



# HOPE EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

*The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod*

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## **Lent – Holy Week – Easter 2024**

March 6 – 7:00 p.m. – Lent 3 Midweek

*III. The Palace of the High Priest*

March 13 – 7:00 p.m. – Lent 4 Midweek

*IV. The Praetorium*

March 20 – 7:00 p.m. – Lent 5 Midweek

*V. Calvary*

March 24 – 9:00 a.m. – **Palm Sunday**

March 28 – 7:00 p.m. – **Holy Thursday**

March 29 – 7:00 p.m. – **Good Friday**

March 30 – 8:00 p.m. – **Easter Vigil**

March 31 – 9:00 a.m. – **The Resurrection of Our Lord**



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## ✠ THE HOPE LUTHERAN ✠

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Share life and hope in our Savior Jesus.

March-April 2024

### The Holy Three Days

At the end of March this year we celebrate the most sacred time of the Christian year: *Holy Week and Easter*. We will walk the path of our Lord Jesus Christ as He entered Jerusalem, instituted the Sacrament of His Supper, suffered under Pontius Pilate, died and was buried, rested in the tomb, and then on the third day rose again. Holy Week and Easter lead us to relive Jesus' "Passover" from death to life as our own story so that we can celebrate and grow in His work of saving us from sin and death.

Within Holy Week, the "most sacred" time is called the "*Holy Triduum*" – the Holy Three Days – which are *Holy Thursday*, *Good Friday*, and *Holy Saturday*. These Holy Three Days teach us what we need to know about Christ and His merciful work of dying to give us His life.

#### ✠ Holy Thursday

On the night of Holy Thursday Jesus gave the command "*that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another*" (John 13:34). Hence, the other name "Maundy Thursday," from the Latin word *mandatum*, which means "command." Jesus illustrated His command to love one another by washing the disciples' feet, giving the prime example of living in humble service to one another.

The prime event that we celebrate on "Holy Thursday," though, is Jesus' institution of the Lord's Supper. As He and His disciples observed

the ancient festival of Passover, they celebrated God's great deliverance of Israel from slavery in Egypt. And they did it with a meal given by God – the meal of sacrificing the Passover lamb, painting its blood on the doorframes of the houses, eating the roasted lamb, and then going free from slavery to serve the living God (see Exodus 12:1-14).

Jesus transforms the Passover meal into the "Christian Passover," the Lord's Supper. In this holy meal, Jesus is our "Passover lamb," His blood is on us as we eat His Body and drink His Blood, and thus we go free from our slavery to sin and death. Here our Lord Jesus Christ makes us holy by forgiving our sins, by giving us His eternal life, and by rescuing us from death itself.

### Circuit Tre Ore Service

The 2024 St. Louis South Circuit "Tre Ore" (Three Hour) Service will be held at:

Timothy Lutheran Church  
6704 Fyler Ave.  
St. Louis, MO 63139

The "Tre Ore" service runs from 12:00 - 3:00 pm, and includes 20-minute segments of prayer, music, Scripture, and meditation on the Seven Last Words of Jesus on the cross.

## ✠ Good Friday

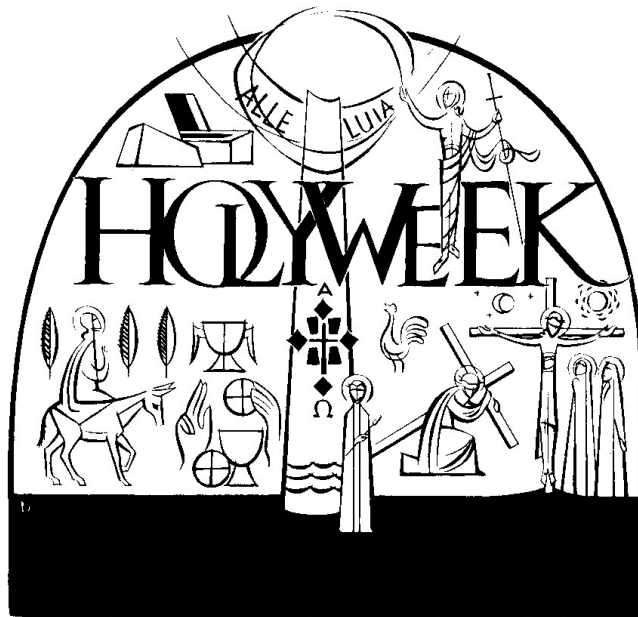
On this day we hear the complete story of Jesus' Passion and Crucifixion from John 18-19. This Gospel reading is longer than any other of the Church year, but it is well worth the time to listen and meditate when it is either read or sung. We will hear the fulfillment of Jesus' predictions about Himself: *"For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise"* (Luke 18:32-33).

