



HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
A Stephen Ministry Congregation

LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD

Welcome to Hope

SUNDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

6:30PM—Living Hope Worship
6:30PM—Youth Group

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:

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| Sunday 7/15 | 9:15 | Worship w/Communion |
| | 10:30 | Family Bible Hour (<i>snacks: Reagin</i>) |
| | 4:00 | Spanish Worship w/Communion |
| Monday 7/16 | 5:15 | Family Dinner |
| | 6:00 | Babylon VBS |
| Tuesday 7/17 | 5:15 | Family Dinner |
| | 6:00 | Babylon VBS |
| Wednesday 7/18 | 1:30 | Prayer Shawl Ministry |
| | 5:15 | Family Dinner |
| | 6:00 | Babylon VBS |
| | 6:30 | Living Hope Worship w/Communion |
| Thursday 7/19 | 10:30 | Bible Study |
| | 5:15 | Family Dinner |
| | 6:00 | Babylon VBS |
| Friday 7/20 | 5:15 | Family Dinner |
| | 6:00 | Babylon VBS |
| Sunday 7/22 | 9:15 | Worship |
| | 10:30 | Family Bible Hour (<i>snacks: Bergner</i>) |
| | 4:00 | Spanish Worship w/Communion |

Worship Attendance / Communion:

Sunday, July 8, 2018:

Worship: 9:15: 112

Family Bible Hour: Adults: 31 Youth: 3 Children: 0

Spanish Worship: 4:00: 16/7

Offerings—General Fund: \$7,247.40

Stewardship Perspective:

Amos 7:8 – “And the LORD said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said, “Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them.” One of the sins for which the Lord condemned the people through Amos was a disregard for the call of kindness, charity, and generosity toward the weak and lowly. We can see here how seriously the Lord sees this! And that’s no surprise when we consider how God’s activity toward us is built on kindness, charity, and generosity. To act otherwise is to act against the Lord’s own nature.

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost



July 15, 2018

AS WE GATHER

When Amos speaks God's Word to Israel, they do not want to hear it. Amos is told to prophesy elsewhere. John the Baptist's message of repentance landed him in Herod's prison and, eventually, in the grave. Speaking God's Word is not always easy. It often meets resistance and sometimes even violence. As you gather with fellow hearers of God's Word, consider how you have been resistant to God's Word. Which portions have you chosen to skip over? Consider how you might better hear and speak God's Word this week.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELLS

PRELUDE AND MEDITATION

"Glorious Name" B.B. McKinney/sett'g: Ruth Mackie

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: Hear what God the Lord will speak,

C: **for He will speak peace to His people, to His saints.**

P: Steadfast love and faithfulness meet.

C: **Righteousness and peace kiss each other.**

P: Yes, the Lord will give what is good.

C: **Righteousness will go before Him.**

P: Yes, the Lord gives what is good. He sends His Word to every nation. But we have not always desired to hear His Word. We have not always done

what His Word says. We have not always spoken His Word faithfully to others. Let us confess our sins to God, our heavenly Father. (*Silence for reflection.*) Heavenly Father,

C: we confess that we have ignored Your Word. We confess that at times we have shamefully treated those who speak Your Word. We confess that we have desired our own way and not Your way. Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away Your indignation toward us!

P: In love, God chose us for adoption as His heirs through Jesus Christ. We have redemption through Christ's blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace. As a called and ordained servant of the risen Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the \dagger Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing, that we should be holy and blameless before Him.

SONG OF PRAISE "Glory to God, We Give You Thanks and Praise" LSB 946



1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,



Of heav'n - ly joy and earth - ly peace we sing.
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:



We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
Who with the Spir - it wor - shipped and a - dored,



Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. O Lord, You granted Your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil

C: and courage to proclaim repentance.

P: Give us pure hearts and minds to follow Your Son faithfully

C: even into suffering and death;

P: through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,

C: who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,

P: one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.



† SERVICE OF THE WORD †

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Amos 7:7-15 (p.769)

*(Amaziah tells Amos to prophesy elsewhere,
but Amos does as the Lord commands.)*

⁷This is what he showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them; ⁹the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword." ¹⁰Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹For thus Amos has said, "'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'" ¹²And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there, ¹³but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." ¹⁴Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, "I was no prophet, nor a prophet's son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. ¹⁵But the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Ephesians 1:3-14 (p.976)

(Paul speaks of our redemption, adoption, forgiveness, an inheritance in Christ.)

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSE

"Alleluia-I"

LSB 951

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HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 6:14-29 (p.841)

(Herod puts John the Baptist to death.)

