



**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
A Stephen Ministry Congregation

LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD

# Welcome to Hope

## SUNDAYS

9:15AM—Worship  
10:30AM—Family Bible Hour  
4:00PM—Spanish Worship w/Communion

## WEDNESDAYS

6:30PM—Worship

### OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

***“Anchored in Christ, Empowered by the Spirit, Connecting People to Jesus”***

*We are glad you are taking the time to worship our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ with us this weekend! We pray God’s blessings on your worship and time spent among us at Hope Lutheran Church! We ask you to please take the time to fill in the Friendship pad (be sure to give us your name and address) and feel free to indicate any prayer concerns on the reverse side of the pad. We are a “Family-Friendly Church” and encourage the participation of children in our worship. However, we realize there are times when children can become disruptive to other worshipers, and for that reason there is a cry room located in the back of the church for your use. Children’s worship bags are available in the narthex for your use during the service (see an usher or elder). Please return the bag following the service to the “Worship Bag Tree.” We encourage you to join us for any and all activities at Hope in the week ahead!*

**IMPORTANT NOTES:** *for the sanctity of our worship and the benefit of those around you, please refrain from excessive talking in the narthex and sanctuary, and turn off all cell phones, pagers, etc. Please time entrances and exits during congregational singing to minimize distraction to our worshipping community. Following our worship, please make every effort to leave God’s House just as you found it. Please do not bring coffee, cans of soda or bottled water into the sanctuary for your use before or even during the service. Also, please be sure to remove any “used” tissues from the pews or hymnal racks. Your help in keeping God’s house neat and clean will most certainly be appreciated! Thank you!*

*Hope: Anchored in Christ*



**Please turn off or silence your cell phone and NO food or drinks in the Sanctuary.**

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*Activities This Week at Hope:*

<b>Sunday 8/6</b>	9:15	Worship w/Communion & Blessing of Backpacks
	10:30	Family Bible Hour ( <i>snacks: open</i> )
	4:00	Spanish Worship w/Communion
<b>Monday 8/7</b>	7:30	Young Adults @ Starbucks
<b>Tuesday 8/8</b>	12:00	<b>Deadline—BOD Reports</b>
	12:00	Staff Meeting
	6:00	Building Committee Meeting
<b>Wednesday 8/9</b>	4:30	Youth Group
	5:00	Stephen Ministry Support Group Meeting
	6:30	Living Hope Worship
<b>Thursday 8/10</b>		<b>1<sup>st</sup> Day School (Hillsborough County)</b>
	10:30	Bible Study
	6:30	Board of Directors' Meeting
<b>Sunday 8/13</b>		<b>Youth Scrip Orders Due</b>
		<b>Blood Mobile @ Hope</b>
	9:15	Worship
	10:15	Blood Pressure Screening
	10:30	Family Bible Hour ( <i>snacks: Trivunovich</i> )
	11:45	Christian Growth Ministry Team Meeting
	11:45	Human Care Ministry Team Meeting
4:00	Spanish Worship w/Communion	

*Worship Attendance / Communion:*

**Wednesday, July 26, 2017**

**Worship: 6:30: 34/22**

**Sunday, July 30, 2017:**

**Worship: 9:15: 137/114**

**FBH: Adults: 35 Youth: 6 Children: 6**

**Spanish Worship: 4:00: 43/29**

**Offerings—General Fund: \$7,073.68**

*Stewardship Perspective:*

**Matthew 14:17-18** "They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." 18 And he said, "Bring them here to me."" When the disciples held on to the five loaves and two fish – that's exactly what they had. But when they handed them over to the Lord, the multitudes are fed. Apart from Jesus all we do and all we have is nothing – but in Jesus all we do and have is blessed to be used by the Lord for His gracious work.

*Large Print editions of our Sunday worship folders are available from the ushers. If you are in need of one, don't hesitate to ask!*



August 6, 2017

### **AS WE GATHER**

*We face so many arguments about food these days. Go organic. Go gluten free. Go low carb. Go vegan. Go GMO free. Our culture is deeply concerned about what sort of food we put in our bodies, because the old saying "you are what you eat" is fairly accurate. While what sort of food we put into our bodies is an important concern, Jesus compels us to make another kind of food an even higher priority than the food we chew and digest. Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. Jesus feeds five thousand people, thereby revealing that He is the Word of God Incarnate, the food that feeds more than our stomachs. Jesus feeds our souls. This was foreseen by the prophet Isaiah who wrote, "Come, everyone who thirsts . . . incline your ear, and come to Me; hear, that your soul may live." The food we put into our bodies is important. Even more important is to gather in church for food that feeds the soul!*

