



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 2/17		<i>Teddy Bear Sunday</i>
	8:00 & 10:30	Worship w/Communion
	9:15	Family Bible Hour
	1:30	Youth Ice Skating @ Brandon Ice Forum
	4:00	Spanish Worship w/Communion
Monday 2/18		<i>Presidents' Day</i>
	9:00	Quilting
	6:30	Choir
Tuesday 2/19	10:30	GriefShare
	6:30	GriefShare
Wednesday 2/20	5:30	Bell Choir
	6:30	Youth-led Living Hope Worship
	6:30	Hope Studies
Thursday 2/21	10:30	Bible Study
Saturday 2/23	10:00	Confirmation Class
Sunday 2/24	8:00 & 10:30	Worship
	9:15	Family Bible Hour
	3:00	Rev. Miguel, Sr.'s Retirement Recognition @ Messiah, Tampa

Worship Attendance / Communion:

Wednesday, February 6, 2019:

Worship: 6:30: 31/30

Hope Studies: 6

Sunday, February 10, 2019:

Worship: 8:00: 63 10:30: 98

FBH: Adults: 45 Youth: 0 Children: 0

Spanish Worship: 4:00: 31/25

Offerings—General Fund: \$6,532.25

Stewardship Perspective:

Luke 6:20-21 – “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.” The Beatitudes are largely about emptiness. If you are poor, your pockets are empty. If you are hungry, your stomach is empty. If you are mourning, there’s an emptiness in your heart that used to be filled with the presence of a loved one. Jesus assures us in each case that the Lord will fill our emptiness. That assurance gives us peace and courage to follow the Lord faithfully.

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!



Sixth Sunday After The Epiphany

February 17, 2019

AS WE GATHER

These Sundays after the Epiphany give us a glimpse and overview of our Lord's earthly ministry of preaching, teaching, and healing. The people who followed Him have seen Him do many great things. In fact, many followed Him mainly in hopes that they would receive healing or some other gift. But today Jesus has everyone stop in their tracks for some teaching, words of wisdom, words of blessing, and words of warning. The blessing is when you know Jesus' spiritual promises of forgiveness and assurance of eternal life. The warning is the danger of taking your eyes off of Jesus, being concerned only with the gifts and blessings we receive in this life, that is, things of this world that will surely pass away. As Jesus continues to lead us to His goal—His suffering, death, and resurrection—we are being drawn to value the spiritual blessings that in faith will provide us with forgiveness and eternal life.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELLS

PRELUDE AND MEDITATION "Here in This Place"

Marty Haugen

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 "Here in This Place (Gather Us In)"

WOV 718

**Here in this place, new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away.
See, in this space, our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in - the lost and forsaken,
gather us in - the blind and the lame.
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

**We are the young - our lives are a mystery,
we are the old - who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in - the rich and the haughty,
gather us in - the proud and the strong.
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.**

**Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you.
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**

**Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away,
here in this place, the new light is shining;
now is the Kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in - and hold us forever,
gather us in - and make us your own.
Gather us in - all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

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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: Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,

C: **but his delight is in the law of the LORD.**

P: Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD,

C: **whose trust is the LORD.**

P: Brothers and sisters, as we gather to hear the words and teaching of our Lord today, let us prepare by confessing our need to hear Him.

C: Lord God, heavenly Father, we confess the sins of our minds, our speech, our actions, and even our inactions. We beg Your mercy and forgiveness. We ask for Your grace to fill us with faith in Your Son, our Lord, to lead and guide us through all our days that we rejoice in the new, eternal life He has won for us by His cross and resurrection. Amen.

P: In His mercy, God has given His Son to die for you and to give you the forgiveness of all your sins. Upon this your confession, 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 \dagger Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

HYMN 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,
 Δ 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 - shiped 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.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Father in heaven, by Your mighty Word grant to us every spiritual blessing in Christ, Your Son,

C: that He guide us through our days, keeping us safe from everything that would distract us from His constant guiding and care;

P: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,

C: one God, now and forever. Amen.



OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 17:5-8 (p.645)

(Trust in man or in the Lord.)

⁵Thus says the Lord: "Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the Lord. ⁶He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. ⁷Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. ⁸He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 15:12-20 (p.961)

(The resurrection of the dead)

¹²Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. ¹⁵We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true

that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁷And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSE

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

LSB 461; vs. 1 & 8

1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com-fort
8 He lives, all glo - ry to His name! He lives, my
this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who
Je - sus, still the same; Oh, the sweet joy this
once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.
sen - tence gives: I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

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HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 6:17-26 (p.862)

(Jesus ministers to a great multitude.)

