



Welcome to Hope

SUNDAYS

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

LENTEN WEDNESDAYS

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

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

“Anchored in Christ, Empowered by the Spirit, Connecting People to Jesus”

We are glad you are taking the time to worship our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ with us this weekend! We pray God’s blessings on your worship and time spent among us at Hope Lutheran Church! We ask you to please take the time to fill in the Friendship pad (be sure to give us your name and address) and feel free to indicate any prayer concerns on the reverse side of the pad. We are a “Family-Friendly Church” and encourage the participation of children in our worship. However, we realize there are times when children can become disruptive to other worshipers, and for that reason there is a cry room located in the back of the church for your use. Children’s worship bags are available in the narthex for your use during the service (see an usher or elder). Please return the bag following the service to the “Worship Bag Tree.” We encourage you to join us for any and all activities at Hope in the week ahead!

IMPORTANT NOTES: *for the sanctity of our worship and the benefit of those around you, please refrain from excessive talking in the narthex and sanctuary, and turn off all cell phones, pagers, etc. Please time entrances and exits during congregational singing to minimize distraction to our worshipping community. Following our worship, please make every effort to leave God’s House just as you found it. Please do not bring coffee, cans of soda or bottled water into the sanctuary for your use before or even during the service. Also, please be sure to remove any “used” tissues from the pews or hymnal racks. Your help in keeping God’s house neat and clean will most certainly be appreciated! Thank you!*

Hope: Anchored in Christ



Please turn off or silence your cell phone and NO food or drinks in the Sanctuary.

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Activities This Week at Hope:

Sunday 3/3		2019 FL Strawberry Festival LCEF Sunday
	8:00 & 10:30	Worship w/Communion
	9:15	Family Bible Hour
	4:00	Spanish Worship w/Communion
Monday 3/4		2019 FL Strawberry Festival
	9:00	Quilting
	6:30	Choir
Tuesday 3/5		2019 FL Strawberry Festival
	10:30	GriefShare
	6:30	GriefShare
	6:30	Ministry Team Meetings: Christian Growth, Fellowship, Health, Human Care, and Youth
Wednesday 3/6		2019 FL Strawberry Festival Ash Wednesday
	4:30	Worship w/Ashes & Communion
	5:15	Fellowship Dinner (<i>Host: Youth & Youth Ministry Menu: Chili</i>)
	6:30	Worship w/Ashes & Communion
Thursday 3/7		2019 FL Strawberry Festival
	10:30	Bible Study
	6:30	Elders Ministry Team Meeting
Friday 3/8		2019 FL Strawberry Festival
Saturday 3/9		2019 FL Strawberry Festival
	10:00	Confirmation class
Sunday 3/10		2019 FL Strawberry Festival Blood Bus @ Hope
	8:00 & 10:30	Worship w/Communion
	9:00 & 11:30	Blood Pressure Screenings
	9:15	Family Bible Hour
	4:00	Spanish Worship w/Communion

Worship Attendance / Communion:

Wednesday, February 20, 2019:

Worship: 6:30: 33/31

Hope Studies: 4

Sunday, February 24, 2019:

Worship: 8:00: 80 **10:30:** 88

FBH: Adults: 44 **Youth:** 5 **Children:** 3

Offerings—General Fund: \$8,999.00

Stewardship Perspective:

Luke 9:36 – “And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone.” Moses and Elijah point to Jesus, speak about Jesus and His sacrifice, and then they are happy to fade into the background. They know that what we need is Jesus. With our eyes focused on Him, and Him alone, the rest of our lives come into focus. He is primary; all else is secondary. When that order is right in our lives, things truly fall into place. Or as Jesus Himself said, “But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you” (Matthew 6:33).

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!



