



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 4/28	8:00 & 10:30	Worship
	9:15	Family Bible Hour
	11:30	LCMS Convention Committee Meeting
	4:00	Spanish Worship w/Communion
Monday 4/29	9:00	Quilting
	6:30	Choir
Tuesday 4/30	6:30	VBS Volunteer Meeting
Wednesday 5/1	6:30	Living Hope Worship
	6:30	Hope Studies
	6:30	Youth Group
Saturday 5/4	8:00	Trustees workday
Sunday 5/5		Deadline—Voters’ Meeting Reports Begin Summer Worship
	9:15	Worship w/Communion
	4:00	Spanish Worship w/Communion

Worship Attendance / Communion:

Maundy Thursday, April 18, 2019:

Spanish Worship: 5:00: 9/6
Worship: 6:30: 71/71

Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019:

Worship: 7:00: 128/108 **10:30:** 184/122
Spanish Worship: 4:00: 41/28

Good Friday, April 19, 2019

Worship: 98

Offerings—General Fund: \$12,902.34

Stewardship Perspective:

John 20:19 – “On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ ” Fear is the opposite of faith; that is the cringing fear we have in the face of something that is hostile to us and more powerful than we are. Jesus spends a lot of His time telling the disciples to not be afraid. Our fears constantly hem us in and prevent us from following the Lord’s will. But there is no need to fear. Jesus has conquered. No fear can keep us locked up. We have been set free by Jesus for lives that declare His marvelous deeds.

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!



Second Sunday Of Easter

April 28, 2019

AS WE GATHER

Jesus said to Thomas, "Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." Though we don't have the privilege of seeing Jesus in person as Thomas, the disciples, and many others did, we do have the privilege of seeing Jesus in the Word. We have the privilege of being touched by Jesus in Holy Baptism. And we have the privilege of being in communion with Jesus in the Lord's Supper. Jesus still comes through the "locked doors" we may have and brings a blessed peace to us as He did in the flesh long ago!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELLS

OPENING SONG

"I Will Rise"

**There's a peace I've come to know Though my heart and flesh may fail
There's an anchor for my soul I can say it is well**

(Pre-Chorus) **Jesus has overcome And the grave is overwhelmed
The victory is won He is risen from the dead**

(Chorus)

**And I will rise when He calls my name No more sorrow no more pain
I will rise on eagle's wings Before my God fall on my knees and rise
I will rise**

**There's a day that's drawing near When this darkness breaks to light
And the shadows disappear And my faith shall be my eyes**

(Pre-Chorus & Chorus)

(Bridge) **And I hear the voice of many angels sing Worthy is the Lamb
And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart Worthy is the Lamb
And I hear the voice of many angels sing Worthy is the Lamb
And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart Worthy is the Lamb
Worthy is the Lamb** *(Chorus)*

I will rise...I will rise

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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: Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: This is the day the Lord has made!

C: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

P: Through Him we are risen to new life!

C: **We are and will be risen indeed!**

P: Because Jesus is alive forevermore,

C: **in Him we will live also!**

P: As we gather together in the new life Christ has won for us, we confess our sins to God and ask His forgiveness. We do this regularly so that we might hear again the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ. Paul writes, "Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life." Reflect upon and confess your sins before God. *(Silence for reflection and confession)* We confess:

C: **Most merciful God, we are unworthy of Your love because we have sinned by what we have done and left undone. We have at times abandoned the new life given to us through our Savior's work by sinning against You and others in thought, word, and deed. We lock up in ourselves feelings of guilt, shame, and doubt. We often seek peace for ourselves in ways outside of the peace for our souls that Christ has come to bring. Forgive us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

P: Jesus says, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades."

