

I'm Fixed upon It



March 10, 2024



HOPE is called by God to look beyond ourselves. We walk together in faith, treasuring all people and sharing with them the love, hope, and acceptance that is in Christ.

Sunday, March 17, 2024
Fifth Sunday in Lent

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| GATHER |
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Call to Worship

Why are you here?

**I am seeking God with my whole heart,
with my entire mind,
with a fire burning in my bones.**

I see it! You're in the right place!

This is God's house. The door is open to you.

Why are *you* here?

I am seeking God with my whole heart,
with my entire mind,
with a fire burning in my bones.

We see that in you! You're in the right place.

This is God's house. The door is open to you.

Let us worship God.

Let us learn from the Spirit. Amen!

Confession & Forgiveness

Friends, when you study Peter's story in scripture...

...Let this be a moment of learning. Let us pray:

Holy God,

We long to be lifelong learners.

**We long to approach you with curiosity and an open mind.
Instead, we often live as if we know best.**

We forget that the disciples called you "Rabbi, Teacher."

Forgive us for the times when we fail to be curious.

Forgive us for the times when we assume we know best.

**Forgive us for the moments when we imagine that our
learning is done and that we have all the answers.**

**Like Peter—who was brave enough to ask, "How many times
should we forgive?"—make us brave.**

**Spark a desire in us to learn,
and may our curiosity carry our faith into deeper waters.
With hope and humility we pray, Amen.**

Family of faith,
When Peter asked Jesus, "How many times should I forgive?"
Jesus responded with abundance.
That abundance exists for you as well.

No matter what you have done or left undone,
no matter what lessons you have learned or are still learning,
God's abundant grace exists for you. God's love will never run out.

So hear and rest in this good news:
You are forgiven. You are loved. You are invited to serve.
Thanks be to God! Amen

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Gathering Hymn

ELW 359

Where Charity and Love Prevail

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.

Kyrie

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Canticle of Praise



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

WORD

Psalm 119: 9-16

How can young people keep their way pure?

By guarding it according to your word.

With my whole heart I seek you;

do not let me stray from your commandments.

I treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against you.

Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes.

With my lips I declare all the ordinances of your mouth.

I delight in the way of your decrees as much as in all riches.

I will meditate on your precepts, and fix my eyes on your ways.

I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation



Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep-a-rate us from the love of God.



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Gospel

The holy gospel according to Matthew 18:15-22

Glory to you O Lord

[Jesus said] If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

Children's Time

Pastor Annie

Message

Pastor Annie

Hymn of the Day

Love Your Neighbor and Forgive

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Words by Anna Strickland, 2023

Music by Richard Redhead, 1853



"Love your neigh - bor and for - give" Words so sim - ple
Sounds of bombs and bul - lets ring War is all we've
Love is ris - ky, peace is faint And for - give - ness



yet so hard We have wounds be - cause we've lived
ev - er known Pac - i - fists are framed as weak
feels na - ive All are sin - ners, all are saints



Cal - lus - es en - fold our hearts Jes - us reach - es
We re - ly on might a - lone Jes - us paves the
And we all God's grace re - ceive So we fol - low



out to touch Wounds and hearts that hold too much
paths of peace Ev - en as the threats in - crease
mer - cy's way Soft - en - ing our hearts to grace

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Affirmation of Faith

We believe that questions are a building block of faith.

"How many times should I forgive?"

"Jesus, where are you going?"

"What must I do to inherit eternal life?"

We believe that humble curiosity can open our eyes.

"Where does it hurt?"

"What do you need?"

"How can I help?"

We believe that God is a teacher.

“Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.”

“Here I am.”

“Send me.”

We believe that faith invites our whole being to engage,

with all our heart,

with all our mind,

with all our strength.

We believe. Help our unbelief.

In Christ’s name we pray, Amen

Prayers of Intercession

Trusting in God’s promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

A brief silence.

