



Third Sunday after Epiphany

Hope Lutheran Church Worship Service

January 26, 2025

10:00 a.m.

Worship Service

Live streaming on Facebook at [HopeLutheranChurchCbus](https://www.facebook.com/HopeLutheranChurchCbus)

Zoom info:

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Call-In Number: 1-929-205-6099 Meeting ID: 851 5554 7308. Passcode: 729980

WELCOME

God's glory is revealed in the reading of scripture. People stand at attention. People weep. People prostrate themselves in prayer. The unity of the church is another reflection of God's glory. Most gloriously, the promises of God are fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Gather round. Listen up. Glimpse the glory of God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

C: Amen.

A: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

A: Merciful God,

C: You speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

P: God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In † Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

Listen, God is Calling

(ELW 513)

Refrain
Leader All



Ne - no, ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la - ku - i - ta we - we,
Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,



ne - no la wo - ko - vu, te - na je - ma. ma.
of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy. joy.

Leader All



Ye - su a - li - se - ma, Mka - hu - bi - ri.
1 Je - sus gave his man - date: share the good news
2 Let none be for - got - ten through - out the world.
3 Help us to be faith - ful, stand - ing stead - fast,

Leader All *Refrain*



Ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la wo - ko - vu.
that he came to save us and set us free.
In the tri - une name of God go and bap - tize.
walk - ing in your pre - cepts, led by your Word.

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE**This is the Feast***(TFF pg. 48)*

This is the Feast, of victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

¹ Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain.

Whose blood set us free, to be people of God.

Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.

This is the Feast, of victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

² Sing with all the people of God.

And join in the hymn of all creation.

Blessing and honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the Feast, of victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

³ For the Lamb, who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia

This is the Feast, of victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

A: Blessed Lord God,

C: You have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING**Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10**

All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the

law. Then he said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God

PSALM 19 *Read responsively*

The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky proclaims its maker’s handiwork.

**One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,

**their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world,
where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**

It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it
again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can detect one’s own offenses?

Cleanse me from my secret faults.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your
sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the

body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*TFF pg. 32*)

Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the fourth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

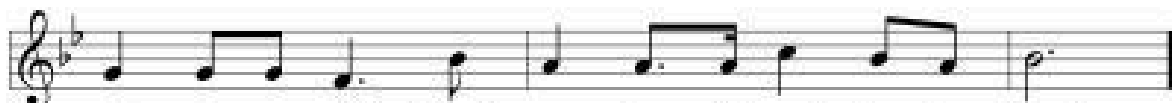
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

YOUNG PEOPLE SERMON**SERMON****HYMN OF THE DAY****There is Power in the Blood***(TF 76)*

1 Would you be free from the bur - den of sin? There's
 2 Would you be free from your pas - sion and pride? There's
 3 Would you do ser - vice for Je - sus your king? There's



pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood. Would you o'er e - vil a
 pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood. Come for a cleans - ing to
 pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood. Would you live dai - ly his



vic - to - ry win? There's won - der - ful pow'r in the blood.
 Cal - va - ry's tide. There's won - der - ful pow'r in the blood.
 prais - es to sing? There's won - der - ful pow'r in the blood.

Refrain

There is pow'r, pow'r, won - der - work - ing pow'r in the blood of the Lamb;



there is pow'r, pow'r, won - der - work - ing pow'r in the pre - cious blood of the Lamb.

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 Pilate, 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 catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: God of grace,

C: Hear our prayer.

WE SHARE PEACE

A: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OFFERING

QUIET TIME

Hope Musicians

OFFERTORY

Let The Vineyards

(TFF pg. 36)

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest of seeds that were sown, that we may be fed the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and dreams of all, unite them with the prayers we offer.
Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: God of grace,

C: Your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy

(TFF pg. 38)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, Lord God of power and might.
Heaven and Earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, now and forever. Amen

LAMB OF GOD

(TFF pg. 39)

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

Have mercy on us.

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

Have mercy on us.

