



HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
A Stephen Ministry Congregation

LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD

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 4/7	8:00 & 10:30	Worship w/Communion
	9:15	Family Bible Hour
	2:00	New Member Class: Discovering the Faith
	4:00	New Member Class: Discovering Hope
	4:00	Spanish Worship w/Communion
Monday 4/8	9:00	Quilting
	9:00	Circuit Pastors
	6:30	Choir
Tuesday 4/9	10:30	GriefShare
	12:00	Deadline—BOD Meeting reports due!
	12:00	Staff Meeting
	6:00	Building Committee Meeting
Wednesday 4/10	5:15	Dinner (<i>HOST: Fellowship Ministry Team MENU: Taco Bar</i>)
	5:40	Bell Choir
	6:30	Lenten Worship
Thursday 4/11	10:30	Bible Study
	6:30	BOD Meeting
Saturday 4/13	10:00	Confirmation class
Sunday 4/14		<i>Palm Sunday Youth Scrip order due</i>
	8:00 & 10:30	Worship
	9:15	Family Bible Hour
	4:00	Spanish Worship w/Communion

Worship Attendance / Communion:

Wednesday, March 27, 2019:

Worship: 6:30: 47

Sunday, March 31, 2019:

Worship: 8:00: 76/74 10:30: 95/84

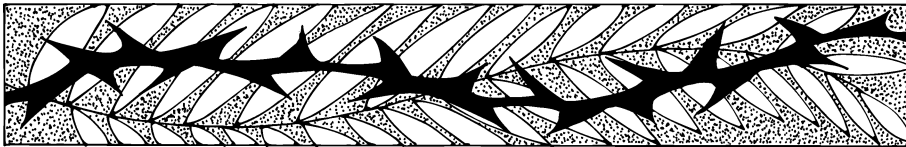
FBH: Adults: 51 Youth: 0 Children: 5

Spanish Worship: 4:00: 37/20

Offerings—General Fund: \$8,554.55

Stewardship Perspective:

Luke 20:16 – “He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said, “Surely not!” The crowds were shocked at Jesus’ parable because they took the grace of God for granted. They never thought that God would actually take “the vineyard” away from them. But we only have access to God by faith. And we can drive faith and the Holy Spirit away. That is the warning of the parable. The Lord has graciously given us His Kingdom. Let us not take it for granted, but instead let us respond with humble thanksgiving!



Fifth Sunday In Lent

April 7, 2019

THEME OF THE DAY

It's easy to get stuck in a hole. Look at Aaron and the Israelites. Better yet, look at us. Best of all, look to Jesus who alone gets us out of our huge hole!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELLS

PRELUDE AND MEDITATION "Love Unknown" *sett'g: John D. Vieker*

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 "My Song Is Love Unknown" *LSB 430; vs. 1-5*

INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

C: **Amen.**

P: The LORD commanded the Red Sea to dry up. He led Israel across the sea as if it were a desert.

C: **He rescued them from their enemies and redeemed them from their foes.**

P: The water returned and covered their enemies; not one of them survived.

C: Then his people believed his promises. Then they sang his praise.

P: Yet how quickly they forgot what he had done! They wouldn't wait for his counsel!

C: The people made a calf at Mount Sinai; they bowed before an image made of gold.

P: They forgot God, their Savior, who had done such great things in Egypt.

C: So he declared he would destroy them.

P: But Moses, his chosen one, stepped between the LORD and the people.

C: He begged him to turn from his anger and not destroy them. Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise.

P: Hear me, merciful and mighty Father, as I confess my bondage to sin and death.

C: I know that nothing good lives in me.

P: That is, in my sinful nature.

C: For I have the desire to do good.

P: But I cannot carry it out.

C: For what I do is not the good I want to do.

P: No, the evil I do not want to do, this I keep on doing.

C: I find this law at work—

P: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me.

C: For in my inner being I delight in God's law.

P: But I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war and making me a prisoner of the law of sin and death.

