



Welcome to Hope

SUNDAYS

8:00 & 10:30AM—Worship
9:15AM—Family Bible Hour
4:00PM—Spanish Worship w/Communion

WEDNESDAYS

6:30PM—Worship
6:30PM—Hope Studies

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:

Sunday 11/19 8:00 Worship w/Communion
 9:15 Family Bible Hour (*snacks: Goetsch*)
 10:30 Worship w/Communion
 11:45 Voters' Meeting & Pot Bless
 2:00 Youth Nerf Blaster Battle @ Grace, Winter Haven
 4:00 Spanish Worship w/Communion

Monday 11/20 ***Fall Break (Hillsborough County Schools)***
 6:30 Choir
 7:30 Young Adults @ Starbucks, Plant City

Tuesday 11/21 ***Fall Break (Hillsborough County Schools)***
 10:30 GriefShare—Final (Hurricane make-up)
 6:30 GriefShare—Final (Hurricane make-up)

Wednesday 11/22 ***Fall Break (Hillsborough County Schools)***
 5:30 Bell Choir
 6:30 Thanksgiving Worship

Thursday 11/23 ***Fall Break (Hillsborough County Schools)***
 Thanksgiving—Church Office Closed

Friday 11/24 ***Fall Break (Hillsborough County Schools)***
 Church Office Closed

Saturday 11/25 3:00 Food prep @ Hope
 5:00 Feeding the Hungry

Sunday 11/26 8:00 Worship
 9:15 Family Bible Hour (*snacks: open*)
 10:30 Worship
 11:45 Church Decorating & Chili Lunch
 4:00 Spanish Worship w/Communion

Worship Attendance / Communion:

Wednesday, November 8, 2017

Worship: 6:30: 18/17
Hope Studies: 6

Sunday, November 12, 2017:

Worship: 8:00: 55 **10:30:** 103
FBH: Adults: 42 **Youth:** 8 **Children:** 6
Spanish Worship: 4:00: 18/12

Offerings—General Fund: \$6,969.25

Stewardship Perspective:

Matthew 25:30 “And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness.” Why did the worthless servant act the way he did? Because of what he believed about the Master. He didn’t trust or love the Master – and so his actions did not demonstrate love and trust, but rather hate and mistrust. It’s the same with us, but in reverse: since we know our Lord God to be faithful and kind, we desire to serve Him and render faithful service with what He has given us.

TWENTY-FOURTH



SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 19, 2017

AS WE GATHER

The darkening days of the world are a time for God's people to be looking toward the light—the light of Christ. Through our worship, we call out to our gracious God to brighten our lives as only He can. With the psalmist we call out, "Satisfy us in the morning with Your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days" (Psalm 90:14). God promises to satisfy us not only for our earthly lives but eternally as well. Looking toward that time of great surprise with confidence and hope, we say with the psalmist, "Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us" (Psalm 90:17a), and we respond to that favor with our heartfelt praise.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELLS

PRELUDE AND MEDITATION *"Glorious Name"* *sett'g: Ruth Machie*
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 *"Lord, This Day We've Come to Worship"* *LSB 911*

INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

C: **Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

"This Is the Feast"

LSB 155

Refrain—all; vs. 1,3 & 4—women; vs. 2 & 5—men

Refrain

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

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.**
- P: Let us pray. Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
- C: You graciously forgive our sins and lead us from darkness into light. By the working of the Holy Spirit,**
- P: direct our lives that we may bring that light of Your grace to our world that,
- C: as Your beloved children, we may fulfill Your fatherly will.**
- P: This we ask in the name of Jesus, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
- C: one God, now and forever. Amen.**

10:30 SPECIAL MUSIC "For the Beauty of the Earth"





† **SERVICE OF THE WORD** †

FIRST READING

Zephaniah 1:7-16 (p.788)

(The Day of the Lord is coming near.)

