

**Lutheran Church of Hope**

**Pastor Liz Lowry**

*Drawn together by God, celebrating Grace, serving all*

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**SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

Blessed  
is the  
one  
who  
**trusts in the LORD,**  
whose  
confidence  
is in  
him.

JEREMIAH 17:7, NIV



# Welcome

We are glad you are here. May you feel the presence of God with you and in this community as we sing, pray, hear the Word and share in God's communion.

If you would like to share with us your name and connect with us in other ways, there is a visitor card at the back of this bulletin that may be filled out and placed in the offering plate.

## Here's some things it may be helpful to know:

Most of what you need to follow the service is in this bulletin. "ELW" refers to the red hymnal at your seat. If a song is not in the bulletin, it will be in that book.

Our "Pray & Play" area is for our children! We are so glad they are here and rejoice that God gives us many ways to worship, learn and pray. We love their giggles and squirms. Children's coloring pages are available for them. There are books and bibles available for all ages, and kids are encouraged to participate and help with every and any aspect of the service - including reading Scripture and helping with communion! There is also a "Wiggle Room" towards the back of the sanctuary if you need a separate space for your little one where you can still hear the service.



*This Sunday*

*Next Sunday*

**Communion  
Preparation**

Sharon S.

Sharon S.

**Fellowship**

Patty B.

**Technical Support**

Adam B.

Don B.

**Altar Flowers**

## WELCOME

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life. **Amen.**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,  
**you speak blessing and compassion into the world.**  
**Forgive us for the ways we act**  
**with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.**  
**We ignore the needs of our neighbors;**  
**we resist your call to oppose injustice;**  
**we give in to scarcity and fear;**  
**we assume the worst about one another.**  
**Cleanse us from our faults**  
**and release us from their grasp.**  
**Show us your lovingkindness.**  
**Restore our hearts and repair your world,**  
**that we may live in Christ's ways.**  
**Amen.**

God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In ☩ Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God. **Amen.**



Va - mos to - dos al ban - que - te, a la  
Let us go now to the ban - quet, to the



me - sa de la crea - ción; ca - da cual con su ta - bu -  
feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta - ble's set and a place is



re - te tie - ne un pues - to y u - na mi - sión.  
wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.



1 Hoy me le - van - to muy tem - pra - no; ya me es -

1 I will rise in the ear - ly morn - ing; the com -

2 God in - vites all the poor and hun - gry to the

3 May we build such a place a - mong us where all



pe - ra la co - mu - ni - dad; voy su - bien - do a le - gre la  
mu - ni - ty's wait - ing for me. With a spring in my step I'm  
ban - quet of jus - tice and good where the har - vest will not be  
peo - ple are e - qual in love. God has called us to work to -



cues - ta, voy en bus - ca de tu a - mis - tad.  
walk - ing with my friends and my fam - i - ly.  
hoard - ed so that no one will lack for food.  
geth - er and to share ev - 'ry - thing we have.

2 Dios invita a todos los pobres  
a esta mesa común por la fe,  
donde no hay acaparadores  
y a nadie le falta el conqué. Estribillo

3 Dios nos manda a hacer de este mundo  
una mesa donde haya igualdad,  
trabajando y luchando juntos,  
compartiendo la propiedad. Estribillo

Text: Guillermo Cuéllar, b. 1955, *Misa popular salvadoreña*; tr. Bret Hesla, b. 1957, and William Dexheimer Pharris, b. 1956  
Music: VAMOS TODOS AL BANQUETE, Guillermo Cuéllar, b. 1955

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## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### READING—Jeremiah 17:5-10

<sup>5</sup> Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals  
and make mere flesh their strength,  
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

<sup>6</sup> They shall be like a shrub in the desert  
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,  
in an uninhabited salt land.

<sup>7</sup> Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,  
whose trust is the LORD.

<sup>8</sup> They shall be like a tree planted by water,  
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,  
and its leaves shall stay green;  
in the year of drought it is not anxious,  
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

<sup>9</sup> The heart is devious above all else;  
it is perverse—  
who can understand it?

<sup>10</sup> I the LORD test the mind  
and search the heart,  
to give to all according to their ways,  
according to the fruit of their doings.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 1

- <sup>1</sup> Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- <sup>2</sup> **Their delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**
- <sup>3</sup> They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,  
with leaves that do not wither;  
everything they do shall prosper.
- <sup>4</sup> **It is not so with the wicked;  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**
- <sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- <sup>6</sup> **For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

## GOSPEL—Luke 6:17-26

<sup>17</sup> [Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon.<sup>18</sup> They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases, and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup> And everyone in the crowd was trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

<sup>20</sup> Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup> “Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

<sup>22</sup> “Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you,  
revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup> Rejoice on that  
day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is  
how their ancestors treated the prophets.