C: Who will rescue me from this body of death?
(Silently reflect on the fact that though our sin is great, Christ's love is greater.)

P: Hear the good news! The same God who delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage also delivers you from your body of sin and death. Jesus Christ, the Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed and his blood forgives you and sets you free! Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the nations.

C: That we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise!

HYMN OF PRAISE

"My Song Is Love Unknown"

LSB 430; vs. 6-7

**In life no house, no home My Lord on earth might have;
In death no friendly tomb But what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heav'n was His home
But mine the tomb Wherein He lay.**

**Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine!
Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like Thine.
This is my friend, In whose sweet praise
I all my days Could gladly spend!**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Lord God, merciful Father,

C: **you are the God who made heaven and earth.**

P: Forgive us when we clamor for a different god and set our feet on the path that trusts you above all things;

C: **through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,**

P: who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

C: **one God, now and forever. Amen.**



✠ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 32:1-14 (p.72)

¹When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered themselves together to Aaron and said to him, "Up, make us gods who shall go before us. As for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." ²So Aaron said to them, "Take off the rings of gold that are in the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." ³So all the people took off the rings of gold that were in their ears and brought them to Aaron. ⁴And he received the gold from their hand and fashioned it with a graving tool and made a golden calf. And they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who

brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" ⁵When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it. And Aaron made a proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a feast to the Lord." ⁶And they rose up early the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought peace offerings. And the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play. ⁷And the Lord said to Moses, "Go down, for your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves. ⁸They have turned aside quickly out of the way that I commanded them. They have made for themselves a golden calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" ⁹And the Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stiff-necked people. ¹⁰Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, in order that I may make a great nation of you." ¹¹But Moses implored the Lord his God and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you have brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹²Why should the Egyptians say, 'With evil intent did he bring them out, to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your burning anger and relent from this disaster against your people. ¹³Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, to whom you swore by your own self, and said to them, 'I will multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your offspring, and they shall inherit it forever.'" ¹⁴And the Lord relented from the disaster that he had spoken of bringing on his people.



The LORD said to Moses,
 "Go down at once!
 Your people, whom you brought
 up out of the land of Egypt,
 have acted perversely."
 Exodus 32:7, NRSV

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 10:5-8 (p.957)

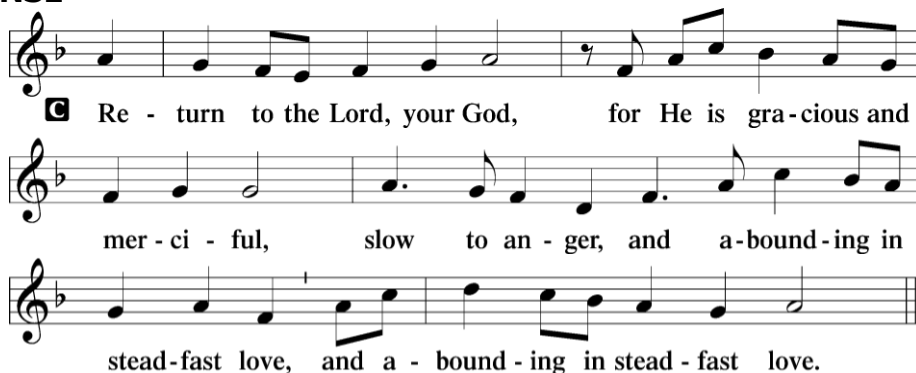
⁵Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness. ⁶Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSE

LSB 157



HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:27-30 (p.810)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

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

²⁷"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' ²⁸But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

"When I Behold Jesus Christ"

LSB 542

SERMON

"Digging Ourselves into a Hole"

Exodus 32:1-14

Rev. Shea Pennington

EXPLANATION TO THE SECOND ARTICLE OF THE APOSTLES' CREED

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son our Lord?

