

*"How lovely is Your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!  
My soul longs for the courts of the LORD!"*

## Third Sunday in Lent

March 12, 2023



### HOPE EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

Land O' Lakes, Wisconsin

*The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod*

*Church Office: (906) 544-2259*

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Divine Service: Sunday 9:30 AM

Midweek Lenten Service: Wednesday 1:00 PM

Sunday Morning Bible Study: 8:15 AM

Children's Ministry: Wednesday 4:00 – 5:15 PM

#### PRAYER UPON ENTERING

Blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, we rejoice to know and to trust You as our Lord who has brought us salvation. There is none other upon whom we can rely. Your words inviting our hearts to faith are indeed words of eternal life. Give us Your grace, forgiving all our sins and filling us with every spiritual blessing. Hear us as we praise You with hymns of joy and thankfulness. Turn us from the path of sin, and help us walk a new path as Your obedient children. To the glory of Your name, we ask it. Amen.

WELCOME to all who worship with us this morning! We pray that you will be strengthened through the proclamation of the great good news of salvation in Jesus Christ. If you are without a church home, we invite you to prayerfully consider Hope. If there is some way that we may be of help to you, please speak with our Pastor. Worship with us again soon!

AS WE GATHER - Our Gospel reading introduces us to a Samaritan woman drawing water at Jacob's well. She is living with a man who is not her husband. She has a Samaritan's knowledge and curiosity about the law. She also has a Savior reaching out to her, and she recognizes Him as the Messiah. She is so impressed, she goes into her village brings others out to meet the Savior of all mankind.

#### WORSHIP NOTES

ORDER OF SERVICE - *The Service of the Word* (insert)

HYMNS            703            609

SERMON            *"Jesus Welcomes Sinners"*            John 4:5-26

### Serving in God's House Today

**Our Pastor:** Rev. Gary Albert  
**Acolyte:** Isaiah Perlewitz  
**Elder on Duty:** Gene Hojan  
**Reader:** Ellen Minchk  
**Greeter:** Gary Chapman  
**Altar Guild:** Joan Hojan

**Rite of Fellowship Cards** – We ask our members and guests to please complete a Fellowship Card and then pass them toward the center aisle. The cards will be collected right after the **Welcome** at the beginning of the service. Thank you!

**Midweek Lenten Services** will continue each Wednesday afternoon at 1 PM. Our Lenten theme will focus on *The Seven Last Words of Christ*. Seven times Jesus spoke from the cross and each of these seven last words still speak to us today as they remind us that the death of Christ is the clearest expression of God's redeeming love for all mankind. This Wednesday we will consider Jesus' words, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" Plan to join us for each of these midweek Lenten services. And invite a family member, neighbor, or friend to join you!

**Sunday Morning Bible Study** - We have begun a new study entitled *The Passion of Jesus*. We meet every Sunday morning, beginning at 8:15 AM, in the Fellowship Hall. Plan to join us at any time!

**New Member Welcome** - Plan to join us on **Sunday, March 19th** as we officially welcome our newest members to our church family here at Hope. A reception will follow our worship service.

**March Newsletters** are in your mailboxes this morning.

**Upcoming Choir Rehearsals** are scheduled for next **Sunday, March 19 and 26**.

**Weekday School & Confirmation Instruction Classes** will **NOT MEET** on **Wednesday, March 29** and **April 5**.

**Bible Collection** - For the next two weeks we will be collecting Bibles for a group called *Bible Runners* which collects used Bibles and makes them available to people who do not have a copy of the Scriptures. Bibles are given to people here at home and around the world. There is a box in the entryway for placing your donations. Thank you for your support of this special project!

**Birthday wishes go out this week** to Mutsumi Hoessel (Today), Sally Gehrt (Monday, March 13), Diana Chopin (Wednesday, March 15) and Bill Krugler (Saturday, March 18). May God bless you all in the coming year!

**Prayer List** – Please keep the following in your prayers: For those dealing with health issues: Jan Bathke, Julie Baxter, Sallee Gehrt, Bethany Goers, Kristine Hoessel, Laurie Johnson, Ashley Oberg, Jean Trispel, Tom Behling, Mike Bruning, Willie Crawford, Gary Gehrt, David Gunderson, Duane Heikkinen, Rick Lapp, Bill Minchk, Paul Schultz, & Dave Steffen. Our homebound members: Florence Ninko, & Augusta Santy Specht. For our mission partners: the Bakers in Mongolia, the Cortrights.; the Olivers in Taiwan, the Lehmanns in Puerto Rico, the Cundiffs & Bombaros in Latvia. For our seminarian Daniel Bueckman. For all who govern at the federal, state and local level. For our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ. For peace in our world and nation.

#### ***A Measure of Our Love***

Attendance at March 5<sup>th</sup> Worship Service: 61

Offering Envelopes: \$1,200.00 Loose Plate (Food Pantry): \$103.00

Organ Fund: \$10.00

Attendance at Midweek Lenten Service: 16

Offering Envelopes: \$145.00 Loose Plate: \$140.00

**In case of emergency or hospitalization**, please contact Pastor Albert at home in Marshfield at 715-384-2855, or on his cell phone at 715-323-8874. You may also e-mail him at [gmalbert@charter.net](mailto:gmalbert@charter.net). Please inform us if you are going to be homebound for a period of time.

**LUNCH PRAYER:** Come Lord Jesus, be our Guest, our morning joy, our evening rest. And with our daily bread impart, Thy love and peace to every heart. Amen.