



Sunday, March 30, 2025  
Fourth 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** Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing ELW #807

**\*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: Joshua 5:9-12**

9 The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

10 While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. 11 On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. 12 The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 32**

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

1 Happy are they whose transgressions | are forgiven,  
and whose sin is | put away!

**2 Happy are they to whom the Lord im- | putes no guilt,  
and in whose spirit there | is no guile!**

3 While I held my tongue, my bones with- | ered away,  
because of my groaning | all day long.

**4 For your hand was heavy upon me | day and night;**

**my moisture was dried up as in the | heat of summer.**

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con- | ceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." Then you  
forgave me the guilt | of my sin.

**6 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in | time  
of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they | shall not reach  
them.**

7 You are my hiding-place; you preserve | me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts | of deliverance.

**8 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that | you should  
go; I will guide you | with my eye.**

9 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no | understanding;  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will | not stay  
near you."

**10 Great are the tribulations | of the wicked;  
but mercy embraces those who trust | in the Lord.**

11 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice | in the Lord;  
shout for joy, all who are | true of heart.

## **SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21**

16 From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view;  
even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him  
no longer in that way. 17 So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:  
everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! 18 All this  
is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us  
the ministry of reconciliation; 19 that is, in Christ God was reconciling the  
world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting  
the message of reconciliation to us. 20 So we are ambassadors for Christ,  
since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of  
Christ, be reconciled to God. 21 For our sake he made him to be sin who  
knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

**\*GOSPEL READING: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 15th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

1 Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.]  
2 And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

3 So he told them this parable: 11b “There was a man who had two sons.  
12 The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them.  
13 A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living.  
14 When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. 15 So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs.  
16 He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. 17 But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! 18 I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’  
20 So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. 21 Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ 22 But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. 23 And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; 24 for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

25 “Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. 26 He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. 27 He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your

father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’  
28 Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. 29 But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. 30 But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’  
31 Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. 32 But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’ ”

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

## **SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY** Chief of Sinners Though I Be ELW #609

**\*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** All Who Believe and Are Baptized ELW #442

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **\*DISMISSAL**

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

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- The Feeding America Truck will be at Hope on Monday, April 14th from 11am-12noon.
- 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 now available on the Hymnal Cart. There are jobs for people of all abilities! Please see the sign up sheet or speak with Chuck Gregory.

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