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **RINGING OF THE BELLS**

### **PRELUDE AND MEDITATION "Austria"**

*Franz Joseph Haydn*

*The sanctuary is a place of meditation and preparation for worship. Therefore, as the prelude begins, we cease our conversations and quiet our hearts to converse silently with God.*

### **OPENING HYMN**

*"Glorious Things of You Are Spoken"*

*LSB 648*

## INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Through Christ we are heirs of the gifts given long ago to the Israelites.  
For the gift of our adoption into the household of God,

**C: we thank You, O Lord!**

P: For the gift of God's glorious presence with us in Jesus,

**C: we adore You, O Lord!**

P: For the covenants God made with us, especially the covenant of forgiveness in Christ,

**C: we praise You, O Lord!**

P: For the Law of God, which guides us and points us to Christ,

**C: we worship You, O Lord!**

P: For freedom to praise and adore our giving God in worship,

**C: we praise You, O Lord!**

P: For the gracious promises of God, fulfilled in Jesus,

**C: we adore You, O Lord!**

P: For the patriarchs, whose struggles with faith teach us the way of following God,

**C: we thank You, O Lord!**

P: Mighty and merciful Lord, with heavy hearts we confess our sin to You. (*A time of silence is observed.*) Together we confess:

**C: We have sinned against You, mighty God, in thought, word, and deed.**

P: When we have been more concerned with the food that feeds our stomachs than we are with the food that nurtures our souls,

**C: we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.**

P: When we live as if the gifts God provides are less important than some of the trivialities with which we use up our time,

**C: we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.**

P: When we fill our ears with all sorts of things that cannot give us the life You give,

**C: we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. Bring us to repentance, Lord. Forgive our sins, those of which we are aware and those we do unwittingly. Have mercy on us. Seek us, for You alone can find us and restore us.**

P: "Listen diligently to Me, and eat what is good," says the Lord, "and delight yourselves in rich food." Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*"This is the Feast"*

LSB 171



P: This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



C: Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.  
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,  
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



† **SERVICE OF THE WORD** †

**FIRST READING**

*Isaiah 55:1-5 (p.615)*

*(Come, eat and drink without cost.)*

<sup>1</sup>“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. <sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. <sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. <sup>4</sup>Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. <sup>5</sup>Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

**L:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

*Romans 9:1-5 (p.945)*

*(Paul anguishes over the people of Israel.)*

<sup>1</sup>I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit— <sup>2</sup>that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. <sup>3</sup>For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup>They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. <sup>5</sup>To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSE

*"Alleluia-II"*

*LSB 952*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, consisting of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!' are written below the notes on both staves.

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## HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 14:13-21 (p.820)*

*(The Bread of Life feeds five thousand.)*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the fourteenth chapter.

C: *(Sung)* **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup>When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. <sup>15</sup>Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." <sup>16</sup>But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." <sup>17</sup>They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." <sup>18</sup>And he said, "Bring them here to me." <sup>19</sup>Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. <sup>20</sup>And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took

up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. <sup>21</sup>And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: *(Sung)* **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS**

P: Lord, You have brought us to the start of a new school year.

C: **And so we bring these backpacks and their owners to your altar.**

P: Just like a flowering plant, these children are growing and blooming in many ways.

C: **We ask You to bless them this school year as they blossom to your glory.**

P: Through Your all-creating power, You brought them to life. You nurture and sustain them in body and mind.

C: **Give them health and well-being throughout the year. Bless the food they eat, and the lunches they bring that they may be well nourished and grow in stature.**

P: God of wisdom and might, we pray that these children grow in knowledge through the lessons they learn in each classroom.

C: **Fill their minds with knowledge. Broaden their imaginations. Let them witness Your creative genius in all that they see and do this year.**

P: Through Your Son, Jesus, we are showered with the blessings of endless love and forgiveness.

C: **Go with these children when they head to classes each day, O God, and be with them in the classroom, the hallways, the cafeteria and playground that they may know that they may share Your love wherever they go.**

P: Through the power of Your Spirit, the seeds of faith have taken root in these young hearts.

C: **We pray that their faith increases each day so that they may grow closer to You and bloom with love for others.**

P: Shine the light of Your Son, Jesus, on them that their faith and love for You may continue to grow and flourish. We ask that You bless these backpacks, dear God,

C: **so that those who carry them are ever mindful of Your loving presence each and every day.**

P: Help these students to see that they are very special to You,

**C: and that You have something very special in mind for their lives.**

P: Help these students to utilize the many talents and skills, with which You have gifted them,

**C: and to use them to Your glory.**

P: In this hope, therefore, I bless these backpacks and their owners in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Go in peace, children of God, with your backpacks, and remember that we thank God for you, because your faith and your love for one another are growing.

