



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 3/18	Blood Mobile @ Hope
8:00	Worship w/Communion
9:15	Family Bible Hour (<i>snacks: Greatens & Whitehurst</i>)
10:30	Worship w/Communion
4:00	Spanish Worship w/Communion
Monday 3/19	10:00 Zaycon @ Hope
6:30	Choir
7:30	Young Adults @ Starbucks, Plant City
Tuesday 3/20	10:30 GriefShare
6:30	GriefShare
Wednesday 3/21	5:15 Fellow
5:15	Fellowship Dinner (<i>host: Board of Directors; menu: Chicken & Rice Casserole</i>)
5:40	Bell Choir
6:30	Lenten Worship
Saturday 3/24	3:00 Food prep @ Hope
5:00	Feeding the Hungry
Sunday 3/25	Palm Sunday
8:00	Worship
9:15	Family Bible Hour (<i>snacks: Kerr & Scott</i>)
10:30	Worship
4:00	Spanish Worship w/Communion

Worship Attendance / Communion:

Wednesday, March 7, 2018:

Worship: 6:30: 35

Sunday, March 11, 2018:

Worship: 8:00: 60 10:30: 83

FBH: Adults: 37 Youth: 8 Children: 3

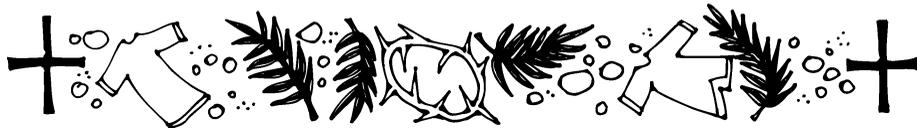
Spanish Worship: 4:00: 20/9

Offerings—General Fund: \$6,996.25

Stewardship Perspective:

Mark 10:45 – “For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Jesus gives everything He has: He gives Himself. That self-giving is the model for our giving in all aspects of our lives. In our family, in our church, and in the world at large, Jesus calls us to follow His example in self-giving. We can only do this if we are connected to His self-giving in faith.

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!



Fifth Sunday In Lent

March 18, 2018

AS WE GATHER

Over the years, Jesus' twelve apostles have been assigned different symbols or "shields," which bear emblems that remind us of an aspect of their life. The symbol often used for John, one of the sons of Zebedee, is a chalice with a serpent in it. This unflattering symbol comes from today's Gospel, where John and his brother James ask to sit at Jesus' right and left hand. Jesus responds, "The cup that I drink you will drink" (Mark 10:39a). John does not understand what He asks for. But in time he will see that Jesus will drink from the cup of suffering, the cup of death, the cup filled with the sin of the world—because it was the will of His Father. Thanks be to God that Jesus drank this cup for John and for us to give salvation.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELLS

PRELUDE AND MEDITATION *"Meditation on Wondrous Love"* Colin Curtis
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 *"Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"* LSB 904

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

"The Old Rugged Cross"

TOSB 220



1. On a hill far a - way stood an old rug - ged cross, The___
2. O that old rug - ged cross, so de - spised by the world, Has a
3. In the old rug - ged cross, stained with blood so di - vine, A___
4. To the old rug - ged cross, I will ev - er be true, Its___



em - blem of suf - f'ring and shame;___ And I love that old cross where the
won - drous at - trac - tion for me;___ For the dear Lamb of God left His
won - drous beau - ty I see;___ For 'twas on that old cross Je - sus
shame and re - proach glad - ly bear;___ Then He'll call me some day to my



dear - est and best For a world of lost sin - ners was slain. ____
 glo - ry a - bove To__ bear it to dark Cal - va - ry. ____
 suf - fered and died To__ par - don and sanc - ti - fy me. ____
 home far a - way, Where His glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share. ____



So I'll cher - ish the old rug - ged cross, _____ Till my



tro - phies at last I lay down; ____ I will cling to the old rug - ged



cross, _____ And ex - change it some day for a crown. ____

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: **And also with you.**
- P: Let us pray. Almighty God, it was Your will that Your Son drink the cup of suffering and death on our behalf.
- C: **Grant us repentance and faith that we might receive the benefits of Christ's suffering for us;**
- 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.**



† **SERVICE OF THE WORD** †

OLD TESTAMENT

Jeremiah 31:31-34 (p.660)

("I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel.")

