



Welcome to Hope

SUNDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

6:30PM—Living Hope Worship
6:30PM—Hope Studies
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:

Sunday 11/11		Youth Scrip Orders Due
	8:00	Worship
	9:00	Blood Pressure Screening
	9:15	Family Bible Hour
	10:30	Worship
	11:30	Blood Pressure Screening
	11:30	24 th Annual Turkey Supper
	12:00	Confirmation class
	4:00	Spanish Worship w/Communion
Monday 11/12		Veteran's Day
	9:00	Quilting
	9:00	Circuit Pastors @ Lake Wales
	6:30	Choir
Tuesday 11/13	9:00	Human Care Ministry Team Meeting
	10:30	GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays
	12:00	Staff Meeting
	6:30	GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays
	6:30	Building Committee Meeting
Wednesday 11/14	1:30	Prayer Shawl Ministry
	5:30	Bell Choir
	6:30	Living Hope Worship
	6:30	Hope Studies
	6:30	Youth Group
Thursday 11/15	10:30	Bible Study
Saturday 11/17	10:00	Confirmation class
Sunday 11/18	8:00	Worship w/Communion
	9:15	Family Bible Hour (<i>snacks: open</i>)
	10:30	Worship w/Communion
	11:45	Voters' Meeting & Pot Bless
	4:00	Spanish Worship w/Communion

Worship Attendance / Communion:

Wednesday, October 31, 2018

Worship: 6:30: 19/19

Offerings—General Fund: \$6,870.00

Sunday, November 4, 2018:

Worship: 8:00: 52 10:30: 89

FBH: Adults: 43 Youth: 0 Children: 1

Spanish Worship: 4:00: 30/15

Stewardship Perspective:

Mark 12:44 – “For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.” From Old Testament times right through to today the Lord has urged us to give to His work in the Church in proportion to how He has blessed us. He has also called us to sacrificial giving, that is, giving that actually costs us something. That’s the shape of true Christian generosity.

Twenty-fifth Sunday After Pentecost



November 11, 2018

AS WE GATHER

"Blessed be the Lord God!" The words of Zechariah the priest recorded in chapter 1 of Luke's Gospel have been echoed by faithful worshipers through generations. We rejoice in the coming of Jesus, our Messiah, who shows us the tender mercy of our God. As He illuminates our steps, our Savior guides our feet into the way of peace. That peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. With Paul, we can be sure that, in our worship and in all parts of our lives, the God of peace will be with us.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELLS

MEDITATION

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 SONG

"All the People Said Amen"

You are not alone / if you are lonely.

When you feel afraid, / you're not the only.

We are all the same, / in need of mercy, / to be forgiven and be free.

It's all you got to lean on, but thank God, it's all you need__.

(Chorus)

**And all the people said, "Amen." / Whoa__ And all the people said, "Amen."
Give thanks to the Lord, for His love never ends. And all the people said,
"Amen."**

If you're rich or poor, / it doesn't matter.

Weak or strong, you know love is what we're after.

We're all bro-ken, but we're all in this togeth-er.

God knows we stumble and fall,

And He so loved the world, He sent His Son to save us all. *(Chorus)*

(Bridge) (Sung by Praise Team)

Blessed are__ the poor in spirit who are torn apart.

Blessed are the persecuted / and the pure in heart.

Blessed are the people hungry / for another start,

For theirs is the kingdom, the kingdom of God__.

(Chorus x2 plus:)

And all the people said, "Amen."

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INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

C: **Amen.**

P: The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous and His ears toward their cry.

C: **Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.**

P: May the Lord give strength to His people!

C: **May the Lord bless His people with peace!**

P: As children of God who desire to be at peace with our Lord, with ourselves, and with all people, let us come with confidence before the throne of grace to confess our sins and to receive absolution.

C: Almighty God, who speaks peace to His people, Your salvation is near to all who fear You. We know well that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. Grant us Your mercy, and spare us from the just punishment of our sin, which our Lord Jesus Christ has borne for us on the cross. Renew us by Your Holy Spirit that we may walk in the way of peace both now and forever.

