



HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ

What Would The Lord Say? Worship · Witness · Teach · Love · Serve

Sunday, March 24, 2019 Third Sunday of Lent

PRELUDE / GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS
TODAY WE WILL USE THE **GREEN HYMNAL**

“SURELY THE PRESENCE”

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angels’ wings, I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

(Repeat)

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen

P: Absolution

#385 “WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS”

BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK:

“No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and He will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing He will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it. (1 Corinthians 10:12-13)

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

God of compassion, You welcome the wayward, and You embrace us all with Your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of Your grace, and feed us at the table of Your love, through Jesus Christ, our savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

After each petition:

P: Lord in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

#499 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

HOPE FAMILY PRAYERS AND PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Mary Tronerud Family Rich & Marilyn Venem Family
Lowell & Mavis Veum Family Dean Vikan Family
Les & Patti Viken Family

P: God is good! C: All the time!

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CHOIR

1ST LESSON: ISAIAH 55:1-9

Listen, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to Me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, My steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for He has glorified you.

⁶Seek the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that He may have mercy on them, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. ⁸For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways, says the Lord. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.

2ND LESSON: 1 CORINTHIANS 10: 1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors 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, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that

we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷ Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." ⁸ We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹ We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰ And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹ These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹² So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³ **No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and He will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing He will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.**

PSALM 119:105

"Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."
(Repeat)

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GOSPEL: LUKE 13:1-9

At that very time there were some present who told Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ² He asked them, **"Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?"** ³ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴ Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

⁶ Then He told this parable: **"A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷ So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?"** ⁸ He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹ If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."

P: The Word of the Lord; C: Thanks be to God!

"THY WORD" (PSALM 119:105)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

#494 **"JESUS CALLS US; O'ER THE TUMULT"**

THE 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 Pilot, 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 Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY:

"GIVE THANKS"

Give thanks with a grateful heart;

Give thanks to the Holy One;

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.

(repeat)

Chorus:

And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"

let the poor say, "I am rich,"

because of what the Lord has done for us.

(repeat chorus)

Give Thanks!

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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;

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.

THE BENEDICTION

P: Jesus is alive! C: That makes all the difference!

#495 **"LEAD ON, O KING ETERNAL!"**

POSTLUDE

**SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK/
DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

9:30 am Worship
10:30 am Sunday School/
Fellowship Hour
11:15 am Worship

MONDAY, MARCH 25

Deuteronomy 27

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

Deuteronomy 28

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

11:00 am Lenten Worship
12:00 pm Lenten Lunch
3:00 pm Kids Time
5:30 pm Lenten Supper
6:30 pm Lenten Worship
7:15 pm Choir Practice
7:30 pm Youth Group

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

Deuteronomy 29
7:40 am FCA Breakfast

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

Deuteronomy 30
8:30 am Friday School Gr. 1-8
9:30 am 9th Gr. Confirmation

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

Deuteronomy 32

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

9:30 am Worship
10:30 am Sunday School/
Fellowship Hour
11:15 am Worship

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**BEFRIENDER
MINISTRY**

A Listening Presence

**God is Present
Caring not Curing
Nonjudgmental Presence
Active Listening**

Everyone is, at times, on a difficult journey and needs a caring companion who will listen, empathize, and be a reminder of a caring, faith community.

BeFriends provide care through a listening presence to anyone experiencing grief, loss, transition, or other concerns.

See Pr. Jane for more information about this important ministry.



**PANCAKE
BREAKFAST**

McIntosh Senior Living is having a pancake breakfast fundraiser March 31st from 10am-1pm at the McIntosh Community Center.

It is a free will donation.
All proceeds go for a wheelchair accessible van for outings for the residents.

**Come enjoy a short stack
for a tall cause!**

**Prayer
Requests**

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Lydia & Drew Wahlstrom
BJ Jalowiec
Jesse Pederson
Bruce Pearson
Orland Aspen
Paisley Straub
Patti Niko
Mike Murray
Malia Halvorson
Ilene Sistad
Sara Friesen
Paul Nelson
Lois Storey
Margaret Rustad
Marion Larson
Karen Bolme
Hilma Stadstad
Janelle Knott
Colette Hogg
Keith & Kiki Caskey
Denise Monson
Marvedene Aakhus
Tim Jallen
Gladys Josephson
Trina Rodgers
Chase Mastell
Sally Hanson
Angie Olson
Sandy Schultz
Mike Knutson
Marion Farnworth
Elizabeth Barrineau
Tubby Solsten
Kenny Rose
Christina Anderson
Polly Simonson
Don Miller
LeRoy Johnson
Lynda Otness Hislop & family
Gary Hartel Family
Duane Salness
Gene Sistad
Judy Halvorson
Curt Nelson

Fosston Loaves and Fishes Food Shelf

Physical location: 203 Johnson AVE
S, Fosston, MN 56542

Mailing address:

PO Box 152, Fosston, MN 56542

Contact info: Phone: 218-431-0215;
e-mail: sjohnson@gvtel.com

Distribution Times

The 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the
Month (after the 1st Tuesday)
from 12:30pm to 3:00pm

Donations

Monetary donations can be mailed
to: PO Box 152, Fosston, MN 56542
If you would like to donate food or
other items, please call the above
contact number to make arrange-
ments for pick-up or delivery.

Below is a list of items that go over very well at the food shelf:

Chicken Noodle Soup
Plain Pasta
Coffee/Tea
Canned Tomatoes
Breakfast Cereal
Canned Fruit
Crackers (any kind)
Salad Dressing
Canned meals: beef stew, spaghetti,
ravioli, etc.
Ketchup or Mustard
Jelly or Jam
Any Seasonings
Laundry Soap
Shampoo
Dishwashing Soap
Baby Diapers
Paper Towels
Kleenex
Toilet Paper
Baby Wipes
Cleaning Supplies
Plastic Grocery Bags

**100% of all donations go directly to
those in need!**

*Join us in celebrating
our risen Lord this
Easter season with
the beauty of spring.*



*Hope Altar Guild is
now taking orders*

*for lilies and a variety of pastel mums, which will be
used to adorn the sanctuary on Easter morning.*

*Following the Easter Sunday service the flowers are
yours to enjoy. Order forms are available at the church.*

*You may also order by calling the church office at
435-6765, or email to hopezion@gvtel.com*

ENJOY THE CONVENIENCE OF ELECTRONIC GIVING

Hope Church wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for individuals and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving. Authorization forms are available in the back of the Sanctuary and in the church office.

Following is a list of the information that is needed to get started:

- ⇒ Name and Address
- ⇒ Date of First Donation
- ⇒ Frequency of Donation (Weekly, Monthly, etc.)
- ⇒ Amount of Donation
- ⇒ Checking or Savings Account Routing and Account numbers

Donations amounts may be changed or discontinued any time simply by calling the church office.

If you would like to sign up for electronic giving, or want more information, please call the church office at 218-435-6765, or email hopezion@gvtel.com

H.E.L.P. is Here!

Our
Hhealth
Equipment
Lending



Project room has a selection of home health equipment. If you are in need of a loan of this kind of equipment, please call the church office. The intent is that this ministry would be the hands and feet of Jesus to anyone in need of this kind of assistance. **We are currently in need of donations of wheel chairs, walkers, canes with prongs, shower chairs, raised toilet seats, and commodes. Donations of all types of home health equipment are welcome.**