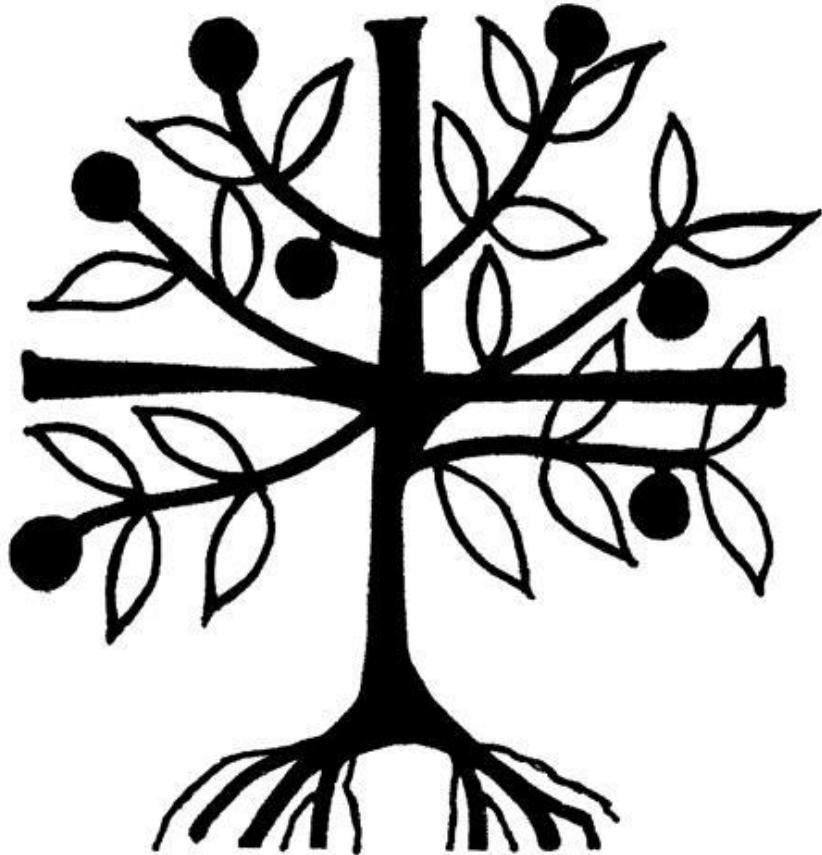


First Sunday in Lent

February 22, 2026



HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH AND STUDENT CENTER

Worship every Sunday at 10:30 am

Childcare is available



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Hope Lutheran Church and Student Center is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and a community of growing disciples of Jesus Christ who love our neighbors, both near and far. We affirm that everyone is created in the image of God and is deserving of God's love and grace. We recognize that for many people, "church" has not always felt like a welcoming place. We celebrate our human family's diversity of sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, race, ethnicity, culture, and age. We embrace differences in relationship status, physical and mental ability, education, income, worldview, and political affiliation. We are committed to the full inclusion of all people in our community and invite you to journey with us toward a deeper faith, mutual respect, greater love and understanding, and reconciliation through Jesus Christ.

If you need to leave the sanctuary for any reason, you may view the service from a phone or another device. You are welcome to return to worship for communion, fellowship, or any portion of special interest to you.

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Gathering: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, \dagger one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

silence is kept for reflection

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of \dagger Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

↑ Gathering Hymn 319: O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and

prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance
faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your
fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -
all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal

for skill and sin, and free us from our past.
ny and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.
Eas - ter selves that we may know God's love.
Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Passing the Peace

