



Welcome to Hope

SUNDAYS

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

LENTEN WEDNESDAYS

5:15PM—Fellowship Dinner
6:30PM—Lenten 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:

Sunday 2/18	<i>Teddy Bear Sunday—Please bring a NEW Teddy Bear</i>
8:00	Worship w/Communion
9:15	Family Bible Hour (<i>snacks: open</i>)
10:30	Worship w/Communion
12:00	Chili Cook-Off VBS fundraiser (sponsored by Christian Growth Ministry Team)
4:00	Spanish Worship w/Communion
Monday 2/19	<i>President’s Day</i>
6:30	Choir
7:30	Young Adults @ Starbucks, Plant City
Tuesday 2/20	10:30 GriefShare
	6:30 GriefShare
Wednesday 2/21	5:15 Fellowship Dinner (<i>host: Missions & Outreach; menu: Chicken Casserole</i>)
	5:40 Bell Choir
	6:30 Lenten Worship
Saturday 2/24	9:30 Zaycon @ Hope
	10:00 Confirmation
	3:00 Food prep @ Hope
	5:00 Feeding the Hungry
Sunday 2/125	8:00 Worship
	9:15 Family Bible Hour (<i>snacks: open</i>)
	10:30 Worship
	4:00 Spanish Worship w/Communion

Worship Attendance / Communion:

Wednesday, February 7, 2018:

Worship: 6:30: 22/21

Hope Studies: 9

Sunday, February 11, 2018:

Worship: 8:00: 66 10:30: 101

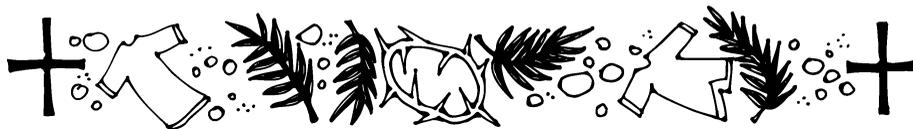
Spanish Worship: 4:00: 23/13

Offerings—General Fund: \$5,782.00

Stewardship Perspective:

Mark 1:13 – “And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.” God the Father cares for Jesus even in the midst of his temptation in the wilds. God cares for us in every situation as well. Jesus realized this and always acted from the basis of trust in God the Father’s provision. This is likewise the basis for our life lived in Christ: God cares for us, so we need not act out of fear or greed.

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!



First Sunday In Lent

February 18, 2018

AS WE GATHER

"Here am I." This is the simple, yet faith-filled, response of Abraham as the Lord calls him. Not knowing what the Lord will call him to do, but simply trusting the Word of the Lord, Abraham says, "Here am I." As we look through the pages of Scripture those same three little words, "Here am I," are echoed by others: Jacob, Moses, and Samuel—to name just a few. As people who the Lord has called in Baptism, may we also answer with the same faith-filled response, "Here am I!" We may not always know where God will lead, but we do know that the One who has called us will be with us as we follow where He guides.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELLS

PRELUDE AND MEDITATION "Just As I Am"

Victor Johnson

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

"O Lord, throughout These Forty Days"

LSB 418

INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: O Lord, throughout these forty days

C: **You prayed and kept the fast;**

P: Inspire repentance for our sin,

C: **And free us from our past. Amen.**

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

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

C: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen.

