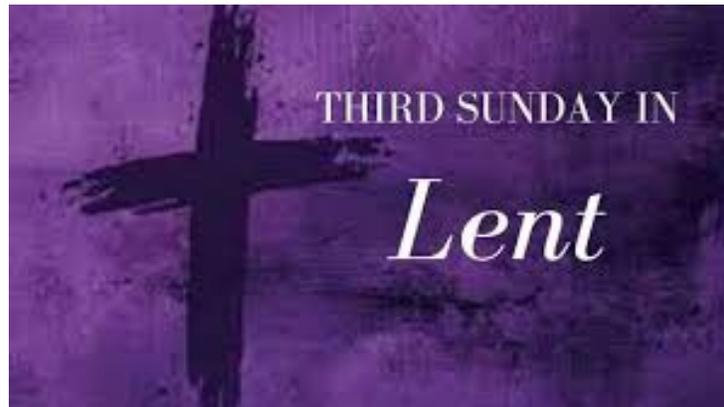


**WELCOME**  
**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**SAT. MARCH 7 / SUN. MARCH 8, 2026**



**“WATER IN THE WILDERNESS”**

**AS WE GATHER**

It often seems that life is a debate about the things we do not know. What is truth? What is right and wrong? Where is God? None of these questions are theoretical and all of them are answered in Christ, whom we know as Savior and Redeemer. The Law reveals the depth of our need and our sinful hearts. Christ makes known the love of the Father. Gathered in worship, we meet where Christ is—in His Word and Sacraments. Faith is not about what we do not know but about what we do know. Christ is our all. He fulfills the promise of the Old Testament and completes our redemption.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

**HYMN**      “Glorious Things of You Are Spoken”  
*LSB 648*

*HYPERLINK*

<https://youtu.be/64B5cqzC3V4?si=IXfXil-03jysPKxm>

**1** Glorious things of you are spoken,  
    **Zion, city of our God;**  
He whose word cannot be broken  
    Formed you for His own abode.  
    **On the Rock of Ages founded,**  
**What can shake your sure repose?**  
**With salvation’s walls surrounded,**  
    **You may smile at all your foes.**

**2** See, the streams of living waters,  
    **Springing from eternal love,**  
**Well supply your sons and daughters**  
    **And all fear of want remove.**  
**Who can faint while such a river**  
    **Ever will their thirst assuage?**

**Grace, which like the Lord, the giver,  
Never fails from age to age.**

**3 Round each habitation hov'ring,  
See the cloud and fire appear  
For a glory and a cov'ring,  
Showing that the Lord is near.  
Thus deriving from their banner  
Light by night and shade by day,  
Safe they feed upon the manna  
Which God gives them on their way.**

**4 Savior, since of Zion's city  
I through grace a member am,  
Let the world deride or pity,  
I will glory in Your name.  
Fading are the world's vain pleasures,  
All their boasted pomp and show;  
Solid joys and lasting treasures  
None but Zion's children know.**

## **INVOCATION**

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*Psalm 84:4–5*

Pastor: Blessed are those who dwell in Your house  
ever singing Your praise!

**People: Blessed are those whose strength is in  
You, in whose hearts are the highways to  
Zion.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection.*

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

**People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto  
You all my sins and iniquities with which  
I have ever offended You and justly  
deserved Your punishment now and  
forever. But I am heartily sorry for them  
and sincerely repent of them, and I pray  
You of Your boundless mercy and for the  
sake of the holy, innocent, bitter  
sufferings and death of Your beloved Son,  
Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful  
to me, a poor, sinful being. Forgive me all  
my sins and grant me the power of Your  
Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful  
life.**

**People: Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

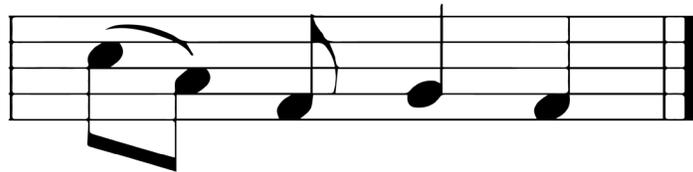
**KYRIE**



**C** Lord, have mer - cy;



Christ, have mer - cy;



Lord, have mer - cy.

**SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Exodus 17:1–7

**17** All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup> Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” And Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” <sup>3</sup> But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our

livestock with thirst?”<sup>4</sup> So Moses cried to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.”<sup>5</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, “Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go.<sup>6</sup> Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel.<sup>7</sup> And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **LADIES ENSEMBLE**

**“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”**

*Stuart Townend*

## **EPISTLE**

Romans 5:1–8

**5** Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord

Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup> Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—<sup>8</sup> but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE**

*LSB 157*

**Return to the Lord, your God,  
for He is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,  
and abounding in steadfast love.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

John 4:5–30, 39-42

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourth chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>5</sup> So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

<sup>7</sup> A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” <sup>8</sup> (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?” (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” <sup>11</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it

himself, as did his sons and his livestock.”<sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,<sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”<sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.”