⁷Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is near; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests. ⁸And on the day of the Lord's sacrifice—"I will punish the officials and the king's sons and all who array themselves in foreign attire. ⁹On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold, and those who fill their master's house with violence and fraud. ¹⁰"On that day," declares the Lord, "a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate, a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills. ¹¹Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar! For all the traders are no more; all who weigh out silver are cut off. ¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are complacent, those who say in their hearts, 'The Lord will not do good, nor will he do ill.' ¹³Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them." ¹⁴The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there. ¹⁵A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, ¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (p.987)

(Encouragement at the coming of the Lord)

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁷For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the

breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSE *"Saints, See the Cloud of Witnesses"* *LSB 667; vs. 1,5,6*



1 Saints, see the cloud of wit - ness - es sur - round us;



Their lives of faith en - cour - age and as - tound us.



Hear how the Mas - ter praised their faith so



fer - vent: "Well done, My ser - vant!"

5 Lord, give us faith to walk where You are sending,
On paths unmarked, eyes blind as to their ending;
Not knowing where we go, but that You lead us—With grace precede us.

6 You, Jesus, You alone deserve all glory!
Our lives unfold, embraced within Your story;
Past, present, future—You, the same forever—You fail us never!

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HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 25:14-30 (p.830)

(The parable of the use of the talents)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

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

¹⁴For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. ¹⁵To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. ¹⁷So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' ²¹His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' ²²And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' ²³His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

LSB 784

SERMON

"Got Talent"
Rev. Dean Pfeffer

Matthew 25:14-30

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.

OFFERING PRAYER

Lord, help me to grasp that all the blessings I think I have are really Yours. Help me to grasp that all the blessings our church has does not belong to the church, but to You. Give us healthy giving hearts to use these blessings according to Your purpose. In Your name I pray. 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

"Alle Menschen Müssen Sterben"

Johann Pachelbel

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Almighty Father, as the great day of the Lord draws ever nearer, when Your Son will return to judge the living and the dead, we pray that You would grant Your people to remain faithful to the end. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Gracious Lord, though we do not know the day or hour of Your Son's appearing, grant that we would always be prepared by sending us faithful pastors and teachers who will boldly proclaim Your Word of Law and Gospel to us, that we may be constantly encouraged and built up in the faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord God, by the power of Your Holy Spirit, help us always to be good and faithful servants who are diligent stewards of all that You so graciously provide. Especially grant us to be generous in speaking of the salvation that You provide for all through Your Son. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Everlasting Father, You have given us the gift of Your creation, and though this world is passing away due to sin, we pray that You would preserve it for our use and provision until You usher in the new creation to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Merciful Lord, we pray that You would grant healing and relief to all who are afflicted in mind, body or soul especially *Diane Bates, Frank Dahlke, Rayetta Stare, Mark Stefanos, Rose Thomas, and Libby Voigtman*. Give them the peace and comfort that only comes through Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Loving Father, until Your Son returns in glory, He has given us the Supper of His body and blood to sustain us. Grant that all who receive this gift today may receive it in faith, trusting that it is given for them for the forgiveness of their sins and life everlasting. 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 +

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right...praising you and singing:

SANCTUS

"The God of Abraham Praise"

LSB 798; vs. 1,8

I The God of A - br'ham praise, Who reigns en - throned a - bove;
 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days And God of love.
 Je - ho - vah, great I AM! By earth and heav'n con - fessed;
 I bow and bless the sa - cred name For - ev - er blest.

8 The God who reigns on high The great archangels sing,
And “Holy, holy, holy!” cry, “Almighty King!
Who was and is the same And evermore shall be:
Jehovah, Father, great I AM! We worship Thee!”

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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

“The God of Abraham Praise”

LSB 798; v. 7

7 There dwells the Lord our king, The Lord our righteousness,
Triumphant o’er the world and sin, The Prince of Peace.
On Zion’s sacred height His kingdom He maintains
And glorious with His saints in light Forever reigns.