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

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

¹⁷And he came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, ¹⁸who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all. ²⁰And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. ²²"Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! ²³Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets. ²⁴"But woe to you who are rich, for you have

received your consolation. ²⁵“Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry. “Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. ²⁶“Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

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

HYMN OF THE DAY *"If Christ Had Not Been Raised from Death"* *LSB 486*

SERMON *"Not Just for Easter Anymore!" 1 Corinthians 15:13-14*
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

"Union City"

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: As the prophet reminds us, blessed are those who trust in the Lord. So do we come this day with the concerns of our hearts and our prayers on behalf of all as they have need. Blessed Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, You have delivered Your people through the blood of Your Son and have given us the new birth into a hope and life death cannot overcome. Grant to Your Church honesty in our preaching and love in our service to those who have not yet heard the Gospel. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Blessed Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, You have given us Your pledge and promise that we shall not be alone. Guard Your people against the threats of the enemy and the persecution of a world still against You. Deliver all pastors, teachers, missionaries, deaconesses and other church workers from all that would hinder their service to us on Your behalf, and bestow upon them Your Spirit and His gifts for their faithful work. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Blessed Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, You hold in Your hand all the might of man and though we struggle against the enemies of Your will, You have promised to make all things work together for Your purpose. Bless our nation and those who lead us — our president, Congress, judges and magistrates — and enlighten them with Your Word, so that they would work in accordance with Your will and for the common good. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Blessed Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, You sent Your Son that we might have healing through His wounds. Be with the sick, the hospitalized, the aged, the infirm, the dying and the troubled in mind or heart especially Your servants *Tom Ellison, Kristin Mercier, Glenn Miller, Virginia Moore, Dan Senkarik, Mark Stefanos, Libby Voigtmann, Dennis Walkenhorst*, and those we name in our hearts. Help them to know Your presence and Your peace in their afflictions, and grant them healing and relief as You will. Teach them contentment of heart, and keep them in faith to the day of Christ's coming. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Blessed Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we are the blessed and chosen people of Your grace and favor. You have called us by Your Word and gathered us by Your Spirit before this altar. Grant to us repentance and faith, that we may receive this Sacrament for our benefit and so be transformed by this blessed communion and be made more Christ-like in faith and service. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: All these things, blessed Father, and those things You know we need, we pray You to grant us for the sake of and because of the merits of Jesus Christ alone, with whom You live and reign, the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: 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

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

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

SANCTUS

LSB 208



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

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

LSB 210

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(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

"Just as I Am, without One Plea" LSB 570

"When Peace, like a River" LSB 763

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

LSB 211

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
 part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
 glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
 A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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

"Splendor and Honor"

LSB 950

POSTLUDE

"Shades Mountain"

sett'g: Sondra K. Tucker



Connecting Points

TODAY: we continue the "Sundays after Epiphany." These Sundays will take us to Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Lenten Season. The word Epiphany means to reveal or make known and over these next few weeks we will see how our Lord reveals or make Himself known to others. It is our task today to make Jesus known to our family and friends as He reveals Himself to us in both Word and Sacrament. The color of the day is *GREEN*~ a reminder to us that we are to be constantly growing in the grace and love of our Lord.



TEDDY BEAR SUNDAY: is **TODAY!** This annual event sponsored by our *Human Care Ministry Team* shares your donated bears with local agencies. In the past our bears have been donated to *South Florida Baptist Hospital, Eckard Kids Kare, Florida Baptist Children's Home, Plant City Police & Fire Departments, Hillsborough Sheriff's Office, and members serving in Iraq.* **This year,** our bears will be tagged and donated to the *Tampa area Rough Riders Association* that shares Teddy Bears with children in area hospitals and in crisis. **TREMENDOUS THANKS** to everyone who donated bears this year. God has blessed us to be a blessing to others. We thank God for you and your Spirit motivated giving!



SIGN UP TODAY: to work in our peanut booth at the 2019 Strawberry Festival (**February 28—March 10**)! Our booth requires 2-3 people per shift, and there are 3 shifts per day. That means we need to fill a total of 88 slots over the 11 days of the festival. **PLEASE,** help us fill those slots! Sign up in the Narthex. See *Patrick Griffin (813-376-0258)* for more details.



USHERS NEEDED: for our **8:00AM** worship service! We have usher teams with barely enough willing servants for their assigned **Sunday.** If you are willing to serve in this way (husbands & wives are welcome to serve together), please contact *Pastor Pfeffer* or *Jessica* in the church office.