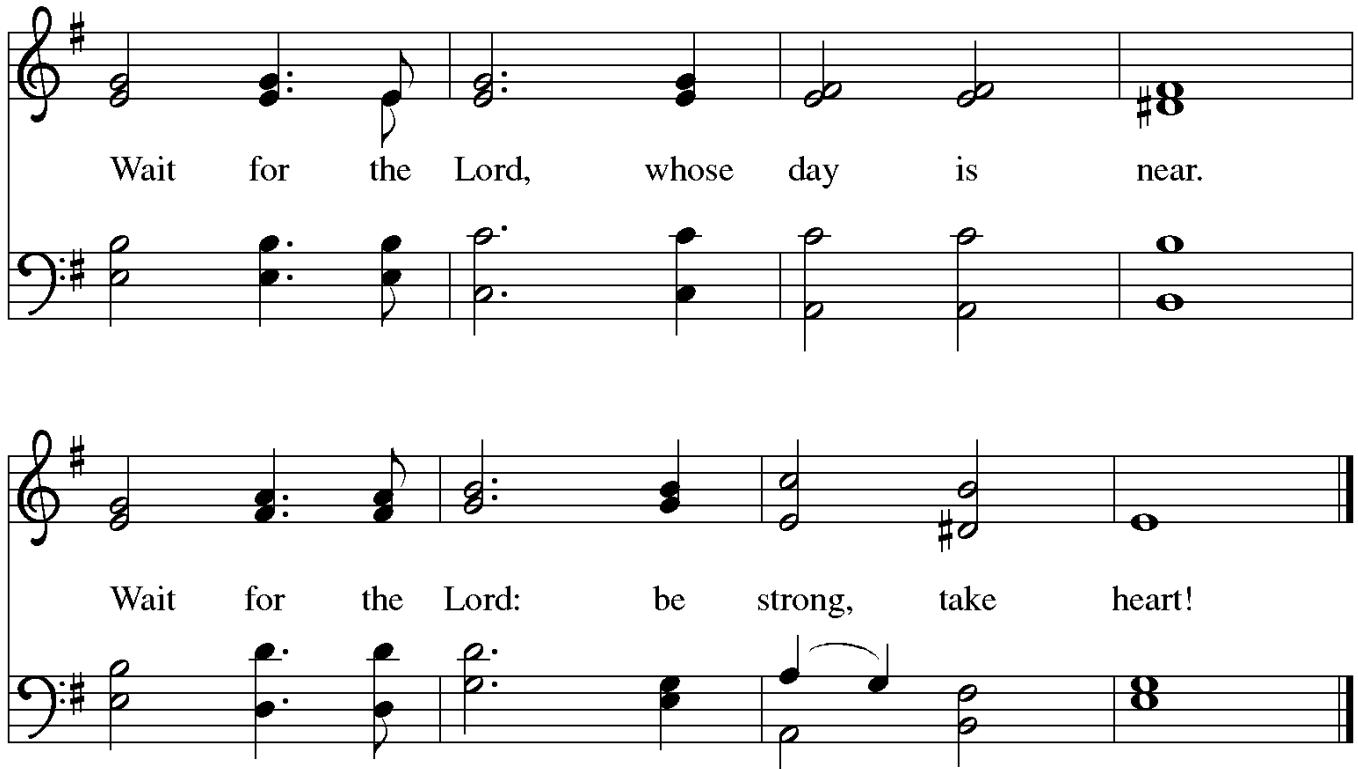
Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

You may stay in your seat or walk around to greet others, often saying "Peace be with you."

Word: God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

Gospel Acclamation (All): ELW 262: Wait for the Lord



Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
All: Glory to You, O Lord.

Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

¹ Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. ² He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. ³ The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴ But he answered, “It is written,

‘One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ”

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶ saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,’
and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’ ”

⁷ Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ”

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, ⁹ and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,
‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’ ”

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Repeat after the leader:

**That's the story of God and God's people.
God, thanks for your story.**

Dismissal

Children are welcome to stay or are invited downstairs to continue reflecting on this story.

Gospel Acclamation: Wait for the Lord (music on page 5)

⬇ **A responsive reading from the book:**

The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World
by Robin Wall Kimmerer

L: The cool breath of evening slips off the wooded hills,

C: displacing the heat of the day, and with it come the birds.