Upon your confession I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce to you the forgiveness of all your sins. In the victory Christ has won for us, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. God keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit, lead you in ways of peace and joy, and finally bring you to live with Him forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: God grant it for Jesus' sake. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

"Christ Is Risen"

**Let no one caught in sin remain, inside the lie of inward shame,
But fix our eyes upon the cross, and run to Him— who showed great love—
And bled, for us, freely You've bled, for us.**

(Chorus) **Christ is risen from the dead, trampling over death by death
Come awake, come awake, come and rise up from the grave.
Christ is risen from the dead, we are one with Him again
Come awake, come awake, come and rise up from the grave. *(Pause)***

**Beneath the weight of all our sin, you bowed to none but heaven's will;
No scheme of hell, no scoffer's crown, no burden great- can hold You down—
In strength, You reign; forever let Your church, pro-claim. *(Chorus)***

(Bridge) **O / death / where is your sting? / O / hell, / where is your victory?
O / church, come stand in the light; / the glory of God has defeated the night.
Singing: O / death / where is your sting? / O hell, / where is your victory?
O / church, come stand in the light; / our God is not dead,
He's alive, He's alive! *(Chorus)***

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. O God, amid doubts and fears,

C: Your gift of faith gives us the confidence that You are continually by our side because Jesus lives forevermore.

P: As we wait until that day of unending glory with Him, teach us to live the lives you've given as a reflection of Your love,

C: that we serve You and others in truth and give honor to You;

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

C: now and forever. Amen.



FIRST READING

Acts 5:12-20 (p.913)

(God's Word goes out to the people through the apostles.)

¹²Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. ¹³None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. ¹⁴And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, ¹⁵so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. ¹⁶The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. ¹⁷But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy ¹⁸they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. ¹⁹But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, ²⁰"Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Revelation 1:4-18 (p.1028)

(John's vision of Christ's eternal glory)

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. ⁸"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." ⁹I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. ¹⁰I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet ¹¹saying, "Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea." ¹²Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. ¹⁴The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, ¹⁵his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. ¹⁶In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength. ¹⁷When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, ¹⁸and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE



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



P: These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



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

C:

HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19-31 (p.906)

(Jesus appears to disciples hiding behind locked doors and brings peace by His resurrection.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

P: On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, even so I am sending you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld." Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them,

C: **"Unless I see in His hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into His side, I will never believe."**

P: Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see My hands; and put out your hand, and place it in My side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." Thomas answered Him,

C: **"My Lord and my God!"**

P: Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but

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

"Christ Is the Way, the Truth, the Life"

Todd Kendall

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. With Thomas, whose doubt and fear wrestled against his faith, we pray You, Lord, to strengthen our weakness, embolden us in our trepidation, ease our anxieties and help us trust in You for forgiveness of all our sins, for the new life granted to us in Baptism and for the gift of eternal salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: With the disciples behind locked doors, we pray You, Lord, to release us from the prison of our fears so that we may make known the joyous good news of Christ's death that paid the price of sin and His resurrection that has bestowed upon us the promise of eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: With our brothers and sisters in Christ, we pray You, Lord, to lead and guide our president; the Congress; our governor; the legislature of our state; and all who make, administer and judge our laws. Protect and defend those within our community who enforce the rule of law, respond in emergency and disaster, and guard our liberty here and abroad. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: With concern for the wounded and hurting, we pray You, Lord, to grant the sick and suffering healing and relief according to Your will. Hear us on behalf of those for whom our prayers have been requested including *Tim Matthews, Dan Senkarik, Rayetta Stare, Laretta Tennyson* and those we lift to You in our hearts... Be the comfort of those who grieve and the peace of those at the last, that they may know the joy of Your presence in all their sorrows and afflictions. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: With grateful hearts for all Your mercies, we pray You, Lord, to teach us to use wisely all Your gifts and with a grateful heart to be generous with those in need. Give us a willing heart to return to You the tithes and

offerings that testify to our faith and evidence our gratitude for all Your gifts, that neither Your work nor Your Church should suffer any lack. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: With joyful hearts we lift up Shea and Holly as they were united in marriage yesterday. Bless them and keep them as they daily grow in faith toward You and love toward one another. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: With confidence in Your mercy, we pray You, Lord, to give us all things good and beneficial to us and to our salvation and to keep from us all things harmful; through Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, who taught us to pray:

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

CLOSING PRAYER

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

BENEDICTION

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: Because Jesus is alive forevermore,

C: in Him we will live also!