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

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

¹⁴King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." ¹⁵But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." ¹⁷For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. ¹⁸For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly. ²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. ²²For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you." ²³And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." ²⁴And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." ²⁵And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. ²⁷And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison ²⁸and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

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

HYMN OF THE DAY *"Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise"* *LSB 917*

SERMON *"Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise"* *LSB 917*
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

"It Is Well"

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. O almighty and eternal God, in the face of opposition You call Your Church to proclaim repentance for the forgiveness of sins. Give us courage like St. John the Baptist to continue boldly proclaiming Your whole counsel of salvation to a dying world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord of the Church, we commend to You all ministers of Your Word. Make them zealous and faithful, that through their service Your Kingdom would grow. Send the Holy Spirit upon all who hear them to turn hearts from the love of sin to the love of You. Remember in mercy *Matthew*, our Synod's president; *Greg*, our district president; and *Dean*, our circuit visitor. Grant them wisdom in their work and joy in their calling. Grant us an increase in those who prepare to serve in the Office of the Holy Ministry and other church-work vocations. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: O Lord, in the waters of Baptism You severed Your people from any obligation to the old nature, sealed us with Your Spirit of promise and blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing. Grant that we may live our lives as people brought back from the dead to the praise of Your glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Kind Master, You are near to all who are sick, to all who suffer, to all in grief and pain. Have mercy on those who carry heavy burdens, and especially those we have been asked to remember before You *Diane Bates*, *Ernie Reaume*, *Rayetta Stare*, and *Mark Stefanos*, that they may rest in Your embrace, look to You for relief and peace, and wait in hope for the final healing of the resurrection through Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lover of mankind, as we prepare to come to the altar this day, make us poor sinners ready to receive the body and blood of Your Son for the forgiveness of our sins and for a share in His unending life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Loving Lord, as we begin Vacation Bible School tomorrow, we come before You with thanks for all those that have labored to ensure we are ready to greet Your sheep. Lord, open the flood gates of Your love that will lead many children and adults to join us this week as we once again share the good news of Your limitless love for mankind. Through Your Spirit, use us in mighty ways to declare Your praise. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Join these, our prayers and praises, with those of Your faithful people of every time and every place, and unite them in the ceaseless petitions of our great High Priest until He comes again in great power and glory as victorious Lord of all. Through Him, with Him and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is Yours, almighty Father, forever and ever, who taught us to pray:

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.



+ HOLY COMMUNION +

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

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

C: And also with you.

AGNUS DEI

"Lamb of God, Who Pardons Sinners"

(tune: LSB 848)



Lamb of God, who par-dons sin - ners, Show us mer - cy,
show us grace. Lamb of God, whose prom - ise lin - gers,
Grant Your peace in ev - 'ry place. Lamb of God, the world is
bro - ken. It is filled with scat-tered souls. Fill us
with the words You've spo - ken, Re - con -
cile and make us whole.

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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

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

LSB 641

"What Is This Bread"

LSB 629

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

"O God, O Lord of Flock and Throng"

(tune: LSB 834)

O God, O Lord of flock and throng, You let Your
 ser - vants go in peace Your Word has been ful - filled,
 in - creased, And now we sing sal - va - tion's song.
 Our eyes have seen Your sav - ing light Re - vealed be - fore
 the Gen - tiles' sight: The light of Christ un - fad - ing beams,
 De - feat - ing all the dev - il's schemes.

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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

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

LSB 821; vs. 1-4

POSTLUDE

"Hyfrydol"

arr: Charles Callahan



**LAST CHANCE TO
PRE-REGISTER**
hopeplantcity.com

Babylon
Daniel's Courage in Captivity

July 16-20
5:15pm Dinner | 6:00pm VBS fun
Preschool thru Adults

HURRICANE/DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

EVACUEE TEMPORARY HOUSING 2018

THOSE PROVIDING HOUSING:

Mike & Willa McMinn (813-719-3959)

Tom & Bren Ellison (813-789-7567)



EVACUEES:

David & Dana Jones (863-581-0039)

Bryan Pfenning (813-909-3684)

WE HAVE ADDITIONAL HOUSING AVAILABLE IF YOU DID NOT SIGN UP

****If you can open your home for a member, or *if you need to evacuate*, please call *Joyce Van Matre* as soon as possible (813-689-9415).**

Please look over the list to see if there are any mistakes on phone numbers so we can correct them. **In the event of a hurricane, please make contact with your partners and agree on the time of arrival so no one will get lost.** Bring food, bedding, and water along with anything else that you have discussed with your host family that may be necessary. We ask everyone to follow the “rules” of each household which may include a “no smoking” atmosphere.

WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR ALL OF YOU WHO ARE WILLING TO HELP EACH OTHER IN THE TIME OF NEED.