The Transfiguration Of Our Lord

March 3, 2019

AS WE GATHER

Jesus' words and actions are for the benefit of all human beings. Isaiah says, "He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities" (Isaiah 53:5). What if Jesus was also transfigured for our transformation? In this mysterious encounter, the veil between the seen and the unseen is pulled aside, and Peter, James, and John beheld Jesus, the man, as He is in the brightness of the glory of God. He spoke with Moses and Elijah about His coming Passion in Jerusalem. The Father's blessing echoes the blessing at His Baptism, "This is My Son, My Chosen One, listen to Him!" (Luke 9:35). This transfiguration began while Jesus was praying. The Divine Service is a weekly event where God serves His people through His Word and Sacraments. People respond with prayers, praise, and thanksgiving. As faith opens us to God's love, this divine conversation powerfully transforms us, changing our ways of thinking, seeing, and living as we are sent out by God each week to love and serve others—just as Jesus did.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELLS

PRELUDE AND MEDITATION

"Thine"

Carl F. Schalk

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

"Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise"

LSB 680

INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

C: **Amen.**

P: Exalt the LORD our God; worship at His footstool!

C: **Holy is He!**

P: The LORD is great in Zion;
C: He is exalted over all the peoples.
P: Let them praise Your great and awesome name!
C: Holy is He!
P: Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at His holy mountain;
C: for the LORD our God is holy!
P: Loving God, You desire a relationship with all people that is grounded in Your love, nurtured by truthfulness, and experienced as freedom living under Your gracious reign.
C: We admit that we are turned away from Your love, we are at home in dishonesty, and we are enslaved by ways of sin and death. Because of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection for us, we ask that You go on forgiving us, transforming us, and healing us according to Your steadfast love, which endures forever.
P: God is gracious and merciful and has come in the person of Jesus giving His life to demonstrate how much He loves you and all people. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Jesus, 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.
C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"This Is the Feast"

LSB 155

Refrain—All; vs. 1, 3 & 4—Women; vs. 2 & 5—Men

Refrain

G This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

1 — Wor-ty is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and
4 Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



✠ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 34:1-12 (p.177)

(The death of Moses)

¹Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho. And the Lord showed him all the land, Gilead as far as Dan, ²all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the western sea, ³the Negeb, and the Plain, that is, the Valley of Jericho the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar. ⁴And the Lord said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, 'I will give it to your offspring.' I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over there." ⁵So Moses the servant of the Lord died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the Lord, ⁶and he buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth-peor; but no one knows the place of his burial to this day. ⁷Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eye was undimmed, and his vigor unabated. ⁸And the people of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. Then the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended. ⁹And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. So the people of Israel obeyed him and did as the Lord had commanded Moses. ¹⁰And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face, ¹¹none like him for all the signs and the wonders that the Lord sent him to do in

the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land, ¹²and for all the mighty power and all the great deeds of terror that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Hebrews 3:1-6 (p.1002)

(Jesus, the Son, is worthy of more glory than Moses.)

¹Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, ²who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house. ³For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. ⁴(For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) ⁵Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, ⁶but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSE

LSB 952

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 9:28-36 (p.867)

(The transfiguration of Jesus)

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

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

²⁸Now about eight days after these sayings he took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. ³⁰And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, ³¹who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy

with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. ³⁴As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!" ³⁶And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

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

HYMN OF THE DAY *"Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory"*

LSB 416

SERMON

"Listen to Him"

Luke 9:28-36

Rev. Shea Pennington

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING PRAYER

Lord, help me to grasp that all the blessings I think I have are really Yours. Help me to grasp that all the blessings our church has do not belong to the church, but to You. Give us healthy giving hearts to use these blessings according to Your purpose. In Your name I pray. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF FRIENDSHIP

As the offerings are received, please sign the register in the pews, whether you are a member of Hope Lutheran or a visitor. The person at the end of the pew should start and then pass it along. Thank you for making worship with us a priority this Lord's Day.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Our tithes are our regular, top priority, proportionate, grateful gifts to the Lord for the work of the gospel. Our offerings are our special gifts for special causes over and above our tithes.