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 SONG "Resurrection Power"

**You called me from the grave by name...You called me out of all my shame.
I see the old has passed away. The new / has / come.**

(Chorus) **Now, I have resurrection power living on the inside.
Jesus, You have given us freedom...No longer bound by sins and darkness,
Living in the light of Your goodness, You have given us freedom.**

**I'm dressed in Your royalty...Your Holy Spirit lives in me.
I see my past has been redeemed. The new / has / come. *(Chorus)***

(Bridge) **Freedom, You have given us freedom. You have given us freedom.
My chains are gone... Freedom, You have given us freedom,
You have given us freedom. Hallelujah. *(Chorus)***

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Connecting Points

TODAY: the church continues to celebrate the "Resurrection of our Lord." The season of Easter lasts for **7 Sundays** and culminates with the Festival of Pentecost (**50 days after**



Easter). During Easter, the Pascal Candle is lit to remind us of our Lord's physical presence on earth following His resurrection until His ascension to the right hand of God the Father. During this season we "resurrect" our "Alleluias" which have been buried since the beginning of Lent. The color of the season is *WHITE*~ the color of purity and completeness as we rejoice in the Lord and what He has done for us through the suffering, death and resurrection of our Lord.



CHECK YOUR MAILBOXES: because YOUR **May** calendar and servant schedule is there just waiting for you to take it home...and then share all that God is doing with family and friends!



Sermons Are
Online

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 find our Sunday morning messages. Sermons are posted on **Monday mornings**.

LIVING HOPE & HOPE STUDIES: have returned for the Spring **every Wednesday beginning at 6:30PM**. Be sure to join us as we continue to bask in the glow of Easter!



FROM OUR ELDERS: Following prayerful discussion, it was decided at our **April 4th meeting**, that effective **NEXT SUNDAY, May 5th**, we will begin our summer worship schedule with Sunday worship at **9:15AM**, Family Bible Hour at **10:30AM**, Spanish Worship at **4:00PM**, and Living Hope Worship, **Wednesdays at 6:30PM** along with Hope Studies.

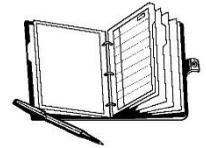


MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS: Please remember that your reports for the **May 19th Voters' Meeting** are due to Jessica in the church office **by NEXT SUNDAY, May 5th** to insure reports are distributed by **May 12th**. Thanks in advance for your assistance!



ATTENTION USHERS & ELDERS: Pastor Pfeffer will be ordering name tags. If you do not have one, or cannot find yours, please contact Pastor Pfeffer (hopepcpastor@gmail.com). **Deadline is May 6th**. We ask that you please WEAR your name tag **every time you serve**. Remember, we may know you but the visitor that walks in the door for the first time may not know you.

MONTHLY MINISTRY TEAMS NIGHT: The following ministry teams will meet on **Tuesday, May 7th** at **6:30PM** in *Fellowship Hall: Christian Growth, Elders, Fellowship, Health, Human Care, and Missions & Outreach*. Please make every effort to attend as this allows greater communication and working together between the teams.



NEW ELDER: At the **April Board of Director's meeting**, the recommendation from our *Elders Ministry Team* was moved and accepted to appoint *Jim Carnicelli* to our *Elders Ministry Team*. We are pleased to welcome *Jim* to this ministry team at *Hope*, a position in which he has previously served before joining the *Hope* family.