C: **Yes, I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with silver or gold, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I**

may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. 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 *"Improvisation on 'Min Aynet Fiqir New'" sett'g: Henry V. Gerike*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Christ is our cornerstone, O Lord, and the rock upon which all our hopes rest. Bring to completion all that You have begun in us, and grant to us all things needful and profitable for our salvation, that we might be the people in whom You delight and through whom You show forth Your mercy. Lord, in your mercy

C: **Hear our prayer.**

P: Help us to press on, O Lord, against all enemies and strive for the goal, the upward call in Christ, our Savior. We rejoice that we are not alone but surrounded by a great host of saints and fellow citizens of heaven, here and throughout the world. Bless our unity in doctrine and faith, and help us work as partners in Christ for the advancement of His kingdom. Lord, in your mercy

C: **Hear our prayer.**

P: Guard us, O Lord, against all those who cause strife, whose acts of violence and terror threaten people everywhere, and who seek to destroy order and peace. Bless the service men and women who defend us at home and abroad and all police, firefighters and emergency personnel who work on our behalf. Lord, in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Make our homes places of blessing and love, O Lord, that husbands and wives may honor the promises of their marriage and faithfully care for the children You have given them. Help us to honor Your gift of life from its natural beginning to its natural end. Lord, in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Where people suffer in body or spirit, bring healing and peace, O Lord. Sustain the weary with Your Word, and grant the ill healing according to Your will. We lift before You the names of those requesting our prayers including *Cindy Kemp, Tim Matthews, Dan Senkarik, Laretta Tennyson, Dennis Walkenhorst*, and those named in our hearts... Be with them in their hour of need and comfort them, that they may not be overcome by struggle, grief or pain. Lord, in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Teach us to love You above all things, O Lord, lest we gain possessions and lose our salvation. Lead us to use wisely and for Your will and purpose all the things of this life, and accept with our gratitude the tithes and offerings we bring, tokens of our faith and symbols of our trust in You to give us all that we need. Lord, in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Prepare our hearts, O Lord, to receive for our benefit the blessed food of Christ's body and blood in this Holy Sacrament. Unite us in faith, that this Holy Communion may show forth our common faith and equip us to live together in love as You have loved us and forgiven all our sins. Lord, in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer.

P: All these things we pray, O Lord, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, with whom You reign, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forevermore and taught us to pray:

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



† **HOLY COMMUNION** †

PREFACE

(tune: LSB 422)

P: God the Lord be with you always.

C: God the Lord be with you too.

P: Let us lift our hearts in praising

C: God, to whom all praise is due.

P: Let us thank and praise the Lord. It is saving, right, and good

C: To adore our Lord and Savior everywhere, both now and ever.

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

SANCTUS

(tune: LSB 422)

**Holy, holy, God is holy, He the Lord of might and pow'r,
Filling heav'n and earth with glory, Now He comes to fill this hour.
Hail, Hosanna, David's Son, Blessed is the One who comes
In the Lord's name; high and holy Jesus, save us now, we pray Thee.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

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

C: And also with you.

AGNUS DEI

(tune: LSB 439)

**O dearest Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy
On us poor sinners. Lamb of God have mercy.
You take away the guilt of this world's sinning;
Grant us Your peace, Lord.**

(The congregation may be seated.)

COMMUNION STATEMENT

If you desire to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion, please remember that the Sacrament of Holy Communion is available to those who: ¹Are baptized AND instructed in the Christian faith; ²Examine themselves in a manner appropriate to adult maturity and recognize their own need for forgiveness; ³Believe that the Crucified and Risen Lord is truly present in, with and under the bread and wine; ⁴Believe that in this sacrament God gives us forgiveness of sins and strengthening of faith; ⁵Accept their place of responsibility in the whole church on earth. If this is your sincere belief, then joyfully share this sacrament with us. If this is not your belief, please remain seated for a time of prayer on the many blessings God has given you. If you have any questions, please see a pastor or an elder. Please remember the words of St. Paul, "For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself." (1 Cor. 11:29) For those with dietary restrictions, a light-colored grape juice is also served in the center of the tray, and gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Note: During distribution, one of our pastors will be in the back of the church for a time of individual prayer with anyone desiring.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Not All the Blood of Beasts"

