MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE

March 13, 2024 3 pm

Hope Lutheran Chapel

5709 Osage Beach Parkway, Osage Beach, MO 65065 Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

> 10 a.m. Indoor Communion Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Fellowship 11:20 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study

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WE WELCOME you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. You are invited to open your heart to God's Word in Scripture, Sermon, and Song. Please sign our Record of Fellowship when passed during the Offering and introduce yourself to our Pastor upon leaving. **You are Always welcome here – this is your Father's House! As we worship**, we stand for some parts of the Liturgy. However, please feel free to remain seated if you prefer.

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Prelude

Opening Hymn ~ Chief of Sinners Though I Be

LSB 611

- 1 Chief of sinners though I be,
 Jesus shed His blood for me,
 Died that I might live on high,
 Lives that I might never die.
 As the branch is to the vine,
 I am His, and He is mine.
- Oh, the height of Jesus' love, Higher than the heav'ns above, Deeper than the depths of sea, Lasting as eternity! Love that found me—wondrous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.
- 3 Only Jesus can impart Balm to heal the wounded heart, Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n,

- Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to walk with God In the way that Enoch trod.
- 4 Chief of sinners though I be, Christ is all in all to me; All my wants to Him are known, All my sorrows are His own. He sustains the hidden life Safe with Him from earthly strife.
- O my Savior, help afford By Your Spirit and Your Word! When my wayward heart would stray, Keep me in the narrow way; Grace in time of need supply While I live and when I die.

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Stand

Opening Versicles (use Lent responses)

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- **L** This is the day which the Lord has made;
- let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- **L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- L Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,
- slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.
- L Jesus said: If any man would come after Me,
- let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.
- L Christ was wounded for our transgressions.
- He was bruised for our iniquities.
- **L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- 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.

Old Testament Canticle Hymn - All You Works of God, Bless the Lord LSB 930

- All you works of God, bless the Lord! All you angels, now bless the Lord; Come, you heavens and pow'rs that be, Praise the Lord and His majesty: Refrain
- ref Raise your voices high, praise and magnify, All you works of God, bless the Lord! Raise your voices high, praise and magnify, All you works of God, bless the Lord!
- 2 Sing, you sun and you moon above, Stars of heaven, now sing His love; Dew and showers, you winds that blow, Heat and fire, you ice and snow: Refrain
- 3 Frost of winter with song so cold, Dews of summer, your song unfold; Light and darkness, you day and night,

- Clouds of thunder, you lightnings bright:
 Refrain
- 4 Hills and mountains, now sing His worth, All you green things that grow on earth; Seas and rivers, you springs and wells, Beasts and cattle, you birds and whales: Refrain
- 5 Come, humanity, sing along, Sing, you people of God, a song; Priests and servants, your Lord now bless, Join, you spirits and souls at rest: Refrain
- △ 6 Bless the Lord, all you pure of heart;
 All you humble, His praise impart;
 God the Father and Son adore,
 Bless the Spirit forevermore! Refrain

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OLD TESTEMENT LESSON

Genesis 19:15-29

When the morning dawned, the angels hurried Lot along. "Get up," they said, "take your wife and your two daughters who are with you, or you'll be wiped out when the town is punished." He still hesitated. So the men took him, his wife, and his two daughters by their hands — the LORD was sparing him — and took them away and put them outside the town. After they brought them out, one said, "Save yourself. Don't look behind you or stop anywhere in the valley; flee to the hills, or you'll be destroyed." "Oh, no, lord," Lot answered. "You're so kind to your servant. You've been very kind to me in saving my life. But I can't escape to the hills; disaster will over take me, and I'll die. Here's this town near enough to flee to; and it's small. Let me flee there. Isn't it small? Then I'll stay alive." "I'll let you have your way also in this matter," he answered, "and not destroy the town you're talking about. Hurry, flee there, because I can't do anything till you get there." This is Why the town is called Zoar [Little]. The sun rose over the country as Lot came to Zoar; then the LORD rained on Sodom and Gomorrah sulfur and fire; coming from the LORD in heaven. And He destroyed those towns, the whole plain, all who lived in the towns and anything that grew on the ground. But Lot's wife looked back and became a pillar of salt. Early in the morning Abraham came to the place where he had stood before the LORD. When he looked down at Sodom and Gomorrah and the whole plain in the valley, he saw thick smoke rise from the ground like the smoke of a smelting furnace. And so when God destroyed the towns in the valley, He thought of Abraham and took Lot out of the destruction when He destroyed the towns where Lot was living.

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

EPISTLE LESSON

2 Peter 2:1-9

But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you. They will secretly bring in their own destructive teachings. Denying the Lord Who has bought them, they quickly destroy themselves. And many will follow their immoral ways and *cause* people to *slander* the way of truth. In their greed they will talk dishonestly to you to make a profit. A just punishment has long been getting ready for them, and destruction has been watching for them.