I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

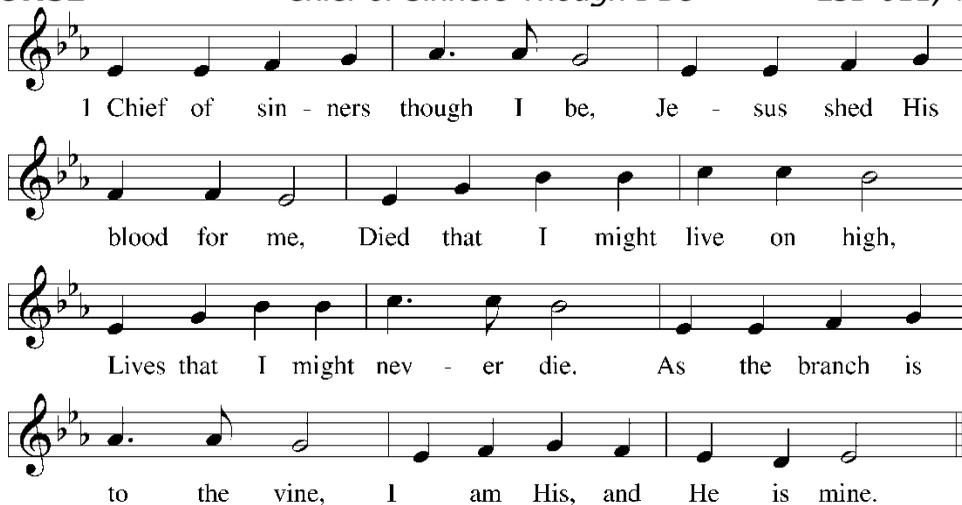
P: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

RESPONSE

"Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

LSB 611; vs. 1 & 5



I Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His
blood for me, Died that I might live on high,
Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is
to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.

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5 O my Savior, help afford By Your Spirit and Your Word!
When my wayward heart would stray, Keep me in the narrow way;
Grace in time of need supply While I live and when I die.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the Promised Land.

C: **Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come;**

P: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

10:30 SPECIAL MUSIC

"Lord of the Dance"

Jubilation Singers



† **SERVICE OF THE WORD** †

OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 22:1-18 (p.16)

(Abraham prepares to offer Isaac as a sacrifice.)

¹After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." ²He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." ³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." ⁶And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of

them together. ⁷And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here am I, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" ⁸Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together. ⁹When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." ¹²He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." ¹³And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called the name of that place, "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided." ¹⁵And the angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven ¹⁶and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the Lord, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, ¹⁸and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

James 1:12-18 (p.1011)

(God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He tempt anyone.)

¹²Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. ¹³Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. ¹⁴But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. ¹⁵Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. ¹⁶Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. ¹⁷Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE

LSB 157



C Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra-cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a-bound-ing in
stead-fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

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HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:9-15 (p.836)

(Jesus is tempted by Satan.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.



C: Glo - ry be to You, O Lord.

P: In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when He came up out of the water, immediately He saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on Him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven,

C: **"You are My beloved Son; with You I am well pleased."**

P: The Spirit immediately drove Him out into the wilderness. And He was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And He was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to Him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying,

C: **"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."**

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!



C: Praise be to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

LSB 657

SERMON

"The LORD Will Provide"
Rev. Shea Pennington

Genesis 22:1-18

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

"Down to the River to Pray"

Mark Hayes

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

P: Let us pray to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for He is merciful and full of compassion. Heavenly Father, Your Son knew hunger in the wilderness and yet His reliance on You did not fail. Give to Your baptized people a steady trust in Your promises and hope in Your final deliverance. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lover of mankind, You send Your Gospel into all the world, that people might be delivered from the power of the evil one. Pour out Your Spirit continually upon all pastors and servants of Your Church, that they might proclaim Your Word with grace and boldness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Ruler of the nations, You bid us honor those whom You have set in authority over us. Look in kindness on our president, our public servants and all who serve in our armed forces. Enable them to pursue policies that will bless this nation and make us a blessing to the nations of the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Bountiful Provider of all our needs, You warn Your people not to be ensnared in the love of riches or to seek lives of ease, but You invite them in union with Your Son to live as servants in this world. Remember all those who can find no gainful employment. Keep them from despair, and hear their prayers. Remember all who are tempted to think that life really does consist of the abundance of possessions, and lift their hearts to the things that truly matter. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Fountain of mercy, into Your gracious and loving arms we commend all who are sick or suffering, the hospitalized, the persecuted, the lonely, the afflicted, the grieving and the dying especially Your servants *Diane Bates, Gerry Buschbacher, Frank Dahlke, Bonnie Genrich, Ernie Reaume, and*