LSB 431

"Glory Be to Jesus"

LSB 433

NUNC DIMITTIS

(tune: LSB 863)

**In peace, Lord, at Your Word, Now let Your servant go;
For I have seen and heard What all the earth must know;
Salvation for the world is here! And Israel's Light shines bright and clear
Upon the nations far and near.**

**Eternal praise and fame Be to our God alone!
We proudly bear His name, Proclaim what He has done.
For our redemption, full and free, To Father, Son and Spirit be
All praise and thanks eternally.**

CLOSING PRAYER

God, reignite the hearts of us all to have a passion for the Gospel. Teach our church to share the Gospel with others. Teach us to live as those who are true bearers of the good news of Jesus Christ. Remind us of our purpose. Convict us of our purpose. Empower us to live our purpose. In Jesus name. Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: May the Almighty God—Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit—gather us from among the nations.

C: That we may give thanks to his holy name and glory in his praise!

P: We are now entering the mission field!

C: 'Here am I! Send me!'

CLOSING SONG

"O Church Arise"

O Church, arise, / and put your armour on; /

Hear the call of Christ our Captain.

For now the weak / can say that they are strong, /

in the strength that God has given.

With shield of faith / and belt of truth / we'll stand against the devil's lies;

An army bold / whose battle cry is Love /

reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, / to love the captive soul, but to rage against the captor;

And with the sword / that makes the wounded whole, /

we will fight with faith and valor.

When faced with trials / on ev'ry side, / we know the outcome is secure.

And Christ will have / the prize for which He died, /

an inheritance of nations.

Come see the cross, / where love and mercy meet, /

as the Son of God is stricken;

Then see His foes / lie crushed beneath His feet, /

for the Conqueror has risen.

And as the stone / is rolled away / and Christ emerges from the grave,

This vict'ry march / continues till the day /

ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.

**So Spirit, come, / put strength in ev'ry stride, /
 give— grace for ev'ry hurdle;
 That we may run / with faith, to win the prize /
 of a servant, good and faithful.**
**As saints of old / still line the way, / retelling triumphs of His grace,
 We hear their calls, / and hunger for the day /
 when, with Christ, we stand in glory.**
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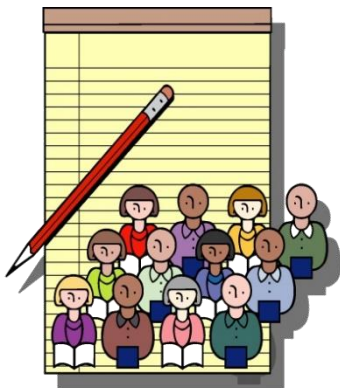
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POSTLUDE

"O Church Arise"

Our New Member Classes

will take place **TODAY**—Sunday, April 7th.



Membership Class

DISCOVERING THE FAITH: This class is designed for those desiring membership in *Hope Lutheran Church* who are coming to us from a non-Lutheran background or have been absent (non-member) from the Lutheran Church for over one year. The format for this class will be casual and informal, so please be comfortable. This class begins at **2:00pm** and will bring us to...

DISCOVERING HOPE: This class will begin at **4:00pm** and is required for ALL those desiring membership in *Hope Lutheran Church*. Together, with the leaders of *Hope*, you will be introduced to all facets of the mission and ministry which the Lord has placed in our hands. *Discovering Hope* will truly enable you to discover *Hope* and the many opportunities for service that God has placed before us as we continually strive to "Connect People to Jesus" (our mission statement). The format for this class will be *casual* and *informal*.

If you are interested in joining *Hope*, please join us!



Make the Connection

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

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



Christ is Risen—Alleluia!

GROWING IN THE GRACE OF GIVING:

“Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the field. Blessed shall be the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground and the fruit of your cattle, the increase of your herds and the young of your flock. Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out” (Deut 28:3-6).