God didn't spare angels who sinned but put them into the gloomy dungeons of hell to be kept for judgment. And He didn't spare the ancient world but protected Noah, who preached righteousness, and seven others when He brought a flood on a world of ungodly people. And He condemned the towns of Sodom and Gomorrah, destroyed them by burning them to ashes, and made them a warning to those who are going to be ungodly, but He rescued righteous Lot, whom the wicked people vexed with their immoral life. (Seeing and hearing the wicked things they did, this righteous man tortured his righteous soul day after day as he lived among them.) The Lord knows how to rescue godly people when they are tested and to keep the wicked under punishment for the day of judgment.

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- Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 17:28-37

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

"Or like the time of Lot: They were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building. But the day Lot left Sodom, fire and sulfur rained from heaven and destroyed them all. That is how it will be on the day the Son of Man is revealed. "On that day, if you're on the roof and have your goods in the house, don't go down to get them. If you're in the field, don't turn back. Remember Lot's wife! If you try to save your life, you'll lose it; but if you'll lose it, you'll save it. "I tell you, that night there will be two in one bed. One will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding together. One will be taken and the other left "They asked Him, "Where, Lord?" "Where there's a dead body," He told them, "there the vultures will gather."

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

Responsory Psalm

Psalm 7 antiphon vs. 15

- P O LORD my God, in you do I take refuge;
- c save me from all my pursuers and deliver me,
- P lest like a lion they tear my soul apart,
- rending it in pieces, with none to deliver.
- P O LORD my God, if I have done this,
- if there is wrong in my hands,
- P if I have repaid my friend with evil
- or plundered my enemy without cause,
- **P** let the enemy pursue my soul and overtake it,
- and let him trample my life to the ground and lay my glory in the dust.
- P Arise, O LORD, in your anger;
- lift yourself up against the fury of my enemies; awake for me; you have appointed a judgment.
- P Let the assembly of the peoples be gathered about you;
- over it return on high.
- P The LORD judges the peoples;
- judge me, O LORD, according to my righteousness and according to the integrity that is in me.
- **P** Oh, let the evil of the wicked come to an end,
- and may you establish the righteous-
- P you who test the minds and hearts,
- **C** O righteous God!

- P My shield is with God,
- who saves the upright in heart.
- **P** God is a righteous judge,
- and a God who feels indignation every day.
- **P** If a man does not repent, God will whet his sword;
- **C** he has bent and readied his bow;
- P he has prepared for him his deadly weapons,
- making his arrows fiery shafts.
- P Behold, the wicked man conceives evil
- and is pregnant with mischief and gives birth to lies.
- P He makes a pit, digging it out,
- and falls into the hole that he has made.
- P His mischief returns upon his own head,
- and on his own skull his violence descends.
- P I will give to the LORD the thanks due to his righteousness,
- and I will sing praise to the name of the LORD, the Most High.

All Recite: 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 He makes a pit, digging it out,
- and falls into the hole that he has made.

RESPONSORY (use Lent responses)

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- P We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.
- He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.
- P Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
- He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.
- P We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.
- He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

Stand

CATECHISM

Ten Commandments

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C You shall have no other gods.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life

everlasting. Amen.

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.

Sit

SERMON

Hymn ~ Not All the Blood of Beasts

Not all the blood of beasts
 On Jewish altars slain
 Could give the guilty conscience peace
 Or wash away the stain.

But Christ, the heav'nly Lamb,
 Takes all our sins away;
 A sacrifice of nobler name
 And richer blood than they.

3 My faith would lay its hand
On that dear head of Thine,
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Prayers Respond to partitions with **Amen**.

Collects

P Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and 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.

- P Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

LSB 431

While as a penitent I stand, And there confess my sin.

- 4 My soul looks back to see
 The burden Thou didst bear
 When hanging on the cursèd tree;
 I know my guilt was there.
- Believing, we rejoice
 To see the curse remove;
 We bless the Lamb with cheerful voice
 And sing His bleeding love.

Afternoon Prayer

- P Heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being, we humbly pray You so to guide and govern us by Your Word and Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget You but remember that we are ever walking in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- **G** Amen.

Canticle Hymn ~ In Peace and Joy I Now Depart

LSB 938

- 1 In peace and joy I now depart Since God so wills it.
 - Serene and confident my heart;
 - Stillness fills it.
 - For the Lord has promised me
 - That death is but a slumber.
- 2 Christ Jesus brought this gift to me, My faithful Savior,
 - Whom You have made my eyes to see
 - By Your favor.
 - Now I know He is my life,
 - My friend when I am dying.

- 3 You sent the people of the earth
 Their great salvation;
 Your invitation summons forth
 Ev'ry nation
 - By Your holy, precious Word, In ev'ry place resounding.
- Christ is the hope and saving light
 Of those in blindness;
 He guides and comforts those in night
 By His kindness.
 For Your people Israel
 - In Him find joy and glory.

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Sit

- P Let us bless the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.
- P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the → Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.
- C Amen.