P: God has promised to grant His forgiveness to all who repent of their sins and turn to Him for mercy. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. God keep you in perfect peace, lead you in ways of faith and obedience, and bring you to live with Him forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE *"God of This City"* *ABS (4) 14*

**You're the God of this city, You're the King of these people,
You're the Lord of this nation, You are.
You're the Light in this darkness, You're the Hope to the hopeless,
You're the Peace to the restless, You are.**

(Pre-Chorus) **There is no one like our God. There is no one like our God.**

(Chorus) **For greater things have yet to come,
And greater things are still to be done in this city.
Greater things have yet to come,
And greater things are still to be done in this city. *(Repeat All)***

(Final Chorus) **Greater things have yet to come,
And greater things are still to be done in this city.
Greater things have yet to come,
And greater things are still to be done in this city.**

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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, our heavenly Father,

C: You graciously forgive our sins and lovingly supply all our needs.

P: By the working of the Holy Spirit, direct our lives into ways of peace with good and generous hearts as we look to You for everything both material and spiritual.

C: This we ask in the name of Jesus, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,

P: one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.



† SERVICE OF THE WORD †

OLD TESTAMENT

1 Kings 17:8-16 (p.299)

(The prophet Elijah aids the widow of Zarephath.)

⁸Then the word of the Lord came to him, ⁹"Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you." ¹⁰So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink." ¹¹And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." ¹²And she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die." ¹³And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, 'The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the Lord sends rain upon the earth.'" ¹⁵And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Hebrews 9:24-28 (p.1006)

(Christ will be appearing again.)

²⁴For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, ²⁶for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, ²⁸so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSE

"You Are My All In All"

ABS (1) 1

You are my strength when I am weak; You are the treasure that I seek.

You are my all in all. Seeking You as a precious jewel;

Lord, to give up, I'd be a fool. You are my all in all.

(Chorus)

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame; Rising again, I bless Your name.

You are my all in all. When I fall down You pick me up;

When I am dry You fill my cup. You are my all in all. *(Chorus)*

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HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 12:38-44 (p.849)

(Jesus honors the great gift of the poor widow.)

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

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

³⁸And in his teaching he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and like greetings in the marketplaces ³⁹and have the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, ⁴⁰who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." ⁴¹And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. ⁴³And he called his disciples to him and said to them,

“Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. ⁴⁴For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

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

SONG OF THE DAY

"Take My Life"

ABS (3) 70

**Take my life and let— it be...consecrated Lord to Thee;
Take my moments and my— days...Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands and let them move...At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them— be...Swift and beautiful for Thee.**

(Chorus) **Here am I...all of me...Take my life...it's all for Thee.**

**Take my will and make it— Thine...It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine— own...It shall be Thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour...At Your feet its treasure store;
Take myself and I will— be...Ever, only, all for Thee. *(Chorus 2x)***

**Take my life and let— it be...consecrated Lord to Thee;
Take my life and let— it be...consecrated Lord to Thee.**

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SERMON

"Poor Widow to Beautiful Bride"
Rev. Shea Pennington

Mark 12:38-44

HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings"

LSB 782

CATECHISM

The First Article

P: In the First Article of the Apostles' Creed, we confess that God is our Creator and our Preserver. Not only does He graciously give us life, He also sees to it that we have all we need to support our body and life from year to year. We acknowledge His fatherly protection as we confess together:

C: **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

P: What does this mean?

C: I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

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

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

arr: Marty Parks

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: People loved by God, let us come before our heavenly Father in the name of His Son, asking Him to grant every good gift to us and all in need. That He would graciously keep us in His divine Word and send out faithful laborers into His harvest, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: That He would bestow His Holy Spirit on all preachers and ministers of His Church, that they may proclaim and teach the Word purely and rightly and be examples of godly living, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: That He would mercifully preserve us from all false doctrine and curb and restrain all error, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: That He would deliver us from all hypocrisy and pretending, granting us genuine faith, joyful piety and cheerful giving, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: That He would mercifully assist all our sisters and brothers who are assaulted for Christ, that they would remain steadfast in true faith with patience and, according to His will, that the persecution may end or be lightened, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: That He would open the door for His Gospel to be preached in every place, and that He would overthrow all that opposes its spread, and give us grace and strength this day to joyfully share Your love with all who enter our campus that we may see every opportunity You grant us to connect people to Jesus, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: That He would hold in His gracious protection all the leaders and officers of our nation and state, preserving them from all evil and blessing them in body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: That He would comfort, keep and assist all the afflicted and troubled, the sick and especially *Frank Dahlke, Millie Houck, Doug Shaw, Mark Stefanos, and Libby Voigtman*. and all who have asked for our prayer, all women with child, all young children, the mourning and those in any need, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: All these things and whatever else You know us to need, grant us, kind Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your beloved Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, who taught us to pray:

