



Third Sunday of Lent

Hope Lutheran Church Worship Service

March 23, 2025

10:00 a.m.

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

Zoom info:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85155547308?pwd=NFV4WWsvOUpZd1RyT3FINy9sY3FUZz09>

Call-In Number: 1-929-205-6099 Meeting ID: 851 5554 7308. Passcode: 729980

WELCOME

The warnings are plentiful and blunt on the third Sunday in Lent. Cut it out or get cut down! The warnings are accompanied by God's invitation to attentiveness: "Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live." The landowner's ultimatum is forestalled by the gardener's readiness to till the ground one more year. That is good news for all of us. Thanks be to God!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C: Amen.

A: Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

A: Compassionate One,

C: You are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.

P: Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In † Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days

(ELW 319)



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you
 2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your
 3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and
 4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and



prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance
 faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your
 fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -
 all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal



for our sin, and free us from our past.
 skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.
 ny our - selves that we may know God's love.
 Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

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.

DIALOGUE FOR LENT

A: The Lord is near to those who call on him.

C: Oh, come, let us worship him.

A: Behold, now is the acceptable time;

C: Now is the day of salvation.

A: Turn us again, O God of our salvation.

C: That the light of your face may shine on us.

A: May your justice shine like the sun;

C: And may the poor be lifted up.

KYRIE *(TFF pg. 26)*

A: In peace let us pray to the Lord,

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For 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.

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: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

A: Eternal God,

C: Your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:1-9

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline

your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God

PSALM 63

Read responsively

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

**Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,
that I might behold your power and your glory.**

For your steadfast love is better than life itself;
my lips shall give you praise.

**So will I bless you as long as I live
and lift up my hands in your name.**

My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

**when I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the night watches.**

For you have been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

**My whole being clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast.**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things

happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Spirit Of The Living God (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 Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.[Jesus] asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.” Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

YOUNG PEOPLE SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

(TFF 283)

The hymn is on the next page.



1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
 stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to 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: God, in your mercy,

C: Receive our prayer.

WE SHARE PEACE

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

C: And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OFFERING

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: Gracious Provider,

C: You set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. 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**

**Let Us Break Bread Together
As The Grains of Wheat**

*(ELW 471)**(ELW 465)***BLESSING**

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

C: Amen.

CANTICLE

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

(TFF pg. 41)

Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell everyone what God has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and bear Christ's holy name

Send us with your promises O God;

and lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving, with shouts of thanksgiving,

With shouts of thanksgiving, Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Gracious host,

C: You have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, ✠ bless you now and forever.

C: AMEN.

SENDING SONG

In The Cross of Christ I Glory

(ELW 324)



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of
 ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the
 love up - on my way, from the cross the
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that



sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
 cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
 ra - diancy stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
 knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

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

Reader: Gay Steele

Worship Assistant: Beverly Chavis

Acolyte: Deven McDaniel

Usher: Halima Linder

Worship Leaders Next Week

Reader: Aubrey Fentress

Worship Assistant: Matt Hazzard

Acolyte: Arianna Fentress

Usher: Doris and Frank Nelson

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PRAYER REQUESTS Michel Leonhart, Francene Travis, Billy Gillyard, Alan Strahler and family, Bill Alsnauer, Grace Winfrey, Edward Ligon, Alice Ligon, Doris Nelson, Morris Scruggs, Gloria Jones, Tracy Snow, Rosa Campbell, Margaret Belcher, Monica Price

BIRTHDAYS: Dan Abell (30th)
ANNIVERSARIES: Vince and Lorri Hendrix (30th)

HYMN SING SUNDAY Next Sunday, March 30, is Hymn Sing Sunday! In the back of the sanctuary, you will find small pieces of paper, a writing utensil, and a basket. Please write a couple of your favorite hymns down and place the paper in the basket to be drawn on Sunday! Don't forget to include the hymnal and number!

THANK YOU Thank you to those who helped on Wednesday for the EFM Lenten Service, as well as the food distribution on Saturday! Great ministry happened!

SYNOD ASSEMBLY 2025 The Southern Ohio Synod Assembly will be held on June 6-7 at the African Event Center Columbus Zoo and Aquarium. This year, we will be electing a bishop! Bishop Dillahunt will be standing for re-election; other candidates have yet to be named. It will be an important time to be the church together! Let Pres. Vince Hendrix know if you are interested.

NELSON TROUT LECTURE Rev. Dr. Teresa Smallwood will be speaking on Thursday, April 3: 1:00 pm registration opens, 2:00 pm lectures start, 5:45 pm dinner, 7:00 pm worship. Friday, April 4: 8:00 am meet and greet, 9:30 am lecture followed by student panel, 11:45 am closing luncheon. Register online at <https://www.capconnect.org/2025-nelson-w.-trout-lectures> or search "Trinity Trout Lectures 2025"

LENTEN SEASON SERVICE PROJECT Hope again is making Personal Care Kits as a Lenten project. The simple items included in a Personal Care Kit provide much-needed self-care, critical germ-fighting, and the chance to regain dignity amidst situations of fear and uncertainty. Include the following items in each Personal Care Kit:

- One lightweight cotton or cotton blend bath-sized towel (20'x40' to 27'x52"). Dark colors recommended
- Two or three bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz in original wrapping
- One adult-size toothbrush in original packaging
- One sturdy comb. Remove packaging
- One metal nail clipper. Remove packaging

Wrap all items in the towel and secure them with ribbon or yarn.

The box in the back of the church labeled LWR is for the collection of Kits and supplies to make kits.

EASTER FLOWERS Let's decorate the sanctuary for Easter with flowers. You may order flowers now through Sunday, March 30. The cost for Lilies is \$13.00 each, Azaleas are \$14.00 each, and Hyacinths or Tulips are \$8.00 each. Please fill out an order form and place it in the special envelope along with your payment and place it in the offering plate. Thank you all as we prepare for our Easter Celebration.

MUSICIAN SEARCH The Church Council has appointed a search committee for the Lead Musician position; recruitment activities are underway. Any questions or suggestions may be addressed to Pastor Smeck.

PROPERTY CONCERNS Please send emails to hopelutheranchurchproperty@gmail.com. You will be contacted quickly.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL IS BACK You are invited to join other members for conversation after service.

CALENDAR

March 26 - EFM Lent Worship at Bethany Presbyterian 7:00 p.m. preceded by meal at 6:00

March 30 - Easter flowers are due

April 3 -4. Nelson Trout Lecture at Trinity Lutheran Seminary

GIVE WITH THE VENMO APP

To give offerings and tithes via Venmo:

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*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.



General Offerings

Received: \$29,663

Anticipated: \$29,031

Over / (Short): \$632

Capital Improvements: \$1,798



We welcome all people into our community of faith and invite them to join us as we seek to understand God’s love for us and strive to be faithful messengers of that love.