VOLUNTARY

"Love's Light"

Amanda Husberg

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of God, for the renewal of our faith and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For peace in the world, for the strengthening of the holy churches of God, for the unity of the Church in doctrine and in piety, and for this holy house, that those who enter here may do so in faith, reverence and the fear of God, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For our country, the president and all those in public office; for this and surrounding communities, and for the faithful in them; for favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth and for all honorable vocations, businesses and industries, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this congregation; for all pastors and missionaries, and those who serve in our Florida Georgia District in the Lord's name, that together we would let Jesus be seen in 2019 that God's name may be glorified, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For those who suffer from illnesses of body or mind; for the healing grace of body and blood, that those who suffer may know God's strength, comfort and peace in their afflictions especially *Jim Baldwin, Tom Ellison, Kristin Mercier, Glenn Miller, Dan Senkarik, and Dennis Walkenhorst*; and for the mercy of God to provide for all according to their need, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For ears that hearken to Your voice speaking through Your Word; for holy lips to receive Christ's blessed Sacrament with faith and repentance; and for a sense of holy awe at the glory of God granted to us in the Means of Grace, let us pray to the Lord:

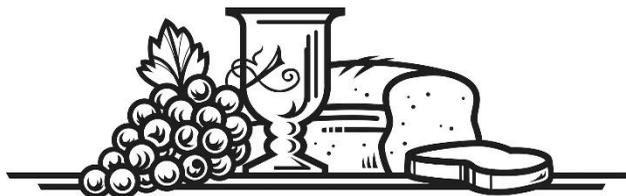
C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Lord, Your power is beyond compare and Your glory beyond understanding. Open our hearts to know You through the glory of Your Son, whose saving will and purpose have rescued us from sin and death and made us Your own people by Baptism and faith. For to You, O Lord, belongs all honor and glory, worship and praise, blessed and eternal Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and to the end of the ages.

C: Amen.

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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



† HOLY COMMUNION †

PREFACE

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

"The God of Abraham Praise"

LSB 798; v. 8

8 The God who reigns on high The great arch - an - gels sing,
And "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!" cry, "Al - might - y King!
Who was and is the same And ev - er - more shall be:
Je - ho - vah, Fa - ther, great I AM! We wor - ship Thee!"

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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

"The God of Abraham Praise"

LSB 798; v. 3

3 The God of A - br'ham praise, Whose all - suf - fi - cient grace
Shall guide me all my pil - grim days In all my ways.

He deigns to call me friend; He calls Him - self my God.
 And He shall save me to the end Through Je - sus' blood.

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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

"Jesus on the Mountain Peak" LSB 415

"Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here" LSB 414

POST-COMMUNION SONG

"The God of Abraham Praise" LSB 798; v. 9

△ 9 The whole tri - um - phant host Give thanks to God on high.
 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" They ev - er cry.

Hail, A-br'ham's God and mine! I join the heav'n - ly lays:
All might and maj - es - ty are Thine And end - less praise!

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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, Song of Gladness"

LSB 417

FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA

Today marks the end of the Epiphany season, and in a few days we begin Lent on Ash Wednesday. It is traditional to mute our joy during Lent by not singing Alleluias. So today, we are "burying" this Alleluia banner until we see it again when we rejoice at our Lord's resurrection on Easter morning.

POSTLUDE

"Lauda Anima"

sett'g: John Ferguson

Growing in the Grace of Giving

Everything we have and everything we are is a gift of God's providential care. We understand that we're not islands unto ourselves. We could not exist without those who have gone before us and those who walk alongside us. God has given us forefathers in family, country, and faith. We are recipients of what God worked through them. We know God provides for our well-being through these means.

He gives us farmers and ranchers so we can eat. But more than that, God created and gave us all the things those farmers and ranchers cultivate. He gave us the corn, the beans, the wheat, the cows for milking, the steers for grilling. He gave each of those things for our nourishment and sustenance. Without God creating and instilling in those things their taste, their nutritional value, etc., we would not exist.