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.”<sup>17</sup> The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’;<sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.”<sup>19</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet.<sup>20</sup> Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.”<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father.<sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.<sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the

Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” <sup>25</sup> The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.” <sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.” <sup>27</sup> Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you seek?” or, “Why are you talking with her?” <sup>28</sup> So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, <sup>29</sup> “Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?” <sup>30</sup> They went out of the town and were coming to him. <sup>39</sup> Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, “He told me all that I ever did.” <sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup> And many more believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup> They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**“Built on the Rock”      LSB 645**

**HYPERLINK**

**[https://youtu.be/ed\\_M7PHDIuY?si=YAilPZGBRnR3jLtP](https://youtu.be/ed_M7PHDIuY?si=YAilPZGBRnR3jLtP)**

**1. Built on the Rock the Church shall stand  
Even when steeples are falling.  
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land;  
Bells still are chiming and calling,  
Calling the young and old to rest,  
But above all the souls distressed,  
Longing for rest everlasting.**

**2. Surely in temples made with hands  
God, the Most High, is not dwelling;  
High above earth His temple stands,  
All earthly temples excelling.  
Yet He who dwells in heav'n above  
Chooses to live with us in love,  
Making our bodies His temple.**

**3. We are God's house of living stones,  
Built for His own habitation.**

**He through baptismal grace us owns  
Heirs of His wondrous salvation.**

**Were we but two His name to tell,  
Yet He would deign with us to dwell  
With all His grace and His favor.**

**4. Here stands the font before our eyes,  
Telling how God has received us,  
The altar recalls Christ's sacrifice  
And what His Supper here gives us.  
Here sound the Scriptures that proclaim  
Christ yesterday, today, the same,  
And evermore, our Redeemer.**

**5. Grant, then, O God, Your will be done,  
That, when the church bells are ringing,  
Many in saving faith may come  
Where Christ His message is bringing:  
"I know My own; My own know me.  
You, not the world, My face shall see.  
My peace I leave with you. Amen."**

**SERMON**

*Rev. Dr. Timothy Oswald*

## **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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.**

# PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

## OFFERING

### ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

## PREFACE

*2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where

death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**SANCTUS**

*LSB 161*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

**Hosanna. Hosanna.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**    *Matthew*  
*26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1*  
*Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He brake it and

gave it to His disciples saying, *“Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”*

After the same manner also He took the cup when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, *“Drink ye all of it; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me.”*

## **PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

*1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

**People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

## **THE LORD’S PRAYER**

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

## **PAX DOMINI**

**Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**People: Amen.**

## **AGNUS DEI**

*LSB 163*

**Lamb of God, You take away  
the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away  
the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away  
the sin of the world;  
grant us peace.**

## **+DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION+**

***By communing, a person says publicly that they -***

*- are baptized and confirmed*

*- believe Christ's words*

*- repent of their sins*

*- fully agree with all that the Lutheran Church-  
Missouri Synod teaches.*

***How to receive –***

*- anyone may come to the altar but keep hands  
folded if not receiving Communion*

- *the center of the tray has a cup with just a drop of wine for those who must minimize alcohol*
- *smile, exude your joy, but keep a reverent demeanor as others commune*

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

*LSB 761*

*HYPERLINKS*

<https://youtu.be/r5C3m02bIk?si=IMMccwdEibVzx1n>

**1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee;  
Let the water and the blood,  
From Thy riven side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure:  
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow’r.**

**2 Not the labors of my hands  
Can fulfill Thy Law’s demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know,  
Could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone;  
Thou must save, and Thou alone.**

**3 Nothing in my hand I bring;  
Simply to Thy cross I cling.  
Naked, come to Thee for dress;  
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the fountain fly;  
Wash me, Savior, or I die.**

**4 While I draw this fleeting breath,  
When mine eyelids close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown,  
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee.**

**NUNC DIMITTIS**

*LSB pages 199-200*

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant  
depart in peace  
According to Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou has prepared  
before the face of all people,  
a light to lighten the Gentiles  
and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Ghost;**

**as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.**

## **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, the beginning and the end, the bright morning star, the rock from whom springs living water, and the tree of life for the healing of the nations, grant that Your people may ever rejoice in Your grace and live within the favor of Your love around the Word and Sacraments that alone nourishes us to everlasting life; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**    *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠  
give you peace.

