



Mar. 26, 2023

9am Service

5th Sunday in
Lent

Gathering

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, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace. **Amen.**

Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy. *Silence for reflection.*

Holy God, **we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen.**

Hear the good news: God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life. This promise is for you! God embraces you with divine mercy, + forgives you in Christ' name, and revives you in the Spirit's power. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

Come, Now Is the Time to Worship

Come, now is the time to worship; Come, now is the time to give your heart;
Come, just as you are to worship; Come, just as you are before you God, come.
One day ev'ry tongue will confess you are God; One day ev'ry knee will bow;
Still the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose you now.

Repeat

Come, now is the time to worship; Come, now is the time to give your heart;
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Come, Come, Come

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.**

Congregation sings refrain:

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way.

Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death.

Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in

Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and

forever. Amen.

Special Music

I Am the Resurrection

Praise Team

Word

First Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

When the reading is completed, please respond:

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

Children's Time

Grace Lenhart

Gospel Acclamation Let Your Steadfast Love Come to Us

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Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.

Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you promised; we will trust your word.

Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

John 11:1-45

When the reading is completed, please respond:

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

Sermon

The Limits of Our Understanding

Hymn of the Day

Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land

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Refrain:

Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a weary land, a weary land;
my Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a shelter in the time of storm.

1. No one can do like Jesus, not a mumbling word he said;
he went walking down to Lazarus' grave, and he raise him from the dead.

Refrain

2. When Jesus was on earth, the flesh was very weak;
he took a towel and girded himself and we washed his disciples' feet.

Refrain

3. Yonder comes my Savior, him whom I love so well;
he has the palm of victory and the keys of death and hell.

Refrain

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers for the People

Prayer Petitions will end with “Lord in Your Mercy”

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

Sharing God’s Peace (and Noisy Offering)

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

Offertory

Create in Me a Clean Heart

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Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

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

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. 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.

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

The Old Rugged Cross

Larry Keith

Post Communion Prayer

Sending

Benediction

1. "Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."
2. "Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story, here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure."
3. "Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you, here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve in love.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Worship Leaders

Ministers	The People of Hope Lutheran Church
Presiding Pastor	Pr. Mary Erickson
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Greeters	Joan Reed, Jean Running
Scripture Reader	Carol Hosmann
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Accompanist	Donna Benrud
Music Director	Jim Newman
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