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

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

"Before You, Lord, We Bow"

LSB 966

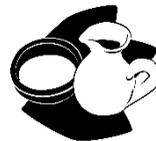


**24TH ANNUAL
TURKEY SUPPER
TODAY, 11:30AM–5:00PM
ADULT \$10 | CHILD \$5 (11 & UNDER)**

**MENU INCLUDES:
TURKEY, DRESSING,
REAL MASHED POTATOES, CORN,
GREEN BEANS, SLAW, CRANBERRY**

Connecting Points

TODAY: we usher in the closing Sundays of the Church Year. Over these **next three Sundays** our readings will be preparing us for the return of Lord and serve as a reminder to us that we are to be found ready on the day our Lord returns to judge both the living and the dead. The color for these Sundays is *GREEN*~ a reminder to us that we are to be constantly growing in the grace and love of our Lord as we grow in His Word.



PRESSURE RISING?: No, we don't mean the temperature outside BUT your blood pressure! Blood pressure is known as the "silent killer." Don't let it creep up on you...be sure to see our *Parish Nurse and the nurses of our Health Ministry Team* in the front of the church **following worship today** to get your blood pressure checked. Yes, it is a matter of life and death!



VOTER MEETING REPORTS: so that you can prepare for our meeting **next Sunday** were emailed **this past week**. For those who desire a "hard copy" of the reports, they can be found under the mailboxes in the back of the church. We will begin our meeting at **11:45AM**, and the meeting will be followed by a pot-bless in *Fellowship Hall*.



GOBBLE GOBBLE: This is it folks...**Today** is the day of our *24th Annual Turkey Supper* and we **STILL NEED YOUR HELP!** Just because you didn't sign up doesn't mean you can't help...we want and need your loving hands! We *simply CANNOT do it all without YOU!* **TREMENDOUS THANKS** to everyone who helped get us to **today** by your prayers, cooking turkeys, financial assistance, selling tickets, peeling and mashing potatoes, and the list goes on and on...and **ALL** who will loving serve **today**. Your help is valued and treasured!



MISS A SUNDAY?: 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**.



OUT OF OFFICE: *Pastors Pfeffer & Shea* will be attending the monthly meeting of the *Winter Haven Circuit pastors* **TOMORROW** in *Lake Wales*. They will not return to the office until **approximately 1:00PM**. In the event of a pastoral emergency, please call *Jessica* in the office and she will contact *Pastor Pfeffer* **immediately**.



CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED: on **Tuesday from 12:00—1:00PM** for the regular meeting, prayer



time, and study of our Hope staff. During this time, there will be no one available to answer phones or assist should you come by. Therefore, we ask that you please time your calls and visits accordingly. The Hope families for whom our staff will pray **this week:** Frank Dahlke; Lorrie Daniell; James & Shirley Dawley; Kassi Dennis; Lluvia Donadelli; Maria Donadelli; Sara Donadelli; and the members and staff of Grace Lutheran Church & School, Winter Haven.

If ANYONE has ANY prayer concerns for our staff, please be sure to contact Jessica in the Church Office.



DO YOU KNOW GOD?: or perhaps you know OF Him...but maybe not ABOUT Him. Our **Thursday morning** Bible Class SERIES is "The God You May Not Know." Join us each **Thursday morning at 10:30AM** in the *Stephen Ministry* room to learn WHO God really is...All are welcome!



YOUTH GIFT CARD TREE: Hope's Youth are now selling tickets for the Gift Card Tree to help them attend the **2019 National Youth Gathering!** \$5 for 1 ticket or 5 tickets for \$20. With over \$700 in gift cards on the big tree and TWO \$100 saplings **this year**, 3 winners will be chosen on **Sunday, December 2nd**.

