



Hope Lutheran Church ***March 23, 2025 - Lent 3***

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We express our appreciation for being able to meet on the traditional, ancestral, unceded territory of the Snuneymuxw People. May we always look for ways to confront past injustices and support Snuneymuxw governance and jurisdiction.

Welcome & Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness

Righteous God, in humility and repentance we bring our failures in caring, helping, and loving. We bring the pain we have caused others. We bring the injustice in society of which we are a part. We bring ourselves to the transforming power of your grace. Grant us the courage to accept the healing you offer and to turn again toward the sunrise of your reign. Help us walk with you in the promise of peace you have willed for all the children of the earth, and have made known to us in Christ Jesus.

Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In +Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn #445 Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

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

Kyrie (*page 120-21, led by Cantor Peter Clark*)

In peace let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord have mercy.***

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

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 mercy.***

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

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

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Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Children's Corner

First Reading – Isaiah 55:1-9

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 63:1-8 (led by Cantor Peter Clark)

O God, eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you. (Ps. 63:1)

O God, you are my God; eager-¹ly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there¹ is no water.

²**Therefore I have gazed upon you in your¹ holy place,
that I might behold your power¹ and your glory.**

³For your steadfast love is better than¹ life itself;
my lips shall¹ give you praise.

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⁴**So will I bless you as long | as I live**
and lift up my hands | in your name. R

⁵My spirit is content, as with the rich- | est of foods,
and my mouth praises you with | joyful lips,

⁶**when I remember you up- | on my bed,**
and meditate on you in | the night watches.

⁷For you have | been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I | will rejoice.

⁸**My whole being | clings to you;**
your right hand | holds me fast. R

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Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

But what does it say? ‘The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart’ (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, ‘No one who believes in him will be put to shame.’ For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (*page 125*)

Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you promised, we will trust your word.

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Gospel – Luke 13:1-9

The Gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

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Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day #508 As Rain from the Clouds

Prayers of Intercession

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

(A brief silence)

We pray for the church, called to be a witness to all peoples. Grant humility and wisdom to bishops, pastors, deacons, elders, councils, and congregations, that they may call upon you in making decisions. We pray for **Bishop Kathy Martin**; for *Living Faith Lutheran* in Sechelt & **Interim Pastor Richard Hergesheimer & Pastor Glenn Inglis** (*Presbyterian*); *Lord of Life Mission* in Sandspit & **Interim Pastor Jim Whaley**. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for the earth, called to provide abundantly. Teach your people the goodness of your generosity, that in sharing what we have been given, all life may flourish on the planet that is our shared home. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for the nations, called to protect their inhabitants and collaborate in the work of justice and peace. Forge bonds of compassion and mutual care across human borders and boundaries, that all the world may have enough to live. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for those in need, called to receive your compassion, especially...

... Shauna B; Sigrid C; Cynthia C; Judy F; Gary G; Ahmad H & family; Dennis K; Donna K; Don & Vicki; Kari K; Colleen M; Marjorie M; Shirley M; Steven M; Katja R; Colette S; Doug S; Pastor Kristen Steele; Dave S; Colin F; June V-C;

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*Gloria; Susana; Annie; Trisha; Zack; Sonja; Doug C & family; Lane W & family;
Vi A; Pope Francis; Cody E; Theresa H;*

Comfort those whose lives have been disrupted through natural disasters and human conflict. Aid communities in coming together to mourn, heal, and rebuild. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for this assembly, called to welcome its neighbors to the table of your grace. Bless food pantries, community gardens and kitchens, clean water projects, and all ministries that address human hunger and thirst. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We give thanks for the faithful lives of those who proclaimed your gospel in times of challenge and strife, and for all those whose lives of love and service have ended. May their witness inspire our own. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life. **Amen.**

The Peace [*unmute*]

The peace of Christ is with you always!

And also with you!

*(We greet each other gently with a wave, a smile,
or some other gesture of peace)*

The Offering & Offertory

"I Surrender All"

(1) All to Jesus I surrender, All to Him I freely Give.

I will ever love and trust Him, In His presence daily live.

(2) All to Jesus I surrender, Make me Saviour, wholly thine.

Let me feel the Holy Spirit, Truly know that Thou art mine.

(R) I surrender all, I surrender all.

All to thee my blessed Saviour, I surrender all.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

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Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
(Pastor continues...)

Holy, holy, holy *(page 130)*

Holy, holy, holy 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. Hosanna in the highest.

...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

**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.**

Communion *(those on Zoom will be communed first, then those in the sanctuary)*

All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

Lamb of God *(Hymnal, Setting 2, page 135)*

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

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

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

Communion Hymns:

Hymn #623 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

Hymn #658 O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

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Blessing:

God our tender parent,
God the crucified one,
God the reconciling Spirit,
+ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Song #618 Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.
Thanks be to God!

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Worship Assistants Today

Hymnologist: *John Collett (musician selecting hymns):*

Cantor: *Peter Clark*

Reader: *Bonnie Law*

Intercessions: *Rosalind Schramm*

Communion Assistants:

Zoom Techs: *Jamie & Marlis*

Zoom Host: *Dorothy Pagan*

Ushers: *Peter Clark*

Piano: *John Collett*

Presiding: *Rev. Bill Fehr*

Readings for the next Sunday, March 30

Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32