



Sunday, February 23, 2025
Relational Stewardship Sunday
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** In Christ There Is No East or West ELW #650

*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: Leviticus 19:1-18

1 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

2 Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. 3 You shall each revere your mother and father, and you shall keep my sabbaths: I am the LORD your God. 4 Do not turn to idols or make cast images for yourselves: I am the LORD your God.

5 When you offer a sacrifice of well-being to the LORD, offer it in such a way that it is acceptable in your behalf. 6 It shall be eaten on the same day you offer it, or on the next day; and anything left over until the third day shall be consumed in fire. 7 If it is eaten at all on the third day, it is an abomination; it will not be acceptable. 8 All who eat it shall be subject to

punishment, because they have profaned what is holy to the LORD; and any such person shall be cut off from the people.

9 When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. 10 You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the LORD your God.

11 You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. 12 And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the LORD.

13 You shall not defraud your neighbor; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a laborer until morning. 14 You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the LORD.

15 You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. 16 You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

17 You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. 18 You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 133

Psalms are read responsively whole verse by whole verse.

1 How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

2 It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

3 It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

EPISTLE READING: Galatians 3:23-29

23 Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. 24 Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. 25 But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, 26 for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. 27 As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. 28 There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

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 10:25-37**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 10th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

25 Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" 26 He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" 27 He answered, "You shall love the Lord your

God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." 28 And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." 29 But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" 30 Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. 31 Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. 32 So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. 34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. 35 The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' 36 Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" 37 He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY** Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether ELW #470

***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 (p. 152)**

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.

***LORD'S PRAYER (p. 182)**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

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** Blest Be the Tie That Binds ELW #656

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*DISMISSAL

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Hope's February items for Christian Neighbors are canned soup and ramen.
- Have a question about what happened at the last council meeting? Want to know what committees we have at Hope and who serves on them? See the new Hope Leadership Board at the back of the sanctuary for copies of the latest council minutes, and how Hope's committees serve the congregation.
- Devotionals for Lent and the latest Christ in Our Home prayer books are available on the kiosk in the Narthex.
- Wednesday, March 12th from 5-7 p.m. Trinity Episcopal Church in Three Rivers will be holding a pork dinner fundraiser! Tickets are \$12 per person and dinner includes pork, sides, dessert, and drink. Togo orders are available. For more information or to buy tickets see Pr. Nicole
- Hope will be joining together with other area churches for Mardi Gras and Holy Week! Please see the following information for service locations. If you have questions please see Pr. Nicole.
 - Fat Tuesday / Mardi Gras (Tuesday March 4th) - Immanuel pancake dinner, 5-7pm a free will offering to benefit the Immanuel Blessing Box will be collected.
 - Ash Wednesday Noon Service (Wednesday March 5th) - Hope Lutheran Church
 - Ash Wednesday Evening Service (Wednesday March 5th) 7pm.- Plainwell First United Methodist
 - Maundy Thursday (Thursday April 17th) - Hope Lutheran 5:00 p.m.

- Good Friday early service (Friday April 18th) 3:00 p.m. - Immanuel Lutheran Allegan
- Good Friday evening service (Friday April 18th) 7:00 p.m. - Allegan United Methodist Church

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*Sundays in Lent and Easter Sunday will be at everyone's normal churches and times.