



*The time has
come ... The
kingdom of
God is near.*

*Repent and
believe the
good news!*

Mark 1:15

Third Sunday after Epiphany January 24, 2021 - 9:00am

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Service is broadcast on WLDY 1340AM
and streamed on the Hope Lutheran Church Facebook page.

THE GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

The Confession & Forgiveness

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. (*Silence for reflection.*)
Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive 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: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Gathering Song: "God, Whose Almighty Word" – ELW #673

**God, whose almighty word chaos and darkness heard and took their flight:
hear us, we humbly pray, and where the gospel day sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light.**

**Holy and blessed three, glorious Trinity, Wisdom, Love, Might:
boundless as ocean's tide, rolling in fullest pride, through the earth, far and wide,
let there be light.**

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.

Prayer of the Day: **Almighty and eternal God, graciously look down on our weakness. Reach out to us with your majestic Right Hand, and satisfy us with his glory. We ask through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one god, now and forever. Amen.**

THE WORD

First Lesson: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Response to the Word

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Gospel Acclamation: "Alleluia"

Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

L: The holy gospel according to St. Mark the first chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon – Pr. Christopher Martin

Hymn of the Day: “You Servants of God” – ELW #825

**You servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad his wonderful name;
the name, all victorious, of Jesus extol; his kingdom is glorious and rules over all!**

**Then let us adore and give him his right, all glory and pow’r and wisdom and might,
all honor and blessing, with angels above, and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love!**

Confession of Faith: Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he
descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated
at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 Intercession

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

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

THE MEAL

Words of Institution

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.**

Distribution of Holy Communion: “Lamb of God”

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

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

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

Communion Hymn: “The Church’s One Foundation” – ELW #654

**The church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the word.**

**From heav’n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.**

**Through toil and tribulation and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.**

Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in one,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by your grace,
that we, like saints before us, may see you face to face.

Post-Communion Prayer

THE SENDING

Benediction

Closing Hymn: "We All Are One in Mission" – ELW #579

**We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ the Lord of all.
A single great commission compels us from above
to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.**

**We all are called for service, to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are diff'rent; our purpose is the same;
to touch the lives of others with God's surprising grace,
so ev'ry folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.**

**Now let us be united, and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word.
We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.**

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude – Lisa Borman

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Notice of Annual Meeting of the Congregation

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation of Hope Lutheran Church will take place immediately following the worship service this morning. All confirmed members are considered voting members and are encouraged to attend. COVID-19 protocols will be observed during this meeting.

Prayer Concerns: Health Concerns: Covid 19 Patients, Bonnie Billings, John Bohun, Bishop Emeritus John Bradosky, Linda Campbell, Jim Doke, Cindy Jansen, Sue Joles, Christine Kauffman, Gerry Larson, Pam Leuthi, Lois MacArthur, Pat McEathron, Tina Mojeck, Elsie Nelson, Harold Roberts, Marge Spangberg, Phil Tauchen, Jim Trottier, Bud Ziebarth; Homebound Members & Nursing Home Residents; Military Service: Nathan Killen; Grieving: family & friends of Elsie Nelson.

Worship Assistants: Ushers – Kathy Peterson; Lector: Kathy Peterson; Communion Asst – Irene Titera.

Radio Broadcast: Our radio broadcast is made possible by those who contribute to the Radio Fund.

Quilting: The quilting group will meet on Tuesday, January 26 beginning at 9:00am. There are jobs for all skill levels. If you can stay for the day, please bring a sack lunch. Quilt squares are also available to be sewn at home. Questions? Contact Karen Skeels (715-452-5444).

Men's Breakfast: Men of Hope are invited to the Ladysmith Family Restaurant each Thursday morning at 7:00am for breakfast, fellowship, and a study of the scripture lessons for the coming Sunday.

Coffee with Pastor: Pastor Martin hosts "Coffee with Pastor" each Tuesday morning at 9:30am on the Hope Lutheran Facebook page. Pastor will spend some time in devotions and will take your prayer requests and comments. If you can't watch live, this will be posted to the church's Facebook page so that you can watch at your convenience.

Luther Park Delegates: Hope Lutheran Church is looking for three members to serve as voting delegates for Luther Park's annual meeting on Saturday, February 6 at 10:00am. The meeting will be held via Zoom this year. If you are willing to serve as a delegate, please contact the church office.

A Week of Hope

Today	10:00am Fellowship 10:15am Annual Meeting of the Congregation
Tuesday	9:00am Quilting 9:30am Coffee with Pastor on Facebook
Wednesday	5:30pm Choirchimes 6:30pm Confirmation
Thursday	7:00am Men's Breakfast
Friday	12:00noon Women's Prayer Group
Sunday	9:00am Worship with Holy Communion 10:00am Fellowship 10:15am Bible Study 10:30am Sunday School