³¹"Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³²not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Hebrews 5:1-10 (p.1003)

("The source of eternal salvation to all who obey Him")

¹For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. ³Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. ⁴And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was. ⁵So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; ⁶as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek." ⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. ⁸Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. ⁹And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, ¹⁰being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE

LSB 157



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 10:32–45

("The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve.")

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



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

P: And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, He began to tell them what was to happen to Him, saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him over to the Gentiles. And they will mock Him and spit on Him, and flog Him and kill Him. And after three days He will rise." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to Him and said to Him,

C: **"Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask of You."**

P: And He said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?" And they said to Him,

C: **"Grant us to sit, one at Your right hand and one at Your left, in Your glory."**

P: Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to Him,

C: **"We are able."**

P: And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, but to sit at My right hand or at My left is not Mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. And Jesus called them to Him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!



C: Praise be to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY *"My Song Is Love Unknown"* *LSB 430; vs. 1,3,5,7*

SERMON *"Upside Down Pyramid"* *Mark 10:42-45*
Rev. Dean Pfeffer

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 do 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

"Love Unknown"

John N. Ireland

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the Church of God, that our heavenly Father defend her and keep her faithful. Lord of the Church, protect Your flock from the attacks of Satan; use her to proclaim Your Son, who is the source of eternal salvation for all who obey; enable her to do Your will; and lead her to say with Mary, "I am the servant of the Lord, let it be according to Your Word"; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us pray for pastors, for church workers and for all the people of God, that we may serve our Lord according to His will. Gracious Father, You have baptized us into Your Son and so into His body. Because we have been sanctified through the offering of His body once for all, teach us to say with our Savior, "I have come to do Your will, O God." Grant us humble faith that offers our lives as servants of You and all people, knowing that even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us pray for those who have been placed in positions of authority in our civil government, that evil might be thwarted and the good promoted among us. Lord of the nations, grant Your guidance and care to those who rule us as Your representatives, especially our president; our Congress and Supreme Court; , our governor; our legislators; our judges; our City Commission; and all whom You have given authority over us. Lead them to govern according to Your will for the benefit and protection of all people; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us pray for those who suffer because of disease, injury, injustice, slavery, hunger and sorrow, that they receive our Father's comfort and care. God of compassion and mercy, with Your promises comfort those who suffer. Grant them patience, strengthen them with faith and deliver them from their afflictions. Free those who are in bondage, heal those who are sick and provide for all who are in need. Remember especially *Gerry Buschbacher, Ernie Reaume, and Mark Stefanos*. Grant to all of us endurance, patience and trust in every time of suffering; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us pray for those who remain outside of the Church, that the Holy Spirit would grant them repentance and faith in Christ. Almighty God, because it is Your will that all be saved, turn the hearts of those who do not know You by faith. Show them their sin, bring them to You in repentance and grant them a confident trust that Your mercy has sanctified them through the offering of the body of Jesus once for all; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Enable us to join You on Your mission as we invite our community to join us as we celebrate Your Easter.

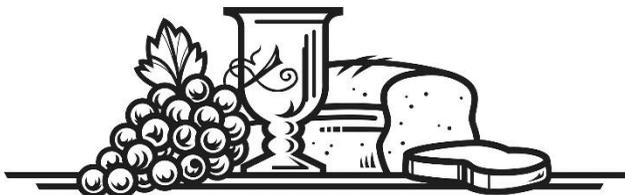
C: Amen.

P: For grateful hearts, that we receive God's gift of daily bread with thanksgiving. Heavenly Father, You formed and still preserve Your creation, providing for the needs of all people. Bless the fruits of the earth, the arts, and all useful industry and commerce among us. Prosper those who labor, provide employment for those without jobs and defend those who serve in the armed forces. Preserve us from selfishness, fill us with the joy of giving and enable us to use Your gifts for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach 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

"Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"

LSB 435

"I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"

LSB 618

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.**

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

"Blessed Assurance"

BOB 24

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.**

(Chorus)

**This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.**

**Perfect submission, Christ on the cross, For my salvation He suffered loss,
Gave up His life and gave up His throne, Purchased and won me,
made me His own. *(Chorus)***

