



Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

Hope Lutheran Church Worship Service

February 8th, 2026

10:00 a.m.

Live streaming on Facebook at [HopeLutheranChurchCbus](#)

Zoom info:

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WELCOME

Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.

C: Amen.

P: Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Mighty God, lover of justice,

C: You call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

P: The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in ☩ Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

This Far By Faith

(TFF 197)

The hymn is on the next page.

Refrain - All

We've come this far by faith, lean-ing on the Lord;
 trust-ing in his ho-ly word, he's nev-er failed us yet.
 Oh, can't turn a-round, we've come this far by
 faith. We've come this far by faith.

Leader

1 Just re-mem-ber the good things God has
 2 Don't be dis-cour-aged with trou-ble in your
 done, things that seemed im-pos-si-ble; oh,
 life; he'll bear your . . . bur-dens, and
 praise him for the vic-t'ries he has won. Oh!
 move . . . all the dis-cord and strife. Oh!

Refrain

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the Feast

(TFF pg. 48)

This is the Feast, of victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

¹ Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain.

Whose blood set us free, to be people of God.

Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.
This is the Feast, of victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

² Sing with all the people of God.

And join in the hymn of all creation.

Blessing and honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the Feast, of victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

³ For the Lamb, who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia

This is the Feast, of victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Lord God,

C: With endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]

Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they want God on their side. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day and oppress all your workers. You fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am." [If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.]

R: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 112

Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD
and have great delight in God's commandments!

**Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last forever.

**Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.

**For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

**Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

**[The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the
desires of the wicked will perish.]**

SECOND READING***1 Corinthians 2:1-12[13-16]***

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him" — God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. [And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual. Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves

subject to no one else's scrutiny. "For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.]

R: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(TFF pg. 32)*

Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: [Jesus said:] "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot. "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

**YOUNG PEOPLE SERMON
SERMON**

HYMN OF THE DAY

What a Friend We Have in Jesus *(ELW 742)*

The hymn is on the next page.



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - row share?
 Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

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: Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer.

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: God of majesty,

C: No eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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

Give Me A Clean Heart

(TFF 216)

I Know It Was The Blood

(TFF 75)

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, Alleluia

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER


A: Radiant God,

C: We have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.


BENEDICTION

P: May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise ✠ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG**This Little Light of Mine***(TFF 65)*


1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



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let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

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:** Caitlyn Couch

Reader: Matt Hazzard

Worship Assistant: Beverly Chavis

Acolyte: Aubrey Fentress

Usher: Kim Fedrick

Worship Leaders Next Sunday

Reader: Evie Cansler

Worship Assistant: Adam Viney

Acolyte: Darren McDaniel

Usher: Barbara McDaniel

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PRAYER REQUESTS The Hendrix and Ligon family, Ron Bailey, Nancy Cofer, Peter Elencovf, Kurt Keljo and his sister Karen, Morris Scruggs, Muriel Scruggs, Michel Leonhart, Grace Winfrey, Karen Davis, Travis Davis, Billy Gillyard, Judy Smeck, Francene Travis, Monica Price

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY Today is Souper Bowl Sunday! Please join WELCA in gathering a love offering to be given to LSS Food Pantry. The "Soup Pot" can be found on the back table. Souper Bowl offerings will be collected today and next Sunday.

SECRETARY UPDATE Evie is doing her student teaching placement from January to May. Because of this, her hours may vary in-office, however, she is more than happy to continue her role in assisting with secretary needs! An email or note on the desk would be helpful, should you have any requests, bulletin announcements, etc.!

PHOTOS FOR WEBSITE We are doing a website refresh! Please email any photos you have from church events, services, or ministry, that we can use to elevate our website and show who we are! You can email photos to office.hopecolumbus@gmail.com or text them to Evie at 614-600-0058.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Welcome to this annual celebration at Hope! Our theme is “Connecting the Past to the Present”. Each Sunday, worship is followed by a special coffee hour. Today, Dr. Denise Rector will talk about Rev. Earlean Miller, former Hope pastor and first black woman ordained in the ELCAD. Next week, BLACK HISTORY BINGO. On the 22nd, Rev. Dale Linder will preach. Worship will be followed by the Soul Food Potluck. Please see the sign-up sheets in the kitchen! Also, there are also great displays in the fellowship hall!

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.

BIBLE STUDY

This Wednesday will be the last Bible Study before Lent at 6:30 PM!

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.

CALENDAR

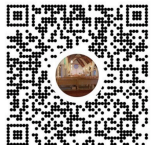
February 10 - Paraclete Post, 9:30 AM
 February 15 - Choir Rehearsal, after service
 February 18 - Ash Wednesday, 12:00 PM at Hope
 February 18 - Ash Wednesday, 7:00 PM at St. Philip Episcopal
 February 21 - Choir Rehearsal, time TBD

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 @ 2/1/26**

Received: \$13,033

Anticipated: \$13,592

Over / (Short): (\$559)

Cap Imp: \$1,153