**C: Amen.**



## HYMN OF THE DAY

*"I Am the Bread of Life"*

WOV 702

<sup>1</sup> **I am the Bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger,  
and who believe in me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to me unless the Father beckons.**

*(Refrain)* **And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,  
and I will raise you up on the last day.**

<sup>2</sup> **The bread that ... I will give is my flesh for the life of the world ...  
and if you eat ... of this bread, you shall ... live forever ...  
you shall ... live forever. *(Refrain)***

<sup>3</sup> **Unless ... you ... eat of the flesh of the Son of ... Man ... and ...  
drink ... of his blood, and drink ... of his blood,  
you shall not have life within you. *(Refrain)***

<sup>4</sup> **I am the Resurrection ... I am the ... life. ...If you believe ...  
in ... me, even ... though you die ... you shall ... live forever. *(Refrain)***

<sup>5</sup> **Yes, Lord ... I believe that ... you ... are the ... Christ ... the ... Son ...  
of ... God, who ... has ... come into ... the ... world... *(Refrain)***

## SERMON

*"Come & Get It!"*  
*Rev. Dean Pfeffer*

*Isaiah 55:1-5*

## NICENE CREED

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## CELEBRATION OF FRIENDSHIP

*As the offerings are received, please sign the register in the pews, whether you are a member of Hope Lutheran or a visitor. The person at the end of the pew should start and then pass it along. Thank you for making worship with us a priority this Lord's Day.*

## GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Our tithes are our regular, top priority, proportionate, grateful gifts to the Lord for the work of the gospel. Our offerings are our special gifts for special causes over and above our tithes.*

## VOLUNTARY

*"Prayer"*

*Robert Lau*

## **PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

**P:** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Almighty God, heavenly Father, You are gracious beyond measure. In the wilderness, Your Son healed the sick, miraculously fed over 5,000 and satisfied them. We give You thanks for all that You provide to support our bodies and lives. Lead us always to look to You as a loving Father who knows what we need and supplies it. Make us content with what You give, that we may not covet what others have or turn elsewhere for what only comes from Your hand. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**P:** Gracious Lord, You have made us children of the promise on account of Your Son. Let Your promises continue to go to the ends of the earth. Incline the ears of all to listen, that their souls may live. Make pastors faithful witnesses of the Holy One of Israel, whom You glorified by raising Him from the dead. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**P:** Lord God, we pray for this land, that we may have devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, faithful neighbors and the like. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**P:** God of comfort, as Your Son healed the sick, so also heal those who are sick in our midst especially all who have asked for our prayers: *Diane Bates, Flint Seth, Rose Thomas, and Libby Voigtmann*. If it be Your will, restore them to health, or give them strength to accept their affliction, as well as a hope for the day when the corruptible will put on incorruption. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**P:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son fed the crowd with bread and meat, so also today He feeds us His body and blood. Let us receive these worthily, trusting in Your promise of forgiveness, that we may be strengthened in faith toward You and in love toward others. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Lord God, whose depths of riches and knowledge are immeasurable, as a new school year starts, we ask that You bless our schools with riches of knowledge. As Your Son grew in strength and wisdom, so bless students with learning that leads to faithful and loving service in the world. We especially ask that they come to recognize that from and through and to You are all things, that they may live with this end in their minds. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, who taught us to pray:

**C: 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.**



**+ HOLY COMMUNION +**

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

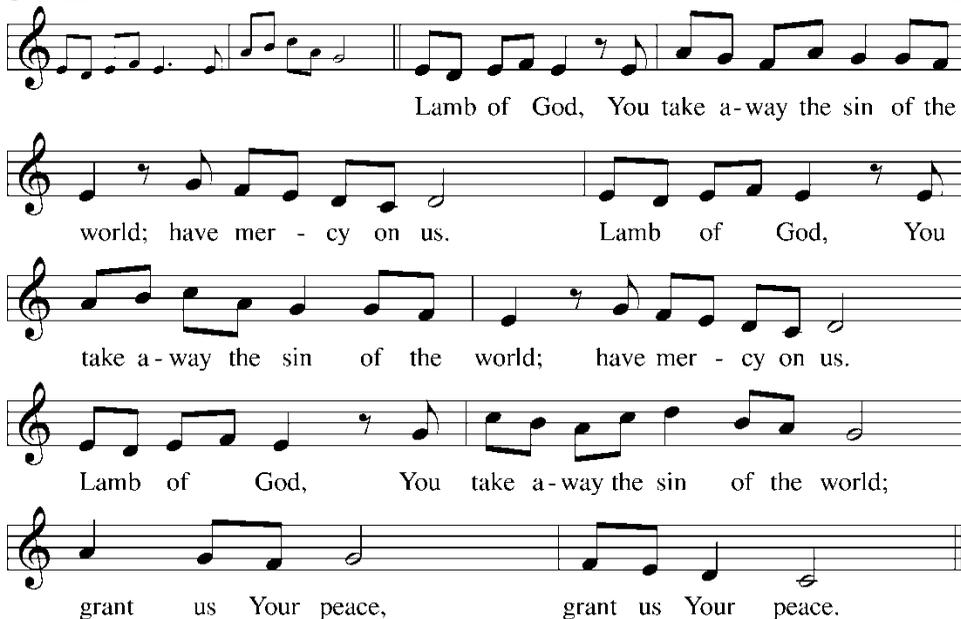
*We listen again to the very words spoken by Jesus Christ in the upper room, "take and eat, this is my body... take and drink, this is my blood". We prepare to receive what Jesus has promised to share with us, His very presence. As we eat this bread and drink this wine, Christ nourishes us, forgives us and strengthens us with His presence.*

