

March 24, 2024
Hope Lutheran Church
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Welcome to Hope Lutheran Church



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Our Mission: *To Be God's Loving Presence in a Hurting World*

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A Warm Welcome to Hope Lutheran Church

We hope that your worship experience this morning is spiritually enriching and meaningful.

- Children are always welcome at worship.
- We practice eucharistic hospitality. All are welcome to Holy Communion.
- **Are you here for the first time?** Our congregation is a member of the Metropolitan D.C. Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. If you are looking for a church home, we welcome your inquiry.
- **Restrooms** are located down the hall to the right.
- **Cellphones** create a distraction during worship. We ask that you check now to make sure it is in airplane mode.
- **Our team of ushers** are available throughout the service to assist.
- **Gluten-free hosts:** The baked bread distributed during Holy Communion is gluten-free, nut-free, **but full of Jesus!**
- **Flowers** are donated by Lorna & Charles Redding in honor of Kayla's birthday.

Sunday, March 24, 2024

Passion Sunday

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

ACCLAMATION

The presiding minister begins (repeated one or more times):

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Mark 11:1-11

The holy gospel according to Mark

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, ² saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.'"

⁴They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, ⁵some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" ⁶They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. ⁷ When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. ⁹Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "Hosanna!"

¹⁰"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

¹¹"Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!"
"Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹²Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

BLESSING OF PALMS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept.

We praise you, O God,
for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ.
Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed
messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches
along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them.
Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross,
so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with
you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

PROCESSION

Let us go forth in peace,
in the name of Christ. Amen.

The assembly follows the ministers into the church.

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN - “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” (ELW
344)**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re-deem-er, king,



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



- 1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
- 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
- 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
- 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
- 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain



now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless-ed One.
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
 To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

PRAYER OF THE DAY

As we now enter into the contemplation of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and meditate on the salvation of the world through his sufferings, death, burial, and resurrection, let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

A reading from Isaiah.

⁴The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ^{9a}It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 31:9-16

⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

¹⁰**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**

¹¹I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street they avoid me.

¹²**Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot.**

¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

¹⁴**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. I have said, "You are my God.**

¹⁵My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

¹⁶**Let your face shine up on your servant; save me in your steadfast love."**

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

A reading from Philippians.

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

**Return to the Lord, your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,
and abounding in steadfast love.**

GOSPEL: Mark 14:1-15:47

The holy gospel according to Mark

Glory to you, O Lord.

The assembly is seated.

DRAMATIZED GOSPEL VIDEO

After the video we respond

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY – “Prepare the Royal Highway” (ELW 264)

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

Prepare the Royal Highway



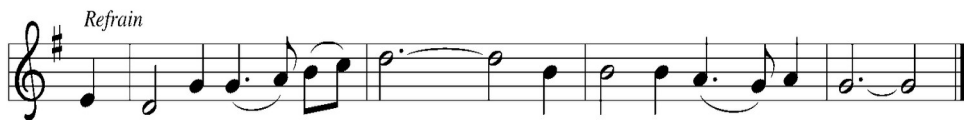
1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
 2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!
 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!
 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!
 Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
 Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.
 His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
 God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
 All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:
 So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:



Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772–1847; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*

Music: BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN, Swedish folk tune, 17th cent.

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APOSTLES' CREED (Assisting Minister)

**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 (Read responsively)

**Merciful God,
receive our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

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

The assembly is seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERING SONG – “We Give Thee but Thine Own” (ELW 686) verse 1 only

We Give Thee but Thine Own



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ-like thing.
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.

Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

OFFERING PRAYER (Assisting Minister)

Let us pray.

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, whose suffering and death gave salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER *(We will sing the Lord's prayer directed by Dan Williams)*

Our Father, which 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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

O, come, all God's children, O, come, everyone.
O, come to Christ's table. The feast has begun.
On the food of salvation together we'll dine,
Christ's body and blood in the bread and the wine.

The assembly may be seated.

COMMUNION HYMN - "LAMB OF GOD" (ELW p. 146)

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

TABLE BLESSING

The assembly stands.

Now, go, all God's children, Depart in God's peace.

For here at Christ's table Our sins were released.

The body and blood of our Savior and friend

Will keep us in His grace forever.

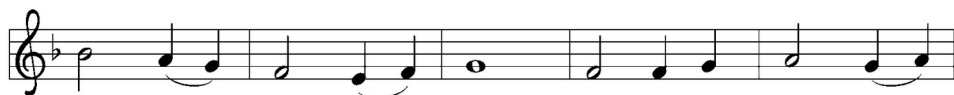
Amen.

POST COMMUNION SONG – "When I Survey the Wonderful Cross" (ELW 803)

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a



prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: HAMBURG, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (Assisting Minister)

Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven.

Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN – “Ride on, Ride on in Majesty” (ELW 346)

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!

1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hear all the
2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly
3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The hosts of
4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly

tribes ho - san - na cry; O Sav - ior meek, your road pur -
pomp ride on to die. O Christ, your tri - umphs now be -
an - gels in the sky look down with sad and won - d'ring
pomp ride on to die, bow your meek head to mor - tal

sue, with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strewed.
gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
pain, then take, O Christ, your pow'r and reign!

Text: Henry H. Milman, 1791–1868, alt.