This is God’s promise to the Israelites as they stood beyond the Jordan outside of the Promised Land. He promises blessing to His people. He will make them prosper, whether they are in the city or the field. He will make their fruit of their work to prosper, whether from the ground or their wombs, their flocks or their herds. He will make them to prosper in all things, whether upon their coming in or their going out.

But there’s a catch. He would do this for Israel only “if you obey the voice of the Lord your God” (Deut 28:2b). If they did that, He would cause that “all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you” (Deut 28:2a).

If they didn’t obey the voice of the Lord, if they didn’t keep the commandments of the Lord and walk in His ways (Deut 28:9), they would be met with curse and woe. The blessings would be replaced with curses. Everything that the Lord promised to prosper and bless would be cursed and fail.

Thanks be to God that our Lord Jesus Christ has come into our flesh, fulfilled the law for us – in our place and for our benefit; died for us – in our place and for our benefit; and is risen from the dead for us – in our place and for our benefit.

By this we have justification before God. We are forgiven, clean, holy, and righteous. The blessing of God is promised to us in Christ Jesus. It depends upon His work and not ours.

All this is ours in Holy Baptism. For in Holy Baptism, God claims us as His own, makes us His children, His heirs, His holy people. And so it is that the work of our hands and its fruit is holy because we are holy in Christ. It is pressed into His service, and thereby it becomes a blessing to us and to our neighbor.

For this great gift, our reception of the blessings of God because of Christ Jesus our Lord, it is our duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is not in order to receive blessings but because in Christ we already have.

It is with this in mind that we sit down on the first day of the week and set aside as He has prospered us to give to His church for His work of blessing in our midst (1 Cor. 16:2).

1 Corinthians 16:2

On the first day of every week...set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income...



Connecting Points

TODAY: we continue in the Season of Lent. Lent is a time of deep repentance for the people of God as we focus on the payment God made for our sins through the sacrifice of His only begotten Son on the cross that we might live. **During this time of Lent**, the singing of our "Alleluia's" is omitted from the vocabulary of the church until we sing them again on the **Day of Resurrection**. While Lent is a season that lasts 40 days, Sundays are NOT included as every Sunday is a mini celebration of our Lord's Easter victory. The color of the season is *PURPLE*~ the color of repentance and royalty as we reflect on our sins and give thanks for our Lenten King of Glory.



EASTER LILIES: We continue accepting orders **TODAY** for you to place Easter Lilies to adorn our Lord's altar on **Easter Sunday** (may be taken home **following the 10:30 worship service**). There is a limit of 60 plants so please be sure to get your order in as soon as possible. Be sure to submit your order on the insert provided, and please be sure to CLEARLY PRINT your information. Cost is \$7.00/plant and MUST accompany order insert. No order accepted after **April 14th (Palm Sunday OR all 60 plants have been adopted.**
PLANTS REMAINING: 28



INVITES ARE HERE: We have our Holy Week/Easter invitations available **TODAY** for you to share with your favorite "peeps." So, start thinking NOW whom you are going to invite to celebrate the resurrection of Lord! Remember, it is everyone's job to *INVITE, INVITE, INVITE!*



IT'S IN THERE: Check your mailbox...there you will find your **April** calendar and Servant Schedule. Please be sure to take yours home with you and share what God is doing among us with family and friends AND invite them to join you!



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**.



NOTES OF ENCOURAGEMENT: Our brother in Christ, *Dan Senkarik* is currently at *Palm Gardens of Winter Haven*. Please be sure to send *Dan* a note of encouragement at: *Palm Gardens, 1120 Cypress Gardens Blvd., Winter Haven, FL, 33884*. He would love to hear from his Hope family!





FINAL MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICE: is **THIS WEDNESDAY**. Then we enter Holy Week and its many services as we remember our Lord's passion, death, and resurrection. Be sure to set aside the time to worship with us and **INVITE** a friend!