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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: ¹Are baptized AND instructed in the Christian faith; ²Examine themselves in a manner appropriate to adult maturity and recognize their own need for forgiveness; ³Believe that the Crucified and Risen Lord is truly present in, with and under the bread and wine; ⁴Believe that in this sacrament God gives us forgiveness of sins and strengthening of faith; ⁵Accept 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

"Beautiful Savior"

LSB 537

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

LSB 621

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

"The God of Abraham Praise"

LSB 798; v. 9

9 The whole triumphant host Give thanks to God on high.
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" They ever cry.
Hail, Abr'ham's God and mine! I join the heav'nly lays:
All might and majesty are Thine And endless praise!

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8:00 SPECIAL MUSIC *"For the Beauty of the Earth"*



CLOSING PRAYER

C: God, reignite the hearts of us all to have a passion for the Gospel. Teach our church to share the Gospel with others. Teach us to live as those who are true bearers of the good news of Jesus Christ. Remind us of our purpose. Convict us of our purpose. Empower us to live our purpose. In Jesus name. Amen.

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 HYMN *"Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending"*

LSB 336

! Hear Ye! Hear Ye!



CONGREGATION MEETING

TODAY

FOLLOWING 10:30 WORSHIP

*We will gather for our annual meeting
(in the church) followed by a special
pot-bless luncheon hosted by our
Fellowship Ministry Team.*

Annual reports from all Ministry Teams, meeting agenda, and previous minutes will be in your mailboxes on November 9th for your review and questions. Among the items on the agenda are:

- *Approval of minutes from May, 2017 meeting;*
- *Approval of Pastors, Staff & Ministry Team reports;*
- *Presentation of Ministry Plan 2018;*
- *Election of Officers & Ministry Teams for 2018;*
- *Building Committee Update & Capital Foundry Presentation*
- *District Nominations*

~LUNCH TO FOLLOW IN FELLOWSHIP HALL~

*Fellowship Ministry Team will provide pulled pork;
Board of Directors will provide desserts;*

Please bring a side-dish to share!

All information is in your mailbox today.

Connecting Points

TODAY: we continue with the final two Sundays of the church year. These final Sundays began with All Saints Day and culminate with the Last Sunday of the Church Year on **November 26th** that will usher in the Advent Season and the new church year. You will notice the emphasis in our Gospel readings over these next few weeks reminding us to be ready for our Lord's return in great glory. The color of these next few weeks is *GREEN*—a reminder to us to be constantly growing in the love, grace and Word of our Lord.



GOBBLE GOBBLE: Here is what we know as of this at this time: 614 meals were served. Once we have all expenses paid, we will share with you what God has blessed us with to share in our community. Again, HUGE thanks to EVERYONE (way too many to mention) for your loving hands and assistance in many different ways for our 23rd Annual Turkey Supper! We truly thank God for each of you!



BE SURE TO INVITE: family and friends to our worship **each Sunday at 8:00 & 10:30AM, with Family Bible Hour 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.



THANK YOU: As our fall quarter of *Living Hope and Hope Studies* have **now concluded until after Christmas (January 3)**, special thanks to *John Koren* for leading our *Hope Studies class*, *Barbara Ahlers & Praise Team* for their musical leadership during *Living Hope* **each Wednesday.** We truly praise and thank God for your leadership here at Hope!



REMEMBER, ONLY TURKEYS DON'T GIVE THANKS: Don't let yourself, your family, or your friends be numbered among the turkeys who don't give thanks! Join us **Wednesday at 6:30PM** for our special Thanksgiving worship service. What a great day to invite someone and share thanks for what God has done and continues to do for you!



