



Welcome to
Mt. Hope Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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*By the love of Christ,
our vision is to work together,
reaching out to all people,
through the Gospel,
in our various activities and events.
As we encourage each other to worship
and grow in God's Word,
we will be a Christian influence
in our community.*

March 5, 2023

Second Sunday in Lent

Preacher: Rev. Ken Bernthal

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

We welcome all who gather here today! We are blessed to celebrate together the mercy, grace, and love we have from God through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Children: Families with children are *very* welcome here. Having children in church is important so they can begin to learn about their faith in Jesus, and it's good for the whole congregation to see. *Please feel comfortable keeping “squirmly” kids in the service. This is where they belong, too!*

Pew Cards: Guests and Members, please fill out the Guest/Member card located on the back of the pew in front of you and pass it to the end of the aisle. If you forget you can put it in the offering plate on your way out.

If standing is difficult: Please feel free to remain seated during any portion of the service. Please let an Elder or Usher know if you need communion in your pew seat.

About our celebration of Holy Communion: We celebrate the Lord's Supper in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood contrary to that which is stated above do so to their great harm, and also because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar. Anyone who is not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with Pastor. Those not communing are still invited to come forward for a blessing from Pastor, and you may indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.

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GREETING

P Peace be with you.
C **And also with you.**

+ ORDER OF SERVICE +

(The liturgy is from Divine Service Setting four LSB pg. 203ff)

OPENING HYMN

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

LSB 809



1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.
Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

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Refrain

Great is Thy faith-ful-ness! Great is Thy faith-ful-ness!

Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see;

All I have need-ed Thy hand hath pro-vid-ed;

Great is Thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!

Please stand as able

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT

Psalm 25:1–2a, 7–8, 11; antiphon: vv. 6, 2b, 22

P Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

C Let not my enemies exult over me.

Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.

P To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame.

C Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

**according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness,
O LORD!**

P Good and upright is the LORD;

therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

C For your name's sake, O LORD,

pardon my guilt, for it is great.

A Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

C Let not my enemies exult over me.

Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.

KYRIE

LSB 204



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 12:1–9

¹The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ²And 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. ³I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother’s son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said,

“To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. ⁹And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Only By Grace”

EPISTLE READING

Romans 4:1–8

¹What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” ⁴Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, ⁶just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

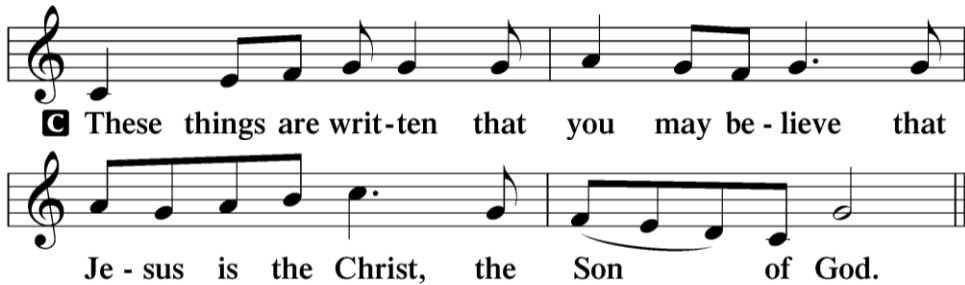
⁷“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; ⁸blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able

VERSE



HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 14:43–52

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁴³And immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders.

⁴⁴Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man. Seize him and lead him away under guard.” ⁴⁵And when he came, he went up to him at once and said, “Rabbi!” And he kissed him. ⁴⁶And they laid hands on him and seized him. ⁴⁷But one of those who stood by drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. ⁴⁸And Jesus said to them, “Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? ⁴⁹Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. But let the Scriptures be fulfilled.” ⁵⁰And they all left him and fled.

⁵¹And a young man followed him, with nothing but a linen cloth about his body. And they seized him, ⁵²but he left the linen cloth and ran away naked.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

NICENE CREED

**C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life + of the world to come. Amen.**

Please be seated

SERMON HYMN

O God, Forsake Me Not

LSB 731



1 O God, for-sake me not! Your gra-cious pres-ence lend me;
2 O God, for-sake me not! Take not Your Spir - it from me;
3 O God, for-sake me not! Lord, hear my sup - pli - ca - tion!
4 O God, for-sake me not! Lord, I am Yours for - ev - er.



Lord, lead Your help-less child; Your Ho - ly Spir - it send me
Do not per - mit the might Of sin to o - ver-come me.
In ev - 'ry e - vil hour Help me re - sist temp - ta - tion;
O keep me strong in faith That I may leave You nev - er.