L: They arrive in a flock of calls that sound like laughter,

C: and I have to laugh back with the same delight.

L: They are all around me, Cedar Waxwings and Catbirds and a flash of Bluebird.

C: The bushes are laden with fat clusters of red, blue, and wine

L: —so many, you can pick them by the handful. I wonder if the birds will be able to fly

C: with their bellies as full as mine.

L: This abundance of serviceberries feels like a pure gift from the land.

You could call them natural resources or ecosystem services,

C: but the Robins and I know them as gifts. We both sing gratitude with our mouths full.

L: In our Potawatomi words, the root word for Blueberry, Strawberry, Raspberry, even Apple, means “gift”

C: In naming of the plants-Gift-

L: we recognize that these are gifts from our plant relatives,

C: manifestations of their generosity, care, and creativity.

L: And we are grateful... but

C: gratitude is so much more than a polite “thank you.”

L: It is the thread that connects us in a deep relationship,

C: as our bodies are fed and spirits nourished by the sense of belonging.

Sermon

Ashes are available during this song for anyone who wishes, simply come forward to the railing.

Hymn of the Day 325: I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

1 I want Jesus to walk with me;
2 In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
3 When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;

me; I want Jesus to walk with me;
in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;

me; all along my pilgrimage,
when my heart is bowed in sorrow,
when my head is bowed in sorrow,

Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Prayers of the People

The assisting minister leads a series of prayer petitions. We join in praying together; we end each petition with the close-and-response: “Hear us, O God.” with the response: “Your mercy is great.”

Reconciled by God’s mercy and sustained by God’s presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

A brief silence.

God of all grace, grant faith to your church. Give to all the baptized the will to resist temptation and to worship and serve you alone. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

God of all creation, tend this earth. When human greed and disobedience threaten this planet and the life it contains, lead us by your Spirit into ways of reverence, awe, and gentleness. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of all nations, preserve us from trouble. Surround all living in places of violence with your steadfast love and give resilience to all who work for peace. Grant courage to those who challenge, especially around issues of racism and systemic oppression. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of all healing, mend our wounds. Bring wholeness to all who are sick, give peace to all who groan in grief, and send companions to all who are lonely or isolated. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of all people, provide for our community. For any among us who hunger for bread, bring nourishment. For any among us who hunger for truth, speak your life-giving word. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

(With the assisting minister, please pray out loud the first name of each person for whom we pray. If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please secure the person's consent, then reach out to Lauren in the office.)

We pray for people who have requested our ongoing prayers:

John Henry,
Dolores,
Sheena (relative of Rick),
Jytte (pronounced YOU-ta) (Karin's grandmother),
Tasnim (friend of Naette),
Angelo,
Terry,
Pastor Beth,
Nan and Tom.

[pause]

And for those who have requested prayers for a time or a season:

Raeann (niece of Bonnie),
Karen and Levi,
Tatenda,
Mariella,
Maya,
Bernice, as she moves from her family home to Brightview in Annapolis,
Kathleen, for healing,
Lauren, for healing,
The People of Minnesota,
Living Water, a Seventh Day Adventist Church, who worships at Hope on Saturdays,
Christian Stability Ministry, a community of refugees who worship at Hope on Sundays,
Our bishops, Yehiel and Phil,

and those we name silently or aloud [...pause...]

when it seems all are done

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of all life, bring us to you. We thank you for your free and abounding grace, and for those who, by that same grace, now rest eternally in you. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

Amen.

Announcements

Meal: God feeds us with the presence of Jesus.

Offering Music

During this time of musical offering:

Those worshiping online may make offerings on Hope's website: (www.hopecp.org) - look on the red top bar for the word "Donate." You may also give by text at 844-904-1808.

For those worshiping with us in person, we pass the offering basket. You may also continue giving online or by text.

At this time, children in childcare are invited upstairs for communion.