PLEASE NOTE: The church office will be CLOSED **this Thursday and Friday** for the Thanksgiving holiday. In the event of a pastoral emergency, please contact *Pastor Pfeffer at C (cell) or 813-752-1164 (home).*



GIFT CARD TREE TICKETS: are available **TODAY**—\$5 for 1 ticket or 5 tickets for \$20. **THREE** winners will be chosen **Sunday, December 3rd!**

FOLLOWING EACH MORNING SERVICE: our *Elder on Duty* will be at the doors with our pastors. His purpose there is for YOU! Should you need to share an upcoming prayer concern, hospitalization, test, etc. with our pastors, our Elder will take that information from you and pass it along. As you realize, it is impossible for our pastors to remember everything mentioned to them on a Sunday morning, and having our Elders there to assist with this information, will assist them in better ministering to you.



GIVING TUESDAY: We have “*Black Friday*” and “*Cyber Monday*,” but let’s not forget about *GIVING TUESDAY* on **November 28th**. This is a special day set aside for us to give a special gift over and above our usual giving to favorite charities. Please consider giving a special *GIVING TUESDAY* gift to Hope **this year** to further the ministry of Jesus in this place!



ADVENT APPROACHING FAST: On **Wednesday, November 29th** we will join together for the first of our midweek Advent worship opportunities...What a GREAT opportunity to invite someone to join you! Worship will be as follows: **4:30PM**—Traditional Advent Worship in Sanctuary; **5:15-6:15PM**—Fellowship dinner; **6:30PM**—Advent Worship—an intergenerational, “hands on” style service with an Advent craft—in Fellowship Hall. Join us **each week** for one or both of our Advent opportunities under the theme, “*Together in Advent.*”



CHILDREN'S GIFT BAGS: Christmas will be here before we know it. Hope's tradition is to hand out gift bags to the children/youth on **Christmas Eve**. If you would like donate items for the bags or make a donation towards them, contact *Liz Pfeffer* at 813-752-1164 or epfeffer@hntb.com.



SUNDAY, November 26th at 11:45AM in the Sanctuary

Many hands are needed to decorate our sanctuary for the birthday of our King! It takes a lot of willing hands and servants to accomplish this task and make it look as warm, inviting and beautiful as it does year after year. YOUR HELP IS NEEDED! PLEASE consider helping as we rejoice in the only reason for the Season! Advent begins this day, so we need everyone's help to accomplish this task! Young and young at heart are always welcome to join the fun!

AND...BRING A POT OF CHILI TO SHARE FOR AFTER WE DECORATE—SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX!





Thanksgiving Worship w/Communion

Wednesday, November 22nd at 6:30pm

Come, You Thankful People, Come!

"Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care." Psalm 95:6-7



Oh *Holy* *Night*

December 2, 2017
11:00am—1:00pm

10th Annual Ladies' Advent Tea

Seats are limited—Contact Nora to reserve your spot!



ADVENT IS COMING!

Our midweek Advent Worship **will begin on Wednesday, November 29th** with services at **4:30PM** (traditional worship) in our sanctuary, a fellowship meal will be served from **5:15-6:15PM** in Fellowship Hall and our **6:30PM** worship will take place in Fellowship Hall and will be an “intergenerational, hands on” style service. Both services will begin with our traditional Advent – Christmas hymn sing. Our theme for these services will be **Together In Advent** as we celebrate together as the family of God the coming of God's Son for our salvation. Each week we will focus on a different activity for our “to do list” that is centered on giving and sharing instead of materialism.

NOVEMBER 29: BE PRESENT (Malachi 3:1-7)

Instead of spending all our time buying presents, we in God's family set aside space to be present for one another, as Christ is coming to be present among us.

Dinner Host: Youth | Menu: Chili (donated by Wendy's of Lakeland)

DECEMBER 6: SEND PEACE (Micah 5:2-5a)

Beyond sending cards to loved ones this Advent season, we do all we can as the family of God to send peace to one another because the Prince of Peace is on His way.