Mark Stefanos. Bring the comfort of Your Spirit to each broken body, troubled mind or hurting soul. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord of the angelic hosts, Your angels ministered to Your Son after His time of testing and brought Him refreshment. May Your angels surround us as we partake of the refreshment of His body and blood for our forgiveness, that we might join them eternally in singing His praises. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: All of these things, and whatever else Your wisdom knows us to need, grant to us, in Your bountiful love, for the sake of Him who triumphed over the foe and rose in victory, and who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, even Jesus Christ, our Lord, 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

(tune: LSB 422)

P: God the Lord be with you always.

C: God the Lord be with you too.

P: Let us lift our hearts in praising

C: God, to whom all praise is due.

P: Let us thank and praise the Lord. It is saving, right, and good

C: To adore our Lord and Savior everywhere, both now and ever.

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

SANCTUS

(tune: LSB 422)

**Holy, holy, God is holy, He the Lord of might and pow'r,
Filling heav'n and earth with glory, Now He comes to fill this hour.
Hail, Hosanna, David's Son, Blessed is the One who comes
In the Lord's name; high and holy Jesus, save us now, we pray Thee.**

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

(tune: LSB 439)

**O dearest Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy
On us poor sinners. Lamb of God have mercy.
You take away the guilt of this world's sinning;
Grant us Your peace, Lord.**

(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

"The Lamb"

LSB 547

"O Christ, You Walked the Road"

LSB 424

NUNC DIMITTIS

(tune: LSB 863)

**In peace, Lord, at Your Word, Now let Your servant go;
For I have seen and heard What all the earth must know;
Salvation for the world is here!
And Israel's Light shines bright and clear
Upon the nations far and near.**

**Eternal praise and fame Be to our God alone!
We proudly bear His name, Proclaim what He has done.
For our redemption, full and free,
To Father, Son and Spirit be All praise and thanks eternally.**

8:00 SPECIAL MUSIC

"Lord of the Dance"

Jubilation Singers



CLOSING PRAYER

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

"Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken"

LSB 521

POSTLUDE

"Postlude in B-Flat"

Caleb Simper

Prepare your taste buds
FOR BATTLE



in Hope's Inaugural VBS Fundraiser
CHILI COOK-OFF

JOIN US TODAY, 12:00—2:00pm

Are you ready for a delicious and action-packed chili cook-off?
Grab a napkin and prepare yourself for overwhelming deliciousity!

**Our competitors have prepared their chili;
now we need YOU to sample & vote!**

- Purchase 9 taste-testing cups for \$5.
- Cast your vote for your favorite chili; ballots must be turned in by 1:30pm.
- Enjoy a free bowl of your choice after you vote. (Additional bowls available for a monetary donation.)

Unveiling of Hope's 2018 VBS theme at 1:45pm!

Sponsored by Christian Growth Ministry Team

Connecting Points

TODAY: we continue in the holy season of Lent. Lent is a time of deep repentance for the people of God as we focus on the payment God made for our sins through the sacrifice of His only begotten Son on the cross that we might live. **During this time of Lent**, the singing of our "Alleluia's" is omitted from the vocabulary of the church until we sing them again on the **Day of Resurrection**. While Lent is season that lasts 40 days, Sundays are *NOT* included, as every Sunday for the Christian is a mini celebration of our Lord's Easter victory. The color of Lent is *purple*~ the color of repentance and royalty as we reflect on our sins and give thanks for our Lenten King of Glory.



LENEN DEVOTIONALS: from *Lutheran Hour Ministries* are in your mailboxes (with additional copies underneath for you to take *AND* share!). We will also make these devotionals available at the Strawberry Festival. Please feel free to help yourself to extras to share with family and friends.



TEDDY BEAR SUNDAY: is **TODAY**, and our bears will be shared with the children of *Eckard Kids*, a foster children center in Hillsborough County. There are hundreds of kids in the foster program currently and your donation of a warm, loving bear will help comfort a child when they needed it most! Prior to being donated to Eckard, the members of our Human Care Ministry Team will tag each bear to share the love of Jesus for all who receive them.



