



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 19, 2023***  
*Fourth 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

#### Today Your Mercy Calls Us

LSB 915



1 To - day Your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin.  
2 To - day Your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in  
3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly Spir - it waits;  
4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been,  
Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin.  
His bless - ed an - gels gath - er A - round the heav'n - ly gates.  
What should we do with - out You When heart and eye run o'er?



How - ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way,  
The past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n,  
No ques - tion will be asked us How of - ten we have come;  
When all things seem a - gainst us, To drive us to de - spair,



Your pre - cious blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.  
A fu - ture grace be prom - ised, A glo - rious crown in heav'n.  
Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.  
We know one gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

*Please stand as able*

## CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

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 +

### INTROIT

P My eyes are ever toward the Lord,

**C for He will pluck my feet out of the net.**

P One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:

**C that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in His temple.**

P For He will hide me in His shelter in the day of trouble;

**C He will conceal me under the cover of His tent; He will lift me high upon a rock.**

P And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in His tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;

**C I will sing and make melody to the Lord.**

**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 My eyes are ever toward the Lord,

**C for He will pluck my feet out of the net.**

### KYRIE



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy. *LSB 204*

### SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and

provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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**

***Isaiah 42:14–21***

- <sup>14</sup>For a long time I have held my peace;  
I have kept still and restrained myself;  
now I will cry out like a woman in labor;  
I will gasp and pant.
- <sup>15</sup>I will lay waste mountains and hills,  
and dry up all their vegetation;  
I will turn the rivers into islands,  
and dry up the pools.
- <sup>16</sup>And I will lead the blind  
in a way that they do not know,  
in paths that they have not known  
I will guide them.  
I will turn the darkness before them into light,  
the rough places into level ground.  
These are the things I do,  
and I do not forsake them.
- <sup>17</sup>They are turned back and utterly put to shame,  
who trust in carved idols,  
who say to metal images,  
“You are our god.
- <sup>18</sup>Hear, you deaf,  
and look, you blind, that you may see!
- <sup>19</sup>Who is blind but my servant,  
or deaf as my messenger whom I send?  
Who is blind as my dedicated one,  
or blind as the servant of the LORD?
- <sup>20</sup>He sees many things, but does not observe them;  
his ears are open, but he does not hear.
- <sup>21</sup>The LORD was pleased, for his righteousness’ sake,  
to magnify his law and make it glorious.

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

## EPISTLE READING

*Ephesians 5:8–14*

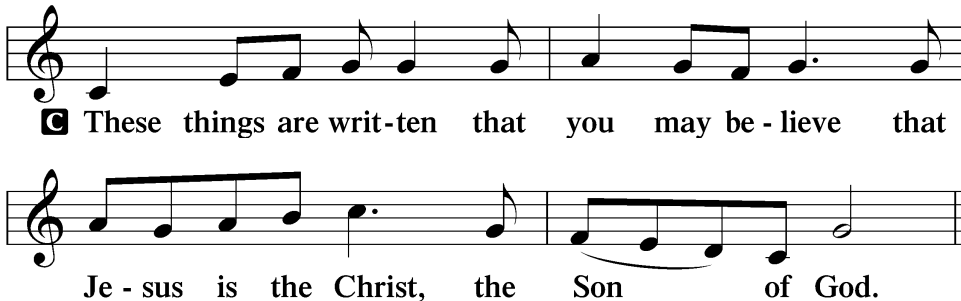
<sup>8</sup>For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup>(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), <sup>10</sup>and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. <sup>13</sup>But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,  
“Awake, O sleeper,  
and arise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

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

*Please stand as able*

## VERSE

*LSB 205*



**C** These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that  
Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

## HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 15:37–39*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fifteenth chapter.  
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>37</sup>And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. <sup>38</sup>And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. <sup>39</sup>And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, “Truly this man was the Son of God!”

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



## **NICENE CREED**

**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

### All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

LSB 549 sts. 1-5



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;  
2 Crown Him, ye mar-tyrs of our God, Who from His al - tar call;  
3 Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, Ye ran - somed from the fall,  
4 Hail Him, ye heirs of Da - vid's line, Whom Da - vid Lord did call,  
5 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get The worm-wood and the gall,



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all.  
Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod And crown Him Lord of all.  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.  
The God in - car-nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all.  
Go, spread your tro-phies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.