ADVENT IS COMING: Hard to believe but before we know it, we will be in the Advent season and that means our Advent midweek worship will begin. We will gather for worship **each Wednesday during Advent (December 5, 12, 19) at 4:30PM** for a traditional Advent worship in the *Sanctuary*, **5:15PM** Fellowship dinner in the *hall*, and **6:30PM** intergenerational worship with special projects in *Fellowship Hall*. Join us and join the fun and celebration as we prepare for the coming of our King!



CHRISTIAN LOVE & SYMPATHY: to Glenn & Linda Miller as they mourn the death of Linda's mother **this past Tuesday morning**. Funeral services are being conducted in Savannah, Georgia. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints". Psalm 116:15



SPECIAL THANKS: to Henry Falcon, manager of our Plant City Winn Dixie, for his help and generosity in assisting us with the purchase of our turkeys again **this year!** If you go to Winn Dixie, please take the opportunity to thank Henry.

THANKS: to the many Hope members that supported our *United Food Bank of Plant City's Annual Empty Bowls Luncheon* **yesterday**. Your love and support is ALWAYS appreciated. Special thanks to *Becky Hartmann* who again was in charge of the sidewalk art at Empty Bowls!



URGENT FOOD BANK NEED: Our *United Food Bank of Plant City* is in DIRE need of non-perishable food items (soups, vegetables, peanut butter, jelly, mac-n-cheese, etc.). Our shelves are getting bare. Please consider a special donation of groceries to the Food Bank. There is a PURPLE barrel in the Narthex for you to place your donations. Also, at this time, our Food Bank is collecting turkeys so that others may be able to sit down to a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings like you and me. If you are willing to donate a turkey or two, just bring them down to the Food Bank **during the week**.



"I was hungry and you gave me something to eat."



Grieving?

Know someone who is?



READY OR NOT...the Holidays will soon be upon us. For some, the holidays are not a happy time but a time of loneliness and memories. There is help!!! And there is a PLAN to help you “survive” the next couple of months—we offer suggestions and ideas for you—such as “how to respond to invitations” or “traditions and memories that the family has always done.” On **Tuesday, November 13th at 10:30AM & 6:30PM**, we will meet to empower you with some fresh thoughts and ‘renewed strength’ to make through this coming Holiday season. Come join us! No reservations needed—meet us in the Stephen Ministry classroom.

SURVIVING —THE— HOLIDAYS

Please join us for this encouraging seminar.



www.griefshare.org/holidays

Like more information?
Please call Lyn Senkarik
at 863-670-4866.

GROWING IN THE GRACE OF GIVING

Sometimes people don't like it when pastors talk about stewardship. For some, it hits too close to home. It is easier to talk about bad people in Washington, in history, or overseas than it is to think about what our daily life in Christ is supposed to look like – how we are supposed to love our neighbor. The fact that we don't like hearing about stewardship certainly means we ought to face it. Here are a few simple and practical realities.

God calls us to first-fruits, sacrificial giving. This means we should give off the top. We should set a percentage of our income as a deliberate gift for the work of the Church and give that first. We write the check to the Lord's work in the Church before we pay the mortgage or pay for our medicine or pay for anything else.

We don't pay for all the stuff we need, and think we need, and then give from what is left over. That is the first-fruits idea. It is hard because we think we need all sorts of other things first. But that is the point of "sacrificial."

Next, how could the starting point for Christian generosity and sacrifice really be anything less than a tithe – 10 percent? The ceremonial law of the Old Testament was never arbitrary. In the Old Testament, the Levites received this

tithe so they could be full-time ministers.

Does the New Testament have a ministry that is larger or smaller? It is far larger: "Make disciples of all nations" (Matt. 28:19).

And we are still to have a full-time ministry: "The Lord has commanded that those who preach the Gospel should make their living from the Gospel" (1 Cor. 9:14).

So, if 10 percent was needed in the Old Testament, and we have a bigger mission need in the New Testament, how can we expect the Lord's work to be done on less than a tithe?

First-fruits, sacrificial, generous giving – that's the way. We shouldn't fool ourselves into thinking that we've out-given God's goodness or that we've given plenty.

We might be tempted to think so but consider – no one in the Church has given plenty because no one has given all. No one has died for his sins. Only the sinless Son of God did that.

Or, as St. Paul said, bringing the Good News of Jesus into the discussion of our giving to support the Lord's work in the Church: "I say this not as a command, but to prove

by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich" (2 Cor. 8:8-9).

