

# Second Sunday of Lent

# Hope Lutheran Church Worship Service

February 25th, 2024

10:00 a.m.

Worship Service

Live streaming on Facebook at HopeLutheranChurchCbus

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# **WELCOME**

The second covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the one made with Abraham and Sarah: God's promise to make them the ancestors of many, with whom God will remain in everlasting covenant. Paul says this promise comes to all who share Abraham's faith in the God who brings life into being where there was no life. We receive this baptismal promise of resurrection life in faith. Sarah and Abraham receive new names as a sign of the covenant, and we too get new identities in baptism, as we put on Christ.

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity,  $\oplus$  one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.

C: Amen.

A: Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

A: Holy God,

C: We confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.

P: Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through  $\oplus$  Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

We've Come This Far by Faith

(TFF 197)

Please turn to 197 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.

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.

#### DIALOGUE FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH

A: For all who are made in your image, people of every color,

C: We give you thanks, O God, with our whole heart.

A: For all those who have led our nation, standing up to injustice, and pointing the way to freedom, for Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, and millions more who have participated in the struggle,

C: We give you thanks, O God, with our whole heart.

A: For all people of color who honor you through art, music literature, for those who have made great discoveries in science, and expanded our universe.

C: We give you thanks, O God, with our whole heart.

A: For African Americans in your church, in Hope Church, in our lives, in our families,

C: We give you thanks, O God, with our whole heart.

A: For bringing us this far by faith and for keeping your dream alive,

C: We give you thanks, O God, with our whole heart.

# PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

A: O God,

C: By the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of 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 17:1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you." God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God

#### PSALM 22

You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory. Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.

For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.

From you comes my praise in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

Let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts live forever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow before God.

For dominion belongs to the LORD,

who rules over the nations.

Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

Their descendants shall serve the LORD,

whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.

They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

#### SECOND READING

# Romans 4:13-25

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. 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 violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he 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. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

R: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God

(TFF 70)

Lead me, guide me, along the way, For if you lead me I will not stray, Lord let me walk, each day with thee, Lead me, O Lord, lead me

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 8th chapter.

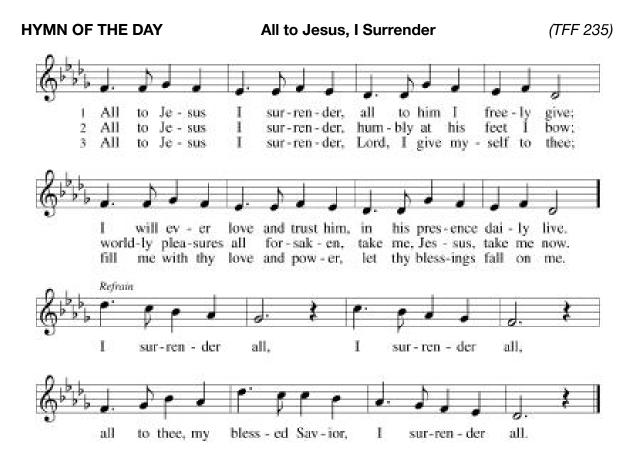
# C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

# YOUNG PEOPLE SERMON SERMON



#### **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 RECEIVING OFFERING

**QUIET TIME: PREPARING OUR HEARTS** 

# 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 the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with 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: Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal.

C: 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.

# **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.

**EUCHARISTIC PRAYER** 

In memory of the '64 vote

by Rev. Dale Linder

P: Gracious Lord...

P: The life of Christ is social;

C: Love in action.

P: The death of Christ is political;

C: Those who are weak will be made strong.

P: The resurrection of Christ is educational;

C: We incrementally move out of the darkness of light.

P: Our spirits overflow with your grace Lord...

C: Amen.

#### 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.

LAMB OF GOD (TFF pg. 39)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Grant us peace. Grant us peace.

# SHARING THE MEAL

COMMUNION HYMNS Amazing Grace (ELW 779)

Now Behold The Lamb (TFF 128)

### **BLESSING**

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

CANTICLE Lord, Now You Let Your Servant Go in Peace (TFF pg. 40)

Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled.

My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of all people: A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

#### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Generous God,

C: 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.

# **BENEDICTION**

P: Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and  $\oplus$  give you peace. **Amen. C: Amen.** 

**SENDING SONG** 

We Shall Overcome

(TFF 213)

Please turn to 213 in your TFF hymnal.

### **DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Share your bread.

C: Thanks be to God.

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# **Worship Participants this Week**

**Preaching:** Professor Denise Rector is an LSTC doctoral candidate, and is the Doctoral Scholar in

Residence at Trinity Lutheran Seminary **Presiding:** Pastor Julianne Smeck **Ministers:** All worshippers

**Pianist:** Jacob Campbell **Drummer:** Seth Daily **Bassist:** Dan Abell **Guitar:** Kurt Keljo

**Reader:** Sarah Stone

Worship Assistant: Don Huber

**Acolyte:** Pom Linder **Usher:** Halima Linder

# **Worship Leaders Next Week**

**Reader:** Evie Cansler

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BIRTHDAYS: Mary Smith (28th)

BHM THANK YOU Thank you Hope family and friends for a great 2024 Black History Month celebration. Special thanks to the BHM committee: Barbara McDaniel, Beverly Chavis, Kim Fedrick, Grace Winfrey, Matt Hazzard, Regina Duffey, Janet Ligon, Pastor Smeck, and Doris Nelson for their contributions and participation. Special thanks to the following for their displays: Gay Steele, Matt Hazzard, Shirley Huber, Barbara McDaniel, Ethan James, Tim Chavis, and Doris Nelson. Special thanks to our Pastor and all our guest speakers, and preachers, for our youth presentation, choir, and musicians. To our Hope family and friends for their prayers, contributions, donations, and participation, thank you and God bless.

**EASTER FLOWERS** TODAY is the last day to order Easter Flowers! Order forms can be found in the back of the sanctuary near the bulletins, and place your filled-out form and payment in the offering plate. You may order Lilies and Azaleas for \$12 each or Hyacinths and Tulips for \$7 each. Happy Easter!

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH** Continuing the Journey of Faith! This year we have several special opportunities. "The Color of Money" is an exhibit of Confederate money, with prints of people who are enslaved by John W. Jones. *For Puzzlers* "The Sunflower Quilting Bee" will be in process all month. These thousand-piece puzzles include famous Black women of American history.

**MID-WEEK WORSHIP** This week will be at St. Philip Lutheran at 7:00 p.m. Meal at 6:00 p.m. and Pastor Eric Brown will be preaching.

# GIVE WITH THE VENMO APP (you don't HAVE to give your offering this way!!)

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 username @HopeLilley-820
- \*Enter offering amount

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

General Offerings Capital Improvements: \$3,928

Received: \$15,311 Black History Month: \$357

Anticipated: \$17,936

Over / **(Short)**: **(\$2,625)** 