P: The peace of the Lord † be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## AGNUS DEI

LSB 963



Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You  
take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world;  
grant us Your peace, grant us Your peace.

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*(The congregation may be seated.)*

## COMMUNION STATEMENT

*If you desire to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion, please remember that the Sacrament of Holy Communion is available to those who: <sup>1</sup>Are baptized AND instructed in the Christian faith; <sup>2</sup>Examine themselves in a manner appropriate to adult maturity and recognize their own need for forgiveness; <sup>3</sup>Believe that the Crucified and Risen Lord is truly present in, with and under the bread and wine; <sup>4</sup>Believe that in this sacrament God gives us forgiveness of sins and strengthening of faith; <sup>5</sup>Accept their place of responsibility in the whole church on earth. If this is your sincere belief, then joyfully share this sacrament with us. If this is not your belief, please remain seated for a time of prayer on the many blessings God has given you. If you have any questions, please see a pastor or an elder. Please remember the words of St. Paul, "For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself." (1 Cor. 11:29) For those with dietary restrictions, a light-colored grape juice is also served in the center of the tray, and gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

*Note: During distribution, one of our pastors will be in the back of the church for a time of individual prayer with anyone desiring.*

# DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

## "O Living Bread from Heaven"

LBW 197



1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, How well you feed your guest!  
2 My Lord, you here have led me With - in your ho - liest place,  
3 You gave me all I want - ed; This food can death de - stroy.  
4 Lord, grant me then, thus strength - ened With heav'n - ly food, while here



The gifts that you have giv - en Have filled my heart with rest.  
And here your - self have fed me With trea - sures of your grace;  
And you have free - ly grant - ed The cup of end - less joy.  
My course on earth is length - ened, To serve with ho - ly fear.



Oh, won - drous food of bless - ing, Oh, cup that heals our woes!  
For you have free - ly giv - en What earth could nev - er buy,  
My Lord, I do not mer - it The fa - vor you have shown,  
And when you call my spir - it To leave this world be - low,



My heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, With prais - es o - ver - flows!  
The bread of life from heav - en, That now I shall not die.  
And all my soul and spir - it Bow down be - fore your throne.  
I en - ter, through your mer - it, Where joys un - min - gled flow.

## "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"

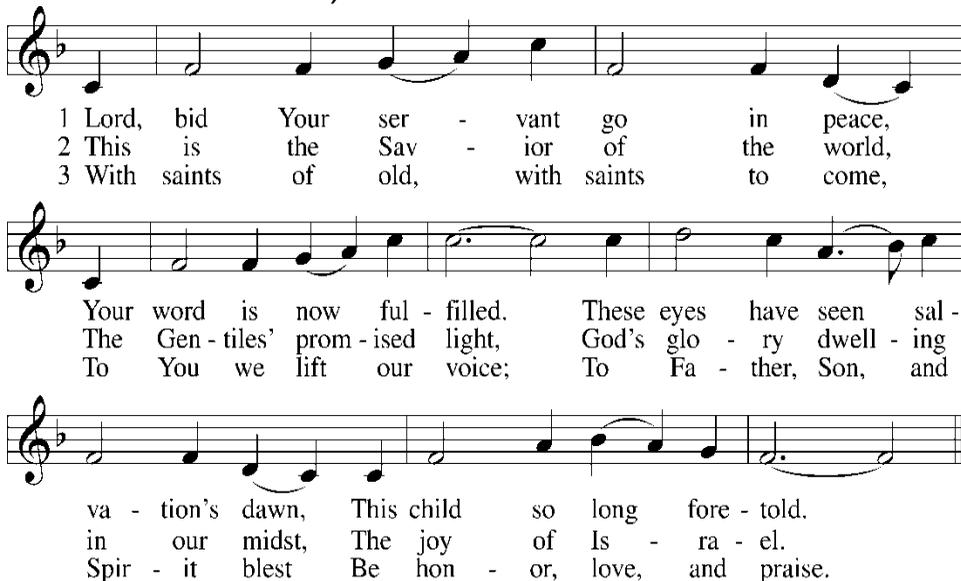
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## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

