



Feb 22, 2026
9am Service
First Sunday in
Lent

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 forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots our all offenses.

Silence for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you: Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word: Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For failing to recognize your coming reign and for hindering the work of the Spirit:

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdaining the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love,

For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world: Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love,

For dwelling in the tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life: Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love,

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace.

Amen.

Opening Hymn

I Want Jesus to Walk with me

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1. I want Jesus to walk with me; I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
2. In my trials Lord, walk with me; In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
3. When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me; when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
When my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

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.**

Prayer of the Day

Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Special Music

How Can I Keep from Singing

Women's Choir

Word

First Reading

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

When the reading is completed, please respond:

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

Second Reading

Romans 5:12-19

When the reading is completed, please respond:

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

Children's Time

Pastor Judy Kincaid

Gospel Acclamation

Let Your Steadfast Love Come To Us

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Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord. Save us as you promised; we will trust your word. Save us as you promised; we will trust your word.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 4:1-11

When the reading is completed, please respond:

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

Sermon

Pastor Judy Kincaid

1. A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.
2. No strength of our's can match his might! We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight, whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.
3. Though hordes of devils fill the land all threat'ning to devour us,
we tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot over pow'r us.
Let this world's tyrant rage; in battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.
4. God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it;
For God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house, good, honor, child or spouse,
though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever!

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, he 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 & 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.

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“ 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, 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.
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.

Thy Holy Wings

#613

1. Thy holy wings, O Savior, spread gently over me,
And let me rest securely through good and ill in thee
Oh, be my strength and portion, my rock and hiding place,
And let my ev'ry moment be lived within thy grace.
2. Oh, let me nestle near thee, within thy downy breast
where I will find sweet comfort and peace within thy nest.
Oh, close thy wings around me and keep me safely there,
for I am but a newborn and need thy tender care.
3. Oh, wash me in the waters of Noah's cleansing flood.
Give me a willing spirit, a heart both clean and good.
Oh, take into thy keeping thy children great and small,
And while we sweetly slumber, enfold us one and all.

Post Communion Prayer

Sending

Benediction

Sending Hymn

Jesus, Still Lead On

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1. Jesus, still lead on, till our rest be won; and, although the way be cheerless, we will follow, calm and cheerless; we will follow, calm and fearless; Guide us by your hand to the promised land.
2. If the way be drear, if the foe be near, let no faithless fears o'er take us, let not faith and hope forsake us; safely past the foe to our home we go.
3. When we seek relief from a long-felt grief, when temptations come alluring Make us patient and enduring show us that bright shore where we weep no more.
4. Jesus, still lead on, till our rest be won; heav'nly leader, still direct us, still support, console, protect us, till we safely stand in the promised land.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Believe the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

Worship Leaders

Ministers	The People of Hope Lutheran Church
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Reader	Julie Petersen, Bethany Strand
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