MORE BLESSED TO GIVE: At our **April Board of Director's meeting**, and shared at both worship services on **April 14th**, the proceeds (\$8,500) of both *Turkey Supper* and *Strawberry Festival Peanut Booth* have joyfully been distributed to the following to Connect People to Jesus: *Plant City Family YMCA, United Food Bank of Plant City, Redeeming Life Ministries, InterVarsity at HCC Plant City Campus, Meals on Wheels, Hope Schools in Kenya, Thrivent Action Teams, and Vacation Bible School.*



THRIVENT ACTION TEAMS: THRIVENT will provide action team grants to THRIVENT members for \$250.00. Through the funds received from our *Turkey Supper* and *Strawberry Festival Peanut Booth*, we will add an additional \$100 to your team. There is a limit of \$500 available for this matching incentive, so plan your action team now! For additional information contact *Pastor Pfeffer* or *Dodie Walker*. For THRIVENT information see *Brian Heipp*.



COURTYARD UPGRADE: Special thanks to *Kathy Drapp, Stuart Howell, and Keaira Griffin* for all the hard work **before Easter** to spruce up the courtyard area for the *Easter Egg-Stravaganza* and beyond! It looks **AMAZING!** THANK YOU!



WINTER VISTORS & FRIENDS: We realize that within the **next few weeks** many of you will be north again **until next fall**. We ask that you please contact *Jessica (813-752-4622 or hopepcsecretary@gmail.com)* in the church office so that we make the needed changes for your mail, etc. We pray God's hand of safety on your journey, and we look forward to seeing you again in the fall. God be with you till we meet again!



BE SURE TO CHECK OUT: the new member board in the back of the church for pictures of our newest brothers and sisters in Christ who recently became a part of our *Hope* family.



MOVED: Our sister in Christ, Joyce Warner, recently moved to Azalea Oaks Assisted Living. To assist in her transition, notes of encouragement from her *Hope family* would be greatly appreciated. You can send your notes to Joyce at: Azalea Oaks, 902 Charlie Griffin Road, Plant City, 33566. Thanks in advance for your love and support!



A FRIENDLY REMINDER: All announcements for our Sunday bulletins are due to Jessica (hopepcsecretary@mail.com) by **NOON, TUESDAYS**. In order to prepare bulletins in a timely manner, this deadline is required. Thanks in advance for your assistance and cooperation.

HEAR YE! HEAR YE! CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Date: May 19, 2019

Time: 10:30AM (*Immediately Following Worship*)

Place: In the Sanctuary

PROPOSED AGENDA:

- Approval of minutes from November 2018
- Approval of Pastors' Reports
- Approval of Ministry Team Reports
- Building committee Update

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY TEAM POT BLESS TO FOLLOW!

Please bring **only a side dish** to share;

Fellowship will provide a main dish;

Board of Directors will provide desserts.

NOTE: Voters' Meeting information packet will be available by 5/12.



Spring Worship

Begins May 5th

SUNDAYS

9:15AM—Worship

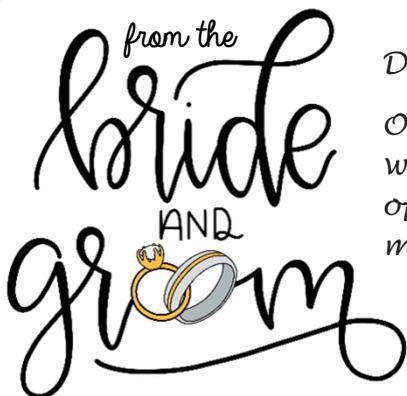
10:30AM—Family Bible Hour

4:00PM—Spanish Worship

WEDNESDAYS

6:30PM—Living Hope Worship

6:30PM—Hope Studies



Dear Family of Hope,

Our wedding wouldn't have been complete without the love, support, and generosity of our church family. Thank you for making our big day so blessed!

With Love,

Rev. Shea and Holly Pennington

FL-GA District Region 3

Space Coast, Orlando East, Orlando West and Winter Haven Circuits

**Outreach Workshop and
Regional Pastors Conference**

(each pastor should bring 3-4 outreach minded people)

Rev. Mike Mast, former Mission Facilitator for the Northern Illinois District and Five-Two coach, will be sharing practical tips and strategies to share God's love.