SIGN UP NOW: to serve at our Strawberry Festival peanut booth. **MANY** willing workers are needed throughout the Festival—if *the Festival is open*, *our booth MUST be open*. Entrance tickets are again available to all workers. There are 3 shifts per day, our **morning shift (9:15-2:00)** 2 tickets; **mid-day shift (2:00-6:00)** 3 tickets; and **evening shift (6:00-10:00)** 3 tickets. Please be sure to **PRINT** your name on the board in the *Narthex*. Tickets will be distributed on **Sunday, February 24th following each service**. If you have any questions, please be sure to contact *Patrick Griffin* at 813-376-0258.



MORE LENEN DEVOTIONALS: Are available **DAILY** from our Florida-Georgia District at their website: www.flgadistrict.org. These devotionals are written by our District's Circuit Visitors and Board of Directors. *Pastor Pfeffer's* first devotional will be posted **TOMORROW (2/19)**.



CHECK OUT: the new member bulletin board in the back of the church for pictures of our newest brothers and sisters to join our family. Be sure to welcome these newest brothers and sisters in Christ to our Hope family.



LENT IS HERE: Our Lenten theme this year is “*Thy Will be Done*,” and again except for **Maundy Thursday** and **Good Friday**, the pastors of our *Winter Haven Circuit* will join together for a “round robin” where we will have the opportunity to welcome some of our circuit pastors to lead us in worship. **This week** Pastor Pfeffer is leading worship at Redeemer, Bartow. Plan now to join us **each week** and don't forget...INVITE a friend to join you!



THIS WEEK'S LENTEN SERVICE: In this service of Lent, we remember that, in humility, Mary dutifully accepted the role God had given her to become the mother of our Savior. That Son would later accept his role, faithfully following the path his Father had in mind for him to save us all.



Confirmation
CLASSES

CONFIRMANDS & PARENTS: Just a reminder, Confirmation class WILL meet **this coming Saturday (2/24) from 10:00—Noon** in the *Conference Room*. Memory work is the 2nd Article of the Apostles' Creed AND its explanation. Please be sure to have your child here on time and pick them up on time.



YOUR HELP IS NEEDED: Some of our congregation's *usher teams* are in need of an additional person or two (can be husband & wife) to help round out our teams at **both 8:00 and 10:30AM services**. Also, we are in need of 4 individuals (2 teams) to serve on our *Altar Guild* (prepare & clean up Communion). Training will gladly be provided for both these servant opportunities. If you are willing to serve, call *Jessica* in the *Church Office* and say, “*Here am I send me!*” Thanks in advance for your prayerful consideration of these opportunities!

THANK YOU: to *Ken Buschbacher* for serving as our photographer at our Celebration of Christian Marriage **last Sunday!**



HISPANIC MINISTRY NEWS: All the “*Divine Call*” Documents have been completed by *Messiah, Tampa, Family of Christ (North & West), and Hope* for Calls to be extended in **April** to Vicar *Miguel Sanabria* and Vicar *John Cabos* to serve as “*worker priests*” in this ministry. This means that while they will be “*called and ordained*” pastors in our LCMS, they will be limited to **30 hours (each) per week**, while they continue to work in the private sector. As more information comes available, it will be passed along to you. Please keep *Miguel and John* in your prayers as they complete their vicarage and look forward to serving our Lord and His people. Any questions, please see *Pastor Pfeffer*.

Why ME??? And why NOW???

Why did this happen to me and to our family?

The timing could not be worse! When we 'lose' a loved one by death—the timing is always wrong for us. We have many questions, many concerns, and much pain and sudden loneliness. There is a way for you to recover and get “back into life” again—it does take some time, but true healing is possible for you and your family. At GriefShare, we have some suggestions, some recommendations, and a lot of love to carry you through this journey.