Noisy Offering

Kids' Message

↑ Opening Communion Song 472: Eat This Bread

Refrain

“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.
OR Je-sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hunger.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”
Je-sus Christ, ris-en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,
we may come to the fullness of your grace.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy Is the Name of God

4/4 time, treble clef. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are: Sanctum nomen Domini magnificat. The bass line provides harmonic support below the melody.

San-ctum no - men Do - mi - ni ma - gni - fi - cat
Ho - ly is the name of God. Sing out my soul,

4/4 time, bass clef. The bass line continues with eighth and sixteenth notes, providing harmonic support for the upper voices.

a - ni - ma me - a. San-ctum no - men Do - mi - ni
prais-ing God ev - er-more. Ho - ly is the name of God.

4/4 time, bass clef. The bass line continues with eighth and sixteenth notes, providing harmonic support for the upper voices.

ma - gni - fi - cat a - ni - ma me - a.
Sing out my soul, giv - ing praise to God.

4/4 time, bass clef. The bass line concludes with a final harmonic flourish.

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.

The Lord's Prayer

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

**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.**

↓ Our Communion Practices

Everyone is welcome to participate in communion. Today Hope offers gluten free bread, white grape juice and white wine. Pre-filled juice cups with wafers, and pre-filled juice cups with a gluten-free wafer are also available. Juice and wine will be served with pouring chalices. As you come forward to the altar rail, pick up a communion glass. Tell the server if you prefer wine or grape juice. The server will pour into your communion glass. When finished, place the empty glass in one of the round holes at the altar rail or give it to the usher who will be at the baptismal font. You may choose to receive bread only and/or any of the cup options. Any version of communion carries the full power of communion. If you prefer not to receive elements, you may cross your arms over your chest for a no-contact, verbal blessing. You are invited forward to stand or kneel at the railing; after those who wish to come forward receive, servers will bring communion to those who prefer to stay in your seats.

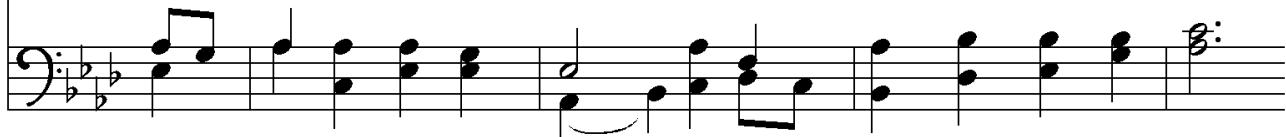
Communion Hymn 613: Thy Holy Wings



1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent-ly o - ver me,
2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down - y breast
3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No-ah's cleans-ing flood.



and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.
where I will find sweet com-fort and peace with - in thy nest.
Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.



Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,
Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,
Oh, take in - to thy keep - ing thy chil - dren great and small,



and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with - in thy grace.
for I am but a new-born and need thy ten - der care.
and while we sweet-ly slum-ber, en - fold us one and all.



↑ **Post Communion Blessing**

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and let you know how much you are always kept in God's grace.

Amen.

Sending: God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Benediction

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity:
God, who calls all things into existence,
Jesus Christ, who redeems us,
and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation,
☩ bless you now and always.

Amen.

Sending Hymn 609: Chief of Sinners Though I Be (verses 1, 2, & 5)

1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed his blood for me,
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love! High - er than the heav'ns a - bove,
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part balm to heal the wound - ed heart,
4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in all to me;
5 O my Sav - ior, help af - ford by your Spir - it and your word!

died that I might live on high, lives that I might nev - er die.
deep - er than the depths of sea, last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty.
peace that flows from sin for - giv'n, joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,
all my wants to him are known, all my sor - rows are his own.
When my way - ward heart would stray, keep me in the nar - row way;

As the branch is to the vine, I am his, and he is mine.
Love that found me—won-drous thought—found me when I sought him not.
faith and hope to walk with God in the way that E - noch trod.
He sus - tains the hid - den life safe with him from earth - ly strife.
grace in time of need sup - ply while I live and when I die.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Believe the good news.