**People: Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN**

“How Wide the Love of Christ”

LSB 535

*HYPERLINKS*

<https://youtu.be/VYCeN7O1eIE?si=GmKa2TGYQ5L1ubBe>

**1.How wide the love of Christ!**

**It knows not class or race  
But holds our one humanity  
Within its broad embrace.**

**2.How long the love of Christ!**

**Its patience will not cease  
Until this broken world is bound  
In everlasting peace.**

**3.How high the love of Christ!**

**Beyond all thought it soars,  
And yet upon our passing lives  
Unmeasured mercy pours.**

**4.How deep the love of Christ,**

**Descending to a cross!  
He bears within His wounded hands  
All human pain and loss.**

**5 All praise to You, O Christ,  
For love whose depth and height,  
Whose length and breadth fill time and space  
With endless life and light!**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT:**

**“Dedicated to knowing Christ and making Christ  
know to others”**

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- **Preacher (Sat.): Rev. Dr. Timothy Oswald**
- **Liturgist (Sun.): Rev. Maurice Lind, Pastor Emeritus**
- **Sat. Organist: Lina Schaal**
- **Sun. Organist: George Kelm**
- **Choir Director: Gail Feick**
- **A/V Team: Brian & Amanda Larie,  
Stan & Cheryl Grey, Dawn Oswald**
  
- **Please call (757-831-6948) or e-mail Pastor Oswald  
([oswald1@charter.net](mailto:oswald1@charter.net)) with your prayer requests.**
  
- **Kindly turn off your cellphone prior to Divine Worship.**
  
- **PASTOR’S NOTE ON COMMUNION: Just a loving  
reminder that taking Holy Communion together, is among  
other things, a public declaration of common faith.**

*(I Cor 10<sup>17</sup> Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. <sup>18</sup> Consider the people of Israel: are not those who eat the sacrifices participants in the altar? Acts 2<sup>42</sup> And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers... <sup>44</sup> And all who believed were together ...)*

**So the expectation is that communicants have been taught what Lutherans believe, especially about this sacrament, that they believe it themselves, and that their intent is eventually to be in full fellowship by joining The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. If you have questions or discussion, please ask pastor.**

- **LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICE - Join us in the fellowship hall for supper at 6pm then worship 7pm.**
- **TASTY FELLOWSHIP: We would appreciate additional help in providing treats after Sunday services. If you are interested or would like more information, please see Tami Voigt.**
- **ATTENTION ALL HOPE KIDS!**  
Hope Lutheran will be hosting an Easter Egg hunt event for the Twin Lakes and surrounding area on Saturday, March 28 from 11am-1pm. The event will include an egg hunt, prizes, games, a craft, and **FREE LUNCH!** There will be a "Journey to Easter" walk down our hallway, telling the account of Easter in the Bible as we go. Last but not least, we will have **LIVE BUNNIES** with an opportunity to hold them and take pictures. Mark your calendars and invite your friends! This is an amazing opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus with our community.

• **VOLUNTEERS AND CANDY NEEDED FOR OUR EGG HUNT.**

We are collecting candy to fill our eggs for the egg hunt. Please bring any donations and place in the box in the Narthex of the church. You can direct any questions to MaryBeth Fragassi. We also need several volunteers to help make our event a success. Please contact Tabra Gomski or Dawn Oswald if you would like to help in any way. **THANK YOU!**

- **SPIRITUAL CONVERSATION WORKSHOP, March 15 after Voters Assembly Meeting - Jesus called His disciples to go as witnesses throughout the world. But how do we do that when we are reluctant to even talk about our faith in everyday life? This workshop will help you assess your own readiness for witness and make a spiritual growth plan. We expect that we will spend at least 90 minutes in spiritual reflection during this video-based workshop. Lunch will be provided.**

- **HOPE'S TWIN LAKES FOOD PANTRY DONATION LOCATION-The donation location is moving from under the coat rack to the wire baskets at the top of the stairway to the lower level. Signs on the baskets identify which baskets are for Twin Lakes Food Pantry and which are for the Sharing Center. Thank you for your support of these ministries.**

**THIS WEEK**

<b>Reader:</b>	<b>Paul Trettin</b>
<b>Communion:</b>	<b>Mike Gomski</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>Bob &amp; Kathleen Blume</b>
<b>Fellowship:</b>	<b>Peter &amp; Tami Voigt</b>
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	<b>John &amp; Peggy Tueting</b>

**NEXT WEEK**

**Reader:** Gail Feick  
**Communion:** Mike Gomski  
**Ushers:** Sue Robinson & Gail Feick  
**Fellowship:** Phyllis Klen  
**Altar Guild:** John & Peggy Tueting

**BIRTHDAYS**

3/11 Sarah Urban  
3/12 Dick Cooke  
3/13 Tabra Gomski

**Calendar of Events This Week**  
**3/09/26 – 03/15/26**

**Monday:** 6:00pm Council Meeting

**Tuesday:** 7:00pm T.L. Sportsman's Club

**Wednesday:** 6:00pm Lenten Soup Supper  
7:00pm Lenten Service

**Thursday:** 6:00pm AA Meeting

**Saturday:** 9:30am Worship Service

**Sunday:** 8:15am Choir Rehearsal  
9:00am Worship Service  
10:20am Bible Study &  
Children's Sunday School  
7:00pm AA Meeting