GriefShare meets **every Tuesday at 10:30 AM and at 6:30 PM**—come join us and we'll walk through this time together. We're already praying for you...



GRIEF  SHARE

TUESDAYS
10:30AM & 6:30PM

I would like to thank everyone that has been donating all occasional cards so that I am able to help you celebrate birthdays and anniversaries as well as get-well and sympathies. Just can't thank enough all those who place cards in my mailbox or just hand them to me.

*My love and God's blessings,
Ernie Reaume*



FAMILY BIBLE HOUR—Sundays @ 9:15am

ADUKTS: THY WILL BE DONE: This study will aid us in our quest to seek God's will in all aspects of our lives, especially in terms of our identity, our dreams for the future, our worldview and our response to Christ the crucified. Each week we examine the theme for that Wednesday's Lenten service. (We will resume God Connects after Easter). *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*

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: This winter quarter continues with an overview of how God works through prophets and kings throughout the Bible. *Leader: Yolanda Heipp*

PRE-SCHOOL—KINDERGARTEN: GROWING IN CHRIST: This winter quarter continues with an overview of how God works through prophets and kings throughout the Bible. *Leaders: Ellen Whitehurst, Tracy MacDonald*



THY WILL BE DONE

5:15—6:15PM: Fellowship Dinner
6:30PM: Worship

THY WILL BE DONE is the theme for our Mid-Week Lenten worship on Wednesdays during Lent at our **6:30PM** worship services. As Jesus prayed, "Not as I will, but as you will" becomes our prayer as well this Lent as we seek to do our Father's will in our lives. Each of these services focus on a different aspect of God's will at work among us. Our fellowship dinners are served from **5:15—6:15PM**. Again this year, most of the pastors of our Winter Haven Circuit are participating in a "round robin," so each Wednesday we welcome another of our circuit pastors to our worship as *Pastor Pfeffer* leads worship in their congregations (excluding Holy Week Services).

February 21: God's Will & My Identity | Rev. Andy Ritchie (*St. Paul, Lakeland*)
Dinner Host: Missions & Outreach Ministry Team
Menu: Chicken & Tortellini Casserole

February 28: God's Will & My Dreams | Rev. Mark Harris (*Grace, Winter Haven*)
Dinner Host: Youth & Youth Ministry Team
Menu: Chili (*donated by Wendy's of Lakeland*)

March 7: God's Will & My Inadequacy | Rev. Tod Shouse (*Our Savior, Zephyrhills*)
Dinner Host: Health and Human Care Ministry Teams
Menu: Soups

March 14: God's Will & My Response | Rev. Jonathan Horsman (*Redeemer, Bartow*)
Dinner Host: Music Ministry
Menu: Pulled Pork w/Slaw

March 21: God's Will & My Worldview | Pastor Pfeffer
Dinner Host: Board of Directors
Menu: Chicken & Rice Casserole w/Salad & Green Beans

YOUTH DATES

Feb 28—Lenten Dinner Host

April 11—Youth Group Kick-off @ 6:30pm

April 14-15—Youth Retreat @ St. Pete

April 18—Youth-led Worship

April 25—Youth Group @ 6:30pm

April 29—Confirmation Sunday

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:

February 25: "Living and Dying"

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

Looking at sinful mankind, Jesus found what he was willing to die, and to live for. Are we willing to do the same? (Romans 5:1-11)

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

SHUT-INS:

Diane Bates
Melva Dennison
Bonnie Genrich

Dorothy Maltzahn
Mark Stefanos
Tom Thomas

LEADERS:

Pastor Dean & Liz Pfeffer
Pastor Shea Pennington

Hope Staff
Hope's Ministries

LCMS Synod & District
Our Nation & Armed Forces
Our 1st Responders

Family and Friends of Hope

NEW REQUESTS:

Gerry Buschbacher
Tom Ellison
Tracy Jump

health concerns
health concerns
friend of Loretta Scott—recovering from accident; broken neck