*"Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace"*

LSB 937



1 Lord, bid Your ser - vant go in peace,  
2 This is the Sav - ior of the world,  
3 With saints of old, with saints to come,  
Your word is now ful - filled. These eyes have seen sal -  
The Gen - tiles' prom - ised light, God's glo - ry dwell - ing  
To You we lift our voice; To Fa - ther, Son, and  
va - tion's dawn, This child so long fore - told.  
in our midst, The joy of Is - ra - el.  
Spir - it blest Be hon - or, love, and praise.

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## BENEDICTION

P: The LORD bless you and keep you.  
The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
The LORD look upon you with favor and † give you peace

C: **Amen.**

P: We are now entering the mission field!

C: **'Here am I! Send me!'**

## CLOSING SONG

*"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"*

LSB 643



# Connecting Points

**TODAY:** we continue in the Sundays after Pentecost or “the long green season.” The Sundays after Pentecost will take us to the end of the church year in November. During this season, you will note how the Gospels take us from the life of our Lord to putting His teachings into practice in our daily lives as we live as Jesus disciples. The color of the season is GREEN~the color of growth as we are reminded to be constantly growing in the grace and love of our Lord.



**BLESSING OF BACK PACKS:** As we recognized and prayed for the many teachers from our congregation, **THIS MORNING** we will do the same for ALL the students in our congregation (pre-school through college—home school, charter school, private school, or public school).



**BE SURE TO INVITE:** family and friends to our summer worship **each Sunday at 9:15AM.** What a great way for you to share with others what God is doing among us as we join together as God's family for worship. Remember—don't let your praise and worship take a vacation **this summer!**



**PASTOR SHEA:** is leading worship at our sister congregation *Our Savior, Zephyrhills* as their pastor is on vacation **this weekend** and was unable to secure a substitute.

**UNDER THE MAILBOXES:** for your taking is the current issue of the *Disaster Preparedness Guide for Elders*, produced by the *Florida Department of Elder Affairs*. As we are in the **early days of the 2017 hurricane season**, be sure to take a copy!



**YOUR FAVORITE FROZEN PASTRY IS BACK!** Hope's Youth will be selling these delicious treats **beginning TODAY through Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>.** If you have a craving for something sweet, and if you want to help support Hope's youth...buy a Butter Braid!



**ATTENTION TEACHERS:** Hope's very own “*teachers' store*” is open and waiting for you to come on in and help yourself to the many supplies that were given by your brothers and sisters in Christ to assist those in need in your classrooms. So be sure to come to *Fellowship Hall TODAY!*



**MINISTRY TEAM MEETINGS RESUME:** Team members, please note your team's meeting:  
Board of Directors—**Thursday, August 10 @ 6:30PM**, Conference Room  
Christian Growth—**Sunday, August 13 @ 11:45AM**, Fellowship Hall  
Human Care—**Sunday, August 13 @ 11:45AM**, Fellowship Hall  
Remember, the Lord's work here at Hope is counting on you—and so are we!

Ministry Team Leaders: PLEASE be sure to email Jessica ([hopepcsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:hopepcsecretary@gmail.com)) your meeting notes **by TUESDAY, August 8<sup>th</sup> (NOON)** for our BOD meeting.



**MISSION POSSIBLE:** An amazing mission challenge was met **last week** through both our Vacation Bible School and our Sunday morning worship (**July 30<sup>th</sup>**). A combined offering of \$1,000 was collected. Thank you for your Spirit motivated giving!



**MANY THANKS:** to *Thrivent Financial* for their support of \$250 through an Action Team toward our Vacation Bible School. Thanks also to the members and friends of Hope Lutheran Church for the extra matching of \$100. YAY! That's an extra \$350 to help Connect kids to Jesus!



**A HUGE THANK YOU:** to a very special family of *Hope* who donated an ice machine for *Fellowship Hall*! This means no more running to the gas station before or during dinners and other events because we have run out of ice. THANK YOU for your Spirit motivated gift!



**HOPE'S YOUNG ADULTS:** gather on **Monday evenings 7:30PM @ Starbucks in Plant City**. So, if you're a Young Adult (age 19-39) and like fun & fellowship or just coffee then join us **Monday nights** at *Starbucks*.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** Please be sure to read chapter 5 of our book "*Autopsy of a Dead Church*" for **Thursday's** meeting, and come prepared to discuss. AND... please remember to email your report to Jessica ([hopepcsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:hopepcsecretary@gmail.com)) **NO LATER THAN NOON THIS TUESDAY, AUGUST 8** so that your meeting materials can be prepared and emailed to you in a timely manner. Thanks for your help!