That I my course may run. O be my light, my lot,
In - crease my fee - ble faith, Which You a - lone have wrought.
And when the prince of hell My con-science seeks to blot,
Grant me a bless - ed end When my good fight is fought;



My staff, my rock, my shield— O God, for-sake me not!
O be my strength and pow'r— O God, for-sake me not!
Be then not far from me— O God, for-sake me not!
Help me in life and death— O God, for-sake me not!

SERMON

“JOHN MARK, WERE YOU THERE?”

Please stand as able

PRAYER of the CHURCH

After each Segment:

P Lord, in Your Mercy,

C Hear our Prayer.

Final Segment:

P Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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**

PREFACE

LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

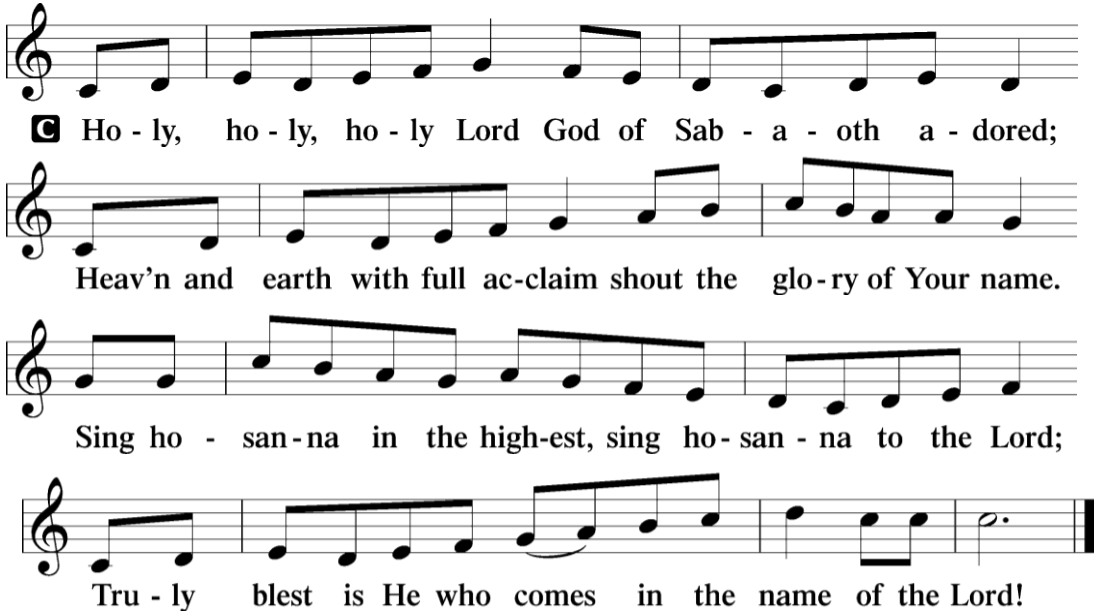
C We lift them to the Lord\

- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS

LSB 208



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

THE WORDS of our LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI

LSB 210

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,

You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;

O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,

Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Please be Seated

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first, then Communion will be served at the rail. Ushers will help direct you forward via the center aisle; please return to your seats via the side aisles. Gluten-free bread is available for those who need it, as is non-alcoholic grape juice. Simply request either when you come forward to receive Communion.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

LSB563



1 Je - sus, Thy blood and righ - teous - ness My beau - ty
2 Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and re -
3 Lord, I be - lieve Thy pre - cious blood, Which at the
4 Lord, I be - lieve, were sin - ners more Than sands up -



are, my glo - rious dress; Midst flam - ing worlds, in
deemed, no debt to pay; Ful - ly ab - solved through
mer - cy seat of God Pleads for the cap - tives'
on the o - cean shore, Thou hast for all a



these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.
these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
lib - er - ty, Was al - so shed in love for me.
ran - som paid, For all a full a - tone - ment made.

- 5 When from the dust of death I rise
To claim my mansion in the skies,
This then shall be my only plea:
Jesus hath lived and died for me.
- 6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
For me, and all Thy hands have made,
An everlasting ransom paid.

DISTRIBUION HYMN

Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared

LSB 622 sts. 1-2

1 Lord Je - sus Christ, You have pre - pared This feast for
2 Al - though You did to heav'n as - cend, Where an - gel

our sal - va - tion; It is Your bod - y
hosts are dwell - ing, And in Your pres - ence

and Your blood, And at Your in - vi - ta - tion
they be - hold Your glo - ry, all ex - cel - ling,

As wea - ry souls, with sin op - pressed, We come to
And though Your peo - ple shall not see Your glo - ry

You for need - ed rest, For com - fort, and for par - don.
and Your maj - es - ty Till dawns the judg - ment morn - ing,

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics provided below each staff. The first two staves include two-part settings. The score concludes with a double bar line.

Please Stand as Able

NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 211

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the the Fa - ther, All

part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the

glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;

A light to lead the the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

BENEDICAMUS

LSB 212

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C Amen.

