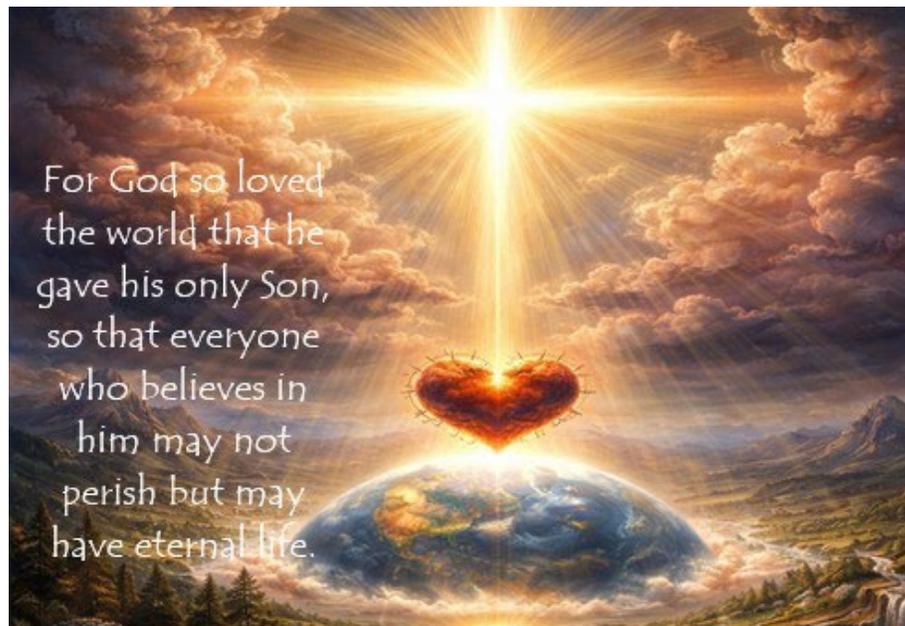


March 1, 2026
Hope Lutheran Church
6201 Coventry Way
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Welcome to Hope Lutheran Church

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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!**

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

Worship Plan for Sunday, March 1, 2026
Second Sunday in Lent
ELW Holy Communion Setting Three

SACREMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM
Emma Jeanne Fasset

PRESENTATION

The assembly is seated.

Presider: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Cheri and Jack: We present Emma Jeanne Fasset for baptism.

Presider: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have *Emma Jeanne Fasset* baptized into Christ?

Kristina and Gregg: We do.

Presider: As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with her among God's faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that *Emma Jeanne Fasset* may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help her grow in the Christian faith and life?

Kristina and Gregg: We do.

Presider: Cheri and Jack, do you promise to nurture her in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Cheri and Jack: We do.

Presider: People of God, do you promise to support *Emma Jeanne Fassett* and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

Assembly: We do.

The assembly stands.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Presider: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Assembly: We renounce them.

Presider: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Assembly: We renounce them.

Presider: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Assembly: We renounce them.

Presider: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Presider: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**Assembly: 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.**

Presider: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**Assembly: 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.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Presider: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: And also with you.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Assembly: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly may be seated.

BAPTISM

Emma Jeanne Fassett, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Assembly: Amen

Presider: You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

Assembly: Amen

Presider: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your siblings new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain *Emma Jeanne Fassett* with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Assembly: Amen

Emma Jeanne Fassett, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Assembly: Amen

WELCOME

Assisting Minister: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Assisting Minister: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Assembly: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.



INTRODUCTION

Today's Gospel brings us into a nighttime conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus—a respected religious leader who comes with sincere questions and cautious faith. In this encounter, Jesus speaks of being “born from above,” not as a moral achievement, but as God’s work of new life through the Spirit. This is the same grace we confess in baptism: we are given life not by our effort, but by God’s promise. At the heart of this text stands the good news that God so loves the world—not only the worthy, not only the certain, but the whole broken world—that God gives Jesus for the life of all. In this service, we come as seekers like Nicodemus, trusting that God meets us not with condemnation, but with mercy, renewal, and love that saves.