We are all a family, watching out for each other and lovingly caring for those who need help. If you are a “**lost sheep**” in the time of a storm, we will make every effort to find you and direct you to a safe place. Or, come and get you if necessary!

IF YOU HAVE SPECIAL HEALTH NEEDS, CALL HILLSBOROUGH SPECIAL NEEDS REGISTRY: 813-307-8063; POLK COUNTY: 863-534-5600.

"Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."

Romans 15:7

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING!

Connecting Points

TODAY: the church continues what is commonly known as the “long green season” or more appropriately the “Sundays after Pentecost.” This part of the church year will extend **until the end of November**. The emphasis of this season is the taking of what we have seen and heard in Scripture and translating it into our everyday lives as we join Jesus on His mission. The color of the season is **GREEN**~ the color of growth and life to remind us that we are to be daily growing in our faith and life with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!



REALLY URGENT NEED: Help is needed to assist with our summer Sunday School! You can offer to take **one or two Sundays** to assist in the feeding of God's precious lambs (preschool–6th grade). When (*notice we did not say “if”*) the Lord leads YOU to say, “Here I am,” simply contact Kathy Drapp or Nora Trivunovich with your offer to assist **this summer**.



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



PLEASE REMEMBER: as you travel **this summer**, the stewardship of your gifts is important to the ongoing mission and ministry of *Hope*. Just as your needs continue at home **during the summer**, so do those of your church. Please prayerfully remember your ongoing support of the Gospel in this place in your travels.



USHERS: As a reminder **during these summer months**, we are alternating teams **each month**. **July** is our **8:00** teams; **August** will be our **10:30** teams. However, if you see any Sunday there is a shortage of ushers, *please* feel free to assist. **ALSO**, since we are on our summer schedule, please make every effort to arrive at Hope **by 8:50am** to greet worshippers as they will already be arriving by that time.

THINK FUN...THINK VBS: but more importantly think **CONNECTING PEOPLE TO JESUS!** That's what we are all about at VBS **this week**, **AND** we want YOU to be a part of the fun as we share the love of Jesus with others. There are still **LOTS & LOTS** of ways for you to serve and be a part of the **FUN, FELLOWSHIP, and ACTION**. Simply see **Nora Trivunovich** or **Kathy Drapp TODAY!**



PRAYERS NEEDED: As our Vacation Bible School begins **TOMORROW**, please be sure to continue your prayers to the Lord of the Church, that He bless our efforts to *Connect People to Jesus*, open the flood gates of His love and bless us with many opportunities to share His love and lead, guide and direct us in all we say and do that we may truly reflect the love He has for each of us.



PRAYER SHAWLS: We are learning to crochet! We have a very patient teacher! If you would like to learn, come join us...**Wednesdays at 1:30PM** in the *Stephen Ministry Classroom*.



WEDNESDAYS CONTINUE: at *Hope*, and that means our *Living Hope Worship* is singing the Lord's praises **every Wednesday beginning at 6:30PM**. Don't be left out—come on down and join us!



CALLING ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS & STAFF: On **Sunday, July 29th** during **our morning worship** we will recognize and join in the blessing of public school teachers and staff as you prepare for the new academic year. Be sure to join us AND invite a fellow educator to join you!



CALLING ALL MINISTRY TEAM MEMBERS: Just an early heads up that all Ministry Teams will resume their monthly meetings **beginning in August**. Please be sure to check the calendar for your team's meeting!



CLOSING CELEBRATION: for the *Lots of Hugs Summer Reading Camp* will take place on **Thursday, August 2nd** in our Sanctuary. Feel free to come on down and see what amazing ministry has taken place on our campus **this summer!**



CALLING ALL STUDENTS: *Pre-school and up...*Join us on **Sunday, August 5th** for our annual "*Blessing of Backpacks*" **during our morning worship service**. Be sure to BRING your backpack with you to church that day!



MISS A SUNDAY?: Don't forget that you can listen to the messages from our **Sunday morning worship** by simply going to our website (hopeplantcity.com) and going to the DOWNLOADS tab—there you will our Sunday morning messages. Sermons are posted on **Monday mornings**.



PREACHING THE HYMNS

SUMMER SUNDAY SERMON SERIES

July 22nd—On Eagles' Wings

July 29th—Here I Am, Lord

August 5th—Just as I Am,
without One Plea

August 12th—Thine the Amen,
Thine the Praise

August 19th—Amazing Grace

August 26th—How Great Thou Art

September 2nd—What a Friend We Have
in Jesus

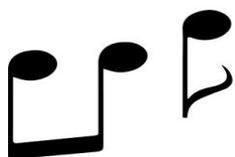
September 9th—O Bless the Lord, My Soul

September 16th—Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

September 23rd—Church of God,
Elect and Glorious

September 30th—Lift High the Cross

Thank you for your requests!