Thanks be to God.

↓ Postlude

Today's Worship Leaders

- † **Preaching & Presiding Minister:** Pastor Julie
- † **Assisting Minister:** Roger
- † **Lector:** Pat
- † **Usher:** Joan
- † **Offering Counter:** Joan and an onsite volunteer
- † **Communion Set-Up:** Lori
- † **Childcare Staff:** Paige and Victor
- † **Fellowship Snacks:** Phyllis and Roger
- † **February Communion Bread Baker:** Karin

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Announcements

Sunday Childcare During Service: Childcare is available for children during worship. Two cleared background checked students will care for the children and lead activities during worship services.

Resilience Check In, a Facilitated Conversation: Join us **today**

following worship and on the following Sundays: **March 8 & 22!** With all that is happening in our country, our world, and our own lives, we need a chance to reflect and share together. About every other Sunday, about 15 people stay after worship to talk together. As all things at church this is non-partisan, though it does reflect our Christian values. We hope this is a safe space to identify our concerns, anxieties, and eventually the ways we could respond and support our community.

Chewon's Recital: On Monday, **February 23** at 8pm join Chewon and others from Hope for an evening of music. As part of her PhD graduation requirement Chewon will be offering a music recital at Clarice Smith Gildenhorn Recital Hall. This event is free and all are welcome to attend.

Quilters of Hope: Join us on Tuesday, **February 24**. The group will cut, sew, tie and make quilts for neighbors around the world in need of some comfort and care. Anyone can join this group on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, 10am-noon at Hope. No experience necessary. Contact Arlene for more information: WV1958@hotmail.com

Creation Conversation: Teacher of Abundance and Reciprocity:
On Sunday, **March 1** following worship we will gather to share questions and thoughts about how we might best be in relationship with creation. Our relationship with creation is full of wonder and gratitude, but it is also very complicated.

Possible topics are:

When and how have you experienced abundance in creation? (apple orchard, grocery store, cherry blossoms at the Tidal Basin, Botanical Garden, farm, forest, springtime)

How can we give back to creation?

When have you been nurtured by creation? When has creation “quieted” your soul? When have family, adopted family members done the same?

movies@hope: Join us on Friday, **March 6** at 7:30pm when movies@hope presents *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*. This groundbreaking film from 2004 tells the tale of a couple who, after a painful separation, undergo a medical procedure to erase from their memories any trace of their relationship. But what have they lost of themselves in the bargain? This brilliant comedy explores the rich complexity of human relationships and the resilience of the human spirit in the face of adversity. movies@hope favorite Professor Robin Bates returns to present this Oscar winner starring Jim Carrey and Kate Winslet.

Biblical Storytelling: Gospel of Mark: Join us on Wednesday, **March 25** at 6:15pm for dinner and at 7-9:15pm for storytelling at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. The community will hear scripture come alive, much as it was first heard. Professional Biblical Storyteller, Tracy, will be returning to tell the entire Gospel of Mark from memory. Some of us experienced this at Hope in 2018; now we partner with St. Andrew's to offer this in their space. Students, neighbors, and all people are welcome. Look for a sign-up sheet to help us prepare for food.

Travel with The Humble Walk: Please join The Humble Walk on a trip to Taizé, France from **May 31-June 7**. The total cost of the trip, not including airfare, is ~\$400 (ages 18-35) or ~\$600 (ages 35+). A \$150 deposit is due by **March 15** to The Humble Walk. The remaining cost (after deposit) is due April 15 to The Humble Walk. For more information and/or questions about the trip, please email lcmadmin@umd.edu.