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.**



GRIEFSHARE: meets **Tuesdays at 10:30AM & 6:30PM**. If you have experienced the loss of a loved one at any time, we invite you to join us. Our Lord wants to heal you from your broken heart and make you 'whole' again. GriefShare offers advice and suggestions to help you see how the LORD is working in your life. Bring a friend or relative if you wish—all are welcome! We suggest that you take GriefShare more than once to receive the most amount of benefit to you. We'll have the coffee ready...and "the Light is always on."



POP-UP BELL CHOIR! Want to try the handbells? Fear commitment? Join us for **three weeks** and play on **Ash Wednesday**. See you in the music room on **Wednesday evenings at 5:30**. Questions? Call *Donna Koren* at 813-695-2225 or contact the church office.



RECOGNITION OF MINISTRY: will take place **next Sunday, February 24th beginning at 3:00PM** at *Messiah Lutheran Church, Tampa* for *Rev. Miguel Sanabria, Sr.* who has officially retired from serving our *Tampa Bay Hispanic Ministry*. Participating in this recognition will be the pastors from the four supporting congregations—*Hope, Messiah, Family of Christ North, and Family of Christ West*—along with *Pastors Miguel Sanabria, Jr. and John Cabos* who are now leading our *Hispanic Ministry*. This service will take place in both English and Spanish...so PLEASE join us!



ATTENTION THRIVENT MEMEBRS: Your *Thrivent Choice Dollars* will expire in **March!** We *HOPE* you remember your church when directing your donations this year! Your generosity is greatly appreciated. To direct Choice Dollars, go to *Thrivent.com/thriventchoice* or call 800-847-4836 and say "*Thrivent Choice*" after the prompt.



ATTENTION MINISTRY TEAMS: Effective with our **March** meetings, the following ministry teams will meet on **Tuesday, March 5th at 6:30PM** in *Fellowship Hall: Christian Growth, Fellowship, Human Care, and Youth*. We are doing this "ministry teams meeting night" as a test to allow greater communication and working together between the teams.



LENT IS COMING: and will begin with **Ash Wednesday, March 6th (4:30 & 6:30PM worship services)**. Our Lenten theme will be "*The Sermon on the Mount*." Again, **this year**, our *Winter Haven Circuit* pastors will join for a "round robin" with each pastor at their congregation for Ash Wednesday and Holy Week. **Each Wednesday** another one of our Circuit Pastors will join us to share the Word of God at **6:30PM**. Fellowship dinners will be served from **5:15—6:15PM each Wednesday**.



URGENT HELP NEEDED: Our Florida Georgia District will be the proud hosts of the 2019 Lutheran Church Missouri Synod National Convention from **July 20-25** at the Tampa Convention Center. Liz Pfeffer has been asked by our District President, Rev. Dr. Greg Walton, to serve as Volunteer Coordinator for the convention. The convention **NEEDS YOUR HELP**. If you can serve as an usher, page, altar guild, information desk, greeter, etc., **PLEASE** (pretty please) see Liz or go to flgadistrict.org/joyfully-lutheran-volunteer-sign-up/. This will be an amazing opportunity to see our church at large in worship and at work! The opening worship will take place on **July 20th** at the Convention Center (*hands are needed to usher and assist with altar guild*).



ISRAEL 2019: Due to the fact there were **NOT** 10 people to embark on this adventure, pilgrimage of a lifetime to the Holy Land in **November**, we will **NOT** be going. Thanks to those who expressed an interest but with less than 10 people, it simply will not work for us.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Help and encouragement after the death of a loved one

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life. We know it hurts, and we want to help.

TUESDAYS, 10:30AM & 6:30PM
Hope's Stephen Ministry Classroom

All are welcome!
Contact Lyn Senkarik at 863-670-4866 for more info.



Join us for ALOAfest 2019!

Living forward

A day of inspiration, music,
workshops and fellowship!

Saturday, March 2, 2019

Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
304 Druid Hills Road - Temple Terrace

Old Dog, New Tricks? How the Brain Learns - at Any Age with Mark Schoepp

You know the phrase, but what's your opinion of whether the 'dog' can or can't learn so well? Mark will explore what we know about how God designed the brain and show us it's pretty clear God's answer is a resounding "Yes!". But what's our part in the equation? See how to care for the brain and keep it ready to learn. As is the case with much of life as a Disciple of Jesus, God has given us important work to do to be the best life-long learner we can, to *Live Forward and Give God Our Best!*



A variety of workshops will be presented in morning and afternoon, such as:

- Recording your life journey in words
- Stories from Florida's past
- Yoga for the not so flexible
- Keeping your identify and information safe
- Good grief - secrets to living through loss
- Tai Chi: exercising body & spirit
- Living Wills: Who needs one?
- Creative, hands-on make & take sessions: choose Painting anyone can do - or - Make your own greeting cards

Registration at 9:00 am **9:45 am - 3:00 pm** (includes lunch)

Cost: \$15.00 per person plus a can of food for Metropolitan Ministries

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Tampa, FL 33613

Volunteers should register prior to the event by scanning the QR code or going to: SamaritansFeet.org/Thrivent and arrive at 9:00AM for training.