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## SERMON

### LONGINUS, 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

## + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

### 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."

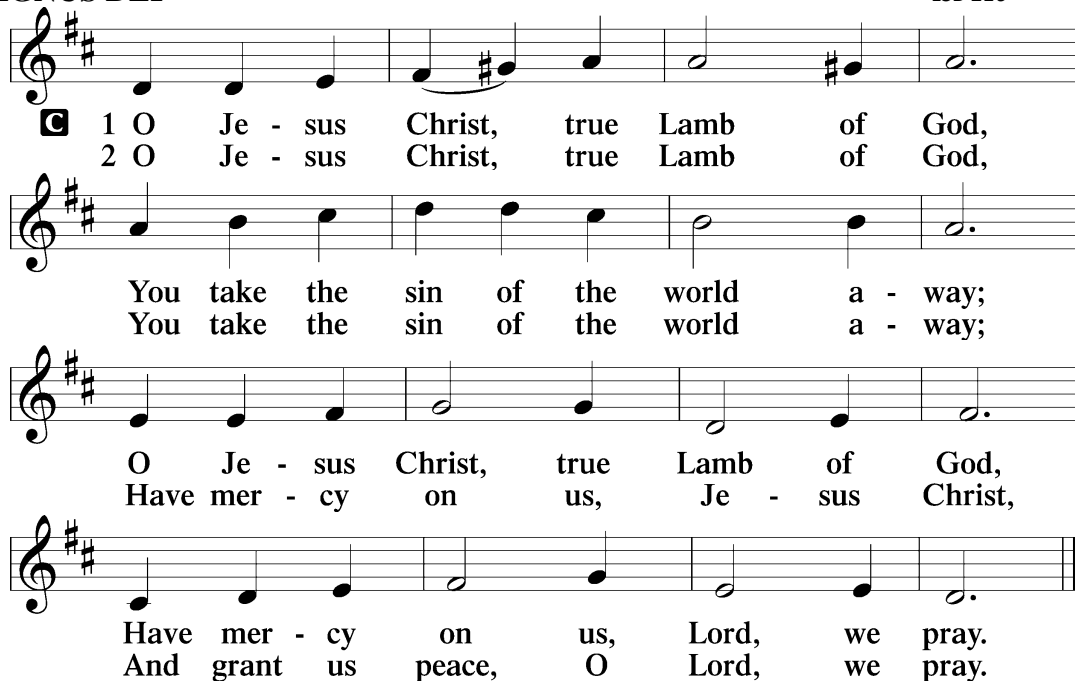
## **PAX DOMINI**

**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*

## DISTRIBUTION

*The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN

### Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior

LSB 619 sts. 1-3



1 Thy bod - y, giv'n for me, O Sav - ior, Thy blood which  
2 With Thee, Lord, I am now u - nit - ed; I live in  
3 Who can con - demn me now? For sure - ly The Lord is



Thou for me didst shed, These are my life and  
Thee and Thou in me. No sor - row fills my  
nigh, who jus - ti - fies. No hell I fear, and



strength for - ev - er, By them my hun - gry soul is fed.  
soul, de - light - ed It finds its on - ly joy in Thee.  
thus se - cure - ly With Je - sus I to heav - en rise.

#### *Refrain*



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

# DISTRIBUTION HYMN

## Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

LSB 435



1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined  
 2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, Come de - filed, with -  
 3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound - ed, im - po -  
 4 They that drink shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re -



by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain  
 out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,  
 tent, and blind; Here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,  
 new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er



Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, per -  
 From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and  
 Here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain  
 Break His cov - e - nant of blood, Signed when our Re -



pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.  
 make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.  
 will re - store; They that drink shall thirst no more.  
 deem - er died, Sealed when He was glo - ri - fied.



NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 211

**C** 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to 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 Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in 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.

## CLOSING HYMN

**All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name**

*LSB 549 sts. 6-7*



6 Let ev - 'ry kin-dred, ev - 'ry tribe, On this ter - res-trial ball  
7 Oh, that with yon - der sa - cred throng We at His feet may fall!



To Him all maj - es - ty as - cribe And crown Him Lord of all.  
We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song And crown Him Lord of all.



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### **READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK**

*First Reading* Ezekiel: 37:1-14

*Second Reading* Romans 8:1-11

*Holy Gospel:* Mark: 15:20-21

### **SERVING in GODS HOUSE TODAY**

Pastor: Re. Ken Bernthal

Elder: **Dave Jansen**

Ushers:

Greeters:

Coffee:

Counters:

Altar Care: **Marj Kelsey**

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:*** Stevan Koch ***Friends:*** Bill Burrick, Dave Sabin, Ellen Kitch, Tyke Golnick, Nancy Hoffman, Dale Melroy

**Those with upcoming surgery and medical procedures: *Members:*** ***Friends:*** Chris Flores-- upcoming surgery

**Those recovering from surgery and medical procedures: *Members:*** Pete Albright, Bill Woodman, Evelyn Albright, Judi Riske ***Friends:*** Chris Flores-- Biopsy/medical tests

**Those with health concerns: *Members:*** Bill Richmond, Ruth Stocker, Alyssa Wohn, Terry Tody, ***Friends:*** Taylor Moser, Karen Sperry

**Those Diagnosed with Cancer: *Members:*** David Lauria, Paul Smith, Barb Mauro, Lynn Richmond

***Friends:*** Bill Lucksted, Richard Lovell, Donna LaDuke, Don Kernstock, Mary K LeBouradais

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

## **BIRTHDAYS:**

Brooklynn Laskowski~22nd  
Sharon Wakeley~23rd  
George Ferguson~25th  
Mary Heinlein~25th  
Kenneth Hopkins~25th

## **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.

**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*

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.

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

**DATABASE MEMBER CHECK AND UPDATE** On the Sundays of March 26<sup>th</sup> and April 2<sup>nd</sup>, there will be two tables in the narthex and fellowship hall where people can check all of their information that we use to communicate with you (names, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, etc.) Please take a look and make any changes please!

**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 19**                      **Sunday**  
11am                          Worship Service w/Communion

**March 20**                      **Monday**

**March 21**                      **Tuesday**  
9:30am                      Bible Study  
10:30am                      LWML Quilting  
3-5pm                        Council Meets  
6:30pm-8pm                Cub Scouts

**March 22**                      **Wednesday**  
**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

**March 23**                      **Thursday**

**March 24**                      **Friday**

**March 25**                      **Saturday**

**March 26**                      **Sunday**  
11am                          Worship Service

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Counters:

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Piano/Organist: AJ Stancil / Claudia Albright

Bible Study:



# EASTER LILLIES FOR THE ALTAR

We will be accepting orders for plants to beautify our altar on Easter, until Sunday, April 2nd. You can fill out the form and either place it in the offering plate or turn it into the church office along with your payment.

Lily \$10.00

**HOW MANY:** \_\_\_\_\_

The plants may be picked up and taken home after the 11am Worship Service on Easter morning. Thank you for helping us to glorify our Risen Savior with the beauty of flowers.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

