

# Hope Lutheran Church

*Worship Service*

*March 26, 2025*



## **Our Vision:**

**To be known as a Spirit-led  
welcoming community of diversity and service.**

## **Our Mission:**

**We care, share, and prepare so that all experience the love of Jesus Christ.**

## **Guiding Principles:**

**Jesus is Lord.**

**God loves everyone.**

**All are welcome.**

**Everyone has a purpose.**

**Pray before acting.**

**Step out in faith, believing all is possible.**

**We are saved by grace.**

*"Whoever you are who worship here, in whatever household of faith you were born, whatever creed you now profess, whatever your race, nationality, sexual orientation, or condition, if you come to this sanctuary to seek the God in whom you may believe, or rededicate yourself to the God in whom you do believe, you are welcome; for this sanctuary is a house of prayer for all people."*

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

*Please stand, if able*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: God is our light and our salvation,

**People: our refuge and our stronghold.**

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**People: we praise your name, O God.**

Pastor: For with you is the fountain of life,

**People: and in your light we see light.**


## HYMN

### "Healer of Our Every Ill"

*Refrain*



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your  
2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is  
3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,  
4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your



*Refrain*

peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.  
still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.  
ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.  
way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

## GREETING

Pastor: The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

## OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: Compassionate God,

**People: you have assured the human family of eternal life through Jesus Christ. Deliver us from the death of sin, and raise us to new life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen**

## **READING**

A reading from 1Kings, chapter 17.

<sup>8</sup> Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah, saying, <sup>9</sup> "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there, for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." <sup>10</sup> So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." <sup>11</sup> As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." <sup>12</sup> But she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die." <sup>13</sup> Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said, but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son." <sup>14</sup> For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth." <sup>15</sup> She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. <sup>16</sup> The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

<sup>17</sup> After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill; his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. <sup>18</sup> She then said to Elijah, "What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance and to cause the death of my son!" <sup>19</sup> But he said to her, "Give me your son." He took him from her bosom, carried him up into the upper chamber where he was lodging, and laid him on his own bed. <sup>20</sup> He cried out to the LORD, "O LORD my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I am staying, by killing her son?" <sup>21</sup> Then he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried out to the LORD, "O LORD my God, let this child's life come into him again." <sup>22</sup> The LORD listened to the voice of Elijah; the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. <sup>23</sup> Elijah took the child, brought him down from the upper chamber into the house, and gave him to his mother; then Elijah said, "See, your son is alive." <sup>24</sup> So the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth."

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**MONOLOGUE – Widow of Sidon**

**Danette Sanders**

# HYMN

## "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"

1 I'm so glad I'm so glad  
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,  
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,

Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad  
Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,  
When I was in trou - ble,

sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

## PRAYERS & MUSIC

Pastor: Let us pray, into our darkness, doubt, and despair, come, Jesus, be our light. Into our sorrow, sickness, grief, come, Jesus, be our light. Into this wounded world, come, Jesus, be our hope. Come Jesus be our light.

*You are invited to go forward and light candles for people and places from the lit center candle. Use the tapers provided for you. As the candles are lit, add your prayers in silence and song. When finished, return to your seat. We will sing.*

## "O Lord, Hear My Prayer"

(sing verse 1, 4x)

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me.  
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me.  
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.


## "In Silence We Wait"

(sing 4x)

In si - lence we wait, in dark - ness you  
come to us; bring us your light.


**"Dona nobis pacem"**  
(sing as many times as needed)

1 *Canon*




Do - na no - bis pa - cem, pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

2



Do - na no - bis pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

3



Do - na no - bis pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

*Please stand, if able*

**CONCLUDING PRAYER**

**Pastor:** Holy God, our light and salvation, you hear us when we cry to you and answer when we call. Grant that all who seek your face in times of trouble may see your goodness, and dwell in your presence all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**People: Amen**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**People: 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.**

**BLESSING**

**Pastor:** Let us bless the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**


**Pastor:** Almighty God, bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

**People: Amen.**

# HYMN

## "There Is a Balm in Gilead"

*Refrain*



There is a balm in Gil-e - ad to make the wound-ed whole;




there is a balm in Gil - e - ad to heal the sin - sick soul.

1 Some-times I feel dis - cour-aged and think my work's in vain,  
2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,  
3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour-aged, for Je - sus is your friend;



*Refrain*



but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.  
you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."  
and if you lack for knowl-edge he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

# POSTLUDE

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