On this holiest of days we fast from the Lord's Supper so that we can ponder and meditate on the bottomless depth of God's love shown in Christ's selfless yet painful sacrifice. *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life"* (John 3:16). Christ loved us in such a way that He entered into death and hell to taste our suffering and death that result from our sinful separation from God. But when hell and Satan taste our Lord Jesus Christ, as He enters their domain, they cannot stomach Him; He is a poison pill for them. So, death, hell, and Satan "vomit up" our Savior Jesus Christ, because they cannot handle pure, divine life.

## ✠ Holy Saturday

The final day of the "Holy Triduum" is "Holy Saturday." On this day we celebrate Jesus' resting in the tomb, and we do that best by resting

ourselves. Just as God rested on the seventh day, after He had created the heavens and the earth (Genesis 2:1-3), so also Jesus Christ, the Son of God in the flesh, rested on the seventh day of Holy Week. He rested because He had finished *recreating* the heavens and the earth by rescuing all of humanity from sin, death, and hell and restoring us to His image. As we rest, we want to ponder all that our Lord has of His goodness done for us. Read Matthew 27:45-66 to see not only how Jesus died and was buried, but also what affect His works of saving us has on us and all creation.



As Holy Saturday comes to a close in the evening, we start looking ahead to the Easter celebration. (In the ancient world, the new day began at sundown.) The Holy Three Days usher us into the grand celebration of Easter, the seven weeks of celebrating our Lord's victory over death and His gift of life to us. To begin this celebration, we will observe the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday evening, eagerly awaiting

the announcement of Christ's resurrection.

May our holy and blessed Triune God grant you a most blessed Holy Week and Easter celebration. Very soon we will once again shout out: ***"Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!"***

✠ Pastor Randy Asbury

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# The Duties of an Elder at Hope

Rev. Scot Kinnaman, on behalf of the Board of Elders

*Summary: The Board of Elders is a group of men who work closely with pastor and other servants of the church to support the spiritual life of Hope congregation. They help to maintain faithful worship, teaching, and individual care of members.*

The elders of Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church assist pastor in meeting the spiritual needs of the congregation, assuring that the whole Word of God is faithfully proclaimed and that the Sacraments are rightly administered. An elder does not carry out the duties of the Office of the Holy Ministry as a replacement for the pastor, but as a second set of eyes, ears, and hands to aid the pastor in ministering to the congregation.

Elders represent the needs of the pastor to the congregation by serving in an advocacy role—speaking on his behalf, especially in those times when the pastor is unable or unwilling to do so. Elders are to ensure that the pastor's temporal/physical and spiritual needs are met. This includes seeing that the congregation provides fair compensation for the pastor and that such compensation is regularly reviewed. The elders serve as a source of spiritual care for pastor, encouraging him to seek additional pastoral guidance and support should he deem it necessary. The elders also assist pastor in arranging for pulpit assistance, special services, and guest speakers.

Elders also represent the needs of the congregation to the pastor by serving in an advocacy role—speaking on the congregation's behalf and supporting a healthy dialog between congregation and pastor. Elders are to ensure that worship is conducted in an orderly manner and that the pastor is never teaching false doctrine (intentionally or not) nor willfully neglecting his official duties nor leading a scandalous life. The elders, in this role of oversight, are charged by the congregation with bringing strengths,

weaknesses, problems, and omissions, as well as constructive suggestions to pastor. All this is done in an evangelical manner, with the intent to work with him for improvement in these areas.

While an elder is a temporal leader in the congregation, he is also a spiritual leader. Like the pastor, an elder is to be an example of Christian living and conduct. This includes dealing Scripturally with matters of grievances, complaints, and sins, following the patterns established in Matthew 18:15–20 (for private matters) or Galatians 2:11–21 (for public matters).

As already noted, the elders assist the pastor in meeting the spiritual needs of a congregation. This includes seeing that worship is conducted in an orderly manner, that proper service orders are used, and that worship practices build up and edify the body of Christ. But there is more: Elders actively and continually reach out to maintain regular contact with and pray for the individual members of the Hope “family” so that the body of Christ is built up in the unity of the faith, needs and concerns are made known, and mutual support, consolation and encouragement is regularly offered to all.