Dinner Host: Christian Growth | Menu: Spaghetti w/sides

DECEMBER 13: SHARE JOY (Zephaniah 3:14-20)

In this time when we share cookies and other treats with one another, we share joy with those around us that they might taste and see that the Lord is good to us through the birth of His Son.

Dinner Host: Missions & Outreach Ministry Team | Menu: Soup & Bread

DECEMBER 20: Hope's Annual Christmas Program: The King and Me **6:30PM (No 4:30 service or dinner)**



FAMILY BIBLE HOUR—Sundays @ 9:15am

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*

ADULTS: WATCH THE LAMB, WALK IN VICTORY: The darkness-shattering light spoken into existence by God in Genesis explodes into glorious, unfiltered radiance in REVELATION. Here, God's story, revealed in His Word, draws to a stunning consummation. REVELATION unveils God's perfect justice and glorious design for those Jesus redeems from every tribe, language, people and nation. God's children find HOPE, PEACE AND REST in the unfailing purposes of God. Join us as we continue a verse-by-verse study of REVELATION. *Leader: Gloria Warner*

YOUNG ADULT SWHAT MAKES YOU HAPPY: Join us for this new series by Andy Stanley. "Everyone wants to be happy. But what makes us happy? And why is happiness easy to find, but hard to keep?" *Leader: Pastor Shea*

GRADES 7—12: GUYS: From the time they're born, boys are given a "code" to live by: don't cry, don't play with dolls, don't be a wimp...you get the picture. For a teenage guy, it's tough enough to figure out what it means to just be yourself—let alone how to become a man. This eight-week study that will help teenage guys discover what it really means to be a "man," to Become A Young Man of God. *Leader: Pastor Shea*

GRADES 7—12: GIRLS: Teenage girls are so caught up with how they look, who they are, and what others think of them. Through media, models, and even friends our society gives an 'ideal image' for girls—what the world calls a 'Perfect 10'. But God defines girls with a different image. Created in His image you are beautiful. Constructed as His temple His Spirit lives in you (1 Cor. 3:16). This book, Godly and Girly, emboldens young women with self-esteem, confidence about their body image, and secures their identity as God's beloved daughters. *Leader: Liz Pfeffer*

GRADES 1-6: CROSS EXPLORATIONS: The fall quarter begins with an overview of how God works through prophets and kings looking at Solomon to Queen Esther. *Leader: Yolanda Heipp*

PRE-SCHOOL—KINDERGARTEN: GROWING IN CHRIST: The fall quarter begins with an overview of how God works through prophets and kings looking at Solomon to Queen Esther. *Leaders: Ellen Whitehurst, Tracy MacDonald*



Advent Worship

(beginning Wednesday, November 29th)

Sundays

8:00AM & 10:30AM – Worship

9:15AM – Family Bible Hour

4:00PM – Spanish Worship

Wednesdays

4:30PM – Traditional Worship

5:15PM – Fellowship Dinner

6:30PM – Family Worship



SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday, December 20

6:30pm

Rehearsals: Dec 3, 10 & 17 @ 11:45am
(light lunch provided)

Dress Rehearsal: Dec 18 @ 7:00pm

Cast Party: Dec 20 @ 5:00pm (light dinner)

See Nora if you'd like to join our cast!

YOUTH DATES

Nov 19—Nerf Blaster Battle @ Grace, 2-5PM

Nov 29—Advent dinner host

Dec 3—Gift Card Tree Drawing

Dec 8—Youth Christmas Party

Dec 20—Christmas Program

Dec 31—New Year's Eve Party

Grades 6 through 12—friends are always welcome!