500 individuals from the Tampa community will receive brand new shoes and socks! Volunteers will spend time with each shoe recipient by washing his or her feet, placing a new pair of athletic shoes and socks on them, and encouraging them.

Samaritan's Feet was started in 2003 by Manny Ohonme, who received his first pair of shoes from a missionary when he was a child in Nigeria. Those shoes allowed him to learn and play basketball, ultimately earning him a sports scholarship in the U.S. A simple pair of shoes and the kindness shared by this "Good Samaritan" changed the course of Manny's life. The mission of Samaritan's Feet is to bring that same message of hope and love to children and adults in the U.S. and around the world.



Family Bible Hour

Sundays at 9:15am

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*

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

Like the Apostle Paul in Athens (Acts 17), we too live in a world of increasing plurality. Already our youth are encountering various religions and sects within their schools (e.g., Muslims, Wiccans). So, as we prepare to engage peers of various beliefs and worldviews it is important ^[a] that we understand these religions and sects so we can share our Hope in way that resonates with them (like Paul in Acts 17:28); and ^[b] so we aren't deceived or confused by the plurality we encounter. *Leaders: Liz Pfeffer and 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

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PSALM 98:4, NRSV



Winter Worship Schedule

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 & Youth Group

WEDNESDAYS AT HOPE, 6:30PM

LIVING HOPE WORSHIP

Our Wednesday evening worship continues this winter 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!

HOPE STUDIES

In Paul's letter to the Christians at Philippi he encourages the people to live in a way worthy of the Gospel, put all our anxieties in the hands of our Lord, trusting Him to supply us with His peace, and trust God to meet all of our physical and spiritual needs according to His glorious riches in Christ. Join John Koren in the Conference Room to discuss and share what God is teaching us as He taught the people of Philippi.



SERMON *on the* MOUNT

LENT 2019

ASH WEDNESDAY—March 6: *BLESSED ARE YOU, Matthew 5:1-11, Pastor Pfeffer*

Ash Wednesday reminds us that though we have been brought low by sin,
our Lord will bless us with new life in Him through the cross.

HOST: Youth & Youth Ministry Team | MENU: Chili (*donated by Wendy's of Lakeland*)

March 13: *PRAYER & FASTING, Matthew 6:5-18, Pastor Ron Pennekamp, St. Paul, Lakeland*

We learn about God and ourselves by giving up those things
that can distract us from our connection to Him.

HOST: Missions & Outreach Ministry Team | MENU: Chicken & Rice Casserole

March 20: *DO NOT WORRY, Matthew 6:25-34, Pastor Charles Reich, Grace, Winter Haven*

Christ teaches us to stop being anxious, but simply to trust that He knows
what is best and will take care of us to the very end.

HOST: Board of Directors | MENU: Baked Ziti

March 27: *JUDGE NOT, Matthew 7:1-5, Vicar Matthew Bohlmann, Grace, Winter Haven*

When we leave all judgement up to God, we free ourselves
to look at one another through fresh forgiving eyes.

HOST: Music Ministry | MENU: TBA

April 3: *SALT & LIGHT, Matthew 5:13-16, Pastor Jonathan Horsman, Redeemer, Bartow*

We have tasted and seen His great love for us the cross can spend our Lent savoring
His salvation and shining with His glory and grace in the place where He has put us.

HOST: Christian Growth Ministry Team | MENU: Spaghetti & Meatballs

April 10: *BUILD ON THE ROCK, Matthew 7:24-27, Pastor Shea Pennington, Hope Plant City*

Jesus reminds us in His teachings that the only solid foundation is Himself,
the Rock of our salvation. On Him alone we build.

HOST: Fellowship Ministry Team | MENU: TBA

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

(Ash Wednesday Worship ONLY: 4:30 & 6:30PM)

A SERIES of SERVICES for the SEASON of LENT

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

Thursdays at 10:30AM

We love learning "new" things! This series is entitled "OverComers." The LORD doesn't want you to live under your circumstances, but ABOVE them in His name. We can learn how being an "overcomer" will work in our daily lives. This course is full of encouragement and hope!