<sup>24</sup> “But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.

<sup>25</sup> “Woe to you who are full now,

for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup> “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors  
treated the false prophets.”

The Gospel of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Liz

PRAYER SONG

## Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am

ELW 814

Take, oh, take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be;

set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Take, oh, take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be; set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.'

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: TAKE ME AS I AM, John L. Bell

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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy.  
Hear our Prayer.

# I Shall Not Be Moved

*Refrain*

I shall not be, I shall not be moved. I shall not be, I shall not be moved;

like a tree plant-ed by the wa - ter, I shall not be moved. be moved.

1 When my cross is heav - y, I shall not be moved,  
 2 The church of God is march - ing, I shall not be moved, the  
 3 Je - sus is our cap - tain, I shall not be moved,  
 4 Fight - ing sin and Sa - tan, I shall not be moved,

when my cross is heav - y, I shall not be moved;  
 church of God is march - ing, I shall not be moved;  
 Je - sus is our cap - tain, I shall not be moved;  
 fight - ing sin and Sa - tan, I shall not be moved;

*Refrain*

like a tree plant-ed by the wa - ter, I shall not be moved. be moved.

Text African American spiritual  
 Music: I SHALL NOT BE MOVED, African American spiritual



## SHARING OF THE PEACE

## OFFERING

*The offerings received by this congregation support this church and local ministries in Anchorage. Checks can be made out to “Lutheran Church of Hope.” You may also use the iPad at the entrance to the sanctuary to make a secure donation via Square or scan the QR code in the insert to donate via Tithe.ly.*

## OFFERTORY

### Gather Us In

ELW 532, v 1

**Here in this place the new light is streaming,  
now is the darkness vanished away;  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings  
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,  
gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken,  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

## OFFERING PRAYER

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. **Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Here we will take the wine and the water,  
here we will take the bread of new birth,  
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,  
call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,  
give us to eat the bread that is you;  
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion  
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:  
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.  
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.  
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.  
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.  
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.  
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,  
the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us,  
full of grace and truth.  
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.  
We look with hope for his coming.  
**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.  
Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us.  
Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel,  
Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High,  
one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

#### **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.**

Blessed Assurance

1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!  
 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;  
 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,

Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
 an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
 watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

*Refrain*

This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:

this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915  
 Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

## I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;  
 2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
 3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."  
 the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."  
 look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;  
 I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;  
 I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest-ing-place, and he has made me glad.  
 my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.  
 and in that light of life I'll walk till trav-'ling days are done.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889  
 Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

## BLESSING

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BENEDICTION

The Spirit of the triune God ☩ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love. **Amen.**

# What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

## *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*



1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -  
 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -  
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -



last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,  
 last - ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,  
 last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,



lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.  
 lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.  
 lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

### *Refrain*



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839–1929

Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858–1924

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

# Journal

- I am a...
- First Time Visitor
  - Regular Visitor
  - Church Member
  - In Need of Prayer

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Pronouns: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

- I would like to...
- receive the Weekly News email
  - receive the monthly Newsletter
  - learn how to get involved
  - receive a call from Pastor Liz

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## PRAYER REQUEST

Please place this tab in the offering plate.

I would like a call from  
Pastor Liz  
February 16, 2025

## CALENDAR

*Lutheran Church of Hope events are in **bold***

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

- 8:30 AM—Bible Study**
- 10 AM—Worship with Holy Communion**
- 2 PM—Christian Worship Center
- 4 PM—Confirmation Class**

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17 *Office Hours 1-5 PM*

- 11 AM—Private Birthday Party
- 5:30 PM—Sit Stay Play AK
- 6 PM—Queer Ideas of Fun AA

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18 *Office Hours 1-5 PM*

- 3:30 PM—Mobile Food Pantry
- 7 PM—Plus 24 AA
- 7 PM—Shoulder to Shoulder Al Anon

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19 *Office Hours 1-5 PM*

- 6 PM—As I Am Small Group w/Hannah**

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20 *Office Hours 1-5 PM*

- 6:30 PM— There Is A Solution OA

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

- 6 PM—Sit Stay Play AK

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

- 10:30 AM—As I Am Small Group w/Adam**
- 12 PM—United Church of God

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

- 8:30 AM—Bible Study**
- 10 AM—Worship With Holy Communion**
- 2 PM—Christian Worship Center
- 4 PM—Confirmation Class**