Contact Pastor Shea for more info: hopecpastorshea@gmail.com



The
Lutheran
Hour

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

Topics for this month:

November 26: "Show Me"

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

In Lerner and Loewe's musical, My Fair Lady, Eliza is being wooed with words by weak and wimpy suitor. She comments: "Don't talk of stars, burning above If you're in love, show me Tell me not dreams, filled with desire If you're on fire, show me." In Jesus' description of Judgment Day, the Savior goes on record: true love needs to show itself in action. (Matthew 25:31-46)

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

SHUT-INS:

Diane Bates
Melva Dennison
Bonnie Genrich

Dorothy Maltzahn
Mark Stefanos
Tom & Rose Thomas

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:

Libby Voigtmann health concerns

CURRENT REQUESTS:

Diane Bates recovering from surgery
Herb Bayer foster brother of Lorie Hayes—cancer
Frank Dahlke health concerns
Curtis Floyd shoulder surgery (11/13)
Rayetta Stare recovering; health concerns
Mark Stefanos health concerns
Chuck Sullivan Hope's cleaning contractor—surgery; health concerns

BATTLING CANCER:

Jennifer Barkley	Alice Correia	Lynnie Green	Pat Mailloux	Al Simmons
Tom Battling	Austin Dobbs	JoAnne Hayashi	Victor Miranda	Judy Strait
Herb Bayer	Ginnie Donaldson	Lori Heneka	Jim Moore	Chuck Sullivan
Laura Blake	Donna	Jeanette Herndon	Joy Neely	Theresa
CanDee Brandon	Casey Doyle	Delores Huseh	Thomas Onderdonk	Rose Thomas
John Brom	Jace Driggers	Maggi Hutto	John Rademacher	Mr. Wells
Laura Brom	Kori Dunke	Jason	Alan Rauner	Tom
Bob Broshelle	Marcus Elam	Dale Jarvis	Andrea Reichard	Millie Wetz
Ken Buschbacher	Ellen	Linda	Sara	Laura Winkel
Chantal	Joy Fritzke	Delores Lopresto	Abbey Sedlacek	Candy Wolfe
Carol Chapman	Gail	Lucille Luedke	Sherrie	Rick Ward
Chrissie	Idele Green			Heather Whitehurst

Serving in the Military (R—Reserves)

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



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

1Corinthians 4:1

SERVING OUR LORD THIS SUNDAY (11/19/2017) ARE:

Bell Ringer	10:30/Wyatt Daniell
Acolyte	10:30/Keaira Griffin
Lector	8:00/Gloria Warner; 10:30/Loretta Scott
Elder on Duty	8:00/Wayne Warner; 10:30/Jim Drapp; 4:00/Jim Drapp
Communion Assistant	8:00/Wayne Warner; 10:30/Jim Drapp
Flowers	Burtz family
Offerings	Alison Reaume & Cathie Warner
Ushers	Team 2
	8:00/Tom Whitehurst,* Carl Bergner, Harold Hastings, James Tennyson;
	10:30/Nick Trivunovich,* Alex Drapp, Jim Drapp, Ken Hartmann

*Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by
John & Susan Burtz*

SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEDNESDAY (11/22/2017) ARE:

Acolyte	6:30/Jade Burtz
Crucifer	6:30/Yulia Hartmann
Acolyte	6:30/Bryan Greatens
Lector	6:30/Cathie Warner
Elder on Duty	6:30/Todd Warner
Flowers	Pfeffer family
Ushers	Team 2

SERVING OUR LORD NEXT SUNDAY (11/26/2017) ARE:

Bell Ringer	10:30/Kaylee Greatens
Lector	8:00/Tena Matthews; 10:30/Sheila Goethe
Elder on Duty	8:00/Brian Heipp; 10:30/Nick Trivunovich; 4:00/Pastor Shea
Flowers	Paris family
Offerings	Richard & Mary Decker
Ushers	Team 3
	8:00/Lonnie Bertsch,* Diane Bertsch, Tom Reagin;
	10:30/ Stuart Howell,* Judy Adkins, Andy Anderson, Bette Lafferty, Jack Moberg

SERVING OUR LORD THIS MONTH OF NOVEMBER:

Altar Guild	James & Lauretta Tennyson
Nurse/HMT Member	Joyce Van Matre