God gives us doctors, surgeons, nurses, and hospitals. He gives us medicine and medical instruments, and, of course, He gave us everything to make those medicines and medical instruments. He instilled in those things the properties to be utilized for those purposes. Without God creating and instilling healing properties into those things – and without God creating the ability within man to learn this and implement it to serve our medical needs – we would not enjoy the health we do now.

But there's more. He gives us gainful employment through our employers and provides for the necessities of life through the labor of our hands: "Then Moses said to the people of Israel, 'See, the Lord has called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah; and he has filled him with the Spirit of God, with skill, with intelligence, with knowledge, and with all craftsmanship, to devise artistic designs, to work in gold and silver and bronze, in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, for work in every skilled craft. And he has inspired him to teach, both him and Oholiab the son of Ahisamach of the tribe of Dan.' " (Exodus 35:30–34)

And one step back from that, He has created and given us hands, and attached to hands are arms with strength. He created us with minds to make those arms and hands move and accomplish the work set before us. And with that mind, He has given us reason and senses.

That mind, because of the reason God has instilled in it, is able to work through difficult problems before we press those arms and hands into labor. It allows us to grapple with concepts and run through scenarios instead of having to experience every situation personally. It allows us to learn from the mistakes, as well as from the accomplishments, of ourselves and others. This can be done for our entire body, all our skills and talents, everything that makes us ... us. So, everything we have and everything we are is a gift from Him. This is what we confess in the First Article of the Creed when we say that we "believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth."

But that is just the First Article of the Creed. We confess two more articles that deal with God's provision for our spiritual well-being. He sent his Son to die and be raised on the third day for our justification. He delivers that justification through the means of grace (baptism, preaching and the Word of God, and the Lord's Supper). And to give you those means of grace, He gives pastors and teachers, etc. Literally everything we have and everything we are in this life – and the next – is an inexpressible gift from God.

And it is for this, all of this, that we give thanks. And that is what stewardship is all about — giving thanks for God's provision for us. To give thanks is more than having an attitude of gratitude, more than just a feeling in our hearts. It is an action. It begins in the heart, but it doesn't stay there. It works its way out through the mouth in praise for God's gifts and in love and charity through the hands to our neighbors in family, country, and church.

"For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey him" (*The Small Catechism*, 16).

So give thanks to God for His inexpressible gifts — for everything we have and everything we are. Do this not only in word but also in deed.

Connecting Points

TODAY: we mark "The Transfiguration of our Lord." The word transfiguration comes from the Greek word, metamorphosis, which means to change or be changed. That is what happened to our Lord, as His appearance was changed before the face of His disciples. **This Sunday** is always the *last* of the Epiphany season and is always the **Sunday immediately before Ash Wednesday**. The color of the day is *WHITE*~ a reminder of our Lord's sinless nature and how He shone so bright at His Transfiguration.



A WARM WELCOME TODAY: to our new Florida-Georgia District Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) Vice President, Jay Wendland. **TODAY** is our LCEF Sunday, and Jay will share briefly **at each service** and in detail **during Family Bible Hour** about the work of LCEF and how you can help Hope as we move towards our capital campaign. There are lots of opportunities for you to become a part of LCEF as they build churches in our Synod and right here in our FL-GA District. Our LCEF Advocate is *Liz Pfeffer*, and she can assist you.



WHAT'S THE BUZZ...TELL ME WHAT'S HAPPENING!: It's simple...just take a look in your mailbox **TODAY** for your **March** calendar & servant schedule, and you will see all the great things God is doing with us and among us here at Hope. Be sure to take your calendar home and **INVITE, INVITE, INVITE** a friend to join you!



LENTEN DEVOTIONS: are in your mailboxes **this morning**. Please be sure during the Holy Season of Lent to set aside your time with God and reflect on His gift to you! Also, in your boxes are your *2019 Lenten Self Denial Folders*. Please be sure to take yours home, and each day set aside 50¢ **throughout the season of Lent** and return your envelope on **Easter Sunday**.