Music: THE KING'S MAJESTY, Graham George, 1912–1993

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SENDING (Assisting Minister)

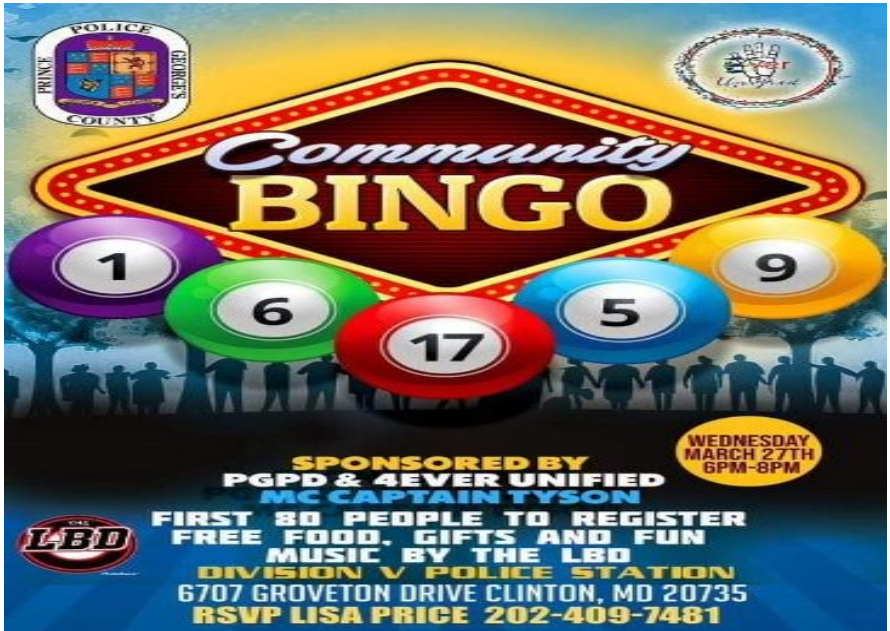
Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



- Oxon Hill Food Bank is in desperate need of the following food bank items. If you are able to donate, it will be greatly appreciated. Donations should be placed in the donation box in the Fellowship Hall.
 - Mac and Cheese
 - Peanut Butter
 - Jelly
 - Canned Fruits
 - Beans (All Kinds)
- **2024 Homeowners' and Renters' Tax Credit Applications Now Available Online.** The Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation today announced that applications for the 2024 Homeowners' and Renters' Tax Credit programs, which saved Marylanders more than \$58 million in FY23, are available online. The deadline to file for both tax credits is October 1, 2024. For more information go to website <https://dat.maryland.gov/Pages/Tax-Credit-Programs.aspx> or call 1-888-246-5941

- **Maryland Senior Call Check program** is a daily check-in call to support your well-being, at a time scheduled at your convenience. Every day a telephone call will be placed to a participant at a regularly scheduled time. Senior Call Check phone lines are open Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and Saturday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. During these hours, seniors can call toll-free 1-866-50-CHECK (1-866-502-0560). For more information go to www.seniorcallcheck.maryland.gov.
- **Food Pantry Distributions:**
 - St. Stephen Baptist Church
5757 Temple Hills Rd.
Temple Hills, MD 20748
Tuesdays: 11:00am – 3:00pm
 - Faith United Methodist Church
15769 Livingston, Rd.
Accokeek, MD 20607
Fridays: 10:30am - 12:00pm
 - St. Paul's Episcopal Church Hall
13500 Baden – Westwood Rd.
Brandywine, MD 20613
Fridays: 9:30am - 11:00am
 - Gwynn Park High School,
13800 Brandywine Rd.
Brandywine, MD 20613
3rd Tuesday of the Month: 3:30pm – 5:30pm

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Holy Week Video Devotional.** The synod staff will be providing a written and video devotional each day of Holy week starting with Palm Sunday devotional lead by Rev. Jason Shank, Director of Evangelical Mission. The daily devotionals will be available on the synod website at <https://metrodcelca.org/HW2024/>.

- **Last call for Easter flowers. Only a few available.** If you would like to order an Easter flower, please sign-up in the lobby.
- **Holy Week Services**
 - Maundy Thursday, March 28th at 7:00pm
 - Good Friday – Service of Shadows, March 29th at 7:00pm
 - Easter Vigil, Saturday, March 30th at 7:30pm
- **You're invited!** There will be a Potluck Easter Brunch, Sunday, March 31st at 9:30 a.m., prior to Easter service. If you would like to contribute a dish for the Brunch, we invite you to do so. Speak with Jeannie Richter for additional information.
- **2024 Traveling Prayer Nights.** Traveling prayer nights now include a potluck dinner at 6:00 PM, followed by the prayer service at 7:00 PM. Come and open yourself to the Holy Spirit through prayer, music, and mediation. All are welcome!
 - Christ Lutheran in Washington, DC — April 11th
- **It's not too late to join the GriefShare support group.** Meetings are held every Wednesday, from 1:00-3:00pm. Speak with Pastor Eric if you have any questions.

MARCH PRAYER PETITION

Holy God, help us to remember always that all of us share in your grace. Help us to be mindful of our humanity. Give us the peace that makes us peaceful to others. Give us the faith to see what it means to live in love, generosity, and joy remembering that we are first and always your children. Help us to see with our hearts and to be a blessing to those in need. Guide us with the charity of your forgiveness and the all-consuming love of your heart. Lord help us to understand that the wars and suffering are part of your plan that we cannot discern. We pray for your peace, love, and understanding for all people, especially those in positions of authority who must make decisions affecting so many of our fellow travelers on life's journey. Lord in your mercy. **Hear my prayer.**

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, PLEASE EXIT THROUGH THE SIDE EGRESS.