YOUTH DATES

February 17—Ice Skating @ Brandon Ice Forum, 1:30PM

February 20—Youth-led Worship, 6:30PM

February 27—Youth Group, 6:30PM

Grades 6 through 12—friends are always welcome!
Contact Pastor Shea for more info: hopecpastorshea@gmail.com

What is the key to our faith?

Add a letter to spell some things that only living people can do.



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In Our Thoughts and Prayers

<u>SHUT-INS:</u>	Dorothy Maltzahn	<u>LEADERS:</u>	Hope Staff
Andy Anderson	Liz Miller	Pastor Dean & Liz Pfeffer	Our Armed Forces
Diane Bates	Mark Stefanos	Pastor Shea Pennington	Hope's Ministries
Bonnie Genrich	Tom Thomas	LCMS Synod & District	Our 1 st Responders

Family and Friends of Hope

NEW REQUESTS:

D	friend of Barbara Ahlers—cancer; recovering from & anticipating more surgery
	friend of Jeff & Theresa Justice—breast cancer
Virginia Moore	health concerns
Dan Senkarik	health concerns
Donna Simmons	health concerns

CURRENT REQUESTS:

Tom Ellison	recovering at home; hip replacement
Richard Floyd	father of Carlos Floyd—health concerns
	son-in-law of Tim & Julie Gates—heart attack; bypass surgery
Jack McCourt	father of Sandra Kerr—possible lung cancer
Jennifer McCourt	sister-in-law of Sandra Kerr—stage 4 lung cancer
Kristin Mercier	recovering; health concerns
Virginia Moore	rehab @ Solaris HealthCare
Susanne Paton	wife of Dan Paton—faith and healing from loss
Mark Stefanos	health concerns
Dale Stolt	uncle of Roger & Carole Huset—healing from fall; recovering from surgery
	Suntrust Bank, Sebring shooting victims
Libby Voigtmann	health concerns

BATTLING CANCER:

Tom Battling	Austin Dobbs	Jerry Gross	Pat Mailloux	Abbey Sedlacek
Laura Blake	Ginnie Donaldson	JoAnne Hayashi	Mari	Judy Strait
CanDee Brandon	Casey Doyle	Barry Himmel	Pat Mason	Jeannie Lee Taylor
John Brom	Jace Driggers	Dale Jarvis	Bruce McConnell	Rick Ward
Laura Brom	Kori Dunke	Gordon Long	Jennifer McCourt	Mr. Wells
Bob Broshelle	Marcus Elam	Lucille Luedke	Mary Ann Pitre	Millie Wetz
Alice Correia	Tim Griffie	Jean Marie Mactye	Alan Rauner	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
Matt Bracken	Joshua Gross	Aaron Morley	Ryan Sonnenberg
Trevor Dahlke—R	Brandon Hastings	Stephen Olliff—R	Caleb Strand
		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 (2/17/2019) ARE:

Bell Ringer	8:00/Jerry Cockwell; 10:30/Abby Aigner
Acolyte	10:30/Nathan Gall
Lector	8:00/John Koren; 10:30/Jim Drapp
Elder on Duty	8:00/Brian Heipp; 10:30/Nick Trivunovich
Communion Assistant	8:00/Brian Heipp; 10:30/Nick Trivunovich
Flowers	Lattz family
Offerings	Wendell & Pam Lattz
Ushers	Team 2

8:00/Tom Whitehurst,* Carl Bergner, Harold Hastings;
10:30/Nick Trivunovich,* Alex Drapp, Jim Drapp, Ken Hartmann

*Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by
Wendell & Pam Lattz*

SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEDNESDAY (2/20/2019) ARE:

Lector	6:30/Youth
Elder on Duty	6:30/Lonnie Bertsch
Communion Assistant	6:30/Lonnie Bertsch

SERVING OUR LORD NEXT SUNDAY (2/24/2019) ARE:

Bell Ringer	8:00/Jerry Cockwell; 10:30/Alex Attalla
Lector	8:00/Gloria Warner; 10:30/Cathie Warner
Elder on Duty	8:00/Todd Warner; 10:30/Jim Drapp
Flowers	Whitehurst family
Offerings	Alison Reaume & Cathie Warner
Ushers	Team 3

8:00/Lonnie Bertsch,* Diane Bertsch, Tom Reagin;
10:30/ Stuart Howell,* Judy Adkins, Matt Finney,
Wendell Lattz, Jack Moberg

SERVING OUR LORD THIS MONTH OF FEBRUARY:

Altar Guild	Cindy Petersen
Nurse	Tracie Adkins (863-859-7951)