

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Hope Lutheran Church exists to bring people to faith in Jesus Christ, and to develop our lives as his disciples.

What's the Deal with Eating and Drinking?

March 23, 2025

AS WE GATHER

A main emphasis of our Lenten discipline is our struggle against temptations to sin and toward true repentance that leads to living faithful Christian lives. As our physical well-being depends in part on healthy choices of diet, in today's Readings God uses the metaphor of eating and drinking to warn and encourage His people to avoid the temptations of the world and our own sin that leads us away from God and to rely constantly on the forgiveness and faith that God provides to enable us to lead godly lives. In the Epistle, Paul has in mind how God provides for us in His Word and Sacraments. We are to remember not only that we *were* baptized but that we *are* baptized, meaning God still provides us with saving, bold faith that relies on His mercy and grace because we belong to Him now. The center of the Divine Service is the Sacrament of Christ's body and blood, through which we are given forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation—all the benefits won for us by the cross and sacrifice of Jesus on our behalf. Today we are encouraged to receive and rely on God's gifts and provision constantly, that we may maintain a healthy and strong faith in the face of all adversities and challenges.

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING SONG: The Wonderful Cross

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

P Restore us again, O God of our salvation,

C and put away Your indignation toward us!

Psalm 85:4, 7

- P** Show us Your steadfast love, O LORD,
C and grant us Your salvation.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

1 Corinthians 10:13

- P** God has made us His people by our Baptism into Christ. He graciously provides us with all we need to live in true faith, confidence, and hope. Let us present ourselves before Him, confessing our sins and need for His mercy, and receive His promised help.
- C** **Almighty God, our Father in heaven, we come to You seeking Your forgiveness and the strengthening of our faith that we may live and serve You faithfully. We confess all our sins against You and against those whom we have hurt or failed to help. Even our very thoughts and desires have been soiled with sin. In true sorrow, we ask for Your grace, Your forgiveness, and that You strengthen our faith, all for the sake and in the praise of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**
- P** “No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful.” Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

CONFESSION HYMN: Take My Life (LSB 784)

SALUTATION

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray.
O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

GREETING OF PEACE: *Please stand and greet one another with the Peace of Christ.*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 33:7–20

⁷“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

¹⁰“And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: ‘Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?’ ¹¹Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

¹²“And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins. ¹³Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die. ¹⁴Again, though I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, ¹⁵if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ¹⁶None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live.

¹⁷“Yet your people say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just,’ when it is their own way that is not just. ¹⁸When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. ¹⁹And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by them. ²⁰Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 10:1–13

¹I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, ¹⁰nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. ¹¹Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. ¹²Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 13:1–9

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹There were some present at that very time who told [Jesus] about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²And he answered them, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. ⁴Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”

⁶And he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. ⁷And he said to the vinedresser, ‘Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?’ ⁸And he answered him, ‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. ⁹Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON HYMN: Great Is Thy Faithfulness (LSB 809)

SERMON: Pastor Paul Kollek

NICENE CREED

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.**

OFFERING

We do not pass the offering plate here at Hope. If you are a visitor, we don't want you to feel obligated to give an offering, we are just glad that you have joined us for worship this day. Those who would like to give an offering may drop it off in the Offering Basket located in the Narthex. There is also an online option for giving by using the QR code located in the back of the bulletin. Pastor will bless the offerings at this time.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P (After each petition)...Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

LSB 216

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 Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His

salvation. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

C 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;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you, Pastor.

**DISTRIBUTION: Amazing Love (You Are My King)
I Come O Savior to Thy Table (LSB 618)**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth forever.

P Almighty and everlasting God, we thank and praise You for feeding us the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send us Your Holy Spirit that, having with our mouths received the Holy Sacrament, we may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

P Bless we the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: Sent Forth By God's Blessing (LSB 643)

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace as you serve our heavenly Father and His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C Amen.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUTREACH

OASIS is an afterschool program for Linden Middle School students and meets on Thursdays from 2:30 to 5pm. Volunteers are always welcome and needed! Snacks and treats are always happily consumed by hungry kids too!

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORD AND WORSHIP

WORSHIP SERVICES Worship service is on Sundays at 9:30am. If you are unable to attend in person, the services are recorded and will be available on our website at hopelinden.org.

MID WEEK LENTEN services on Wednesdays at 7pm. This year we are focusing on the “Good News from the Beginning: The Gospel in Genesis”.

BIBLE STUDIES

- Coffee & Questions with Pastor on Sunday Mornings after Worship. Stay after for great fellowship and conversation! This is a very informal time for sharing and learning and is open to everyone of all ages!
- Women's Bible Study on the book of Isaiah on Tuesdays at 10AM
- Women's At Home Bible Study can be done at your convenience. Pick up March's packet in the Narthex.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP

Guests, please fill out the Guest Registration card located in the pew. Members and regular attendees no longer need to sign in as we are streamlining our attendance accounting. Thank you!