RIDE NEEDED: We have been contacted by a college student that will be at the *Fairfield Inn* and would like to worship with us **NEXT SUNDAY—Palm Sunday**. She will NOT have any transportation to or from Hope and would like to attend the **10:30AM worship that Sunday**. Please contact *Jessica* or *Pastor Pfeffer* if you are able to assist. Thanks in advance for your assistance!



NEXT SUNDAY: at our **10:30 worship**, we will welcome a number of new brothers and sisters in Christ to our Hope family! Please be sure to join us so you can meet and welcome them all to the family!



LENTEN DEVOTIONS: Our *Florida Georgia District* is providing daily Lenten devotions on their website (flgadistrict.org) written by our District Staff, Circuit Visitors and Board of Directors. *Pastor Pfeffer's* (Circuit Visitor) devotion scheduled for **April 14th**. The theme for these devotions is "Let Jesus Be Seen in 2019!"

PLEASE REMEMBER: to fill your Lenten folders and return them on **Easter Sunday**.

LIVING HOPE & HOPE STUDIES: return for the Spring quarter on **Wednesday, April 24th** at **6:30PM**. Be sure to join us as we continue to bask in the glow of Easter!

BLACK SHEEP, white sheep, wooly sheep, and cute little lambs... **WHICH ONE ARE YOU?** Scripture often refers to us as "sheep" ...not turtles, not chickens...but sheep. There's a reason why... and it's rather humorous, too. Come join us on **THURSDAY MORNINGS at 10:30** in the Stephen Ministry classroom for Bible Class and learn the funny side and the loving side of this story. Each participant will receive their own copy of the book as a keepsake—because it's a real 'treasure.'

Leader: Mary Lou Nash

Let's Spring some Sunshine into our Shut-Ins' Homes!

Your Human Care Ministry Team is **now** collecting a variety of items to prepare Love Baskets to share with those Shut-ins in our congregation in need of a bit of sunshine. Please bring the following items **through Easter Sunday**, and place in the basket in the Narthex:

- small tissue packets
- small flashlights w/batteries
- greeting cards w/verses (NOT blank inside)
- stamps
- pens
- hand lotion
- wash cloths
- bags of mints
- financial donations are also

welcome and greatly appreciated



***Thanks in advance for your help as we spring
forward sharing the love of Jesus!***

please join us for

THE WEDDING OF

Holly Neuhaus & Shea Pennington

April 27th, 2019

Hope Lutheran Church
Plant City, Florida
Three O'Clock In The Afternoon

A Brief Reception to Follow in Fellowship Hall

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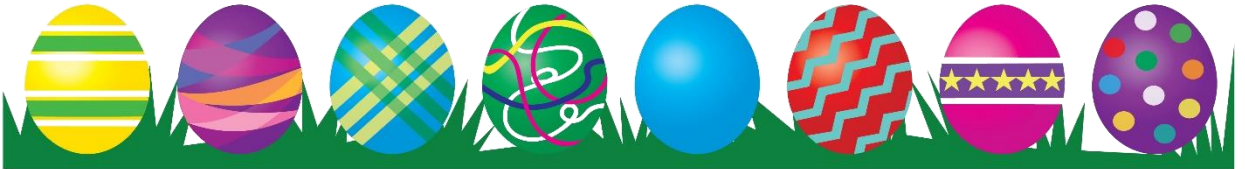


It's Easter Egg-Stravagana time again...

and your Christian Growth Ministry Team needs your help to bring some old-fashioned fun to the children's celebration of Christ's Resurrection. Please bring candy-filled plastic eggs through **Maundy Thursday, April 18**. Please follow these tips:

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

Thank you for your continuing and generous support!