Hope's Constitution also gives additional duties to elders. For instance, the elders are charged with fostering support for mission and mercy work, determining what emphasis needs to be made in continuing stewardship, and submitting proposed budget items for this purpose to the president; elders are given oversight of the called workers and staff of Hope; all elders serve as individual members of the Church Council. In most cases, such additional duties fall under the elder's responsibilities in the temporal realm—i.e., as an officer of the congregation—and not so much within role of being a spiritual leader.

## Upcoming Events in the *Music in a Sacred Space Season*

Please join us and invite your family and friends to enjoy two wonderful afternoons of music to close out the 2023-2024 *Music in a Sacred Space* season. The St. Louis Metro singers is a community based choral ensemble that performs a wide variety of music. For their spring concert season they will share sacred music under the theme “Light Beyond Shadow”. Two Sundays after Easter we welcome Dr. Sam Eatherton, along with the Hope choirs, to lead a hymn festival that will survey the life of Christ through the church year. Receptions will follow both events.

Together in Christ,  
Kantor Janssen



### **St. Louis Metro Singers**

Choir Concert

Sunday, March 17 | 3:00 pm



### **Hymn Festival**

Dr. Sam Eatherton, organist & composer

Sunday, April 14 | 3:00 pm

*Dr. Eatherton is the newly called Kantor for Concordia Seminary*



## Cherish What God Has Given

In the Small Catechism, Luther follows a pattern when explaining the Ten Commandments. With each commandment, there is something prohibited, and something commanded. There is something wrong which must be avoided, and there is something right which must be done.

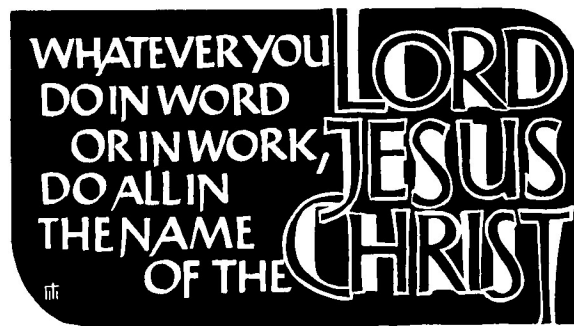
The one time this pattern is not followed with the Sixth Commandment.

“You shall not commit adultery. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other” (SC I).

Here, the catechism focuses solely on the positive: we should live in a chaste and decent manner in both word and deed, and husbands and wives should cherish and honor one another.

Keeping this commandment, and all of the commandments, is a lot easier if you see your chastity and your spouse as a gift from God that is to be protected and cherished. In the same way, you will find keeping the Fourth Commandment easier if you see your parents and other authorities as a gift from God, given to you for your blessing.

This is the key stewardship insight that runs through all of the Christian life: Everything that we have has been given to us by God. We deserve none of it. All of it comes to us by God’s fatherly kindness and open-handed generosity. If I know that everything I have – every possession, every relationship, every ability – is a gift from God, then my perspective changes.



All of these things are both gifts to be cherished and things that I should direct towards God’s purposes. My possessions should be shared generously according to how God has called me in my family, church, and community. My

spouse should be cherished, loved, and encouraged in faith. My children are on loan from my own Heavenly Father, and I have but a brief time to show them the path of righteousness. My neighbor is a gift from God so that I can imitate His kindness toward me.

No matter the gift, everything has been given to me by God so that I may participate in His own goodness and open-handed generosity.

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry  
[lcms.org/stewardship](https://lcms.org/stewardship)

*“All ceremonies should serve the purpose of teaching the people what they need to know about Christ”* (Augsburg Confession, 24:3). This month we continue our spiritual pilgrimage to Calvary in the great 40 days of Lent. For the great 40 days of Lent, we focus on God’s great works of saving us from our sin and death. The time of Lent draws our attention to Christ and His great Suffering (“Passion”) and Crucifixion to save us sinners. In April our somber repentance will turn to joyous gladness as we celebrate our Lord’s victory over death. He certainly has trampled down death by His death, and He gives us His new, resurrected, eternal life! The Lord’s Service in the Lord’s House will shape us this way:

Date	Day in Church Year	Gospel Reading	Gospel Focus (Theme of the Day)
March 3	<b>Third Sunday in Lent</b>	Luke 11:14-28	<b>The Lamb of God</b> – When Jesus opens the mouth of the mute, devil-possessed man, He breaks through into Satan’s territory. That same victory is ours in Holy Baptism where we “renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways.”
March 10	<b>Fourth Sunday in Lent</b>	John 6:1-15	<b>The Bread of Life</b> – In the feeding of the 5000 Jesus Christ shows Himself as the true Bread of Life, the very same Bread of Life who comes to us in the Lord’s Supper.
March 17	<b>Fifth Sunday in Lent</b>	John 8:42-59	<b>The Great High Priest</b> – Christ reveals the “secret” of His office of High Priest: before Abraham was, He is. Whoever hears and clings to Christ gains a share in the life that is stronger than death.
March 24	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	John 12:12-19 & Matthew 27:11-54	<b>The Man of Sorrows</b> – Jesus the Christ enters Jerusalem in triumph and is crowned as our meek and lowly King.
March 31	<b>Resurrection of Our Lord</b>	Mark 16:1-8	<b>THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST</b> – Our Lord Jesus rises from the dead and gives us His victory over sin and death. We rejoice in His gift of eternal life.
April 7	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	John 20:19-31	<b>IN WHITE GARMENTS</b> – Christ authorizes His Church forgive sins (Holy Absolution), Thomas confesses Jesus to be the Savior.
April 14	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	John 10:11-16	<b>THE GOOD SHEPHERD</b> – Jesus is our Good Shepherd because He sacrificed Himself for His flock—us! Jesus’ sacrifice brings people from all nations into His one flock.
April 21	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	John 16:16-22	<b>THE NEW CREATION</b> – We may be separated from Christ right now—for a little while—but we joyfully look forward to the permanent reunion in eternity. Since we are in Christ, we are new creations and all things are new.
April 28	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	John 16:5-15	<b>THE SINGING CHURCH</b> – Jesus explains the threefold work of the Holy Spirit: 1) to reveal our sin; 2) to exalt Christ and His righteousness; and 3) to reveal the judgment on the prince of this world. For all this we sing Christ’s praises!

### **MR. & MRS. CLUB**

Our group gathered on Thursday, February 22, at 11:30 a.m. in the auditorium of Hope Church. We each brought our lunch and enjoyed the fellowship with other members of our group. There were 19 of us, and 3 original charter members of the group showed up to join us for lunch. We hadn't seen each other for at least 6 months so we all had a lot of catching up to do. After a couple hours we decided it was time to say goodbye and plan for another time together. Looking forward to getting together sooner and enjoy fellowship and good food. Some of us are planning to get together at the Annual Sausage Dinner at Immanuel Olivette, on Sunday, March 3. Wishing everyone a good Spring and Summer.

### **CALLING ALL MEN AND BOYS OF HOPE**

We're at it again after a successful initial meet-up this past February! You are cordially invited to join Elders and Pastor for a time of devotion, friendly conversation and LUNCH here at church on Saturday, April 27, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. (We might also "scratch a competitive itch" for fun.) Single or married, father or son – please mark your calendars now and send an RSVP email to our Elders Chairman, Kevin Robson, at [kevindrobson@gmail.com](mailto:kevindrobson@gmail.com) with names and number attending.

### **PRO-LIFE UPDATE**

#### **LUTHERAN ADOPTION CONFERENCE**

There will be an adoption conference in Houston, TX April 10-11. The theme is "For Such a Time as This- Esther 4:14." Lutheran leaders will gather to discuss how to ensure the future of Christian adoptions. For more details and how to register to attend, go to <https://lutheransforlife.org/conferences/>.

### **Y4LIFE APOLOGETICS RETREAT**

Lutherans For Life is hosting a retreat for high school and college-age students April 26-28 in Taulequah, OK. Participants will learn how to defend life issues with faith and logic. More information is at [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org).

**EASTER LILIES** will adorn the altar area on Easter Sunday. If you wish to place a plant in honor or memory of someone, please pick up an envelope from the narthex or call Carol, 314-691-3619, by **March 17**. Lilies are \$9.00 each and are yours to take home after the service on Easter.

### **MARCH ON THE ARCH**

The Coalition Life annual March on the Arch is Saturday, March 23. Participants walk through the streets of downtown St. Louis and conclude at the Gateway Arch. This is a great witness for life in our community. For more information and to register, go to <https://coalitionlife.com/march-on-the-arch/>.