SOUP AND SALAD DINNERS DURING LENT Please sign up in the Narthex if you are interested in joining in a simple meal before the Lenten services. Starting at 6pm. **PLEASE SIGN UP TO HELP US PLAN!**

ADOPT-A-GARDEN The Garden Team is looking for a few more volunteers to help maintain our gardens. Each volunteer or volunteer family/household is assigned a garden bed for the Spring/Summer months. Volunteers maintain their garden on their schedule allowing for everybody's busy lives. This is the second year the program will be in place and the team members have each improved what they inherited. Please reach out to Connie Casselton if you have any questions or are able to help. Cell: 810-869-1438 or notlessac@gmail.com

PLEDGE CARDS FOR THE UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR CAN BE DEPOSITED IN THE WOODEN BOX LOCATED IN THE NARTHEX. THANK YOU!

2025 Lent and Easter Services at Hope

Mid-Week Lenten Services

Wednesdays Soup and Salad Dinner at 6pm
Service at 7pm

Maundy Thursday, April 17th

Candlelight Communion Service 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 18th

Prayer Vigil Noon to 3pm
Tenebrae Vespers 7:00p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 20th

Easter Breakfast 8 a.m.
Festival Service 9:30 a.m.

LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) is holding their annual Spring Rally here at Hope on Saturday, April 5th starting at 8:30am All Women are invited! We also need volunteers (both men and women) to help serve, clean up and prepare food. Contact Karen McKeachie at (260)235-1551 with questions. There are sign up sheets in the Narthex.

OPEN COUNCIL POSITIONS FOR JUNE 2025 TO JULY 2027 There are three vacancies for the upcoming two-year church council term. The positions are: President (currently Chad Burtrum), Treasurer (currently Karl Opperthausen), and Member at Large (currently Phyllis Pross). Please contact Chad Burtrum if you are interested in any of these positions, or you would like to nominate someone for a position.



"So you,
son of man,
I have made
a watch-
man for
the house
of Israel.
When-
ever
you
hear a
word
from
my
mouth,
you
shall
give
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me." v.7

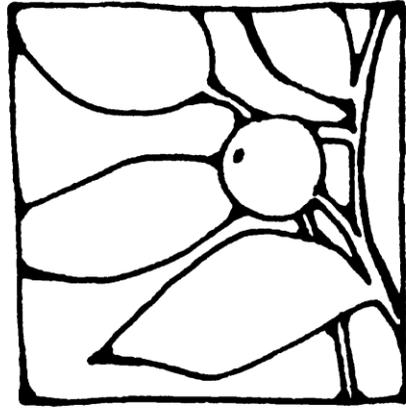
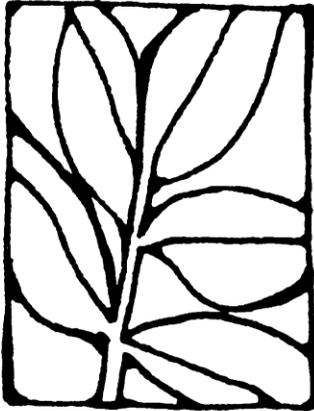


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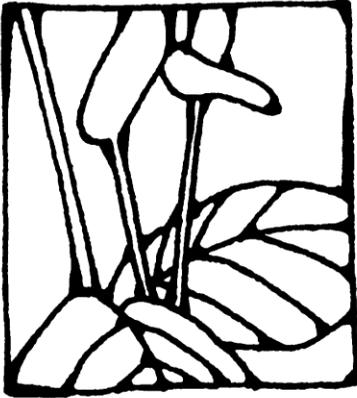
Ezekiel
33:7-20

NEXT YEAR·FINE! IF NOT

IF IT BEARS FRUIT



THEN CUT IT DOWN!



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NEXT WEEK
Office Hours
M-Th 9am-Noon

Monday, March 24

Tuesday, March 25
 Women's Bible Study 10am

Wednesday, March 26
 Choir 5:15
 Soup and Salad Dinner 6pm
 Lenten Service 7pm
 Chimes 7:45

Thursday, March 27
 Oasis 2:30 -5pm

Friday, March 28
 Office Closed

Saturday, Mar. 29

Sunday, Mar. 30
 Worship Service at 9:30am
 Coffee and Questions with Pastor
 after service

EASTER FLOWERS If you would like to help decorate the altar and sanctuary with Easter flowers for Easter morning, please place your offering in the envelopes found in the Narthex We will purchase flowers according to the amount received.

After Easter, the plants will be available to take home for planting. Questions can be directed to Connie Casselton (810)869-1438

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Weekly Information

Attendance

03/16/25 Worship 9:3047
 03/16/25 Coffee and Questions 12
 03/18/25 Women's Bible Study 6
 03/19/25 Lenten Service 23

Collections and Facility Income

03/16/253400.00
 Givings Needed Weekly to meet budget3337.52

Financial Update for February 2025

Actual Revenue9216.21
 Actual Expenditures15921.87
 Actual Shortage6705.66
 YTD Shortage3877.48

**YTD does not include special offerings, property sale and memorials.*



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