**STEPHEN MINISTERS:** Don't forget our meeting on **Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:00PM** in the Stephen's classroom.

**WEDNESDAY OPPORTUNITIES:** for *Living Hope Worship* continue **this summer** at Hope. Worship **begins at 6:30PM and ends at 7:30PM every Wednesday**. Take advantage of this great opportunity for a mid-week faith lift of Word and sacrament as you continue on your journey in the mission field!



**A PLACE OF HEALING:** This NEW Bible study meets **Thursdays at 10:30am** in the *Stephen Ministry Room*. Join us as we take an in-depth look at wrestling with the mysteries of suffering, pain, and God's sovereignty. All are welcome...and invite a friend.



**DEADLINE APPROACHETH:** Don't forget the deadline is **Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>** for your **September** issue of "Hope's Anchor!" All news, information, and calendar dates must be submitted **by noon** to *Jessica* ([hopepcsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:hopepcsecretary@gmail.com)) to be included. Thanks in advance for your assistance.



**HOLY LAND 2018:** *Pastor Dean & Liz Pfeffer* will be hosting a **10 day** tour of the Holy Land **beginning February 27, 2018** for members of Hope. If you are interested in participating in this amazing tour to walk where Jesus walked, please see *Pastor or Liz* today! Travel brochures are located under the mailboxes.



**DISTRICT NEWS:** We have been notified by our *District President, Rev. Greg Walton*, that our *Missions & Outreach director, Rev. Doug Kallesen* has resigned his position with our District to return to congregational ministry. Please keep *Rev. Kallesen* and our District in your prayers **during this time of transition**.



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## MARTIN LUTHER TO VISIT HOPE!



Yes, you read that right; on **Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>** the proclamation of the Gospel will be by Martin Luther as he visits Hope. As we celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation **this year**, Luther's visit will serve as our kick off for this grand once in a lifetime celebration. The Rev. Gary Schuschke of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Oviedo is well known for his Luther presentation, and we are blessed to have him join us that day.

Then, on **September 23<sup>rd</sup>**, will we have a screening of the new major motion picture release of *LUTHER: The Idea That Changed the World*. This will be shown in Fellowship Hall as our September movie night.

You are ENCOURAGED to invite a friend to join you for these very special events!

# GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend

**TUESDAYS @ 10:30AM & 6:30PM, Beginning August 22**

GRIEF  SHARE



## YOU STILL AREN'T GOOD ENOUGH FOR GOD'S LOVE.

“**T**he love of God does not find, but creates, that which is pleasing to it” (Luther’s Works 31:57). God loves you for no good reason ... except His goodness. Though you may be tempted to work to improve and be more liked or loved, God doesn’t wait for your improvement. He doesn’t even require it. He loves you. His love is what changes you from sinner to saint. His love sent Jesus to die and rise for you. His love gives you salvation in Christ freely. His love caused Holy Scripture to be written so that you might hear and believe in His love. His love washed you in Baptism. His love feeds you in the Lord’s Supper. His love makes you lovable. He loves you freely and fully. No strings attached.



REFORMATION  
2017 It's *Still* All About  
**Jesus**

**Register by August 11  
for discounted fee!  
Save \$50/Person**



## *Re-forming* **LIVING STONES**

president's equip conference   
florida georgia district

### **President's Equip Conference – September 28-30, 2017** **Marriott Resort Sawgrass ~ Ponte Vedra Beach, FL**

Join brothers & sisters in Christ from around Florida-Georgia for an energizing three days of Re-Forming for effectively connecting people to Jesus! Professional workers & lay leaders will participate in:

- ➔ 60 workshops with topics ranging from youth ministry, fundraising, strategic planning and social media to fabulous family nights, insights for church treasurers, greeter and usher ministries and more. Topics are planned for professional & volunteer leaders.
- ➔ Fellowship including an opening night dessert reception, Friday evening banquet and regional gatherings
- ➔ Special presentations from church leaders offering insights into effectively reaching people in our community
- ➔ Uplifting closing worship service

Registration through August 11th is \$100 per person  
Registration August 12th to 31st is \$150 per person  
Registration September 1st and after is \$200 per person

#### **CHURCH VOLUNTEER LAY MEMBER REBATE OFFER:**

The first 200 laypersons (non-professional church workers) to register for the President's Equip Conference will receive a \$50 rebate, with congregations eligible for up to \$500 in rebates. Rebate forms will be available at the close of the Conference on Saturday, September 30. Rebates will be processed at the District office after the Conference and will be issued to all qualifying congregations. Only original rebate forms will be accepted and processed. Photocopies not accepted. See [flgadistrict.org](http://flgadistrict.org) for more information.

