



Traditional Service 11:00

March 8, 2026

3rd Sunday in Lent

"And all ate and were filled."

Hope Lutheran Church
March 8—11:00 am
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WELCOME

Pastor Kristin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come Follow Me

Gail Mowry & Ron Prebe

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

All: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Pastor: Gracious God,

All: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

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

All: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

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

All: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

Pastor: For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

All: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

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

All: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

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

All: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

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

All: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

Pastor: 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.

All: **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

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GREETING

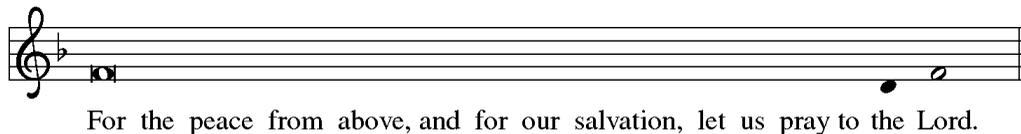
Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

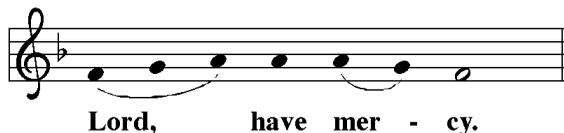
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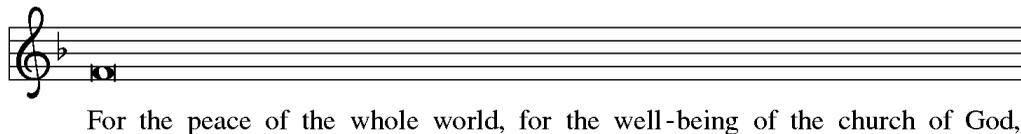
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



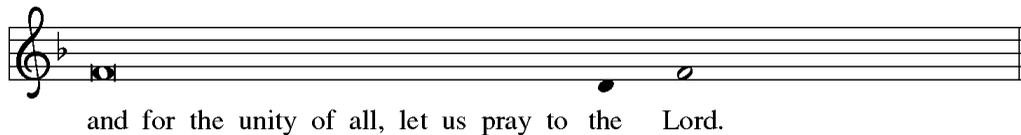
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



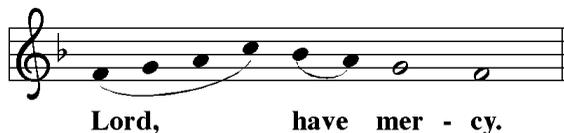
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

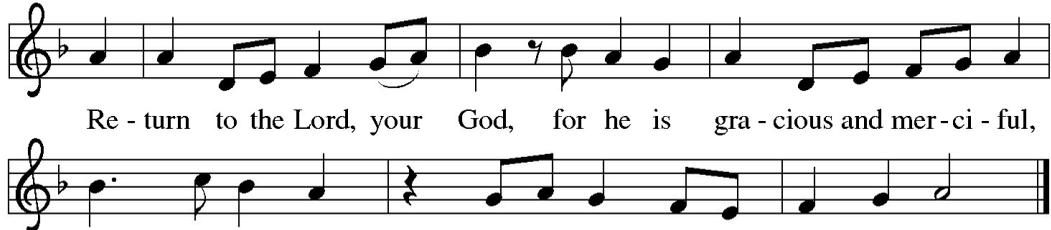


and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,
slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Pastor: The holy Gospel according to Mark.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 6:32-44

³² And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³ Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴ As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he began to teach them many things. ³⁵ When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; ³⁶ send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat." ³⁷ But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?" ³⁸ And he said to them, "How many loaves have you? Go and see." When they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." ³⁹ Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰ So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. ⁴¹ Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to his disciples to set before the people, and he divided the two fish among them all. ⁴² And all ate and were filled, ⁴³ and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. ⁴⁴ Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Pastor Kevin

MESSAGE

*The Good News Is...
... Together, the Impossible is Possible*

Pastor Kevin



Hu - man minds just can't i - ma - gine all that God can bring
 God, ex - pand our dreams and vi - sion when we think our gifts
 Like the grains of wheat are ga - thered from the vast and roll -



to bear Through our small and sep - arate be - ings, e - ven
 too small Help us trust your great pro - vis - ion and to
 -ing fields Like the grapes from vi - ny bran - ches whose small



when we join to share Still we fol - low where Christ leads us,
 an - swer when you call You who gave us time and ta - lents
 fruit the wine will yield We re - mem - ber as one bo - dy,



ma - ny pie - ces of one whole That we might al - low
 will up - hold and see us through As we join to - geth -
 each of us a cru - cial part In the glo - bal church



our dream - ing to trans - form our bro - ken world
 -er in the work you've gi - ven us to do
 pro - fess - ing: we be - long to God's own heart

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Parents: We present Franklin Thomas for baptism.

