

### Welcome to

# Mt. Hope Lutheran Church

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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.

February 19, 2023

Transfiguration of Our Lord 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 "squirmy" 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.

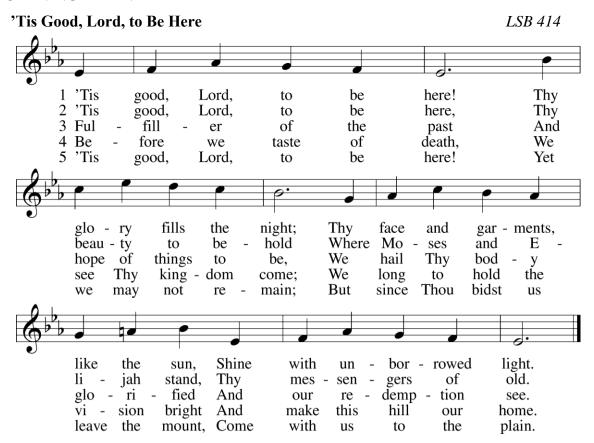
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- P Peace be with you.
- C And also with you.

## + ORDER OF SERVICE +

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

#### **OPENING HYMN**



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, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

## + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

#### INTRIOT

Psalm 99:1–5; antiphon: v. 9

- P Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy!
- C The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
- P The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.
- C Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!
- P The King in his might loves justice.
  You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob
- C Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he!

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.

Where You

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in pow'r are

P Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy!



seat-ed At God's right hand on high-

God the Fa-ther's glo-ry. "A-men!" our glad re-ply.

#### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- .P Let us pray.

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, 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

Exodus 24:8-18

<sup>8</sup>And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words." <sup>9</sup>Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, <sup>10</sup>and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. <sup>11</sup>And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank. <sup>12</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." <sup>13</sup>So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>And he said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them."15Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>The glory of the LORD dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. <sup>17</sup>Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. <sup>18</sup>Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM

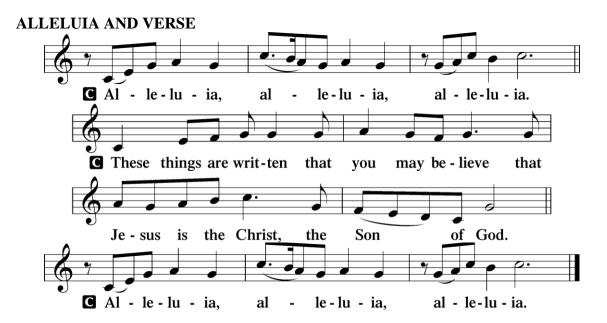
"Majesty"

**EPISTLE READING** 2 Peter 1:16–21

<sup>16</sup>For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," <sup>18</sup>we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup>And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, <sup>20</sup>knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. <sup>21</sup>For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able



**HOLY GOSPEL** *Matthew 17:1–9* 

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventeenth chapter.
- C Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. <sup>3</sup>And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." <sup>5</sup>He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." <sup>8</sup>And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

<sup>9</sup>And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

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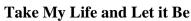
I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance 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 boly Christian and apostolic Church

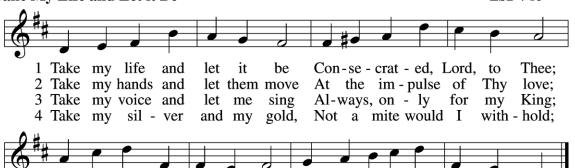
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated

#### **SERMON HYMN**



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Take my mo-ments and my days, Let them flow in cease-less praise. Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee. Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee. Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

- Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no longer mine; Take my heart, it is Thine own, It shall be Thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store; Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee

#### **SERMON**

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:

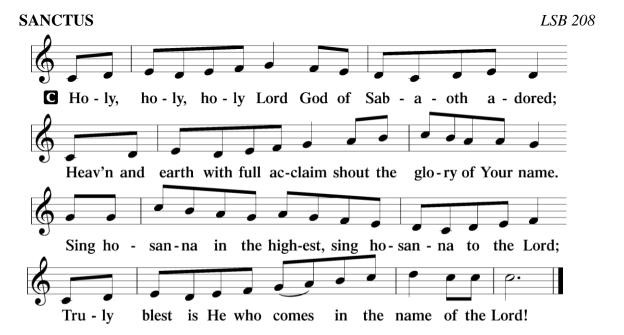
#### LORD'S PRAYER

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:



## 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.

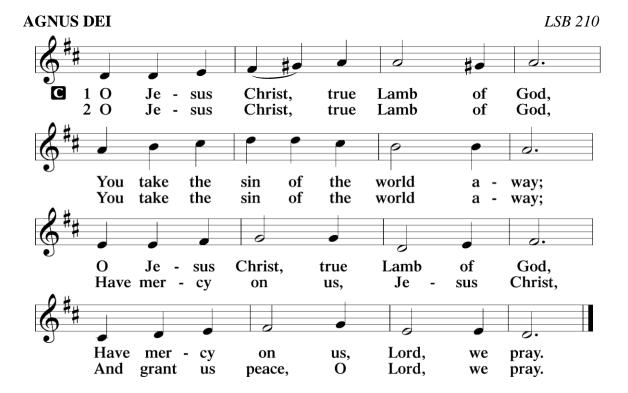
#### THE WORDS of our LORD

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**

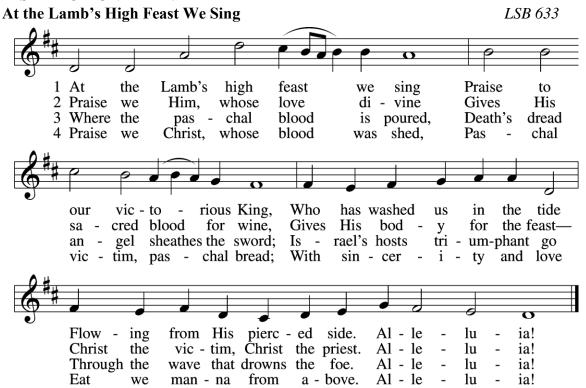
- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.



