



Sunday, March 2, 2025  
Transfiguration Sunday  
Hope Lutheran Church, Plainwell  
*Evangelical Lutheran Worship Setting 10*  
*www.hopeplainwell.org*

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** How Good, Lord, to Be Here ELW #315

## \*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: Exodus 34:29-35

29 Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God.

30 When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. 31 But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. 32 Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai.

33 When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; 34 but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, 35 the Israelites would see the face

of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 99**

*Psalms are read responsively whole verse by whole verse.*

1 The Lord is king; let the | people tremble.

The Lord is enthroned upon the cherubim; let | the earth shake.

**2 The Lord, | great in Zion,  
is high a- | bove all peoples.**

3 Let them confess God's name, which is | great and awesome;  
God is the | Holy One.

**4 O mighty king, lover of justice, you have es- | tablished equity;  
you have executed justice and righteous- | ness in Jacob. R**

5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and fall down be- | fore God's  
footstool; God is the | Holy One.

**6 Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those  
who call upon your | name, O Lord,**

**they called upon you, and you | answered them,**

7 you spoke to them out of the pil- | lar of cloud;  
they kept your testimonies and the decree | that you gave them.

**8 O Lord our God, you answered | them indeed;**

**you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their |  
evil deeds.**

9 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and worship upon God's | holy  
hill; for the Lord our God is the | Holy One.

## **SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2**

12 Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, 13 not like  
Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing  
at the end of the glory that was being set aside. 14 But their minds were  
hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old

covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. 15 Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; 16 but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. 17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 18 And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

4:1 Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. 2 We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



**\*GOSPEL READING: Luke 9:28-43a**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 10th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

28 Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. 29 And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. 30 Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. 31 They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. 32 Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. 33 Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. 34 While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. 35 Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” 36 When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

37 On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. 38 Just then a man from the crowd shouted, “Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. 39 Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. 40 I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.” 41 Jesus answered, “You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.” 42 While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. 43a And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY** Jesus on the Mountain Peak WOV #643

**\*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

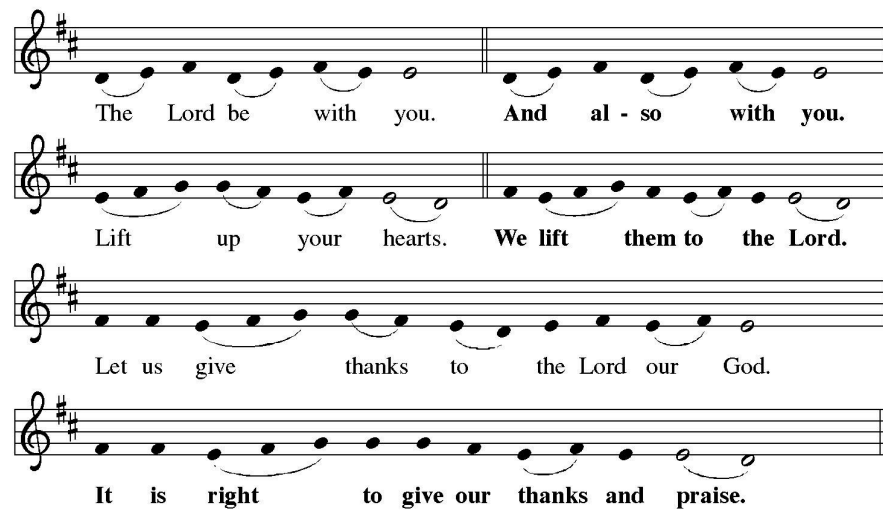
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**OFFERING PRAYER**

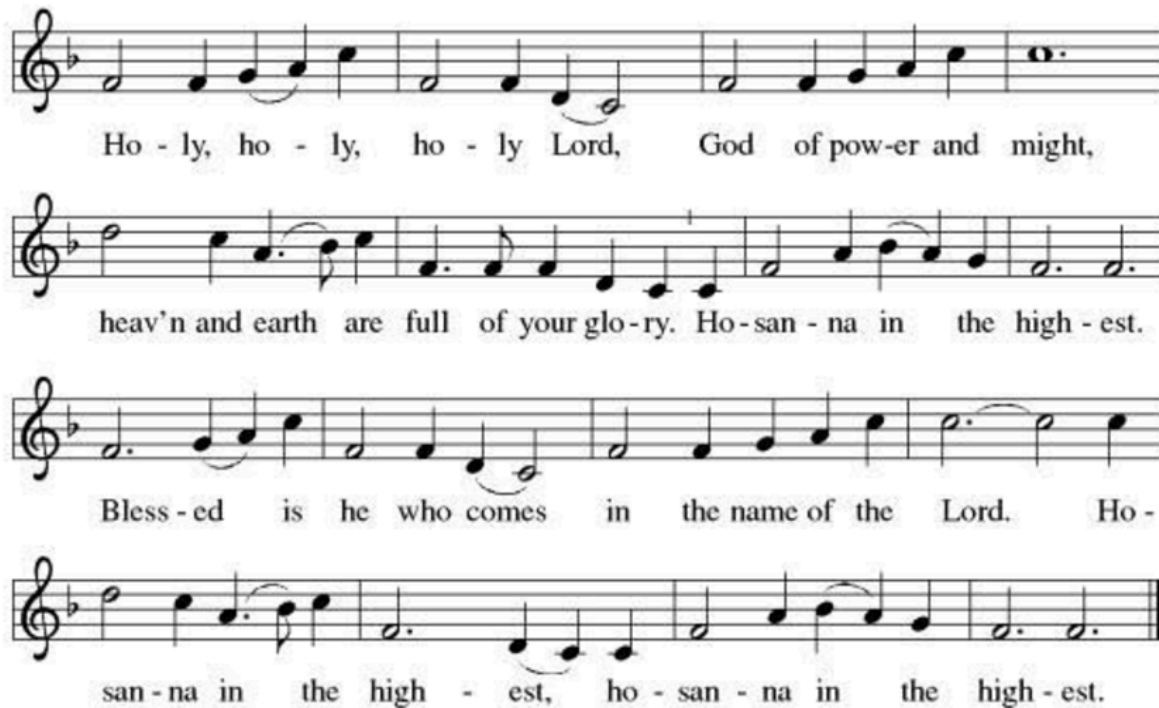
*At the conclusion of the prayer...**Amen.***

**\*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

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

*We welcome all baptized to receive Communion when worshiping 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 Arise, Your Light Has Come ELW #314

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



## **\*DISMISSAL**

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 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