



First Sunday of Lent

Hope Lutheran Church Worship Service

February 22nd, 2026

10:00 a.m.

Live streaming on Facebook at **HopeLutheranChurchCbus**

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WELCOME

Today's gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This catechetical focus on the meaning of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.

CONFSSION 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 disdaining 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

We Are Marching in the Light of God

(TFF 63)

Please turn to 63 of your TFF hymnal.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Lord God, our strength,

C: The struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us 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 2:15-17; 3:1-7

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.” Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die, for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

R: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 32

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away!

**Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
because of my groaning all day long.

**For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.” Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

**Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**

You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

**“I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;
I will guide you with my eye.**

Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you.”

**Great are the tribulations of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.**

Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

SECOND READING***Romans 5:12-19***

Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned or sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

R: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

LENTEN VERSE

To the Lord your God return; Come with torn and broken hearts

and the blessed message hear

Which the Word of God Imparts: Grace and Mercy Still Abound;

Steadfast love with God is found.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 4th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' " Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' " Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' " Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.' " Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

**YOUNG PEOPLE SERMON
SERMON**

HYMN OF THE DAY

Guide My Feet

(TFF 153)

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.

HONORING RICHARD SMALLWOOD, FAITHFUL SERVANT

Darren McDaniel

SPECIAL MUSIC

Total Praise, by Richard Smallwood

Hope Choir

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.

EUCARISTIC 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, \pm bless you now and always.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG

We Shall Overcome

(TFF 213)



1 We shall o - ver - come, we shall o - ver - come,
 2 We'll walk hand in hand, we'll walk hand in hand,
 3 We shall all have peace, we shall all have peace,
 4 We shall see the Lord, we shall see the Lord,
 5 We are not a - fraid, we are not a - fraid,
 6 God is on our side, God is on our side,



we shall o - ver - come some - day. Oh, deep in our
 we'll walk hand in hand some - day. Oh, deep in our
 we shall all have peace some - day. Oh, deep in our
 we shall see the Lord some - day. Oh, deep in our
 we are not a - fraid to - day. Oh, deep in our
 God is on our side to - day. Oh, deep in our



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 hearts we do be - lieve we'll walk hand in hand some - day.
 hearts we do be - lieve we shall all have peace some - day.
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 hearts we do be - lieve God is on our side to - day.

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Believe the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

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Worship Participants This Week

Preaching: Rev. Dale Linder

Presiding: Pastor Julianne Smeck

Ministers: All worshippers

Bassist: Dan Abell **Guitar:** Kurt Keljo **Drummer:** Seth Daily

Pianist: Robert Wade

Reader: Evie Cansler

Worship Assistant: Don Huber

Acolyte: Pom Linder

Usher: Halima Linder

Worship Leaders Next Sunday

Reader: Aubrey Fentress

Worship Assistant: Gay Steele

Acolyte: Arianna Fentress

Usher: Florine Castleman

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PRAYER REQUESTS Kevin Castleman, The Hendrix family, Peter Elencovf, Grace Winfrey, Morris Scruggs, Claudia Mendiela, Karen and Travis Davis, Billy Gilyard, Gloria, Jones, Judy Smeck Francene Travis, Monica Price, Margaret Belcher

BIRTHDAYS: Morris Scruggs (22nd)

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Welcome to this annual celebration at Hope! Our theme is

“Connecting the Past to the Present”. Today, Rev. Dale Linder will preach. Worship will be followed by the Soul Food Potluck. Also, there are also great displays in the fellowship hall!

INTERFAITH HUB EVENT Ready to become a catalyst for peace? Join us for a transformative two-day training at no cost at the Interfaith Hub Event! Learn proven, ground-level strategies to build Interfaith Peacemaker Teams and lead within your community.

When: Friday, Feb 27 – Saturday, Feb 28.

Time: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM.

Where: Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University, 2199 E Main St, Bexley, OH 43209.

Highlights: Master proven peacemaking methods; Learn "Bottom-Up" team building; Equip yourself as a faith or community leader; Deep dive into Contextual Leadership. Featured Leader: We are honored to host The

Rev. Dr. Shanta Premawardhana, President of the OMNIA Institute for Contextual Leadership, Chicago, Former Director of Interreligious Dialogue and Cooperation, WCC, Geneva, and an internationally renowned interfaith leader. For more information: contact Dr. Baiju Markose bmarkose@capital.edu or Denise Rector rector@capital.edu

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 CONCERN 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.

CALENDAR

February 21 - Choir Rehearsal, time TBD

2/25. St. Philip Lutheran. 1508 Long Street - Reverend Christopher Richardson

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

GIVE WITH THE VENMO APP

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*Enter offering amount

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Offerings @ 2/15/26

Received: \$16,569

Anticipated: \$19,029

Over / (Short): **(\$2,460)**

Cap Imp: \$1,153