God of the covenant, through the church you draw us into community. We give thanks for the means of grace around which we gather. Inspire writers, musicians, and artists whose creative gifts adorn our worship. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of all that exists, you lavish the earth with extravagant beauty. Preserve the rich and complex diversity of living things. Support local, national, and international efforts to protect the environment for future generations. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of the nations, you desire peace and plenty for all people. Defend those who challenge oppression and expose corruption. Support advocates for human rights, social justice, and the welfare of children. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for our neighbors who face illness of any kind. For those strained financially; for all living with chronic pain, mental illness, the disease of addiction, or otherwise afraid or in harm’s way. Protect all who cry out for mercy especially those on our prayer list and those we name before you now... Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for this congregation. Open our hearts to practice intentional invitation. Help us to forgive each other, practice patience, and choose welcome over judgment. Move us to care for those in our community seeking refuge and safety. Hear us, O God,

Your mercy is great.

God of promise, we give thanks for the saints whose faith inspires us especially Patrick, missionary to Ireland, whom we commemorate today. Grant us faith to trust in your everlasting love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

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| MEAL |
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Offering

Your gifts enable God's ministry in and through this place. As we worship in a variety of ways, we also express our generosity in a variety of ways:

Giving In-Person: A offering box is available on the entry table for you

GIVE ONLINE: <http://www.hopelutheranrf.com/giveonline/>

Give by Text to: 833-961-2156. Learn how [here](#).

Give by Mobile App: Search "GivePlus Church" on Apple or Android devices and follow instructions

MAIL YOUR OFFERING: HOPE Lutheran, 3337 Kingsbarn Ave., River Falls, WI 54022

Offertory

ELW 185

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

Offering Prayer

**Jesus, you are the bread of life
and the host of this meal.**

**Bless these gifts that we have gathered
that all people may know your goodness.**

**Feed us not only with this holy food
but with hunger for justice and peace.**

We pray this in your name.

Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table

O God triune, how majestic is your name in all the earth.
Over the eons your merciful might evolved our home,
a fragile tree of life.

Here by your wisdom are both life and death,
growth and decay,
the nest and the hunt,
sunshine and storm,
darkness and light.

Sustained by these wonders,
we creatures of dust join in the ancient song:
The earth is full of your glory.

The earth is full of your glory.

O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer.
In Christ you bring life from death;
we remember his cross,
we laud his resurrection.

Broken like bread, he enlivens our body.
Outpoured like wine, he fills the earth with goodness.
Receiving this mystery,
we mortals sing our song:
The earth is full of your glory.

The earth is full of your glory.

We praise you for the heart of Jesus,
so filled with your love for this earth who,
In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Gathered around this table,
we your children unite in this song:
The earth is full of your glory.
The earth is full of your glory.

O God triune, you create the worlds,
you uphold the living, you embrace the dead.
Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.
Strengthen us for our journey with this meal,
the body and blood of Christ.
Give us a future that trusts in you and cares for your earth.
Empowered by your promises, we rise from our deaths
to praise you again:
The earth is full of your glory.
The earth is full of your glory.

The Lord's Prayer

Jesus, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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 the Table

This is bread for the journey.

A feast for hungry hearts. All are invited to come!

All are welcome at Jesus' table. Gluten free bread and non-alcoholic juice (clear liquid) is provided. Pastor Annie welcomes those communing online first. For those communing in person, ushers will direct you forward. You will receive the bread first and are then invited to take your own cup. A basket for disposal of the cup is provided.

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

ELW 465

“As the Grains of Wheat”

Post Communion Blessing & Prayer

Generous God,

at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.

As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread,

now make us one loaf to feed the world;

in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

Amen.