CALL TO WORSHIP

For God so loved the world;
The sparrows, the mountain lions,
the fish and the people.

**For God so loved the world;
In success and failure,
in sickness and health,
in mediocrity and extraordinary.**

For God so loved the world;
Enough to become one of us,
enough to suffer along with us,
enough to offer new life for us.

**For God so loved the world;
Let us worship God!**

~ written by Katherine Hawker, and posted on her Liturgies Outside website. <http://liturgyoutside.net/>

GATHERING

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The assembly stands.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you: Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word: Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit:
Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdain the living water
Christ offers: Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of your healing and
hope in the world: Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ's call to
come forth to life: Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God,
you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ,
your sins are forgiven.

The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love
into your hearts, and gives you life and peace.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG – “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross” (ELW 335)

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross



1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

Refrain



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915
Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1832–1915

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE (ELW p. 138)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 139)

Assisting minister



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Genesis 12:1-4a

¹ The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." ^{4a} So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 121

¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

² **My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.**

³ The LORD will not let your foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

⁴ **Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;**

⁵ the LORD watches over you; the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

⁶ **the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

⁷ The LORD will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.

⁸ **The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth for evermore.**

SECOND READING: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

¹ What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³ For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." ⁴ Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵ But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

¹³ For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

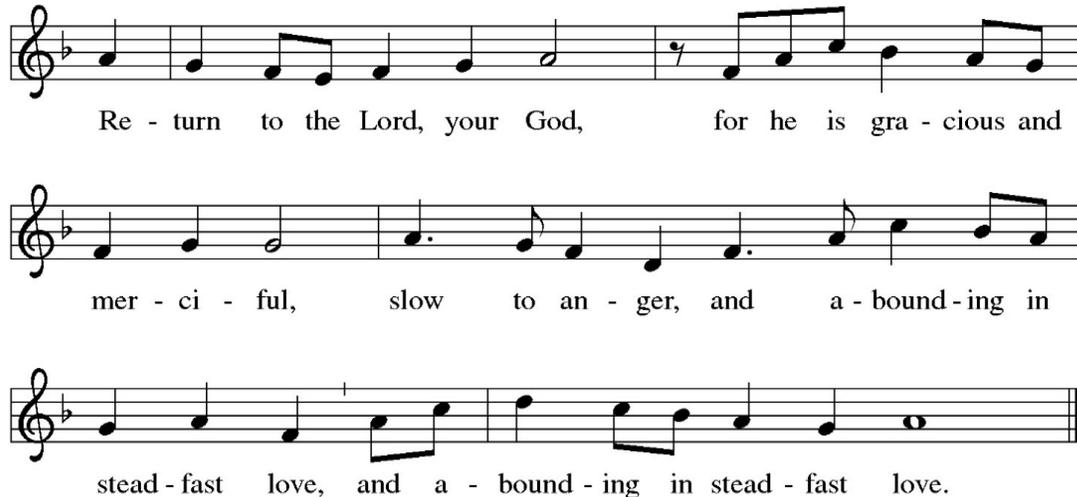
¹⁶ For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Word of God, word of life.

The grass withers, the flowers fade, but the word of our lord will stand forever.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 142)

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL: John 3:1-17

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person.” ³ Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵ Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹ “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶ “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷ “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY – “All Who Believe and Are Baptized (isometric)” (ELW 442)
The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

All Who Believe and Are Baptized



1 All who be - lieve and are bap - tized shall see the Lord's sal -
2 With one ac - cord, O God, we pray, grant us your Ho - ly



va - tion; bap-tized in - to the death of Christ, they are a
Spir - it; help us in our in - fir - mi - ty through Je - sus'



new cre - a - tion; through Christ's re-demp-tion they will stand a -
blood and mer - it; grant us to grow in grace each day by



mong the glo - rious heav'n - ly band of ev - 'ry tribe and na - tion.
ho - ly bap - tism, that we may e - ter - nal life in - her - it.

Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634–1703; tr. George T. Rygh, 1860–1943, alt.
Music: ES IST DAS HEIL, *Etlich christlich Lieder*, Wittenberg, 1524

THE BEATITUDES (Assisting Minister)

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

PRAYER SONG - *Sung to the tune of "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" (ELW 335)*

Jesus, cleanse my wandering soul;
Teach me how to trust Your way.
Take the burdens that I bring,
Guide my steps from day to day.
Lord, renew the life I bear;
Make my spirit live in prayer.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (Spoken Responsively)

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

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.

OFFERING SONG – “*Create in Me a Clean Heart (Freylinghausen)*” (ELW 188)

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Music: J. A. Freylinghausen, 1670–1739

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 (ELW p. 144)

The Lord be with you. **And al - so 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. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. 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 (ELW p. 144)

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

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.

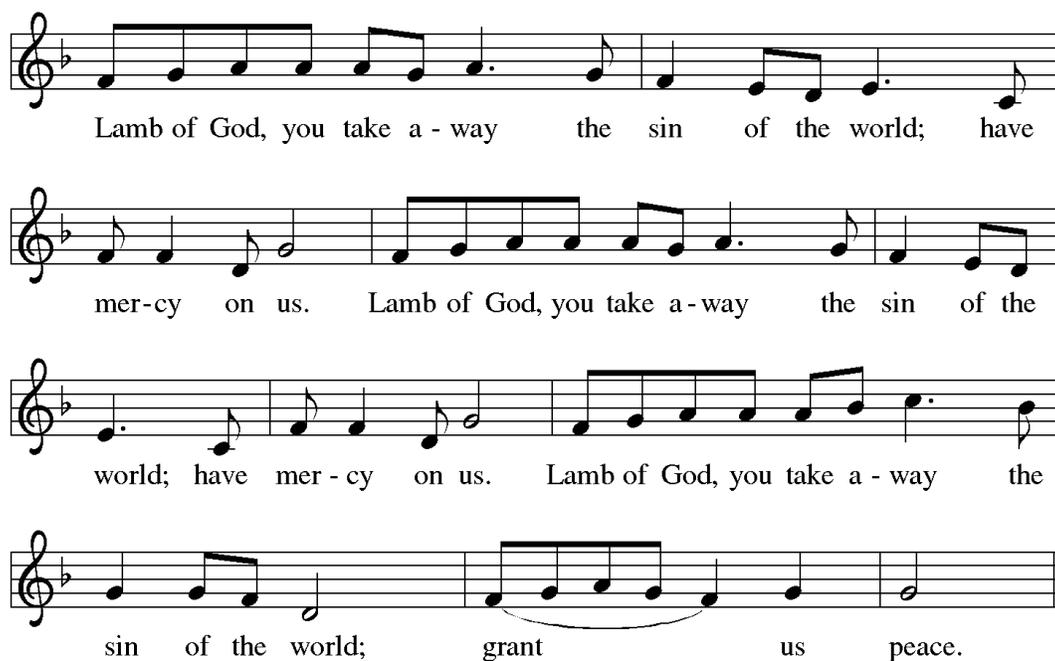
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

The assembly may be seated.

COMMUNION SONG - "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.

COMMUNION SONG - We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus" (ELW 451)

We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus



1 We are bap-tized in Christ Je - sus, we are bap - tized in his death;
2 In the wa - ter and the wit-ness, in the break-ing of the bread,
3 Glo-ry be to God the Fa - ther, glo - ry be to Christ the Son,



that as Christ is raised vic - to - rious, we might live a brand new life.
in the wait - ing arms of Je - sus who is ris - en from the dead,
glo - ry to the Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er three and ev - er one;



And if we have been u - nit - ed in a dread-ful death like his,
God has made a new be - gin-ning from the ash - es of our past,
as it was in the be - gin-ning, glo - ry now re-sounds a - gain



we will all be re - u - nit - ed, for he lives.
in the los - ing and the win - ning we hold fast.
in a song that has no end - ing. . . . A - men.