### **PARENT UNIVERSITY**

Hope Lutheran hosts the Thrive Parent University every Thursday night. There is a Bible study and parenting lesson. Moms participating earn points to "purchase" supplies for their newborns. Hope volunteers serve dinner the second Thursday of each month. To volunteer, contact Judy Maichel at [mjmaichel@juno.com](mailto:mjmaichel@juno.com). Friends from Ascension Lutheran and other Lutheran churches serve dinners other weeks.

### **LUTHERAN YOUNG ADULTS**

There is a group of Lutheran Young Adults from various area Lutheran churches that meets weekly for Bible study on Tuesday nights, 7:00pm at Village Lutheran Church. Members from this group also meet for other social and volunteer activities. For more information, contact Luke or Joshua Maichel. Luke Maichel [lehciaml@gmail.com](mailto:lehciaml@gmail.com), Joshua Maichel [jdmdc@mail.umsi.edu](mailto:jdmdc@mail.umsi.edu).





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# March 2024

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Elder:</b> 3 – Scot Kinnaman 10 – Mark Maichel 17 – Scot Kinnaman 24 – Jim Frost	<b>Elder: (cont.)</b> 28 Kevin Robson 30 Scot Kinnaman 31 Mark Maichel	<b>Altar Guild:</b> 3 Spyers/Truebe 10 Asbury/Bergdolt 17 Brown/Patton 24 Keller/Janssen 31 Temme/TBD		6:00 ThnVe Parent University	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> <i>Pastor's day off</i>
<b>3</b> <u>Lent 3</u> 9:00 Divine Service 10:30 Bible Class/Sunday School 11:30 Choir rehearsal	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> NO Kantorei Rehearsal 7:00 pm Lent Evening Prayer	<b>7</b> 6:00 ThnVe Parent University	<b>8</b> 4:00 Mussmann/Tuttle wedding rehearsal	<b>9</b> <i>Pastor's day off</i> 2:00 Mussmann/Tuttle wedding
<b>10</b> <u>Lent 4</u> 9:00 Divine Service 10:30 Bible Class/ Sunday School 11:30 Choir rehearsal	<b>11</b> 7:00 Board of Finance	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 5:00 Kantorei Rehearsal 7:00 pm Lent Evening Prayer	<b>14</b> 6:00 ThnVe Parent University	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <i>Pastor's day off</i>
<b>17</b> <u>Lent 5</u> 9:00 Divine Service 10:30 Bible Class/ SS 11:30 Choir rehearsal 3:00 MIASS Concert:-Metro Singers	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> NO Kantorei Rehearsal 7:00 pm Lent Evening Prayer	<b>21</b> 6:00 ThnVe Parent University	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <i>Pastor's day off</i>
<b>24</b> <u>Palm Sunday</u> 9:00 Divine Service 10:30 Bible Class/ Sunday School 11:30 Choir rehearsal	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 5:00 Kantorei Rehearsal	<b>28</b> Holy Thursday 7:00 Divine Service NO ThnVe Parent <i>1 Lent 5:00 pm Lent</i>	<b>29</b> Good Friday 7:00 Passion of Christ	<b>30</b> Holy Saturday 8:00 Easter Vigil
<b>31</b> <u>Resurrection of our            Lord</u> 9:00 Festal Divine Service						

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> Church office closed	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 5:00 Kantorei Rehearsal	<b>4</b> 6:00 Thn'Ve Parent University	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <i>Pastor's day off</i>
<b>7</b> <u>Easter 2</u> 9:00 Divine Service 10:30 Bible Class/Sunday School 11:30 Choir rehearsal	<b>8</b> 7:00 Church Council	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 5:00 Kantorei Rehearsal	<b>11</b> 6:00 Thn'Ve Parent University	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <i>Pastor's day off</i>
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<b>28</b> <u>Easter 5</u> 9:00 Divine Service 10:30 Bible Class/ Sunday School 11:45 Voters Assembly	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>			<b>Elder:</b> 7 – Scot Kinnaman 14 – Jim Frost 21 – Scot Kinnaman 28 – Mark Maichel	<b>Altar Guild:</b> 7 Spyers/Trube 14 Asbury/Bergdolt 21 Brown/Patton 28 Keller/Janssen