

Hope *TODAY!*

Hope Lutheran Church – Toledo, Ohio

No Shows. No Performances. Just Living Worship.

February 28, 2010 at 9:30 AM

Welcome

Gathering Song *Desert Song*

Prayer of the Day

Song of Confession *Lord, Have Mercy*

Scripture Reading Mark 8:34-38

Message *Life's Ultimate Crisis - Pastor Tom*

Response to the Message *All I Once Held Dear*

The Prayers and Sharing of the Peace

Offering *More Love, More Power*

Celebration of Communion Eucharistic Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Communion Song *Take O Take Me As I Am*

Communion Blessing

Benediction

Sending Song *Step by Step*

*Live **simply**...love **generously**. Serve **faithfully**...speak **truthfully**.
Pray **daily**...leave everything else to God. Now, go in peace, serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.*

Mission Statement of Hope Lutheran Church: To be a living example of the love of Jesus Christ

Hope's Vision

Transforming Lives by • Inviting people to connect with God

- Encouraging people to connect with each other
 - Equipping people to live the God life
- So that the world will be changed.

Hope's Core Values: Forgiveness, Reconciliation, Love, Hospitality and Generosity

THE READING Mark 8:34-38

Calling the crowd to join his disciples, he said, "Anyone who intends to come with me has to let me lead. You're not in the driver's seat; I am. Don't run from suffering; embrace it. Follow me and I'll show you how. ³⁵ Self-help is no help at all. Self-sacrifice is the way, my way, to saving yourself, your true self. ³⁶ What good would it do to get everything you want and lose you, the real you? ³⁷ What could you ever trade your soul for?

³⁸ "If any of you are embarrassed over me and the way I'm leading you when you get around your fickle and unfocused friends, know that you'll be an even greater embarrassment to the Son of Man when he arrives in all the splendor of God, his Father, with an army of the holy angels."
(The Message)

Sermon Notes