FESTIVAL CONTINUES: That's right, the Strawberry Festival continues, and if you are signed up to work a shift or two at our booth and an emergency arises preventing you from serving your assigned shift, PLEASE contact *Patrick Griffin (813-376-0258)* **IMMEDIATELY** so that a substitute can be secured. Festival rules require that if the Festival is open, **WE MUST BE OPEN**. Thanks in advance for your service, ministry and assistance! And yes, the church office **WILL** be **OPEN tomorrow**.





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.



TO BE HONORED TOMORROW NIGHT: by the *Metro Tampa YMCA Association*, will be *Pastor Pfeffer* as he will be recognized at a special dinner in *Tampa* as the *Volunteer of the Year* for our *Plant City Family YMCA*. In addition to being recognized, *Pastor* will also deliver the Invocation at the *YMCA's Annual Community Impact Dinner*.



GRIEF SHARE: 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."



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, Health, 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.



TAKING A SHORT BREAK: is our *Living Hope Worship* and *Hope Studies* class **until after Easter**. In their place, we ENCOURAGE you to join us for our Wednesday Lenten worship opportunities AND to bring a friend! Special thanks to *John Koren* for leading our *Hope Studies* class, and our *praise team, elders, and lectors* for their ministry **each week during this winter quarter**.



MORE LENTEN DEVOTIONS: Once again this year, our *Florida Georgia District* will provide daily Lenten devotions on their website (flgadistrict.org) written by our District Staff, Circuit Visitors and Board of Directors. *Pastor Pfeffer's* (Circuit Visitor) devotions are scheduled for **March 19th, March 26th, and April 14th**. The theme for these devotions is "Let Jesus Be Seen in 2019!"



ELDERS: Please be sure to read chapter 1 of "Becoming a Welcoming Church" in advance of our meeting **this Thursday**. Your meeting packet will be emailed to you in advance of our meeting; should you need it printed for you, please be sure to contact *Jessica* in the office.

ATTENTION THRIVENT MEMEBRS: Your *Thrivent Choice Dollars* expire **THIS MONTH!** 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.



LENT IS ABOUT TO 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**.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW: for our annual *Hope Family Outdoor Worship & Picnic* to take place in our courtyard on **Sunday, March 17th beginning at 10:30AM**. Our **8:00 worship** will meet in the sanctuary **that morning**. Our *Fellowship Ministry Team* will provide the hot dogs and brats for lunch; please bring a dish to share. A dessert contest will also take place for those who wish to participate. Listen for announcements!



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*).



IF I ONLY HAD A SPOON: is the title of our *United Food Bank of Plant City* cookbook available now for only \$10.00. ALL proceeds benefit the *United Food Bank of Plant City*. If you would like to order one of these limited-edition cookbooks, please see or contact *Pastor Pfeffer*.





VOLUNTEER AT A COMMUNITY SHOE DISTRIBUTION

Saturday, March 9, 2019
9:00am - 3:00pm
University Area CDC
14013 N 22nd St.
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.

YOU'RE INVITED

Please join me for an educational event

Get important financial strategies from a membership organization of Christians that's been helping members be wise with money and live generously for more than 100 years.

Preparing For Long-Term Care: A Gift Your Family Deserves

Did you know that developing a long-term care strategy can help you preserve your independence and protect your income and assets? Please join us for a workshop to learn more about long-term care and how you can prepare for it-emotionally, physically and financially.



EVENT DETAILS

Tuesday, March 19, 2019

1:30 p.m.

Hope Lutheran Church

2001 N Park Rd.

Plant City, FL

RESERVE YOUR PLACE TODAY

Please call 863-712-5705 or email brian.heipp@thrivent.com.