Pastor: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Franklin baptized into Christ?

Parent: I do.

Pastor: As you bring Franklin to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with them among God's faithful people,
bring them to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in them hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture them in faith and prayer,
so that your children may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Franklin grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parent: I do.

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Franklin and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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 into hell. 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 to judge the living and the dead.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things.

Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Franklin Thomas I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Franklin with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit

of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

BAPTISMAL SONG

Baptized and Set Free

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We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God. Then we're washed, ev - er
Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song. All are wel - come! We



gent - ly, in mer - cy and love. Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the
gath - er to sing loud and strong. Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will



door to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
be one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

TEXT: CATHY SKOGEN-SOLDNER, B. 1956; MUSIC: BAPTIZED AND SET FREE, CATHY SKOGEN-SOLDNER; TEXT & MUSIC 1999 AUGSBURG FORTRESS

PRAYERS OF OUR COMMUNITY

Each petition ends with Hear us, O Lord, and people respond Your mercy is great.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Please be seated as the tithes & offerings to support our ministries are received.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

God, Be the Love

1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
 move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
Refrain
 O Christ, sur - round me; O Christ, sur - round me.

Text: Richard Bruxvoort Colligan, b. 1967

Music: GREEN TYLER, Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor: O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name.

All: Amen.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

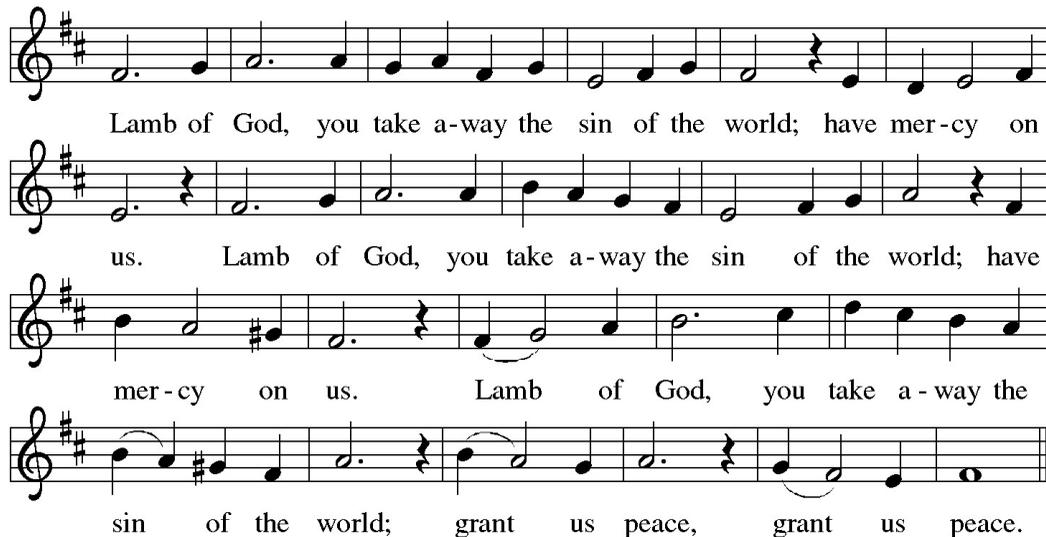
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Pastor: Come to the table. Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Communion will be received up front. The pastors will place the wafer in your open hand. Wrapped, gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Wine and grape juice are available for intinction. Dip the bread into the cup and consume. Individual cups of wine are also available if you prefer. Return to your seat by using the aisles.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN*Lamb of God*


Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
 us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN*Bornng Cry*

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

All: Amen.

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Pastor: God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, bless you now and always.

All: Amen.

Leader: As you go into the world, remember our mission!

**All: Live out Servant Love,
Show Hospitality,
Extend Generosity,
Worship the Risen Lord.**

Leader: Go in peace, a living example of the love of Jesus Christ

All: Thanks be to God!

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