**Knowing forgiveness, now I'm at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above, Filled with His goodness,
lost in His love. (Chorus)**

**Vict'ry o'er satan, death, and the grave, O what a joy to know that I'm saved!
Claiming no merit, works of my own, All glory, praise, be to God alone!
(Chorus)**

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POSTLUDE

"Blessed Assurance"

arr: Michael Zehnder





Make the Connection

As we move forward to Easter, this is truly one of those very special "God Moments" for you to take the opportunity to INVITE someone you know, to join us for Easter worship (and Holy Week too)! God is going to put lots of people in your path these next few weeks with the expectation that you will take that opportunity God will give you to *Connect People to Jesus!* When you think about it... Easter is all around us, we see the commercials for what the world thinks of Easter and now it's YOUR turn to share the REAL meaning of Easter and what Jesus did for you! Studies upon studies have shown that after Christmas Eve...Holy Week and Easter are the services that un-churched people are most likely to attend. Please—use this to your advantage and make the effort to ask that friend, neighbor, or family member to come to one of our services with you. They don't need to "know" anything about the services as everything is printed in our bulletins. They don't need to bring money; they don't need to dress a certain fashion, AND...we guarantee the roof is very solid and will not fall in on them. So, show these people just how much you love them by asking them to come hear the true message and meaning of love in Jesus Christ. Did you also know that people will attend a church NOT because of the pastor or the music

or its doctrine BUT BECAUSE THEY WERE INVITED BY A FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER! While it is obviously important to Connect People To Jesus... let us not forget those who need to be "RECONNECTED TO JESUS!" So as you see, visit or talk to some of our brothers and sisters in Christ that we have not seen for some time...take the opportunity to INVITE them to join us again!



Christ is Risen—Alleluia!

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.



EASTER LILIES: You have the insert in your worship folder **TODAY** to place your order for lilies to adorn our Lord's altar as we celebrate with joy His Easter victory! Please be sure to complete the order form and place it in the offering plate or return it to the church office **ASAP**. No orders will be accepted after **March 25th OR until all 65 lilies have been adopted**. Cost per plant is \$6.50. **PLANTS STILL AVAILABLE: 15**



YOUR FAVORITE "PEEPS": deserve a special invitation to celebrate with you and your Hope family **this Easter**. Special Easter invitations are available **TODAY** for you to take and share with family, friends, neighbors (your favorite peeps). Remember, your invitation to others means more than seeing an ad in the paper. So, **INVITE! INVITE! NVITE!**



MORE LENTEN 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* next devotional will be posted **March 26th**.



GREIFSHARE: *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...



DON'T FORGET: to fill your Lenten coin folders and return it on the **Day of Resurrection!**

DEADLINE: for **April 2018** calendar dates are due to *Jessica* in the church office by **NOON Tuesday, March 20th**. Thanks in advance for your assistance.



FINAL WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICE: will take place **THIS WEDNESDAY**, under the continuing theme of "*Thy Will Be Done.*" Please note that there will be **NO** service on **Wednesday, March 28th**; we will, however, gather for **Maundy Thursday** and **Good Friday** Worship **that week at 6:30 pm.**



THIS WEEK'S LENTEN SERVICE: we remember that, on the road to Damascus, Paul had his worldview turned upside down when God called him to preach the name of the Christ he had been persecuting. We follow God's will by putting the crucified Christ at the center of our worldview.



TREMENDOUS THANKS: to *Patrick and Keaira Griffin* for ALL their many hours given to make this year's Strawberry Festival a success. We truly thank God for all your time, energy, lifting, and labor that you have given once again this year. Here's what we can report to date:

Pounds of Peanuts served: 1,650 Gallons of Tea/Lemonade: 51
After expenses, this year's total: \$2,900

Thanks to everyone for their prayers and help...We could never have accomplished all this without your help!



