



Second Sunday of Lent

Hope Lutheran Church Worship Service

March 1st, 2026

10:00 a.m.

Live streaming on Facebook at [HopeLutheranChurchCbus](https://www.facebook.com/HopeLutheranChurchCbus)

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WELCOME

During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are given a new birth as children of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.
Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

C: Have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

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

C: Have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

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

C: Have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

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

C: Have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

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

C: Have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

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

C: Have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

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

C: Have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

Borning Cry (ELW 732)

The hymn is on the next page.



1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
 3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.
 you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
 I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
 If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
 When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."
 I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
 I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

KYRIE*(TFF pg. 26)*

A: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy

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

C: Lord, have mercy

A: For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy

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

C: Lord, have mercy

A: Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.

C: Amen.**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

A: O God,

C: Our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**FIRST READING*****Genesis 12:1-4a***

The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him.

R: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.**PSALM 121**

I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?

**My help comes from the LORD,
the maker of heaven and earth.**

The LORD will not let your foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

**Behold, the keeper of Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep;**

the LORD watches over you;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

**the sun will not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**

The LORD will preserve you from all evil
and will keep your life.

**The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth forevermore.**

SECOND READING

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression. For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

R: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

LENTEN VERSE *(TFF 101)*

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me,

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 3rd chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly

things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

YOUNG PEOPLE SERMON SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY That Priceless Grace (TFF 68)



1	That price-less	grace,	that price-less	grace,	that price-less
2	That price-less	blood,	that price-less	blood,	that price-less
3	That pain-ful	death,	that pain-ful	death,	that pain-ful
4	That pre-cious	word,	that pre-cious	word,	that pre-cious



grace, which	gave me	life:	Je - sus' life	is	price-less	grace.
blood was	shed for	me:	Je - sus' blood	is	price-less	grace.
death took	sins a -	way:	Je - sus' death	is	price-less	grace.
word, which	brought me	light:	Je - sus' word	is	price-less	grace.



That price - less grace is life for me.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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 and is seated at the right hand of the Father. 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 OF THE CHURCH

A: Hear us O God,

C: Your mercy is great.

WE SHARE PEACE

A: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THANKOFFERING

QUIET TIME

OFFERTORY

Let The Vineyards

(TFF pg. 36)

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.

Gather a harvest of seeds that were sown, that we may be fed the bread of life.

Gather the hopes and dreams of all, unite them with the prayers we offer.

Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: O God,

C: 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. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy

(TFF pg. 38)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, Lord God of power and might.

Heaven and Earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, now and forever. Amen.

SHARING THE MEAL

COMMUNION HYMNS

Welcome Table

(TFF 263)

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

(TFF 220)

BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: God of our salvation,

C: 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. Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: 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.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG

Glory, Glory, Hallelujah

(TFF 148)



1	Glo - ry,	glo - ry,	hal - le - lu - jah!	since I	laid	my
2	I	feel	bet - ter,	so much	bet - ter,	since I
3	Feel	like	shout - ing,	"Hal - le - lu - jah!"	since I	laid
4	I	am	climb - ing	Ja - cob's	lad - der,	since I
5	Ev - 'ry	round	goes	higher and	high - er,	since I
						laid
						my



bur - den	down.	Glo - ry,	glo - ry,	hal - le -
bur - den	down.	I	feel	bet - ter,
bur - den	down.	Feel	like	shout - ing,
bur - den	down.	I	am	climb - ing
bur - den	down.	Ev - 'ry	round	goes
				higher and



lu - jah!	since I	laid	my	bur - den	down.
bet - ter,	since I	laid	my	bur - den	down.
lu - jah!"	since I	laid	my	bur - den	down.
lad - der,	since I	laid	my	bur - den	down.
high - er,	since I	laid	my	bur - den	down.

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Believe the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

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Worship Participants This Week

Preaching and Presiding: Pastor Julianne Smeck

Ministers: All worshippers

Bassist: Dan Abell **Guitar:** Kurt Keljo **Drummer:** Seth Daily **Pianist:** Robert Wade

Reader: Aubrey Fentress

Worship Assistant: Janet Ligon

Acolyte: Arianna Fentress

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Worship Leaders Next Sunday

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THANK YOU Huge thanks to the Black History Month Planning Team: Gay, Muriel, Doris, Denise, Matt, as well as those who joined the team to help put up the displays: Vince and Lorri Hendrix, and Janet Ligon. Thanks also to Rev. Dale Linder, and Adam Viney. And the choir! Just amazing. The month brought one “high” after another. Thanks also to all the folks who provided desserts etc for the coffee hours, and all the food for the potluck. We are grateful, and have been equipped and empowered to continue to learn and work, building a just community. “Every round goes higher and higher.”

HOSTING EASTSIDE FELLOWSHIP Our friends of Eastside Fellowship Ministries are coming to share a meal and worship with us: on Wednesday, March 11! This has come up quickly, right on the heels of our Black History Month Potluck. We’ve had good practice! We will serve soups, sandwiches, and desserts. Sign-up sheets are on the kitchen door. If you aren’t able to come for the meal, please come for the worship service anyway. Worshiping together is such a gift. You will be blessed! Meal at 6:00 pm, Worship at 7:00 pm.

NELSON W. TROUT LECTURES April 23-24, 2026 — REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!
The Rev. Dr. Nelson W. Trout was a native of Columbus, OH (Urbancrest) as well as a Capital & Trinity

graduate. He was the first person of African Descent to be elected Bishop in North America. Annually, Trinity holds lectures in his honor. This year we are pleased to welcome **The Rev. Traci Blackmon!** Also, new this year will be a Friday morning Prayer Breakfast. Registration is free and open to the public. **Register TODAY at www.Trinity.Capital.edu**

THE CONCORDIA CHOIR The world-renowned Concordia Choir of Moorhead, Minnesota, under the direction of Dr. Michael Culloton, will perform in Peace Lutheran Church on Thursday, March 5, at 7:00 PM. From the music of J.S. Bach to familiar hymn arrangements, The Concordia Choir will amaze you with their technical master and incredible sound. Visit ConcordiaTickets.com for tickets.

THE PASTOR’S SABBATH is on Thursday and Friday each week.

PROPERTY CONCERNS You can now communicate property issues via email (hopelutheranchurchproperty@gmail.com), the committee has decided one chairperson isn’t necessary. This is a strong team, and they will respond quickly.

SCHEDULE FOR EFM WORSHIP DURING LENT

March 4th - Woodland Christian - Pastor Julianne Smeck of Hope Lutheran March 11th - Hope Lutheran
Chaplain Marla Flewellen of OSU Hospital East

March 18th - Asbury North UMC – Dr. Edward Lewis of Bethany Presbyterian

March 25th - Bethany Presbyterian - Dr. Mark Hensley of St Philip Lutheran

CALENDAR

March 21 - Food Distribution, 10:00 a.m...Help also needed on March 20 for unloading food.

GIVE WITH THE VENMO APP

To give offerings and tithes via Venmo:

- *Download the Venmo app
- *Set up bank account info, or debit card info
- *Touch “Pay” or “Request” at the bottom
- *Enter the church cell phone number. (614) 907-3869
- ***Church user name — @HopeLilley-820**
- ***Enter offering amount**

Note: When setting up an account, select “Private: mode for transactions.”

Offerings @ 2/22/26

Received: \$19,475

Anticipated: \$21,747

Over / (Short): (\$2,272)

Cap Imp: \$1,153

