



Feb 1, 2026
9am Service
Fourth Sunday
after Epiphany

Welcome & Announcements

Our Mission Statement:

As God's people, abounding in HOPE and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we invite all to share in the unfolding experience of Jesus Christ.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters. **Amen.**

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Silence for reflection.

Mighty God, lover of justice, **you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares:

Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgive your sin in + Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

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1. Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks and sing;
Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
2. With voice as full and strong as ocean's surging praise,
send forth the sturdy hymns of old, the psalms of ancient days.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
3. With all the angel choirs, with all the saints on earth
pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rapture, noblest mirth.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
4. Still lift your standard high, still march in firm array,
as pilgrims through the darkness end till dawns the golden day.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
5. At last the march shall end; the wearied ones shall rest;
the pilgrims find their home at last, Jerusalem the blest.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
6. Praise God who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore;
the Father, Son, and Spirit blest, one God forevermore.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

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.**

Hymn of Praise

This Is the Feast

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Refrain:

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. *Refrain*
2. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation;
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
This is the feast of victory for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Special Music

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Voices of Hope

Word

First Reading

Micah 6:1-8

When the reading is completed, please respond:

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

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

When the reading is completed, please respond:

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

Children's Time

Grace Lenhart

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia

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Alleluia Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:1-12

When the reading is completed, please respond:

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

Sermon

Pastor Janelle Harrison

Hymn of the Day

Let Streams of Living Justice

#710

1. Let streams of living justice flow down upon the earth;
give freedom's light to captives, let all the poor have worth.
The hungry's hands are pleading, the workers claim their rights,
the mourners long for laughter, the blinded seek for sight.
Make liberty a beacon, strike down the iron pow'r;
abolish ancient vengeance; proclaim your people's hour.
2. For healing of the nations, for peace that will not end,
for love that makes us lovers, God grant us grace to mend.
Weave our varied gifts together; knit our lives as they are spun;
on your loom of time enroll us till our thread of life is run.
O great weaver of our fabric, bind church and world in one;
dye our texture with your radiance, light our colors with your sun.
3. Your city's built to music; we are the stones you seek;
your harmony is language; we are the words you speak.
Weave our varied gifts together; knit our lives as they are spun;
Our faith we find in service, our hope in others' dreams,
our love in hand of neighbor; our homeland brightly gleams.
Inscribe our hearts with justice; your way the path untried;
your truth the heart of stranger; your life the Crucified.

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things

were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers for the People

Prayer Petitions will end with “Lord in your Mercy”

Prayer response is “**Hear Our Prayer**”

Sharing God’s Peace & Noisy Offering

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

Offertory

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart Give thanks to the Holy one

Give thanks because he’s given Jesus Christ his Son.

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And now let the weak say, “I am strong,” let the poor say,

“I am rich,” because of what the Lord has done for us.

And now let the weak say, “I am strong,” let the poor say,

“I am rich,” because of what the Lord has done for us. Give Thanks.

Offering Prayer

Meal

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion and Distribution

All are welcome to receive the sacrament. If you are unable to handle the elements, require gluten free, or would prefer grape juice, please tell the server. If you are unable to come forward, please inform an usher and you will be served in your pew.

Distribution Music

Lamb of God

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution Hymn

O God of Mercy, God of Light

#714

1. O God of mercy, God of light, in love and mercy infinite,
teach us, as ever in your sight, to live our lives in you.

2. You sent your Son to die for all, that our lost world might hear your call; oh, hear us lest we stray and fall! We rest our hope in you.
3. Teach us the lesson Jesus taught: to feel for those his blood has bought, that ev'ry deed and word and thought may work a work for you.
4. For all are kindred, far and wide, since Jesus Christ for all has died; Grant us the will, and grace provide, to love them all in you.
5. In sickness, sorrow, want or care, may we each other's burdens share; may we, where help is needed, there give help as though to you.
6. And may your Holy Spirit move all those who live to live in love, till you receive in heav'n above all those who live in you.

Post Communion Prayer

Sending

Benediction

Sending Hymn

The Spirit Send Us Forth to Serve

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1. The Spirit sends us forth to serve; we go in Jesus' name to bring glad tidings to the poor, God's favor to proclaim.
2. We go to comfort those who mourn and set the burdened free; where hope is dim, to share a dream and help the blind to see.
3. We go to be the hands of Christ, to scatter joy like seed and, all our days, to cherish life, to do the loving deed.
4. Then let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim. God's Spirit has empowered us; we go in Jesus' name.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy. **Thanks be to God.**

Worship Leaders

Ministers	The People of Hope Lutheran Church
Presiding Pastor	Pastor Janelle Harrison
Assistant Liturgists	Joan Moe
Reader	Ella Christman, Roger Skatrud
Greeters	Remy Winsand, Vicki Kastel
Ushers	John Zimmerman, Mike Enerson
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Pianist/Organist	Donna Benrud

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