



Sunday, March 9, 2025  
First Sunday in Lent  
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 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say ELW #611**

**\*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: Deuteronomy 26:1-11**

1 When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, 2 you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. 3 You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, “Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.” 4 When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, 5 you shall make this response before the Lord your God: “A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. 6 When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, 7 we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. 8 The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; 9 and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. 10 So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.” You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. 11 Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

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

**Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16**

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

1 You who dwell in the shelter of | the Most High,  
who abide in the shadow of | the Almighty—

**2 you will say to the Lord, “My refuge | and my stronghold,  
my God in whom I | put my trust.”**

9 Because you have made the | Lord your refuge,  
and the Most High your | habitation,

**10 no evil | will befall you,  
nor shall affliction come | near your dwelling.**

11 For God will give the angels charge | over you,  
to guard you in | all your ways.

**12 Upon their hands they will | bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.**

13 You will tread upon the lion | cub and viper;  
you will trample down the lion | and the serpent.

**14 I will deliver those who | cling to me;  
I will uphold them, because they | know my name.**

15 They will call me, and I will | answer them;  
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and | honor them.

**16 With long life will I | satisfy them,  
and show them | my salvation.**

**SECOND READING: Romans 10:8b-13**

8b “The word is near you,  
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); 9 because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. 11 The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” 12 For there is no

distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. 13 For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

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

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

**\*GOSPEL READING: Luke 4:1-13**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 10th chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

1 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, 2 where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. 3 The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” 4 Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

5 Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. 6 And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. 7 If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” 8 Jesus answered him, “It is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.’”

9 Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, 10 for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,  
to protect you,’

11 and

‘On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

12 Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” 13 When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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

**SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY** When We Are Tested ACS #922

**When We Are Tested**



1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,  
 2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,  
 3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,  
 4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,  
 plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,  
 trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,  
 sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,



nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,  
 lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,  
 teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,  
 Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,



food that sus - tains us by night and by day.  
 trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.  
 seek - ing your will in the work that we do.  
 an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

**\*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 #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 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 (p.154)**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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

**\*POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*SENDING HYMN** Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church ELW #321

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*DISMISSAL**

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 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.
- The Mutual Ministry committee will be meeting Tuesday, March 18th at 4:00 at Hope.
- 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.
  - The Feeding America Truck will be at Hope on Monday, March 10th from 11am-12 noon.
- 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.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner at Immanuel Lutheran Church. They raised \$326.00 in free will offerings! Half will go to support Immanuel's blessing box and half will go to their school backpacks program.