PEANUTS AVAILABLE: Anyone interested in purchasing a frozen 5lb bag of our regular boiled peanuts (\$7.00/ONE bag or \$10.00/TWO bags), contact *Jessica* in the church office or *Patrick* at 813-376-0258 **this week.**



GERMANY, ANYONE?: That's right, *Pastor & Liz Pfeffer* are looking to lead a very special trip to Germany in **September, 2020** for Hope members to attend the Oberammergau Passion Play and then join in a River Cruise of the Danube River, also visiting Austria and Hungary. (the Passion Play occurs every 10 years) There is a limited number of seats available, so be sure to contact *Pastor* or *Liz* today. A special informational meeting will take place following Easter.



It's Easter Egg-Stravaganza time again...

and your Christian Growth Ministry Team needs your help to bring some old-fashioned fun to the children's celebration of Christ's Resurrection. Please bring candy-filled plastic eggs through **Maundy Thursday, April 29**.

Please follow these tips:

- Use only wrapped candy.
- Fill eggs with stickers, special prizes or coins, and candy.
- Do not seal eggs with tape (*since we have to make sure the chocolate-filled ones are separate!*)
- Place eggs with chocolate in separate—labeled—bag. (We give those to the children after the hunt in Fellowship Hall since the chocolate eggs melt quickly in the sun, and they attract those pesky ants!)

Thank you for your continuing and generous support!

Easter Sunday at Hope

Easter Breakfast—8:15AM, Fellowship Hall

Eggs, sausage, biscuits & gravy, fresh fruit and beverages

Hosted by Hope's Elders Ministry Team

Easter Egg-Stravaganza—9:15AM, Green Room

Story, Craft and Egg Hunt

Hosted by Hope's Christian Growth Ministry Team





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EGG- STRAVAGANZA

PLANT CITY FAMILY YMCA

Egg-Stravaganza Activities:

- crafts
- games
- outdoor movie, Hop!

WHEN: Friday, March 23

TIME: 6pm-8:30pm

LOCATION: PLANT CITY FAMILY YMCA
1507 YMCA Place
813.757.6677

CONTACT: Elizabeth Patton
Elizabeth.Patton@tampaymca.org



FAMILY BIBLE HOUR—Sundays @ 9:15am



ADULTS: 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: "We've been discovering what it really means to be a "man" in Becoming a Young Man of God. Now in this next 8-week study, guys will be learning how to Live as a Young Man of God. And the only way they do this is by looking at the perfect man, Jesus, in order to live in His image and learn how to deal with life as He would." *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



JOIN OUR BIBLE STUDY



NEW Bible Class Series!

Want "AN AMAZING LIFE??!!"

Everyone wants an amazing life—you can obtain one! In a new Bible series, we will learn 9 different ways to have that kind of life. Nine different suggestions/ possibilities and guidelines to move your life from "stuck" to "off & running and improving!" Join us **Thursdays**

at **10:30AM** in the Stephen Ministry classroom to take "step #1." ***Everyone is welcome!!!***
Leader: Lyn Senkarik

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).

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

*In celebration of the death and resurrection of
Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ...*

March 25—Palm Sunday

8:00 & 10:30AM Worship
4:00PM Spanish Worship w/Holy Communion

March 29—Maundy Thursday

5:00PM Spanish Worship w/Holy Communion
6:30PM Worship w/Holy Communion
(concluding with the Stripping of the Altar)

March 30—Good Friday

6:30PM Tenebrae Service
(Service of Darkness & Shadows)

"All glory, laud and honor to You Redeemer King!"

Easter Sunday

April 1

7:00AM Sunrise Festival Worship
w/Holy Communion

8:15AM Easter Breakfast

9:15AM Easter Egg-Stravaganza

10:30AM Festival Worship
w/Holy Communion

4:00PM Spanish Worship
w/Holy Communion

5:00PM Spanish Egg-Stravaganza

I know that my Redeemer lives!

Job 19:25



YOUTH DATES

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: hopepcpastorshea@gmail.com

The
Lutheran
Hour

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

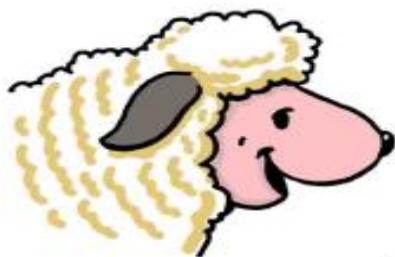
Topics for this month:

March 25: "And They Crucified Him"

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

Next week The Lutheran Hour celebrates the Savior's resurrection. Today we mourn the unjust murder of the Savior by considering the text: "And they crucified Him."