SENDING

Announcements

Blessing

Beloved wanderer,
as you leave this place,
may you carry your curious heart on your sleeve.
May you look for God in every face.
May you find the courage to get out of the boat,
to run to the tomb,
and to speak of your faith.
And when the world falls apart,
may you hear God's voice deep within,
saying, "Take heart, it is I, be not afraid."
You are called.
You are blessed.
In both your ups and your downs,
you always belong to ☩ God
Go now in peace.
Go trusting that good news.
Amen.

Sending Hymn

ELW 810, vs. 1, 2, 4
"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

Dismissal

Go in peace, you, with wandering hearts, are God's beloved.
Thanks be to God.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Looking Ahead at HOPE

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| Monday March 18 th | 10:00 – Coffee & Faithful Conversation |
| Tuesday March 19 th | 6:00 – Council Ministry Meeting |
| Wednesday March 20 th | 5:45 – Lenten Supper 6:30 – Wednesday Service |
| Friday March 22 nd | All Day – Pastor's Sabbath |
| Saturday March 23 rd | 6:00- Habitat for Humanity Gala |
| Sunday March 24 th | 9:30 – Palm Sunday Service |

Wandering Heart

Figuring out faith
with Peter
Lent 2024



Wednesdays in Lent

5:45 Meal

6:30 Prayer around the Cross



Sundays in Lent

9:30 Worship

10:30 Fellowship Hour

Beginning Wednesday, Feb. 14

Holy Week Services



Palm Sunday

March 24th 9:30AM



Maundy Thursday

March 28th 6:30PM



Good Friday

March 29th 6:30PM



Easter Sunday

March 31st

7:00 AM Sunrise Worship

9:30AM Worship

Please lift up the following people in prayer

Breccan Olson and family

Patricia Miller (Sister of Carl Warren)

Rhiannon Bondhus (Niece of Bondhus family)

Sharon & Kermit Paulson

Barbara McIntosh (Mother of Joe McIntosh)

Brooke Grant (niece of Margaret Anderson)

Family of Mike Roy (Friend of Karen Rodewald)

Lori Snyder (Friend of Nancy & David Peters)

David Anderson (Karen Brohaugh's brother)

Ed and Gwen Paulson

Randy Dopkins (Family friend of Olive Olson)

Eden Annoye (Relative of Debra James)

John Weller (Cousin of Karen Brohaugh)

Dave and Deb Haugen (Family of Ellen Roose)

Phyllis and Tom Haugen (Family of Ellen Roose)

John and Lisa Davis (Friends of Dale & Jan Wegleitner)

Fatma Aljarrah (Friend of Faye Perkins)

Beth Lindgren Family (Dan Malaney)

Michael Jacobson (Brother of Linda Jacobson)

Barb Carmichael (Friend of Nancy Sailer)

Dennis & Sandy Schultz (Friends of Bill & Kay Montgomery)

Nancy Miller (Friend of Paula & Phil Klacan)

Linda Shurden (Friend of Nancy Sailer)

Joyce Kendall (Mother of Cara Getschel)

Hannah Forward

Amanda Olson (daughter of Olive Olson)

Ella Conover (Phil & Paula's Klacan's Niece)

Daryl Kleeman (brother of Darcy Boock)

David Boock (Relative of the Boocks)

Teajai Schmidt (Relative of Boock family)

Lee Hill (friend of Naomi)

Gary Siebold

David Hendrickson

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Sunday Schedule:
In Person:
Outdoor Worship Space:
9:30 a.m.

Online:
<http://youtube.com/c/HOPELutheranRiverFalls>
9:30 a.m.

Welcome to
HOPE Lutheran
Church.

If you are new to
HOPE, welcome!
It is a blessing to have
you join us for worship
this morning!

Leading Us in
Worship

Presiding Pastor:
Annie Ladnier

Pianist:
Linda Simpson

Assisting Minister:
Phil Klacan

Reader/Prayer
Leader:
Diane Clark

Communion Asst.:
Darcy Boock

Ushers/Greeters:

AV Support:
Ryan Brill

Communion
Preparation:

Fellowship:
Donut Sunday