

A vibrant, textured illustration. In the center, a figure with long dark hair and a serene expression has arms outstretched horizontally. They wear a white tunic under a long, flowing blue robe. To the left, a young child with dark skin and curly hair wears a yellow and orange striped shirt and light blue pants, looking towards the central figure. To the right, another child with dark skin and curly hair wears a dark blue long-sleeved shirt and light blue pants, looking forward. The background is a mix of purple, blue, and yellow textures. Overlaid on the center is a white text block with a quote from the Bible.

How often
have I desired to
gather your children together
as a hen gathers
her brood
under her wings

LUKE 13:34

Hope Lutheran Church

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Second Sunday in Lent

Prelude, Welcome, & Announcements

Opening Hymn "I Need Thee Every Hour"

FOG # 443

Call to Worship

P: Come and worship! In wonder and awe let us seek the face of God.

C: God invites us to come just as we are.

P: We come longing to experience God's embrace.

C: God wraps us in the loving arms of our Creator.

P: We come hungry to encounter the Word.

C: God feeds us the Bread of Life

P: We come parched for renewal and restoration.

C: God quenches our thirst with living water.

P: We come weary and worn.

C: God shoulders our burdens and grants us peace.

P: Come and worship! In wonder and awe, God reveals the divine self to us.

C: We come as we are and are changed by God's love and grace.

All: GIVE GLORY TO GOD! AMEN

Prayer of the Day (in unison)

God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Lessons

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Psalms 27

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Philippians 3:17-4:1

He's the Savior of My Soul

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Gospel

Luke 13:31-35

Sermon

Hymn of the Day "My Jesus, I Love Thee"

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The Apostles' Creed

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Offering/Offertory

Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction & Dismissal

Closing Hymn "Down at the Cross"

FOG # 255

In Our Prayers: Bruce Gerking, Leta Steinkuhler & the family of Lyle Carman.

Wednesday, 16th: 4:00 p.m. Confirmation, 7:00 Lenten Service at Hope, Church Council following worship

Thursday, 17th: 1:30 Bible Study & General Meeting, Sharon has Bible Study-pg. 60, Judy has devotions & hostess; St. Patrick's Day

Sunday, 20th: 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion Sunday Worship, Spring Begins

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." ⁸But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" ⁹He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." ¹⁰He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹²As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

Psalm 27

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:17—4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

^{4:1}Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

GOSPEL: Luke 13:31-35

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus], "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³²He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work.

³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' ³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9.

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