



Sunday, March 23, 2025
Third Sunday in Lent
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** Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters ELW #445

***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 (p. 147)**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

At the conclusion of the prayer...Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-9

1 Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

2 Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your
labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is
good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

3 Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for
David.

4 See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the
peoples.

5 See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not
know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of
Israel, for he has glorified you.

6 Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;
7 let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our
God, for he will abundantly pardon.

8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says
the Lord.

9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than
your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 63:1-8

Psalms are read responsively whole verse by whole verse.

1 O God, you are my God; eager- | ly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and
weary land where there | is no water.

**2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your | holy place,
that I might behold your power | and your glory.**

3 For your steadfast love is better than | life itself;
my lips shall | give you praise.

**4 So will I bless you as long | as I live
and lift up my hands | in your name.**

5 My spirit is content, as with the rich- | est of foods,
and my mouth praises you with | joyful lips,

**6 when I remember you up- | on my bed,
and meditate on you in | the night watches.**

7 For you have | been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I | will rejoice.

**8 My whole being | clings to you;
your right hand | holds me fast.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

1 I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, 2 and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, 3 and all ate the same spiritual food, 4 and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. 5 Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

6 Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. 7 Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.”

8 We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. 9 We must not put Christ to the

test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. 10 And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. 11 These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. 12 So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. 13 No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (p.151)**

***GOSPEL READING: Luke 13:1-9**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 13th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

1 At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. 2 [Jesus] asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? 3 No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. 4 Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? 5 No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

6 Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. 7 So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ 8 He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. 9 If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’ ”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY** Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word ELW #517

***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, in your Mercy...**Receive 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 #184*

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)**

***HOLY HOLY (p.153)**

***EUCARISTIC PRAYER (p. 111)**

***LORD'S PRAYER (p.154)**

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 (p.154)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

At the conclusion of the prayer...Amen.

***POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING HYMN** As Rain from the Clouds ELW #508

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you. **Thanks be to God!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Hope will be joining together with other area churches for Holy Week! Please see the following information for service locations. If you have questions please see Pr. Nicole.
 - 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.
- A sign up sheet for Hope's Soup Supper (Wednesday, April 2nd from 5-7 p.m.) is not available on the Hymnal Cart. There are jobs for people of all abilities! Please see the sign up sheet or speak with Chuck Gregory.
- Trinity Episcopal will once again be selling homemade chocolate Easter eggs as a fundraiser. An order sheet is available on the hymnal cart. Please see Pr. Nicole with any questions.