



Blessed
are those
who Mourn

MATTHEW 5:4

Hope Lutheran Church

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Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Prelude, Welcome, Announcements

Opening Hymn "Alleluia, Song of Gladness" WOV # 654

Call to Worship

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

C: And also with you!

P: Let us pray together: O God, you are our refuge and our strength.

C: A very present help in times of trouble, therefore we will not fear.

P: O God, too often we have sinned and have fallen short of your glory.

C: Search us, O God and know our hearts; test us and know our thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in us, and lead us in the way everlasting.

P: O God, we honor the bold faith of our brothers and sisters in Christ who have gone before us.

All: May we each be as bold in our faith this week as we cry "Come, Holy Spirit!" Help us to die again and again in Christ so that we might be truly free.

Hymn of Praise: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

**Prayer of the Day (in unison) Almighty and ever-living God,
increase in us the gifts of faith, hope and love; and that we may
obtain what you promise, make us love what you command,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The Lessons	Micah 6:1-8	
	Psalm 15	pg. 220
	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	
		WOV pg. 17
Alleluia		
Gospel	Matthew 5:1-12	
Sermon		
Hymn of the Day "Blest Are They"		WOV # 764
Apostles' Creed		WOV pg. 19
Offering /Offertory		
Prayers of the Church		
The Lord's Prayer		
Benediction & Dismissal		
Closing Hymn "Arise, Your Light Has Come!"		WOV # 652

In Our Prayers: Bruce Gerking, Kathy Helgren, & Ruth Hietbrink.

Welcome to Hope Lutheran. We are happy to have you worship with us today. If you are visiting please sign the guest book in the entry.

Wednesday, Febr. 1st: Confirmation 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, Febr. 2nd: Groundhog Day

Sunday, Febr. 5th: Holy Communion Worship

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FIRST READING: Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the **LORD** says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,

and let the hills hear your voice.

²Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the **LORD**,

and you enduring foundations of the earth;

for the **LORD** has a controversy with his people,

and he will contend with Israel.

³“O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you?

Answer me!

⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,

and redeemed you from the house of slavery;

and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

⁵O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,

what Balaam son of Beor answered him,

and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,

that you may know the saving acts of the **LORD**.”

⁶“With what shall I come before the **LORD**,

and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,

with calves a year old?

⁷Will the **LORD** be pleased with thousands of rams,

with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,

the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good;

and what does the **LORD** require of you

but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Psalm 15**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 [not printed]****GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”