



Sunday, January 26, 2025
Third Sunday After Epiphany
Hope Lutheran Church, Plainwell
Evangelical Lutheran Worship Setting 10
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Hope's Mission Statement: We, Hope Lutheran Church, are CALLED by God,
REDEEMED by Jesus Christ, SPROUTING from
the seed of God's Word, and BRANCHING out to reach God's people...

*Please stand as you are comfortable
Congregational responses are in bold text
‡ invites you to make the sign of the cross.

*Please silence your phone, pager, or other electronic device for worship.
Children's worship bags & noise canceling headphones are available in
the nursery.*

GATHERING

PRELUDE

PASTORAL WELCOME

***CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS (pg. 94)**

***GATHERING HYMN** Hail to the Lord's Anointed ELW #311

*GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

*KYRIE



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

At the conclusion of the prayer...Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

1 All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. 2 Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. 3 He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. 5 And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. 6 Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen,"

lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. 8 So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

9 And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. 10 Then he said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19

Psalms are read responsively whole verse by whole verse.

1 The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,
and the sky proclaims its | maker’s handiwork.

**2 One day tells its tale | to another,
and one night imparts knowledge | to another.**

3 Although they have no | words or language,
and their voices | are not heard,

**4 their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends
| of the world, where God has pitched a tent | for the sun.**

5 It comes forth like a bridegroom out | of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to | run its course.

**6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about
to the end of | it again; nothing is hidden from its | burning heat. R**

7 The teaching of the Lord is perfect and re- | vives the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom | to the simple.

**8 The statutes of the Lord are just and re- | joice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light | to the eyes.**

9 The fear of the Lord is clean and en- | dures forever;
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous | altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold,

sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb.

11 By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is | great reward.

12 Who can detect one's | own offenses?

Cleanse me from my | secret faults.

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion | over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a | great offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable | in your sight, O Lord, my strength and | my redeemer.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

14 Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. 15 If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. 16 And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? 18 But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. 19 If all were a single member, where would the body be? 20 As it is, there are many members, yet one body. 21 The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” 22 On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, 23 and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; 24 whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, 25 that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. 26 If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

27 Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. 28 And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third

teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. 29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? 30 Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? 31a But strive for the greater gifts.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

***GOSPEL READING: Luke 4:14-21**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 4th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

14 Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. 15 He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

16 When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, 17 and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”
20 And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down.
The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. 21 Then he began to say
to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY** Christ, Be Our Light ELW #715

***APOSTLES' CREED** (p.105)

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*If you have a prayer request that you would like added to our weekly worship prayers
please contact Pr. Nicole. If we will be praying for an individual or family please make
sure you have their permission to have them listed.*

Please respond to God of Grace...Hear our prayer.

SPECIAL MUSIC

***PEACE**

HOLY COMMUNION

*Please quietly return to your seat when the offering hymn plays so we can prepare for
Holy Communion.*

OFFERING HYMN Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *ELW #185*

Thank you for your support of Hope and our missions! Checks and cash can be placed on the offering plate located outside the sanctuary doors. You can also give instantly and securely through online giving using the QR code below.



OFFERING PRAYER

At the conclusion of the prayer...Amen.

*DIALOGUE

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined. The first staff has two measures. The second staff has two measures. The third staff has two measures. The fourth staff has two measures.

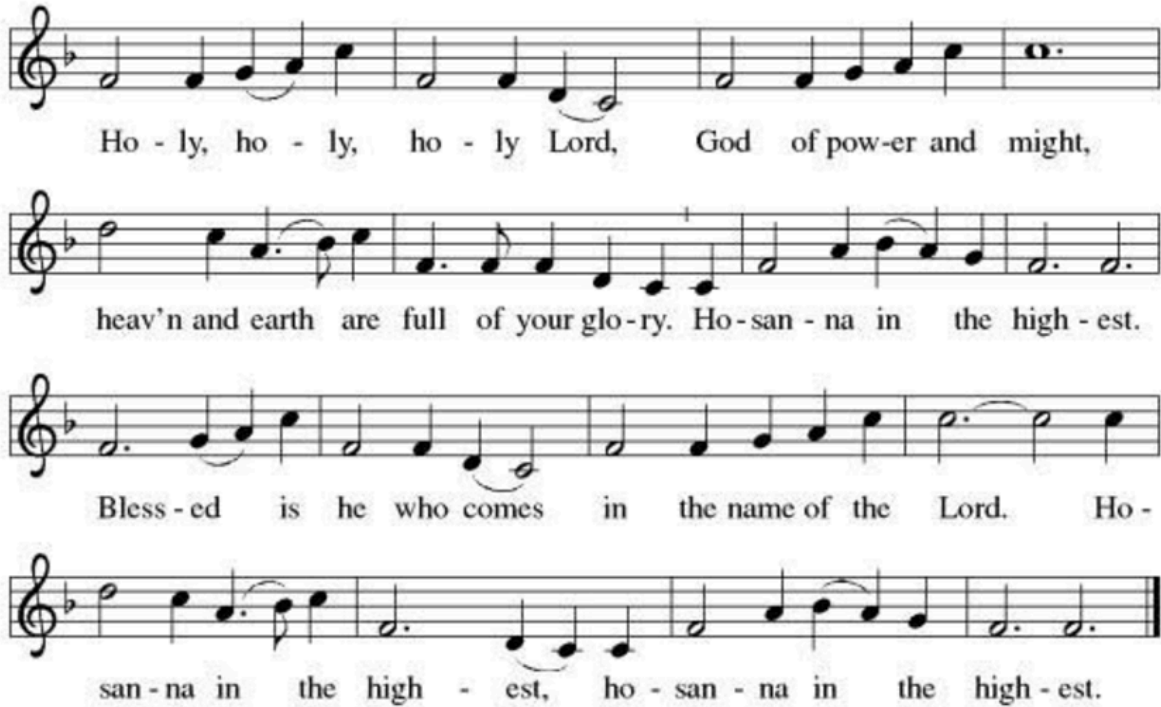
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***HOLY HOLY**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

***EUCARISTIC PRAYER (p.108)**

***LORD'S PRAYER (p. 112)**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come taste and see that the Lord is good.

We welcome all baptized to receive Communion when worshipping with us. If you are not baptized, or do not feel prepared to receive Communion, you are invited to participate by coming forward to receive a blessing. During Communion individual cups of wine & grape juice are available. The wine is red & the grape juice is white. There is also a common cup of wine. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

At the conclusion of the prayer...Amen.

*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING HYMN The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve ELW #551

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Word of God dwells in you richly. **Thanks be to God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Hope's council meeting has been rescheduled for Tuesday, January 28th at 6:00 p.m. in the Education Room at Hope due to the dangerous cold temperature on Tuesday, January 21st.

- Hope's February items for Christian Neighbors are canned soup and ramen.
- On Sunday, February 16th we will be celebrating our season of stewardship with a pot luck lunch following worship. Please bring a dish to share as you are able.
- The Feeding America Truck will be at Hope on Monday, February 10th from 11am-12 noon.