Please be seated

CLOSING HYMN

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

LSB 739

1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand;
2 When my way grows drear, Pre - cious Lord, lin - ger near,
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears And the night draws near

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
When my life is al - most gone,
And the day is al - most gone,

Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light.
Hear my cry, hear my call; Hold my hand lest I fall.
At the riv - er I stand; Guide my feet, hold my hand,

Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; lead me home.
Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; lead me home.
Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; lead me home.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and SENDING WORDS

P We go to live for Jesus!

C We go to share His love!

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READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

First Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-8

Holy Gospel: John: 18:28-38

SERVING in GODS HOUSE TODAY

Pastor: Re. Ken Bernthal

Elder: **Jeff Pregler**

Ushers:

Greeters:

Coffee:

Counters:

Altar Care: **Martha Pregler**

Piano/Organist: AJ Stancil / Claudia Albright

Bible Study:

PRAYERS

*Please contact the office with updates to the prayer list. People will remain on the prayer list for **4 weeks** before being removed. If they need to remain on the list, please keep Lynn informed and of any updates. This will help us to have a more accurate list. Thanks for your cooperation.*

Those who continue to grieve the passing of loved ones: *Members:* Steve Koch Family and Mike Nowack Family ***Friends:*** Ellen Kitch, Tyke Golnick, Nancy Hoffman, Dale Melroy, Janice Knoellinger Family (Lee Sperry's sister), Terry Marsh Family (Paul & Judi Mesack's friend)

Those with upcoming surgery and medical procedures: *Member* David Lauria, ***Friend:*** Chris Flores-biopsy and surgery (Richmond's friend)

Those recovering from surgery and medical procedures: *Members:* Evenlyn Albright, Tom Smith, Judi Riske, Sharon Hopkins ***Friends:*** Terry Lynn Davis, Annette Vittiglio, Bill Lucksted, Brody Robison

Those with health concerns: *Members:* Jan Smith, Bill Richmond, Ruth Stocker, Alyssa Wohn, ***Friends:*** Taylor Moser, Weston Davis, Kendra Dasher, Bill Lucksted, Mary Vess, Gabriel Schlak, Dalton Miron, Sue Pierce, Devon Kacher, Chris McMannamon,

Those diagnosed with cancer: *Members:* David Lauria, Paul Smith, Barb Mauro, Lynn Richmond; ***Friends:*** Bill Lucksted, Bill Burrick, Richard Lovell, Donna LaDuke, Jim Dugdale, Don Kernstock, Mary K. LeBouradais

In Military Service: *Friends of Mt. Hope:* Christopher Dysinger, Kevin Krokosky, Darin Nicholas, Jeremiah Hose, Travis Kulak, Andre' Miller, Keil Clough, Trever Clough, Todd McCarver, Victoria Doster, Conrad Weissenborn, Rick Dillenbeck

BIRTHDAYS:

Louise Lazzarino ~ 5th

ANNIVERSARIES:

none

MESSAGES

MEMBER & GUEST CARDS: If you have not filled out a member/guest card, please take the time to fill one out and place it in the plate behind the back pews in our sanctuary.

NOISY OFFERING will continue through March and will go to Lutherans for Life of Michigan.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY, the Tuesday morning Bible Study with Pastor Schneider meets from 9:30-11:00 in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!

THANK YOU *to the musicians for their contribution to the service*

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY meets Tuesday afternoons at 1:00 in the Fellowship Hall

If you have a 7th-12th grade student (or know of one) who is interested in the **occupation of serving the church**, please contact Pastor Paul for educational opportunities.

OUR MONTHLY POTLUCK, hosted by the Trustees, will be on March 12th, right after service. Always lots of food and conversation! Hope to see you there!

FAMILY NIGHT-Mark your calendar for the 2nd Monday of March! Family Night starts at 5:00 and runs until 7:00. Bring a friend(s) for games, pizza and fun!

If anyone is interested in **ushering, greeting or doing coffee hour**, please contact Pastor Paul. He will provide the information and training you need.

Reminder about inclement weather and church functions: Our policy for bad weather cancellations has been to cancel morning Bible studies, etc. when local schools close. Evening meetings and events will probably continue, as long as road crews are out and a storm is not intensifying. Sunday services, as well as Advent and Lent midweek services, are seldom cancelled. However, do not attempt to drive if your local conditions are poor and you are uncomfortable driving in the weather!

THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE

March 5

10:20am

11am

Sunday

Choir Practice

Worship Service

March 6

Monday

March 7

9:30am

10:30am

1pm

6:30pm-8pm

Tuesday

Bible Study

LWML Quilting

Ladies Bible Study

Cub Scouts

March 8

Wednesday

March 9

Thursday

March 10

Friday

March 11

Saturday

March 12

11am

Sunday

Worship Service w/Noisy Offering

Potluck

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