CURRENT REQUESTS:

Aiden
Ernie Bartholomew
Douglas Brown
Ken Buschbacher
Charlie Comiskey

Bonnie Genrich
Wilbur Jordan
Bette Lafferty
Ernie Reaume
Mark Stefanos
Tom Thomas & family

great-grandson of Judy Adkins—health concerns
cousin of Ernie Edelman—recovering from fall; broken rib
Safe & healthy travel to/from Russia (2/22—3/17)
excellent CT scan results; no new cancer 😊
friend of Trivunovich family—recovering from surgery; hip replacement
cousin of Julie Gates—hip replacement
recovering from hospitalization
friend of Joyce Warner—health concerns
relocating to Texas
health concerns
health concerns
mourning death of Rose

BATTLING CANCER:

Jennifer Barkley
Tom Battling
Herb Bayer
Laura Blake
CanDee Brandon
John Brom
Laura Brom
Bob Broshelle
Ken Buschbacher
Chantal
Carol Chapman

Chrissie
Alice Correia
Austin Dobbs
Ginnie Donaldson
Donna
Casey Doyle
Jace Driggers
Kori Dunke
Marcus Elam
Ellen
Joy Fritzke
Gail

Idele Green
Lynnie Green
JoAnne Hayashi
Lori Heneka
Jeanette Herndon
Maggi Hutto
Jason
Dale Jarvis
Linda
Delores Lopresto

Lucille Luedke
Pat Mailloux
Victor Miranda
Jim Moore
Thomas Onderdonk
John Rademacher
Alan Rauner
Andrea Reichard
Sara
Abbey Sedlacek
Sherrie

Al Simmons
Judy Strait
Chuck Sullivan
Jeannie Lee Taylor
Theresa
Mr. Wells
Tom
Millie Wetz
Laura Winkel
Candy Wolfe
Rick Ward
Heather Whitehurst

Serving in the Military (R—Reserves)

Zachary Allen
Alex Almaguer
Zachary Bennett
Matt Bracken
Trevor Dahlke

Lorrie Daniell—R
Stephen Daniell—R
Joshua Gross
Erika Grosskopf
Joshua Kinhead—R

Brad Landis
Bobby Martin
Aaron Morley
Donnie Pittman
Stephen Olliff—R

Derek Quackenbush
Justin Rappa
Ryan Sonnenberg
Caleb Strand
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 (2/18/2018) ARE:

Bell Ringer 8:00/Madison Reese; 10:30/Alex Attalla
Acolyte 10:30/Savannah Gembala
Lector 8:00/John Koren; 10:30/Cindy Kemp
Elder on Duty 8:00/Wayne Warner; 10:30/Nick Trivunovich;
4:00/Jim Drapp
Communion Assistant 8:00/Wayne Warner; 10:30/Nick Trivunovich
Flowers Walkenhorst family
Offerings Wendell & Pam Lattz
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
Dennis & Carol Walkenhorst*

SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEDNESDAY (2/21/2018) ARE:

Acolyte 6:30/Bryan Greatens
Lector 6:30/Bryan Greatens
Elder on Duty 6:30/Lonnie Bertsch
Ushers Youth

SERVING OUR LORD NEXT SUNDAY (2/25/2018) ARE:

Bell Ringer 8:00/Jerry Cockwell; 10:30/Savannah Gembala
Lector 8:00/Gloria Warner; 10:30/Dane Petersen
Elder on Duty 8:00/Brian Heipp; 10:30/Jim Drapp;
4:00/Pastor Pfeffer
Flowers Dahlke family
Offerings Richard & Mary Decker
Ushers Team 3
8:00/Lonnie Bertsch,* Diane Bertsch, Tom Reagin;
10:30/ Stuart Howell,* Judy Adkins, Matt Finney, Jack Moberg

SERVING OUR LORD THIS MONTH OF FEBRUARY:

Altar Guild Tracy MacDonald & Cindy Petersen
Nurse/HMT Member Beverly Mane