

Hope Lutheran Church  
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LOVE

Love is *patient,*  
love is *kind.*  
It does not *envy,*  
it does not *boast,*  
it is not *proud.*

1 Corinthians 13:4

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany  
February 2, 2025  
9:00am

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. (*silence for reflection and self-examination*)  
Most merciful God,

**C: 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.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

♪ Entrance Hymn: "Give Me Jesus"

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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, and hear our solemn prayer. We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.**

**Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may  
begin.**

**Have mercy on us, Lord, make sin and shame depart.  
Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!**

♪ Hymn of Praise

**Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.  
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:  
we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and  
praise. Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our  
songs we raise.**

**Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n  
above; on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at  
God's right hand. Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your  
promise firm we stand.**

**Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;  
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:  
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor  
bright. For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**P:** O God, you know the perilous choices we are prone to make  
that fall short of your desire for human faithfulness and  
obedience. Without you, our fragile nature cannot survive.  
Support us with your Word of truth, that we may grow in faith in  
the midst of our trials. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ,  
your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-19

**L:** The Word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading: Psalm 71:1-6

**L:** In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;

**C:** **let me never be ashamed.**

**L:** In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free;

**C:** **incline your ear to me and save me.**

L: Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe;

**C: you are my crag and my stronghold.**

L: Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,

**C: from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.**

L: For you are my hope, O Lord God,

**C: my confidence since I was young.**

L: I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you have been my strength;

**C: my praise shall be always of you.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:31b—13:13

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

♪ Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.**

**Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred. Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.**

Holy Gospel: Luke 4:31-44

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the fourth chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Martin

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

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Confession of Faith: Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of**

the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Installation of Lay Leadership

The Prayers

P: ...Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

♪ Presentation of the Offering: "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful" #182

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

Offertory Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

♪**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

## Words of Institution

### The 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.**

### Distribution of Holy Communion

♪ "Lamb of God"

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.**

### ♪ Communion Hymns

#665 – "Rise, Shine, You People"

#685 – "Take My Life, That I May Be"

### Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

### Post-Communion Prayer

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### Benediction

Recessional Hymn: "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" #543

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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**Holy Communion:** We are celebrating the sacrament of Holy Communion during our service today. As a congregation of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC), all are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with, and under the forms of bread and wine in this sacrament for the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.

**Prayer Concerns:** Health Concerns – Merrilee Anhalt, Austin Boehm, Wayne Crozier, Aiden Dohr, Emma Dohr, Pr. Phil Gagnon, Brittany Haag, Fred Hemm, Karen Langland, Pr. Amy Little, Brian Michaelson, Ken Parejko, Justin Robinson, Grant Rydlund, Jameson Schultz, Marge Scott, Marion Weinert, Michelle Whittenberger, Homebound Members and Nursing Home Residents; Military Deployment: Kionte Peterson.

**Worship Assistants:** Ushers – Dave & Laurie Lemke; Communion Asst – Dave Lemke; Lector – Bonnie Billings; Acolyte – Blake Nyhagen.

**Livestream Sponsorship:** The livestream of our worship service this morning is sponsored by Kathy Peterson in loving memory of her husband, Jan.

**Feed My People Delivery:** Volunteers are needed on Monday, February 3 at 9:15am to help unload the Feed My People delivery and stock food pantry shelves.

**Wednesday School:** Wednesday School will resume on February 5 at 3:15pm. Wednesday School is for children Pre-K thru 6<sup>th</sup> grades. It's never too late to join. Registration forms can be found on the church website (hlcladysmith.org) under the Education tab.

**Confirmation Class:** Confirmation will resume on Wednesday, February 5 at 6:30pm.

**GriefShare:** The next GriefShare grief support cycle will begin on Thursday, March 6. GriefShare is a network of 15,000 churches worldwide equipped to offer 13-week non-denominational, faith-based, grief support groups to help people deal with all of the complex feelings after the death of a loved one. The group will meet from 6-7:30 on Thursdays from March 6 through April 10 and then on Wednesdays from April 16 through May 28. If you, or someone you know, would like to register for the program, please call the Hope Lutheran Church office at 715-532-7739. The secretary will take down your contact information so a GriefShare leader can call you back. You can also register online at [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org), just click on "Find a group" and enter the 54848 zip code.

### **A Week of Hope**

Today	10:00am Fellowship
Monday	9:15am Feed My People Delivery
Wednesday	3:15pm Wednesday School 6:30pm Confirmation
Sunday	9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship

### **Mission Statement**

*Hope Lutheran Church is commissioned to make disciples, commanded to love God and others, and committed to serve.*

### **Vision Statement**

*The Hope Lutheran Church family seeks to form disciples of Jesus in our daily relationships with Christ through weekly worship, daily prayer, and empowering them to develop their spiritual gifts to serve God and others.*