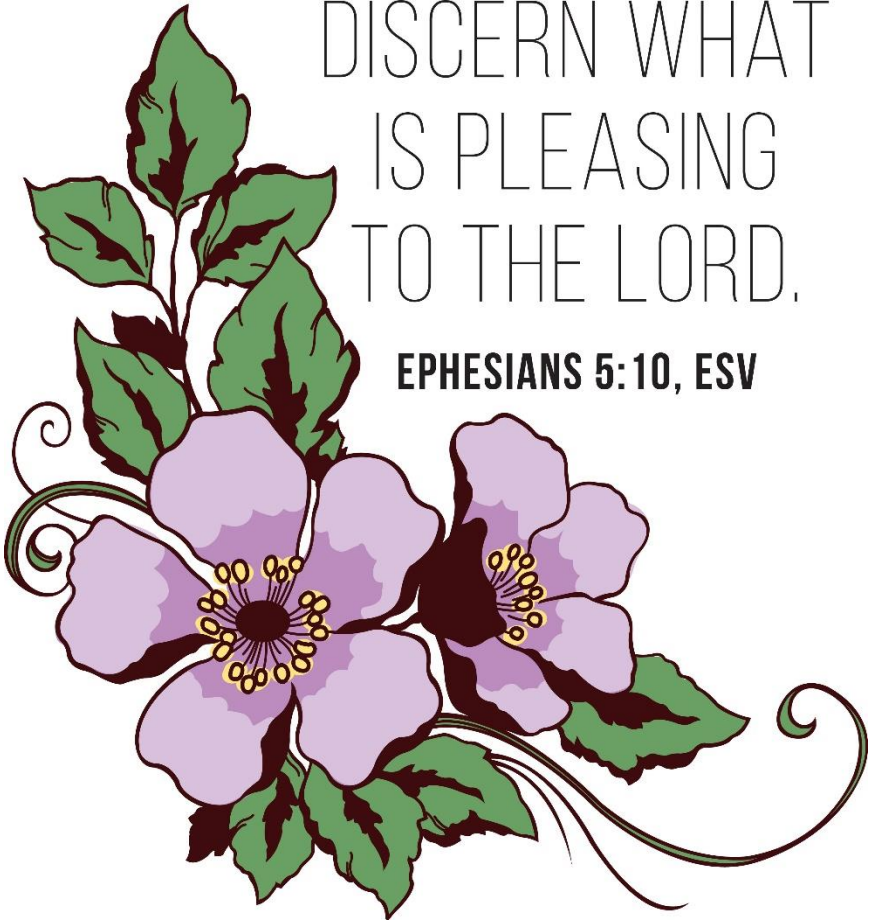


TRY TO
DISCERN WHAT
IS PLEASING
TO THE LORD.

EPHESIANS 5:10, ESV



Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 19, 2023 – 9:00am

Hope Lutheran Church

Ladysmith, Wisconsin

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Pastor: Rev. Christopher W. Martin

Prelude

The Gathering

Welcome & Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness

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Gathering Hymn: "Be Thou My Vision"

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Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

Kyrie: "Have Mercy on Us, Lord"

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Prayer of the Day: **Almighty God, grant that we, who for our evil deeds worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of your grace, may mercifully be relieved; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

The Word

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 42:14-21

Response to the Word

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Responsive Reading: Psalm 142

L: I cry to the LORD with my voice; to the LORD I make loud supplication.

C: I pour out my complaint before him and tell him all my trouble.

L: When my spirit languishes within me, you know my path; in the way wherein walk they have hidden a trap for me.

L: I look to my right hand and find no one who knows me; I have no place to flee to, and no one cares for me.

L: I cry out to you, O LORD; I say, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living."

C: Listen to my cry for help, for I have been brought very low; save me from those who pursue me, for they are too strong for me.

L: Bring me out of prison, that I may give thanks to your name; when you have dealt bountifully with me, the righteous will gather around me.