Saturday, May 4, 2019

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Orlando

1515 S. Semoran Blvd., Orlando, FL 32807

Lunch provided. Please bring a non-perishable item that can be shared with the community through Prince of Peace's Food Pantry Outreach. Cost of the conference covered through Circuit Outreach Funds for Region 3, FLGA District.

See Pastor Pfeffer for more info or to attend.

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*



YOUTH DATES

May 1—Youth Group, 6:30PM

May 8—Youth Group, 6:30PM

May 15—Youth-led Worship, 6:30PM

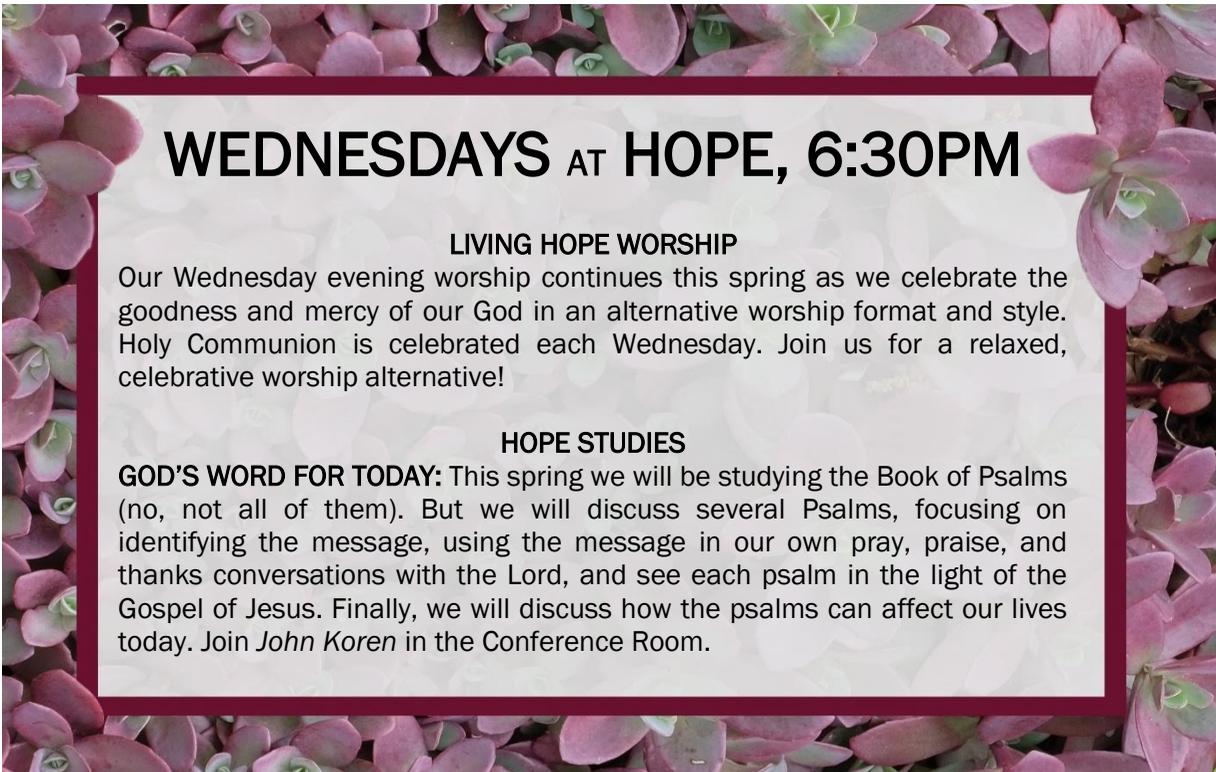
May 22—Youth Group, 6:30PM

May 29—Youth Group, 6:30PM

June 1—Fun Under the SON

Grades 6 through 12—friends are always welcome!