Sunday, March 17
8:00AM Sanctuary Worship
10:30AM Courtyard Worship
11:30AM Hope Family Picnic

**FOOD, DESSERT CONTEST,
CORNHOLE, SOFTBALL,
BOARD GAMES and More!**

*Save the Date—
and invite a friend!*

Family Bible Hour

Sundays at 9:15am

ADULTS

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT: This Bible study for Lent helps us better understand the teachings of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount from the context of His suffering, death and resurrection. This class is based on the theme for our Wednesday worship and we will look at theme for the coming Wednesday each Sunday. *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*

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

LENTEN *Schedule*

SUNDAYS

8:00 & 10:30AM—Worship

9:15AM—Family Bible Hour

4:00PM—Spanish Worship w/Communion

WEDNESDAYS

5:15PM—Fellowship Dinner

6:30PM—Worship

YOUTH DATES

March 6—Host Lenten Fellowship Dinner, 5:15PM

March 7—King & Country Concert, 7:30PM

May 1—Youth Group, 6:30PM

May 8—Youth Group, 6:30PM

May 12—Host Mother's Day Brunch

Grades 6 through 12—friends are always welcome!

Contact Pastor Shea for more info: hopepcpastorshea@gmail.com

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

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

Family and Friends of Hope

NEW REQUESTS:

friend of Jeff & Theresa Justice—recovering; anticipating test results

CURRENT REQUESTS:

Jim Baldwin	hospitalized; anticipating long-term memory care
D	friend of Barbara Ahlers—cancer; recovering from & anticipating more surgery
Tom Ellison	recovering at home; hip replacement
	friend of Jeff & Theresa Justice—breast cancer
Virginia Moore	health concerns
Susanne Paton	wife of Dan Paton—faith and healing from loss
Dan Senkarik	health concerns
Donna Simmons	health concerns
Dale Stolt	uncle of Roger & Carole Huset—healing from fall; recovering from surgery

BATTLING CANCER:

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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 (3/3/2019) ARE:

Bell Ringer	8:00/Jerry Cockwell; 10:30/Donald Finney
Crucifer	8:00/Jules Kinkead; 10:30/Yulia Hartmann
Acolyte	10:30/Nathan Gall
Lector	8:00/Carl Bergner; 10:30/Jim Drapp
Elder on Duty	8:00/Wayne Warner; 10:30/Mike McMinn
Communion Assistant	8:00/Wayne Warner; 10:30/Mike McMinn
Flowers	Drapp family
Offerings	Dale & Jonie Wenzel
Ushers	Team 1
	8:00/Wayne Warner,* David Booher, David Niver, Jeff Reaume;
	10:30/ Todd Warner,* Mack Goethe, Billy Mueller, Jim Szostkiewicz

*Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by
Jim & Kathy Drapp in honor of Kathy's birthday*

SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEDNESDAY (3/6/2019) ARE:

Acolyte	6:30/Keaira Griffin
Lector	4:30/John Koren; 6:30/Keaira Griffin
Elder on Duty	4:30/Mike McMinn; 6:30/Todd Warner
Communion Assistant	4:30/Mike McMinn; 6:30/Todd Warner
Ushers	Team 1

SERVING OUR LORD NEXT SUNDAY (3/10/2019) ARE:

Bell Ringer	8:00/Jerry Cockwell; 10:30/Kaylee Greatens
Lector	8:00/Tena Matthews; 10:30/Kathy Drapp
Elder on Duty	8:00/Lonnie Bertsch; 10:30/Jim Drapp
Flowers	<i>open</i>
Offerings	Alison Reaume & Cathie Warner
Ushers	Team 2
	8:00/Tom Whitehurst,* Carl Bergner, Harold Hastings;
	10:30/Nick Trivunovich,* Alex Drapp, Jim Drapp, Ken Hartmann

SERVING OUR LORD THIS MONTH OF MARCH:

Altar Guild	Liz Pfeffer
Nurse	Robin Finney (407-951-6083)