Epistle Reading: Romans 5:1-8

Gospel Acclamation: "We Are Turning"

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Holy Gospel: John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 9th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Martin

Hymn of the Day: "Healer of Our Every Ill"

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Apostles' Creed

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Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace

THE MEAL

Presentation of the Gifts: "Create in Me"

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Offertory Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving

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The Lord's Prayer

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Distribution of Holy Communion: "Lamb of God"

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Hymns: "Amazing Grace" - #779

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" - #815

"Great Is Their Faithfulness" - #733

Post-Communion Blessing & Prayer

THE SENDING

Benediction

Sending Hymn: "Christ the Life of All the Living"

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Dismissal

P: Go in peace, Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Terry Wedwick

Evangelical Lutheran Worship – Setting 10

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Prayer Concerns: Health Concerns: Merrilee Anhalt, Kathleen Chicken, Pr. Phil Gagnon, Carol Hon, Elizabeth Lincoln, Sue Molstad, Rick Nash, Scott Peterson, Trevett Peterson, Jim Sisko, Loretta Smith, Nick Sovacool, Norma vanHeesch, Al Warwick; Homebound Members & Nursing Home Residents.

Worship Assistants: Ushers – Charlie Holtebeck, Kathy Peterson; Lector – Charlie Holtebeck; Communion Asst – Bradon Martin.

Book Discussion: The book discussion group will meet on TODAY at 10:30am. The book for March is At Home In Mitford by Jan Karon.

Meal of the Month: The March Meal of the Month will take place on Tuesday, March 21 at 11:30am at Grandpa's Pizza. This is an opportunity for members of Hope to enjoy a meal and some fellowship while supporting a local business.

Council Meeting: The Church Council will meet on Tuesday, March 21 at 6:30pm.

Donuts & Devotions: Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to the upstairs youth room next Sunday, March 26 following the worship service for donuts & devotions. Friends are welcome!

Feed My People Delivery: Volunteers are needed on Monday, March 20 at 9:15am to help unload the Feed My People delivery and to stock food pantry shelves.

Livestreaming Equipment Upgrade: The Worship & Music Committee is working on upgrading the equipment used to livestream our worship services. Volunteers who do the videography are currently using their personal cell phones to livestream, which causes inconsistencies in the quality of the audio and video. This will be a significant technology investment. Monetary donations of any amount can be placed in the offering box (clearly marked "Livestreaming") or sent to the church office.

GriefShare: During the month of March, GriefShare is meeting on Thursdays from 6:00-7:30pm. GriefShare is a faith-based, non-denominational grief support group. To register, please contact the church office.

Places of the Passion

The theme for our Midweek Lenten Worship is "Places of the Passion". Our midweek Lenten services are rotating between the churches of our parish, as we take this opportunity to worship and fellowship with one another. Each service in the month of March will be preceded by a soup supper from 5:00-6:00pm, a hymn sing in the sanctuary at 6:15pm, and the service will begin at 6:30pm.

March 22 - "The Courtyard: A Place of Renewal" - Glen Flora

March 29 - "The Trial: A Place of God's Will" - Hope Lutheran

Corned Beef Dinner & Pie Auction: Hope Lutheran Youth Ministry will be hosting a Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner and Pie Auction on Sunday, March 26 at 5:00pm. There is no set fee for this meal but a free-will offering will be received with proceeds benefitting youth ministries. A pie auction will immediately follow the meal. Reservations are requested. Please contact the church office to make a reservation (715-532-7739 or hlcladysmith@gmail.com).

Newsletter Deadline: The deadline for submitting items for the April newsletter is Tuesday, March 21.

A Week of Hope

Today	10:00am Fellowship 10:15am Sunday School 10:30am Book Discussion 2:00pm Ukrainian Easter Egg Class
Tuesday	11:30am Meal of the Month at Grandpa's Pizza 6:30pm Church Council Meeting
Wednesday	5:00pm Lenten Soup Supper at GFLC 5:30pm Choirchimes 6:15pm Hymn Sing at GFLC 6:30pm Midweek Lenten Worship at GFLC
Thursday	6:00pm Griefshare
Sunday	9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship 10:15am Sunday School 10:15am Donuts & Devotions 5:00pm Corned Beef Dinner & Pie Auction



Easter Garden

We will once again be using flowering plants to decorate the sanctuary for Easter. If you would like to donate a plant, please complete the form and return it to the church office no later than Sunday, April 2. Plants should be brought to the church no later than noon on Saturday, April 8. Plants can be taken home after the 10:00am worship service on Easter.

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Number of plants: _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____