Text: John C. Ylvisaker, b. 1937
Music: OUIMETTE, John C. Ylvisaker
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POST COMMUNION BLESSING

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

Amen.

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.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES/BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

BLESSING

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The God of all grace ✝ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING SONG – “Blessed Assurance” (ELW 638)

Blessed Assurance



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di - vine!
- 2 Per - fect sub-mis-sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per - fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav - ior am hap - py and blest,



Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
an - gels de - scend - ing bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long:



this is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915
Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

SENDING (Assisting Minister)

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pepco Proposed Increase - Pepco's distribution rates have been increasing at about double the rate of inflation and it now proposes another overall increase of 23 percent. For more information please visit:

<https://opc.maryland.gov/Portals/0/Files/Publications/Reports/PEPCO%20Rate%20Proposal%2012-10-25v5.pdf>

Community Cleanup Day – March 21st, Stephen Decatur Middle School, 8200 Pinewood Drive – Lower Lot, from 8:00am-1:00pm or until filled. Two self-service dumpsters will be available. Pickup service is available for North Clinton Citizen Association seniors and disabled households. To request a pickup, email north.clinton.ca@gmail.com. For acceptable items, please review flyer posted in the Narthex.

E-Waste and Household Hazardous Waste Disposal – Rain or Shine. Open to PG County residents Only (ID may be required). For a list of acceptable items please visit: mypgc.us/clearthecurb. The drop-off hours at both locations are 8:00am - 1:00pm.

Drop-off Locations:

Saturday, March 14th: PG Stadium, 4101 Cain Hwy, Bowie, MD 20716

Saturday, April 25th: Accokeek Library, 15773 Livingston Rd, Accokeek, MD 20607

Water Bill Assistance – If you or someone you know need assistance with their water bill, please visit: www.wsscwater.com/assistance.

Free Medical Equipment – The State of Maryland provides a variety of medical equipment to residents free of charge. Items are new or gently used. For more information visit: www.dme.maryland.gov or call (240) 280-8000.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lenten Soup Sundays – Join us after worship for our Soup Sunday fellowship. All are welcome! Please sign the planning sheet in the Narthex if you would like to bring a crock of soup and/or bread and butter to share for one of our upcoming Soup Sundays.

Stewarding God's Resources in Our Silver Years: Estate Planning & Fraud

Prevention - Join us for a practical, faith-based conversation on wise estate planning and how to protect yourself from fraud and scams. This event is especially for those 65+ (or with parents over 65), pastors, church administrators, and anyone involved with church finances and stewardship. This session is especially helpful for older adults, caregivers, and family members. Sunday, March 8th, 3:00–4:00pm, Peace Lutheran Church, 6362 Lincolnia Rd, Alexandria, VA.

Lenten Worship Service – Join us for Lenten worship on Wednesday, March 4th at 11:00am.

Email Spoofing – Please be mindful of email spoofing in which messages appear to come from Pastor Eric, the Bishop Hirsch or from others associated with ELC.

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Baptismal Recognition – We want to recognize baptismal anniversaries throughout the year and would love hear about your baptismal journey. If you would like to share your story (include date of baptism and church), please submit to: office@hopeclinton.org or Pastor Eric.

GriefShare Support Group – It's not too late to sign up! Sessions are held on Wednesdays, from 2:00-4:00pm. Please consider joining us or referring a friend.

Hope Bible Study – Join us for bible study on Fridays at 11:00am. All are welcome!

Living Lutheran - In this season of spiritual preparation, find space for reflection, repentance and hope: read uplifting stories of God's people living their faith. Set up a free digital membership and get inspirational resources to support your faith journey as we begin the Lenten and Easter seasons. Visit livinglutheran.org (<https://give.elca.org/s/4581013/5bSRZLe0>) and sign up for your free digital membership today.