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



WEDNESDAYS AT HOPE, 6:30PM

LIVING HOPE WORSHIP

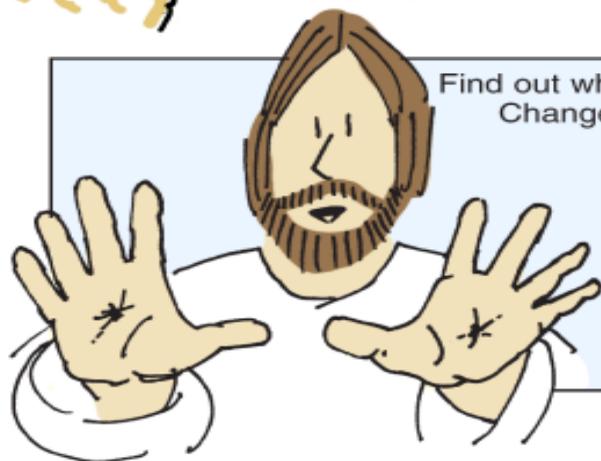
Our Wednesday evening worship continues this spring as we celebrate the goodness and mercy of our God in an alternative worship format and style. Holy Communion is celebrated each Wednesday. Join us for a relaxed, celebrative worship alternative!

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.



Thomas was not with the other disciples when Jesus appeared to them. He doubted what they told him. He needed to see the nail marks to know it was Jesus.



Find out what Jesus later said to Thomas.
Change the letters as shown here.

T to S	Q to R	W to V
G to B	M to L	C to D
V to U	R to P	H to G
S to T	L to N	K to M
I to O	Z to Y	E to A
O to I	A to E	

“ T S I R C I V G S O L H

E L C G A M O A W A !”

And what did Thomas say?

“ K Z M I Q C E L C K Z H I C !”

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

SHUT-INS:

Andy Anderson
Diane Bates
Bonnie Genrich
Dorothy Maltzahn

Liz Miller
Dan Senkarik
Mark Stefanos
Tom Thomas
Joyce Warner

LEADERS:

Pastor Dean & Liz Pfeiffer
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:

Kyle Kirkland & family friend of Patrick, Jessica & Keaira Griffin—mourning sudden death of Kyle's father
friend of Jeff & Theresa Justice—brain cancer
Rayetta Stare hospitalized; recovering from stroke

CURRENT REQUESTS:

Rev. Tom & Madeline Block & family mourning death of Madeline's mother
Dalton & Megan grandchildren of Gloria Klockziem's friend—serious car accident; life-support
daughter of Hope's former UPS driver—serious health concerns
Jack Goetsch rehab; health concerns
Steven Hearne friend of Mack & Sheila Goethe—surgery
Darlene Landstrom family of Jessica Griffin—heart/health concerns
Dennis Mansell ex-husband of Christine Mansell—health concerns; anticipating leg amputation
Tim Matthews health concerns; medical testing
Dan Senkarik health concerns
Donna Simmons health concerns
Lauretta Tennyson health concerns

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 (4/28/2019) ARE:

Bell Ringer	10:30/Jackson Venrick
Lector	8:00/Carl Bergner; 10:30/Alex Drapp
Elder on Duty	8:00/Todd Warner; 10:30/Jim Drapp
Flowers	Pennington family
Offerings	Wendell & Pam Lattz
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
Shea & Holly Pennington in honor of their wedding day*

SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEDNESDAY (5/1/2019) ARE:

Lector	6:30/Tena Matthews
Elder on Duty	6:30/Todd Warner

SERVING OUR LORD NEXT SUNDAY (5/5/2019) ARE:

Bell Ringer	9:15/Alex Attalla
Acolyte	9:15/Nathan Gall
Lector	9:15/John Koren
Elder on Duty	9:15/Mike McMinn
Communion Assistant	9:15/Mike McMinn
Flowers	McMinn & G. Miller families
Offerings	Dale & Jonie Wenzel
Ushers	Team 1

8:00/Wayne Warner,* David Booher, David Niver, Jeff Reaume

SERVING OUR LORD THIS MONTH OF MAY:

Altar Guild	Yolanda Heipp & Kathy Norris
Nurse	April Walkenhorst (813-951-8239)