**EQUIPPED** with tools. **EMPOWERED** with others. **ENGAGED** in the world.

To register and for details on workshops & speakers visit  
[flgadistrict.org](http://flgadistrict.org)

# FAMILY BIBLE HOUR Sundays @ 10:30am

**ADULTS: GODCONNECTS:** a Lutheran Hour Ministries video/discussion series explaining the Christian faith in a way that makes it easy to invite a friend, family member, or church visitor. Plain language and helpful illustrations present God's work of salvation in a concise manner; ideal for those with questions about sin, judgment, redemption, Jesus, the believer's life, and more. This class is also great for anyone interested in becoming a member of Hope who has not been part of a Lutheran Church.

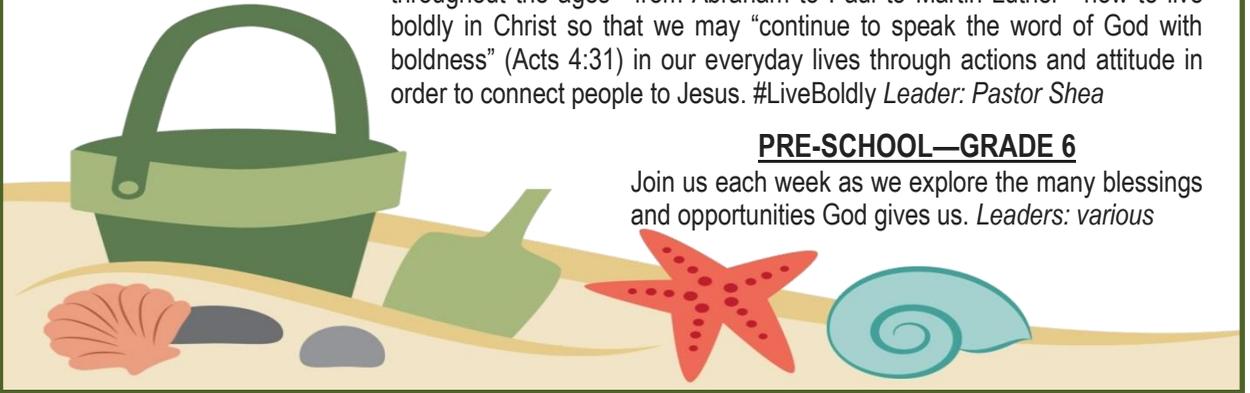
*Leader: Pastor Pfeffer*

## YOUNG ADULTS & GRADES 7—12

**LIVE.BOLDLY:** Join us in 2017, as we look and learn from Christians throughout the ages—from Abraham to Paul to Martin Luther—how to live boldly in Christ so that we may “continue to speak the word of God with boldness” (Acts 4:31) in our everyday lives through actions and attitude in order to connect people to Jesus. #LiveBoldly *Leader: Pastor Shea*

## PRE-SCHOOL—GRADE 6

Join us each week as we explore the many blessings and opportunities God gives us. *Leaders: various*



# WEDNESDAYS at Hope

6:30PM

## LIVING HOPE WORSHIP

Our Wednesday evening worship continues this summer as we celebrate the goodness and mercy of our God in an alternative worship format and style. Holy Communion is celebrated each Wednesday. Join us for a relaxed, celebrative worship alternative!



# YOUTH DATES

August 9—Youth Group; 4:30-6:00PM

August 16—Youth-led Worship; 6:30-7:30PM

September 8—Night of Joy @ WDW

Grades 6 through 12—friends are always welcome!  
Contact Pastor Shea for more info: [hopepcpastorshea@gmail.com](mailto:hopepcpastorshea@gmail.com)

The  
Lutheran  
Hour

can be heard EVERY Sunday morning at 7:30 on 540AM

## Topics for this month:

### August 13: "Looking for a Good Speaker"

"Archives August"-What do the words "Our Father" teach us about our relationship with God and with each other. (Matthew 6:9)

### August 20: "God's Dog"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

Was Jesus being politically incorrect--or worse--when He compared a Canaanite woman to a canine? (Matthew 15:21-28)



## What else did the Lord say?

Use this code to find out.