Easter Sunday at Hope

Easter Breakfast—8:15AM, Fellowship Hall

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

Hosted by Hope's Elders Ministry Team

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

Story, Craft and Egg Hunt

Hosted by Hope's Christian Growth Ministry Team



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

SERMON *on the* MOUNT

LENT 2019

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: Taco Bar

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

A SERIES of SERVICES for the SEASON of LENT

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

April 14—Palm Sunday

8:00 & 10:30AM Worship

4:00PM Spanish Worship w/Holy Communion

April 18—Maundy Thursday

5:00PM Spanish Worship w/Holy Communion

6:30PM Worship w/Holy Communion

(concluding with the Stripping of the Altar)

April 19—Good Friday

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

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

April 21—Easter Sunday

**7:00AM Sunrise Festival Worship
w/Holy Communion**

8:15AM Easter Breakfast

9:15AM Easter Egg-Stravaganza

**10:30AM Festival Worship
w/Holy Communion**

**4:00PM Spanish Worship
w/Holy Communion**

5:00PM Spanish Egg-Stravaganza

I know that my Redeemer lives! Job 19:25

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*



YOUTH DATES

April 12—Game Night, 6:00PM

May 1—Youth Group, 6:30PM

May 8—Youth Group, 6:30PM

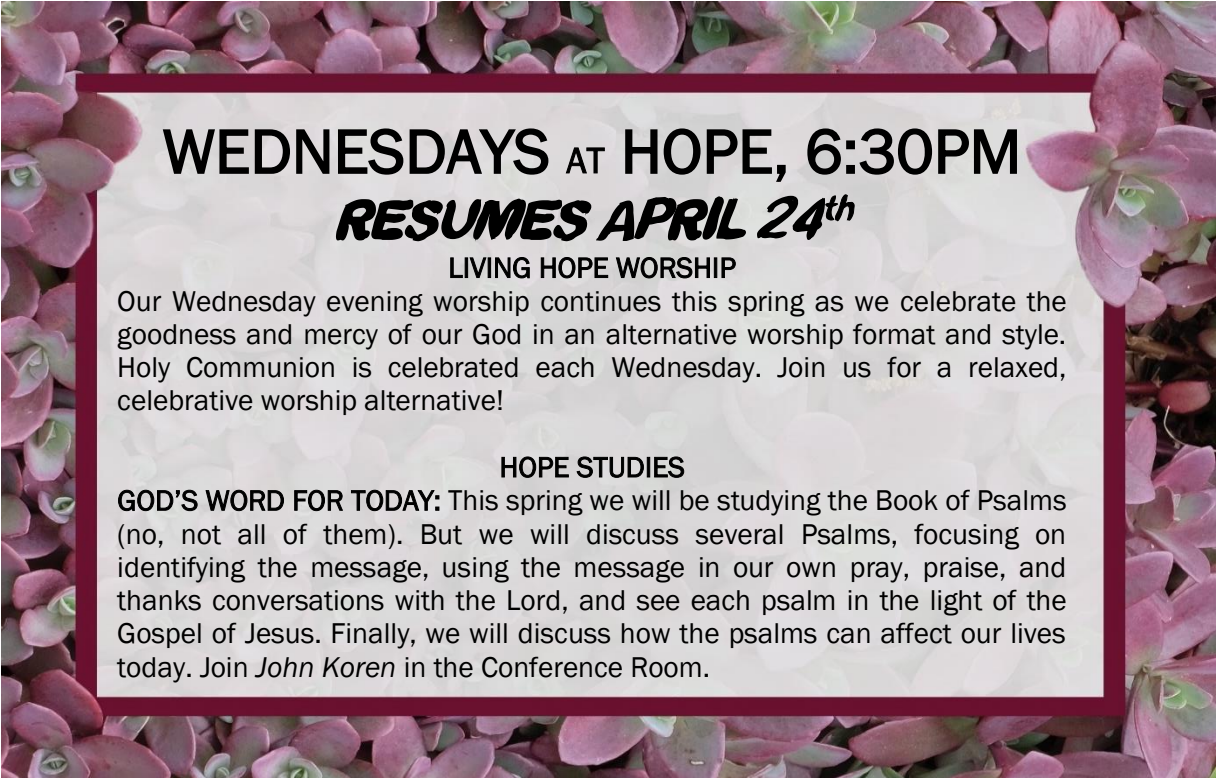
May 12—Host Mother's Day Brunch

May 15—Youth-led Worship, 6:30PM

May 22—Youth Group, 6:30PM

Grades 6 through 12—friends are always welcome!

