup>4</sup> “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

<sup>5</sup> Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

<sup>6</sup> On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone,

<sup>7</sup> when the morning stars sang together  
and all the sons of God shouted for joy?  
<sup>8</sup> “Or who shut in the sea with doors  
when it burst out from the womb,  
<sup>9</sup> when I made clouds its garment  
and thick darkness its swaddling band,  
<sup>10</sup> and prescribed limits for it  
and set bars and doors,  
<sup>11</sup> and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,  
and here shall your proud waves be stayed’?

*Pastor:* O Lord, have mercy on us.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

## SCRIPTURE READING

*2 Corinthians 6:1-10*

Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup> For he says,

“In a favorable time I listened to you,  
and in a day of salvation I have helped you.”

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.  
<sup>3</sup> We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup> but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup> beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup> by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; <sup>7</sup> by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup> through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup> as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup> as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.



## **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.

## **BENEDICTION** *(Based upon Job 1:21-This is the benediction for the series)*

*Pastor:* The LORD gives.

*People:* And the LORD takes away.

*Pastor:* Blessed be the name of the LORD.

*People:* Yes, blessed be the name of the LORD!

*Pastor:* And so we go forth confidently in the name of our LORD.

*People:* The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

*ALL:* Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN**

***“Speak, Oh Lord, Your Servant Listens”***

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS--**

**Please join us Thursday and Friday of Holy week for our final looks at the book of Job: 7PM Apr 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3rd.**

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