



Traditional Service 11:00

March 15, 2026

4th Sunday in Lent

**“Remember that you were a slave
in the land of Egypt”**

Hope Lutheran Church
March 15—11:00 am
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WELCOME

Pastor Kevin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Like a Child

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

O Master, Let Me Walk with You

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GREETING

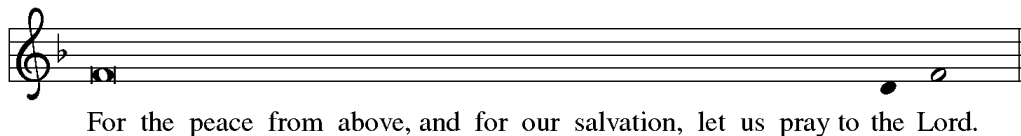
Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

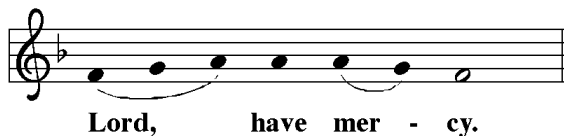
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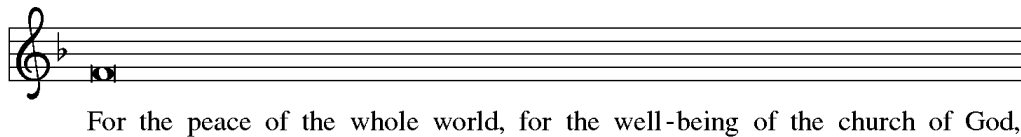
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



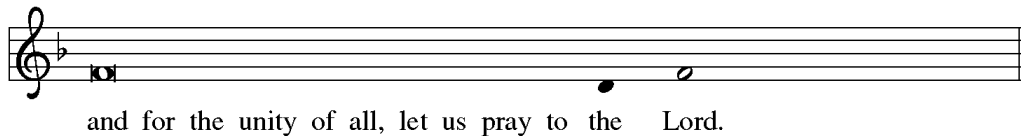
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



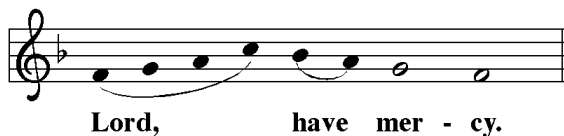
Lord, have mer - cy.



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.

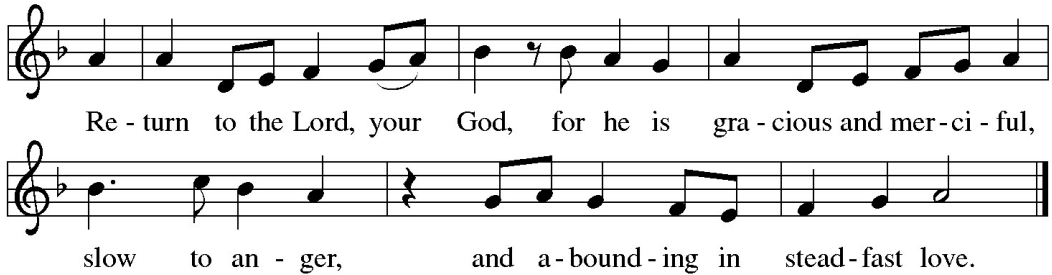


Lord, have mer - cy.

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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 Matthew.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 19:13-15

¹³ Then children were being brought to [Jesus] in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them, ¹⁴ but Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." ¹⁵ And he laid his hands on them and went on his way.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Pastor Kristin

MESSAGE

*The Good News Is...
... protection and care for the vulnerable*

Pastor Kristin

HYMN OF THE DAY

See the Precious Children



See the pre-cious chil-dren seat-ed on the lap of Christ our Lord
 See the pre-cious wi-dowed wo-men glean-ing har-vests from the field
 See the pre-cious for-eign stran-gers as they car-ry all they own
 See the pre-cious dis-poss-essed ones ask-ing for some food to eat
 See the pre-cious world im-pov-erished by our ma-lice and our greed



Called the great-est in the king-dom, held so gent-ly and a-dored They
 Then re-turn-ing to their kit-chen to pre-pare their dai-ly meal They
 To a land that's full of dan-gers for the pow-er-less and prone They
 Sleep-ing un-der star-ry heav-ens, dai-ly liv-ing on the streets They
 Hu-mans, a-ni-mals, and pla-net cry-ing out for some re-lief We're



are pre-cious in the sight of God who made each ti-ny toe In their
 are pre-cious in the sight of God who holds their bro-ken hearts In their
 are pre-cious in the sight of God who made their home-land, too In their
 are pre-cious in the sight of God who loves them as a child In their
 all pre-cious in the sight of God who made each ho-ly thing In our



weak-ness they're held by love as each day they learn and grow
 sor-row they're held by love that re-deems each fra-gile part
 jour-ney they're held by love as they start each day a-new
 hun-ger they're held by love as they guard their hu-man pride
 liv-ing we're held by love as we care for ev-ery being

Words: Anna Strickland (2025); Music: B.F. White (1844)

THE 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 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.

CHOIR ANTHEM

I Am For You

Adult Choir

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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

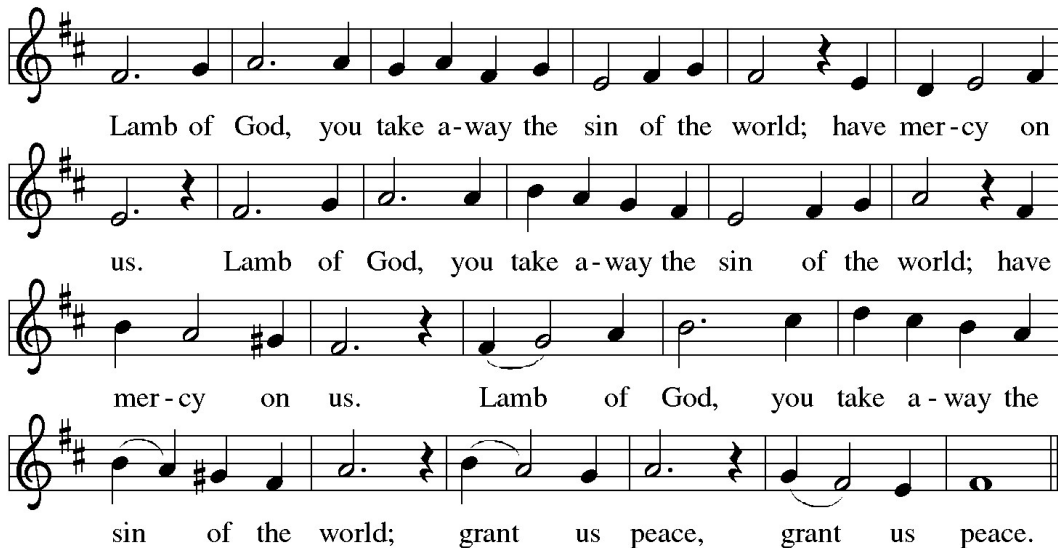
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours 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***Children of the Heavenly Father*****#781**


1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;
nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958

Music: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA, Swedish folk tune

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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.



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than
 2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -
 4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,



Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my
 rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
 tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are
 may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -



own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
 ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain

On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt.

Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

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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