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

SHARING THE MEAL

COMMUNION HYMNS

**Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love
Here is Bread**

(ELW 708)

(ELW 483)

BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

CANTICLE

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

(TFF pg. 41)

Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell everyone what God has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and bear Christ's holy name

Send us with your promises O God;

and lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving, with shouts of thanksgiving,

With shouts of thanksgiving, Alleluia

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Nourishing God,

C: At this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: The Spirit of the triune God ✠ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

C: AMEN.

SENDING SONG**Blest Be The Tie That Binds**

(ELW 656)

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;
 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
 3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
 4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;

the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.
 our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares,
 and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Live in hope.

C: Thanks be to God.**POSTLUDE****Blessed Assurance**

(TFF 118)

Refrain: This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long: this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

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Worship Participants this Week**Preaching and Presiding:** Pastor Julianne Smeck**Ministers:** All worshippers**Pianist:** Jacob Campbell **Bassist:** Dan Abell **Guitar:** Kurt Keljo **Drummer:** Seth Daily**Reader:** Susan Leonhart**Worship Assistant:** Michel Leonhart**Acolyte:** Arianna Fentress**Usher:** Halima Linder

Worship Leaders Next Week**Reader:** Kim Fedrick**Worship Assistant:** Lawrence Hendrix**Acolyte:** Pom Liner**Usher:** Florine Castleman**Phone Numbers****Pr. Smeck:** cell 734.972.6126**Hope Office:** 614.258.6634

PRAYER REQUESTS Bill Alsnauer, Grace Winfrey, Edward Ligon, Alice Ligon, Kay Strahler, Doris Nelson, Morris Scruggs, Danielle Carpenter, Gloria Jones, Tracy Snow, Rosa Campbell, Margaret Belcher, Monica Price

JACOB CAMPBELL'S LAST SUNDAY AT HOPE

You are invited to stay after the worship service for a gathering to celebrate Jacob's ministry at Hope.

A brief word of appreciation:

Dear Jacob,

Your combination of skill and grace has blessed us all in more ways than we can say. We are so grateful for you. And when you get tired of New Jersey, know you'll always be welcome here. And there will always be a space on the piano bench for you.

- Your Hope Family

BLACK HISTORY MONTH begins next Sunday. We will have coffee hours each Sunday after worship featuring traditional Black desserts. The first will be next Sunday, highlighting pies and cakes. There is a sign-up sheet on the kitchen door so you too can share!

During coffee hour, we will watch and discuss selections from the movie *Origin*, a thought-provoking film based on Isabel Wilkerson's book *Caste*. The book shows connections between racism in the US with India and Nazi Germany. It sounds heavy, and is, but will provide an opportunity for rich conversation.

SPECIAL THANKS Special thanks to my Hope Family for your loving prayers, cards, gifts, and visits during my recovery from surgery. To God be the glory! - Doris Nelson

EASTSIDE FELLOWSHIP CONCERT The Fellowship will present a concert on Sunday, February 23rd, at 4:00 PM. The concert, which will be held at St. Philip Episcopal Church, will focus on Music in African American worship. There will be a program narrator and will include music from various genres--call and response, hymns, spirituals, anthems, and gospel. Participation is open to choir members, members of the congregation, choir directors, and musicians.

PROPERTY CONCERNS Please send emails to office@hopecolumbus.org with concerns. You will be contacted quickly.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL IS BACK You are invited to join other members for conversation after service.

CALENDAR

Jan 26th - Jacob's coffee hour and Blessing for Sending, following worship
Feb 10th - Mission Possible Celebration *Growing in Giving*, following worship

GIVE WITH THE VENMO APP

To give offerings and tithes via Venmo:

- *Download the Venmo app
- *Set up bank account info, or debit card info
- *Touch "Pay" or "Request" at the bottom
- *Enter the church cell phone number. (614) 907-3869
- ***Church user name — @HopeLilley-820**
- ***Enter offering amount**

Note: When setting up an account, select "Private: mode for transactions."



General Offerings

Received: \$7,810

Anticipated: \$7,918

Over / (Short): **(\$108)**

Capital Improvements: \$1,798



We welcome all people into our community of faith and invite them to join us as we seek to understand God's love for us and strive to be faithful messengers of that love.