



March 15, 2026
9am Service
Fourth 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.

Please Rise

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection.

Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we**

**may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

Morning Has Broken

#556

1. Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

2. Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

3. Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

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

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In Peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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 mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

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Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you,
we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;**

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the
Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

**Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life
and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your
Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever.**

Amen.

Special Music

Come to the Water

Voices of Hope

Word

First Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Walk as children of light, for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness; rather, expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly, but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴ for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

When the reading is completed, please respond:

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

Children's Time

Please Rise

Gospel Acclamation

Return to the Lord

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Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

Gospel Reading

John 9:1-12

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am he." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it

on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

When the reading is completed, please respond:

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

You may be seated
Sermon

Bishop Martin Halom

Hymn of the Day

Give Me Jesus

#770

1. In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.

Refrain

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.

You may have all the rest, give me Jesus.

2. Dark midnight was my cry, dark midnight was my cry,
dark midnight was my cry, give me Jesus. **Refrain**

3. Just about the break of day, just about the break of day,
just about the break of day, give me Jesus. **Refrain**

4. Oh, when I come to die, oh, when I come to die,
oh, when I come to die, give me Jesus. **Refrain**

5. And when I want to sing, and when I want to sing,
and when I want to sing, give me Jesus. **Refrain**

Installation of Rev. Dr. Judy Kincaid

Presentation

Please Rise

Having been authorized by the church to install Judy Kay Kincaid,
our co-worker in the gospel, as your Pastor,
I now ask for certification of this call.

A representative of the calling body (Todd Johnson) addresses the Bishop.

After prayerful deliberation,

we, of Hope Lutheran Church,
have called Judy Kincaid to serve as a minister of word and sacrament
in the position of pastor.
I present this letter certifying the call.

Todd gives the bishop the letter certifying that the call has been received and accepted.

You may be seated

Address and Questions

The Bishop addresses the Minister of Word and Sacrament.

A reading from First Timothy: Set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Attend to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers.
(1 Timothy 4:12-16)

Judy, in the presence of this assembly
will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility,
in the confidence that it comes from God through the call of the church?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you preach and teach in accordance with the holy scriptures
and with the confessions of the Lutheran church?

Will you carry out this ministry in harmony with the constitutions
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you be diligent in your study of the holy scriptures
and faithful in your use of the means of grace?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

Trusting in God's care, will you love, serve, and pray for God's people, nourish them with the word and sacraments, and lead them by your own example in faithful service and holy living?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you give faithful witness in the world, that God's love may be known in all that you do?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them. Amen.

Please Rise

People of God, will you receive Pastor Judy as a messenger of Jesus Christ sent to serve all people with the gospel of hope and salvation?

Will you regard Pastor Judy as a servant of Christ and a steward of the mysteries of God?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

Will you pray for her? Will you help and honor her in carrying out this ministry? In all things, will you strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

Judy Kay Kincaid, the office of pastor is now committed to you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working in you that which is pleasing in God's sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

Amen.

The bishop escorts the pastor to the place of baptism. Todd says:
You have been called to be among us to baptize, to teach, and to forgive sins.

They proceed to the place of the word (pulpit.) Todd says:
You have been called to be among us to proclaim the good news.

They proceed to the place of the meal. Todd says:
You have been called to be among us to preside at the Lord's supper.

People of God, I present your new pastor, the Rev. Dr. Judy Kincaid.
Let us welcome her in the name of Christ.

Please Rise

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.

Please be seated

Offertory

What Have We to Offer?

Eli, Maddie, and Olivia Mai

Please Rise

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace.

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.

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 communion. If you are unable to hold the bread or wine, 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.

You may be seated

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.

Special Music

Christ The Same

Eli, Maddie and Olivia Mai

Communion Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

#793

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art: thou my best thought both by day and by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord. Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r, raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
3. Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always: thou and thou only, the first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.
4. Light of my soul, after victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace;

and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Sending

Please Rise

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Sending Hymn

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

#807

1. Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,
teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.

2. Here I raise my Ebenezer: "Hither by thy help I've come";
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

3. Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Worship Leaders

Ministers	The People of Hope Lutheran Church
Presiding Pastors	Bishop Martin Halom Rev. Dr. Judy Kincaid
Reader	Lynn Weber
Greeters	Karen Hauck, Sue Huebner
Ushers	Butch Martin, James Anderson
Communion Assistants	Judy and Cory Tilleson, Alice Bates
Cantor	Maddie Mai
Music Director	Kathryn Hardie
Pianist/Organist	Donna Benrud

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