Please be Seated

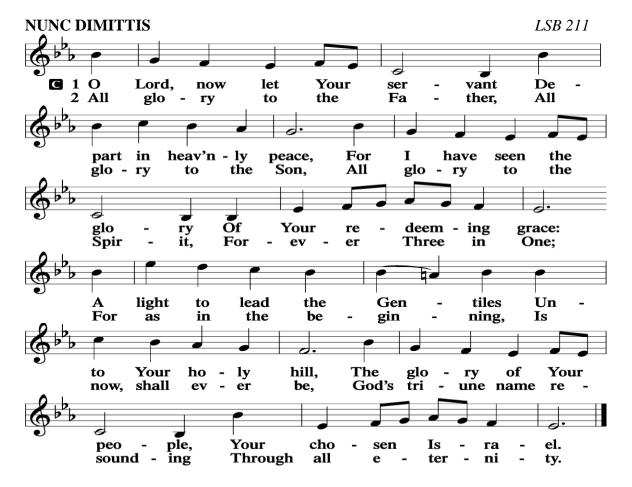
The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first, then Communion will be served at the rail. Ushers will help direct you forward via the center aisle; please return to your seats via the side aisles. Gluten-free bread is available for those who need it, as is non-alcoholic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

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**



- 5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
  Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
  You have conquered in the fight,
  You have brought us life and light.
  Alleluia!
- 6 Now no more can death appall,
  Now no more the grave enthrall
  You have opened paradise
  And Your saints in You shall rise.
  Alleluia!

- 7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
  This alone can sin destroy;
  From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
  Newborn souls in You to be.
  Alleluia!
- 8 Father, who the crown shall give,
  Savior, by whose death we live,
  Spirit, guide through all our days:
  Three in One, Your name we praise.
  Alleluia



### 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



#### 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: Genesis 3:1-21 Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19 Gospel: Matthew: 26:36-46

SERVING in GODS HOUSE TODAY

Pastor: Re. Ken Bernthal Elder: Jeff Pregler

Ushers: (If interested in volunteering, please contact Pastor Paul) Greeters: (If interested in volunteering, please contact Pastor Paul) Coffee: (If interested in volunteering, please contact Pastor Paul) Counters: (If interested in volunteering, please contact Pastor Paul)

Altar Care: Martha Pregler

Piano/Organist: AJ Stancil / Claudia Albright

Bible Study: (If interested in volunteering, please contact Pastor Paul)

## **PRAYERS**

Please contact the office with updates to the prayer list. People will remain on the prayer list for <u>4 weeks</u> before being removed. If they need to remain on the list, please keep Nicole 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: Stevan Koch Family, Janice Knoellinger Family (Lee Sperry's sister), (Rev Paul and Karen's uncle) William Mertz, Member Louise Lazzarino Family (for her brother), Member--Mike Nowak Family, Terry Marsh Family (Paul & Judi Mesack's friend)

Those with upcoming surgery and medical procedures: Members David Lauria; Those recovering from surgery and medical procedures: Members: Tom Smith, Judi Riske, Sharon Hopkins, Dave Mauro, Friends: Terry Lynn Davis, Annette Vittiglio, Bill Lucksted, Brody Robison

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

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

**Those under Hospice Home Care: Member** 

**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:**

Charles Belt~21<sup>st</sup>
Judi Mesack~23<sup>rd</sup>

## **ANNIVERSARIES**;

Jack & Linda Owens~19<sup>th</sup> Kevin & Adrian Wagner~19th

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!

## **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.

**WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS:** Doug & Terry Sherman

**NOISY OFFERING** for the months of Jan-March will go to Lutherans for Life of Michigan.

**<u>FAMILY FARE RECEIPTS</u>**: There is a basket on the table in the narthex for these receipts. We are collecting them for the Day Care. If you have questions, please talk to Terry Tody.

<u>TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY</u>, 9:30am in the fellowship hall with Pastor Paul Schneider. Please join in as you are able! We are studying the Gospel of John.

Thank you to the musicians for their contribution to the service

**Ash Wednesday** service will be 5pm on February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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

The flowers on the altar today are placed in memory of **Steve Koch**.

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

### THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE

February 19 Sunday

10:20am Choir Practice

11am Worship Service with Communion

Potluck

February 20 Monday

February 21 Tuesday

9:30am Bible Study
10:30am LWML Quilting
3-5pm Council Meets
6:30pm-8pm Cub Scouts

February 22 Wednesday

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

5pm Ash Wednesday Service

February 23 Thursday

February 24 Friday

February 25 Saturday

February 26 Sunday

11am Worship Service

LWML 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Choir Practice** 

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