New Private Signs at Hope: If you've been into Hope's building, you may have seen signs on many of the interior doors reading "PRIVATE". Do not be alarmed; Hope and all our ministry partners (like Living Water, Christian Stability Ministry, and Humble Walk) will continue using the building and all its spaces as usual. This is a specific designation to keep Hope's building secure should federal agents visit the building without a warrant. There are further instructions posted near the exterior doors, and available upon request. Thanks to Hope's council for making this plan to keep our building hospitable.

Pupusa Wednesdays: On Wednesdays throughout the semester the Humble Walk is in need of volunteers. The ministry is both a feeding program and one that focuses on hunger advocacy and community building. Research shows that 19%+ of college students nationwide are food insecure, a higher percentage than the approx. 11% overall nationwide food insecure population. As part of the program, we will be serving free pupusas to everyone who comes: students, staff, people in the community, the unhoused, etc. If you'd like to volunteer, email Carolyn, the student coordinator, at cconner2@terpmail.umd.edu)

All Communion Bread is Gluten Free: The bread this month is gluten free. The flour used in the recipe is King Arthur gluten free all-purpose flour. You can check the ingredients here:
<https://shop.kingarthurbaking.com/content/packaging/07502.pdf>

Lent at Hope:

- Wednesday, **March 4**, supper and prayer
 - 6:15pm simple supper
 - 7pm sung Taizé prayer
 - 7:45pm clean up
- Wednesday, **March 18**, supper and prayer at St. Andrew's
 - 6:15pm simple supper
 - 7pm sung Taizé prayer
 - 7:45pm clean up
- Wednesday, **March 25**, dinner and Biblical storytelling at St. Andrew's
 - 6:15pm dinner
 - 7-9:15pm storytelling

Holy Week:

- Sunday, **March 29**, 10:30am: Palm Sunday Passion Sunday Worship at Hope
- Thursday, **April 2**, Maundy Thursday
 - 6pm All Ages service at Hope, with foot washing and Holy Communion
 - 6:45pm community dinner at Hope
 - 7:30pm campfire and storytelling at Hope
(7:30pm traditional Maundy Thursday worship at St. Andrews Episcopal Church)
- Friday, **April 3**, Good Friday
 - noon and 7:30pm services at St. Andrews Episcopal Church (with shared leadership from Hope)
- Saturday, **April 4**, 2-4pm: Church cleaning and decorating for Easter
- Sunday, **April 5**, Easter Sunday Lively Worship at Hope
 - 9:30am potluck breakfast
 - 10:30am Celebratory Worship
 - following worship - egg hunt

What's Happening at Hope

Today

10:30am: Worship; following worship: Resilience Check-in at Hope

1:30-2:30pm: Christian Stability Ministry worships at Hope

5-7pm: Humble Walk dinner and worship at Hope

This Week

Monday, February 23, 8pm: Chewon's music recital at Clarice Smith Gildenhorn room

Tuesday, February 24, 10am-noon: Quilters of Hope at Hope

Wednesday, February 25, 11:30am-1:30pm: Pupusa Wednesday at Hope

Wednesday, February 25, 7:30pm: Hope Council Meeting on Zoom

Thursday, February 26, 3-5:30pm: Caring Kids at Hope

Saturday, February 28, 11am: Living Water worships at Hope

Saturday, February 28, 3-5:30pm: Christian Stability Ministry music team practice at Hope

Looking Ahead

Sunday, March 1, Humble Walk student guest preacher in worship; following worship: Creation Conversation: Teacher of Abundance and Reciprocity at Hope

Wednesday, March 4, 6:15pm: supper, 7pm: prayer at Hope

Friday, March 6, 7:30pm: movies@hope at Hope

Wednesday, March 18, 6:15pm: supper, 7pm: prayer at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Wednesday, March 25, 6:15pm: dinner, 7-9:15pm: storytelling at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Our Core Values: We are...

Welcoming,

Growing Disciples who Lead,

Loving our Neighbors,

Near and Far.