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



WEDNESDAYS AT HOPE, 6:30PM

RESUMES APRIL 24th

LIVING HOPE WORSHIP

Our Wednesday evening worship continues this spring 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

GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY: This spring we will be studying the Book of Psalms (no, not all of them). But we will discuss several Psalms, focusing on identifying the message, using the message in our own pray, praise, and thanks conversations with the Lord, and see each psalm in the light of the Gospel of Jesus. Finally, we will discuss how the psalms can affect our lives today. Join *John Koren* in the Conference Room.



Moses prayed that God would spare the people, and God heard his prayer.

Read the story and answer the question below it. Use the letters from the answer to complete the words of Moses' prayer.

Saturday morning, Chad and Christy were biking to the church. Chad said, "I think we are going the wrong way. The sun is to our left, so that is east. We must be going south. We need to turn around and go the opposite direction."

When they turned around, which direction were they going?

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In Our Thoughts and Prayers

SHUT-INS:

Andy Anderson
Diane Bates
Bonnie Genrich
Dorothy Maltzahn

Liz Miller
Dan Senkarik
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:

Dalton & Megan

grandchildren of Gloria Klockziem's friend—serious car accident; life-support
daughter of Hope's former UPS driver—serious health concerns

Steven Hearne

friend of Mack & Sheila Goethe—surgery

Darlene Landstrom

family of Jessica Griffin—heart/health concerns

Tim Matthews

health concerns; medical testing

Chris Neubauer

family of Jessica Griffin—hospitalized; serious health concerns

CURRENT REQUESTS:

Jack Goetsch

hospitalized; health concerns

Julie Harding

friend of Mack & Sheila Goethe—anticipating medical test results

Cindy Kemp

recovering from surgery

Mike MacDonald

brother of Ron MacDonald—health concerns

Dennis Mansell

ex-husband of Christine Mansell—health concerns; anticipating leg amputation

Dan Senkarik

health concerns

Donna Simmons

health concerns

Lauretta Tennyson

health concerns

Linda Watson

recovering from car accident

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 (4/7/2019) ARE:

Bell Ringer	10:30/Jalyn Aigner
Acolyte	10:30/Bryan Greatens
Lector	8:00/John Koren; 10:30/Mary Lou Nash
Elder on Duty	8:00/Lonnie Bertsch; 10:30/Mike McMinn
Communion Assistant	8:00/Lonnie Bertsch; 10:30/Mike McMinn
Flowers	Walkenhorst family
Offerings	Dale & Jonie Wenzel
Ushers	Team 3
	8:00/Lonnie Bertsch,* Diane Bertsch, Tom Reagin;
	10:30/ Stuart Howell,* Judy Adkins, Matt Finney, Wendell Lattz, Jack Moberg

*Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by
Dennis & Carol Walkenhorst*

SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEDNESDAY (4/10/2019) ARE:

Acolyte	6:30/Keaira Griffin
Lector	6:30/Keaira Griffin
Elder on Duty	6:30/Wayne Warner
Ushers	Youth

SERVING OUR LORD NEXT SUNDAY (4/14/2019) ARE:

Bell Ringer	10:30/Donald Finney
Crucifer	8:00/Kristin Reagin; 10:30/Jules Kinkad
Lector	8:00/Cindy Kemp; 10:30/Cathie Warner
Elder on Duty	8:00/Wayne Warner; 10:30/Todd Warner
Flowers	Szostkiewicz family
Offerings	Alison Reaume & Cathie Warner
Ushers	Team 1
	8:00/Wayne Warner,* David Booher, David Niver, Jeff Reaume;
	10:30/ Todd Warner,* Mack Goethe, Billy Mueller, Jim Szostkiewicz

SERVING OUR LORD THIS MONTH OF APRIL:

Altar Guild	Yolanda Heipp & Dora Mueller
Nurse	Sally Kimbrell (813-758-8873)