A = Z	E = V	I = R	M = N	Q = J	U = F	Y = B
B = Y	F = U	J = Q	N = M	R = I	V = E	Z = A
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# *In Our Thoughts and Prayers*

**SHUT-INS:**

Melva Dennison  
Bonnie Genrich  
Nancy Kohr

Dorothy Maltzahn  
Tom & Rose Thomas  
Richard Van Matre

**LEADERS:**

Pastor Dean & Liz Pfeffer  
Pastor Shea Pennington

Hope Staff  
Hope's Ministries

LCMS Synod & District  
Our Nation & Armed Forces

## *Family and Friends of Hope*

**NEW REQUESTS:**

Lorrie Daniell & family	mourning death of her brother-in-law
Sam Heysek	young friend of Pfeffer family—auto accident; lost finger
Jeff McClure	former Hope member—shoulder surgery (8/7)

**CURRENT REQUESTS:**

Diane Bates	medical tests; heart surgery
Tim Gates	mourning loss of ex-wife/mother of children
CJ Garcia	grandson of Karen McKeachie—jaw removal/replacement surgery (7/28)
	friends of David & Dana Jones
Cindy Kemp	recovering; knee surgery; stem cell therapy
Cindy Kemp	traveling to/from India & China (7/21—8/19)
Nancy Kohr and family	mourning death of husband Tom
Ernie Reaume	health concerns
Joanie Reiter	mother of Kathy Drapp—recovering from fall; broken rib
Margaret Rodwell	friend Pastor Dean & Liz Pfeffer—recovering from heart attack
Tessa	Adkins family member—difficult pregnancy
Libby Voigtmann	recovering from hospitalization

**BATTLING CANCER:**

Jennifer Barkley	Austin Dobbs	Victor Miranda	Sherrie
Tom Battling	Ginnie Donaldson	Jim Moore	Al Simmons
Laura Blake	Donna	Joy Neely	Judy Strait
CanDee Brandon	Casey Doyle	Thomas Onderdonk	Chuck Sullivan
John Brom	Jace Driggers	Sharyl Pallard	Rose Thomas
Laura Brom	Kori Dunke	John Rademacher	Mr. Wells
Bob Broshelle	Marcus Elam	Alan Rauner	Tom
Ken Buschbacher	Ellen	Andrea Reichard	Millie Wetz
Chantal	Joy Fritzke	DeAnne Reiter	Laura Winkel
Carol Chapman	Gail	Sara	Candy Wolfe
Chrissie	Idele Green	Abbey Sedlacek	Rick Ward
Alice Correia	Lynn Green	David Miller	Heather Whitehurst

## *Serving in the Military* (R—Reserves)

Zachary Allen	Trevor Dahlke	Joshua Kinkead—R	Stephen Olliff—R
Alex Almaguer	Lorrie Daniell—R	Brad Landis	Derek Quackenbush
Zachary Bennett	Stephen Daniell—R	Bobby Martin	Justin Rappa
Matt Bracken	Joshua Gross	Aaron Morley	Ryan Sonnenberg
Matthew Clissold	Erika Grosskopf	Donnie Pittman	Caleb Strand
Rachael Clissold			Mike Szostkiewicz—R



*"Think of us in this way as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries."*

1Corinthians 4:1

**SERVING THE LORD THIS SUNDAY (8/6/2017) ARE:**

Bell Ringer 9:15/Jade Burtz  
Greeters 9:15/Judy Adkins & Julie Gates  
Acolyte 9:15/Joslin Kinkead  
Lector 9:15/John Koren  
Elder on Duty 9:15/Todd Warner; 4:00/Todd Warner  
Communion Assistant 9:15/Todd Warner  
Flowers Mercier/Walkenhorst & T. Warner families  
Offerings Dale & Jonie Wenzel  
Ushers Team 2  
10:30/Nick Trivunovich,\* Alex Drapp, Jim Drapp, Ken Hartmann

*Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by  
Kristin Mercier & April Walkenhorst in honor of their mother Carol's birthday  
and  
Todd & Cathie Warner in honor of Delani's 4<sup>th</sup> birthday*

**SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEDNESDAY (8/9/2017) ARE:**

Lector 6:30/Barbara Ahlers  
Elder on Duty/Communion Assistant 6:30/Wayne Warner

**SERVING OUR LORD NEXT SUNDAY (8/13/2017) ARE:**

Bell Ringer 9:15/Isabeal Daniell  
Greeters 9:15/Harold & Tami Hastings  
Lector 9:15/Donna Koren  
Elder on Duty 9:15/Mike McMinn; 4:00/Lonnie Bertsch  
Flowers Pfeffer family  
Offerings Dale & Jonie Wenzel  
Ushers Team 3  
10:30/ Stuart Howell,\* Judy Adkins, Andy Anderson, Jack Moberg

**SERVING OUR LORD THIS MONTH OF AUGUST:**

Altar Guild James & Laoretta Tennyson  
Nurse/HMT Member Sally Kimbrell