As you can see, what the Bible commands about our stewardship can sting. It's law, and the law shows our sins. It calls us to repentance.

The law is meant to expose and accuse for the sake of showing us Christ and His fulfillment of the law. If first-fruits, sacrificial giving has you squirming, that's the point.

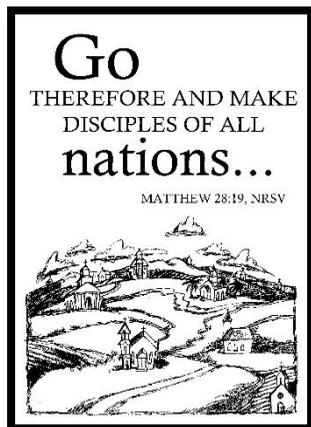
In Mark's account of the feeding of the 5,000, Jesus took the disciples' five loaves and two fish and blessed them. It was nothing among so many, but, of course, it was plenty. Jesus makes something from nothing.

Mark doesn't say that all the disciples gave Jesus all the bread they had. It is quite possible some of them held something back. But even if they did, that didn't stop Jesus from blessing them. Jesus makes something out of nothing. He, who fed His people in the desert with Manna every morning, doesn't need their bread. But they need to give it. And what they give, however little it might be, however grudgingly they do so, He blesses it.

He not only blesses those whom He feeds with it, but He blesses them, the givers – not just in that they wind up with (a basket full for each loaf) but that they learned to trust and rejoice in Him.

The Lord gives, and the Lord takes away. The Lord gives abundantly or asks us to fast. We do not know what will happen. Blessed be the Name of the Lord.

He does all things well and works all things together for good. The disciples don't give their bread to Jesus because it is a good investment. They give it because He is good, they love Him, and they trust Him. Let us go and do likewise.



! HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

CONGREGATION MEETING

NOVEMBER 18TH FOLLOWING 10:30 WORSHIP

WE WILL GATHER FOR OUR SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING (IN THE CHURCH)

AMONG THE ITEMS ON THE AGENDA ARE:

- APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY 2018 MEETING;
- APPROVAL OF PASTORS, STAFF & MINISTRY TEAM REPORTS;
- PRESENTATION OF MINISTRY PLAN 2019;
- ELECTION OF OFFICERS & MINISTRY TEAMS FOR 2019;
- BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE

~LUNCH TO FOLLOW IN FELLOWSHIP HALL~

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY TEAM WILL PROVIDE FRIED/ROTISSERIE CHICKEN;

BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL PROVIDE DESSERTS;

PLEASE BRING A SIDE-DISH TO SHARE!

ALL INFORMATION WAS EMAILED TO YOU FOR YOUR REVIEW.

REGARDING SUNDAY MORNING SPOKEN ANNOUNCEMENTS



Please follow our Elders Guidelines:

¹There is a limit to 5 announcements to be made on a Sunday morning;

²Your announcement should be **no more than 60 seconds** in length;

³You **MUST** be seated on the **FRONT** pew if you are to make an announcement (you can then return to your family);

⁴You **MUST** use the handheld microphone so that **EVERYONE** in the church hears what you have to share and;

⁵All announcements **MUST** be made at **BOTH** morning worships—what's good for one service to hear, is good for the other.

...And remember, all requests to make a Sunday announcement **MUST** be made to the *Church Office* by **NOON** on **Wednesday**. Thanks in advance for your assistance!

PACKING DATE...Ready to roll!

We will pack shoeboxes for *Operation Christmas Child* on **Wednesday, November 14, beginning at 5:00 PM** in the *Stephen's Classroom*. We will have snacks, treats, and door prizes! Enjoy shopping for your child/children as you consider sending them love from your heart. Each child will receive a shoebox and Christian material written in their native language; then each family is invited to learn of their Savior's love for them by attending a fun class to learn of His salvation plan for each one of them—shoeboxes are a great way to introduce Jesus with your love packed into each box! Come join us November 14th...and begin your Christmas spirit with giving to children around the world.

Hosted by Hope's Stephen Ministry



Send
Good News
and Great Joy!

Pack a Shoebox >

Ye Olde Merry Christmas
11TH ANNUAL LADIES' ADVENT TEA
DECEMBER 1, 2018
11:00AM—1:00PM
Seats are limited—See Nora to reserve your spot!