KIDS' SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL SING-ALONG



Onward Christian Soldiers
Jesus Loves Me This I Know
The Wise Man Built His House Upon the Rock
This Little Light of Mine
The B-I-B-L-E
Father Abraham Had Many Sons
Zaccheaus
Jesus Loves the Little Children
If You're Happy and You Know It
He's Got the Whole World in His Hands



FAMILY BIBLE HOUR

Sundays @ 10:30am



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

GRADES 7—12: MORE THAN MONEY MATTERS: Connecting faith and finances, *More Than Money Matters by Thrivent Financial* is designed to help us get a handle on being a good steward. This summer learn to better manage and care for what God has graciously given. Get tools and guidance to help you make godly choices on how you share, save and spend. Gain the upper hand on the financial resources God has given you—to your benefit, your neighbors and, most of all, the Kingdom of God! *Leader: Brian Heipp*

PRE-SCHOOL THU GRADE 6: SUNDAY SCHOOL SING-ALONG: Similar to our morning worship Summer Sunday Sermon Series, we will be breaking down the lyrics and learn the meanings behind a selection of classic Sunday School songs that kids love to sing! Join us this summer as we sing, move, learn, and craft. *Leaders: various*

SUMMER WEDNESDAYS at Hope
6:30PM

LIVING HOPE WORSHIP

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





YOUTH DATES

July 25—2infinity & Youth Group, 4:30—8pm

July 26— Kids Pack @ UFBPC, 10:00am

July 29— Begin Butter Braids Fundraiser

August 1—Back to School Beach Day

August 5—NYG 2019 Youth/Parent Meeting, 11:30am

August 8—Youth Group, 6:30pm

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:

July 22: "You Feed Them"

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

Every job looks like it's easy if you don't have to do it. That was certainly the case when Jesus told His disciples to feed the crowd. With no McDonald's in the area, they came back and asked Jesus to do what they couldn't. We would be wise if we did the same. (Mark 6:37)

July 29 : "It's Not a Cruise Ship"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Timothy Teuscher

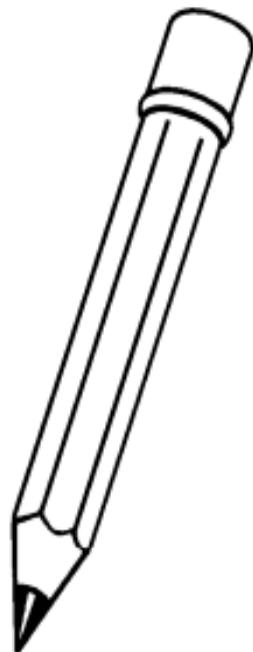
The church is not some cruise ship sailing aimlessly about in this life and merely entertaining those on board; but, rather, it is the ark, the only boat whereby, as we traverse this stormy sea of life, we are being brought safely to the other side, to eternity. (Mark 6:45-56)

A Blessing

The Lord told Aaron how to bless the Israelites. Aaron should start by saying ...

Find the words to the first line of the blessing in the word search. Then write them on the lines below. Every word appears.

AND BLESS KEEP LORD THE YOU YOU



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

1Corinthians 4:1

SERVING OUR LORD THIS SUNDAY (7/15/2018) ARE:

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| Ringer | 9:15/Jackson Venrick |
| Acolyte | 9:15/Keaira Griffin |
| Lector | 9:15/Jim Drapp |
| Elder on Duty | 9:15/Mike McMinn; 4:00/Jim Drapp |
| Communion Assistant | 9:15/Mike McMinn |
| Flowers | A. Griffin family |
| Offerings | Wendell & Pam Lattz |
| Ushers | Team 2 |

8:00/Tom Whitehurst,* Carl Bergner, Harold Hastings, James Tennyson

*Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by
Alan & Sue Griffin in honor of granddaughter Tegan's birthday*

SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEDNESDAY (7/18/2018) ARE:

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| Lector | 6:30/Carl Bergner |
| Elder on Duty | 6:30/Wayne Warner |
| Communion Assistant | 6:30/Wayne Warner |

SERVING OUR LORD NEXT SUNDAY (7/22/2018) ARE:

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| Bell Ringer | 9:15/Mason Reese |
| Lector | 9:15/Loretta Scott |
| Elder on Duty | 9:15/Lonnie Bertsch; 4:00/Nick Trivunovich |
| Flowers | Seth family |
| Offerings | Alison Reaume & Cathie Warner |
| Ushers | Team 3 |

8:00/Lonnie Bertsch,* Diane Bertsch, Tom Reagin

SERVING OUR LORD THIS MONTH OF JULY:

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