(Mark 14:24a)



Write the word that fits each definition on the lines. Transfer the letters to the lines below. Read Jesus' words.

- 1) a present
- 2) a son or daughter
- 3) spring, summer, fall, winter
- 4) purchase something
- 5) opposite of hate
- 6) a divided area in a building

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In Our Thoughts and Prayers

SHUT-INS:

Andy Anderson
Diane Bates
Melva Dennison
Bonnie Genrich

Dorothy Maltzahn
Mark Stefanos
Tom Thomas

LEADERS:

Pastor Dean & Liz Pfeffer
Pastor Shea Pennington

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Family and Friends of Hope

NEW REQUESTS:

Burtz family	mourning death of John's sister-in-law
Burtz family	sister of Susan—hospitalized
Lenore Janes	friend of P. Griffin family—hospitalized; health concerns
Donna Wigand	step-mother of Chuck Wigand—hospice

CURRENT REQUESTS:

Brad	Jesilynn Pfeffer's boss' young nephew—cancer treatment
Douglas Brown	Safe & healthy travel to/from Russia (2/22—3/17)
Gerry Buschbacher	health concerns
Tom Ellison	health concerns
Bonnie Genrich	mourning death of sister Elizabeth
Ron Gugel	recovering from eye surgery
Larry Hayes	brother of George Hayes—heart attack
Hope member/family	return of missing teenager; rebuilding family relationship
Hope member	health concerns
Tracy Jump	friend of Loretta Scott—recovering from accident; broken neck
Glady Waaren	sister of Keith Schmidt—diagnosed w/pancreatic cancer

BATTLING CANCER:

Tom Battling	Bob Broshelle	Kori Dunke	John Rademacher	Glady Waaren
Herb Bayer	Alice Correia	Marcus Elam	Alan Rauner	Mr. Wells
Laura Blake	Austin Dobbs	JoAnne Hayashi	Abbey Sedlacek	Millie Wetz
CanDee Brandon	Ginnie Donaldson	Dale Jarvis	Judy Strait	Rick Ward
John Brom	Casey Doyle	Lucille Luedke	Jeannie Lee Taylor	Heather Whitehurst
Laura Brom	Jace Driggers	Pat Mailloux		

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 Kinkead—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 (3/18/2018) ARE:

Bell Ringer 8:00/Jerry Cockwell; 10:30/Jackson Venrick
Acolyte 10:30/Savannah Gembala
Lector 8:00/Cathie Warner; 10:30/Nora Trivunovich
Elder on Duty 8:00/Ryan Reese; 10:30/Nick Trivunovich;
4:00/Lonnie Bertsch
Flowers Heipp family
Offerings Wendell & Pam Lattz
Ushers Team 3
8:00/Lonnie Bertsch,* Diane Bertsch, Tom Reagin;
10:30/ Stuart Howell,* Judy Adkins, Matt Finney, Jack Moberg

*Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by
Brian & Yolanda Heipp*

SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEDNESDAY (3/21/2018) ARE:

Acolyte 6:30/Keaira Griffin
Lector 6:30/Keaira Griffin
Elder on Duty 6:30/Jim Drapp
Ushers Youth

SERVING OUR LORD NEXT SUNDAY (3/25/2018) ARE:

Bell Ringer 8:00/Madison Reese; 10:30/Jalyn Aigner
Crucifer 8:00/Kristin Reagin; 10:30/Yulia Hartmann
Lector 8:00/Tena Matthews; 10:30/Jim Drapp
Elder on Duty 8:00/Lonnie Bertsch; 10:30/Mike McMinn;
4:00/Pastor Pfeffer
Flowers Howell & Petersen families
Offerings Richard & Mary Decker
Ushers Team 1
8:00/Wayne Warner,* David Booher, David Niver, Jeff Reaume;
10:30/ Todd Warner,* Mack Goethe, Wendell Lattz, Jim Szostkiewicz

SERVING OUR LORD THIS MONTH OF MARCH:

Altar Guild Tracy MacDonald
Nurse/HMT Member Janet Reitzel