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Christ Lutheran Church's 7th Annual Christmas Bazaar & Craft Sale

2715 Lakeland Hills Blvd.

Saturday, December 1, 2018 from 8:30am – 1:30pm

Handcrafted items:

Stained Glass & Wood Bowls	Jewelry	Personalized Cups
Custom Embroidery & Crochet	Quilts	Hand Sewn items
Christmas Ornaments & Decor	Wreaths	African Violets
Paintings on Wood, Glass, Vinyl & Canvas Bags & More		

Consultants:

Norwex	Paparazzi Jewelry	Tiki Boutique	LuLaRoe
Thirty One	Tupperware	US Borne Books & Children's Books	

Youth Group will have Food & Drinks available for purchase
Drawings & Door Prizes!!

Proceeds will be donated to:
Florida Baptist's Children's Home/One More Child!!



Family Bible Hour

Sundays at 10:30am

ADULTS

THE STORY: The "Greatest Story Ever Told" is more than just a cliché. God goes to great lengths to rescue lost and hurting people. That is what The Story is all about—the story of the Bible, God's great love affair with humanity. Condensed into 31 accessible chapters, The Story sweeps you into the unfolding progression of Bible characters and events from Genesis to Revelation. Using the clear, accessible text of the NIV Bible, it allows the stories, poems, and teachings of the Bible to read like a novel. And like any good story, The Story is filled with intrigue, drama, conflict, romance, and redemption—and this story's true! Meets in Fellowship Hall. *Leader: Pastor Pfeffer*

THE BOOK OF ROMANS: From Corinth, Paul wrote a letter to Christians in Rome, whom he had never met. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, this piece of ancient writing, The Letter of Paul to the Romans, has become the most influential letter in the world. Why? Because God knew Christians in every generation would live in similar places with colliding cultures and would need these words to guide their days. Join us in the study of God's Word in the book of Romans and find relevant answers to many of life's questions today. Meets in the Conference Room.

Leader: Gloria Warner

HIGH SCHOOL

HIGH SCHOOL REAL WORLD: We live in a real world with very real problems. In the face of such "troubles," the Psalmist looks to our very real and very present God and we do, too. "God is our refuge and strength" (Psalm 46:1)! So, join us as we dive deeper into how our Real Present God provides us refuge and strength in the midst of all life's troubles. *Leader: Liz Pfeffer*

MIDDLE SCHOOL

MIDDLE SCHOOL SURVIVAL: Entering the world of middle school is scary and exciting. But with a little help from a book called The Middle School Survival Manual, it doesn't have to be overwhelming. The Lord Your God is with you wherever you go (Joshua 1:9). With this manual learn to: Give grades a boost, Make testing as easy as 1, 2, 3, Live your faith at school, and lots more! *Leader: Pastor Shea*

PRESCHOOL—GRADE 5

THE STORY: Children will experience God's great love as His story comes to life! 31 engaging lessons for preschoolers through elementary children are formatted around relatable Scripture references, memory verses, and Bible themes.

Leaders: Yolanda Heipp, Tracy MacDonald, Ellen Whitehurst



Thanksgiving Worship w/Communion

Wednesday, November 21st at 6:30pm

Come, You Thankful People, Come!

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



Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm



mid-week **WORSHIP**

HOPE STUDIES: RUTH

Although written some 3,000 years ago, the story of Ruth, Naomi, and Boaz is a story of love and faithfulness. Through their lives, we see the greater drama of a loving and faithful God providing His people with a greater Kinsman-Redeemer: Ruth's descendant, our Savior, Jesus.

Join John Koren in the Conference Room for lively discussion and spiritual uplifting.

LIVING HOPE WORSHIP

Our Wednesday evening worship continues this fall 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!



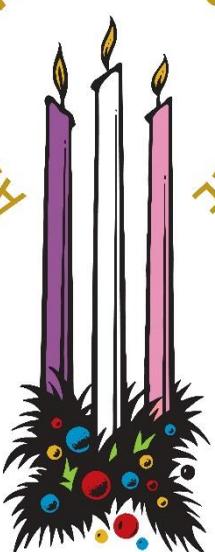
Fall into worship with us!

SUNDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

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



ADVENT WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Advent begins Sunday, December 2nd

Sundays

8:00AM & 10:30AM – Worship
9:15AM – Family Bible Hour
4:00PM – Spanish Worship

Wednesdays

4:30PM – Traditional Worship
5:15PM – Fellowship Dinner
6:30PM – Family Worship

YOUTH DATES

November 14— Youth Group, 6:30pm

November 28— Youth-led Worship, 6:30pm

December 2— Gift Card Tree winners drawing

December 12— Advent Dinner host &
Youth-led Worship, 5:00PM

December 14— Youth Christmas Party

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:

November 18: "Once And For All"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Anthony (Tony) Cook

Rev. Dr. Tony Cook shares God's message of forgiveness--"In Jesus, our Great High Priest, we have found the perfect and permanent solution to our separation and sin."
(Hebrews 10:11-19)

November 25: "Birth Pains"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

A message by Michael Ziegler for The Lutheran Hour Based on Mark 13:1-37
(Mark 13:1-37)



Do the math problems.
Then use the code to find
what else Jesus said.

1=A	5=F	9=L	13=P	17=U
2=B	6=G	10=M	14=R	18=V
3=D	7=H	11=N	15=S	19=W
4=E	8=I	12=O	16=T	20=Y

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In Our Thoughts and Prayers

SHUT-INS:

Andy Anderson
Diane Bates
Frank Dahkle
Bonnie Genrich

Dorothy Maltzahn
Liz Miller
Mark Stefanos
Tom Thomas

LEADERS:

Pastor Dean & Liz Pfeffer
Pastor Shea Pennington
LCMS Synod & District

Hope Staff
Hope's Ministries

Our Armed Forces
Our Nation
Our 1st Responders

Family and Friends of Hope

NEW REQUESTS:

Glenn & Linda Miller	mourning death of Linda's mother
Heather Wetz	granddaughter of Millie Wetz—recovering from surgery; kidney stones

CURRENT REQUESTS:

Sheri Cross	friend of Tracie Adkins—brain aneurysm
Frank Dahlke	health concerns
Donna DeClaire	sister of Dora Mueller—surgery; brain tumor
Tim Griffie	friend of Tracie Adkins—cancer
Millie Houck	congestive heart failure
Kris Jones	friend of Ron & Tracy MacDonald—recovering from fall
Dan Paton	celebrating granddaughter Palmer Paton
Doug Shaw	health concerns
Mark Stefanos	health concerns
Libby Voigtmann	health concerns

BATTLING CANCER:

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

Serving in the Military (R—Reserves)

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

Due to space limitation, prayer requests can only be listed for four weeks.



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

1Corinthians 4:1

SERVING OUR LORD THIS SUNDAY (11/11/2018) ARE:

Bell Ringer	10:30/Jalyn Aigner
Lector	8:00/Gloria Warner; 10:30/Julie Gates
Elder on Duty	8:00/Brian Heipp; 10:30/Mike McMinn
Flowers	Sanchez family
Offerings	Dale & Jonie Wenzel
Ushers	Team 1
	8:00/Wayne Warner,* David Booher, David Niver, Jeff Reaume;
	10:30/Todd Warner,* Mack Goethe, Wendell Lattz, Jim Szostkiewicz

*Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by
Ed & Mary Beth Sanchez*

SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEDNESDAY (11/14/2018) ARE:

Lector	6:30/Tena Matthews
Elder on Duty	6:30/Mike McMinn
Communion Assistant	6:30/Mike McMinn

SERVING OUR LORD NEXT SUNDAY (11/18/2018) ARE:

Bell Ringer	10:30/Alex Attalla
Acolyte	10:30/Thomas Goethe
Lector	8:00/Cathie Warner; 10:30/Pat Bender
Elder on Duty	8:00/Todd Warner; 10:30/Mike McMinn
Communion Assistant	8:00/Todd Warner; 10:30/Mike McMinn
Flowers	Lattz family
Offerings	Pam & Wendell Lattz
Ushers	Team 2
	8:00/Tom Whitehurst,* Carl Bergner, Harold Hastings, James Tennyson;
	10:30/Nick Trivunovich,* Alex Drapp, Jim Drapp, Ken Hartmann

SERVING OUR LORD THIS MONTH OF NOVEMBER:

Altar Guild	Tracy MacDonald
Nurse	Janet Reitzel