



**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*

LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD

# Welcome to Hope

## SUNDAYS

9:15AM—Worship  
10:30AM—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:*

<b>Sunday 11/17</b>	9:15	Worship w/Communion
	10:30	Voter's Meeting & Pot Bless
	4:00	Spanish Worship w/Communion
<b>Monday 11/18</b>	9:00	Quilting
	5:30	Bell Choir
	6:30	Choir
<b>Tuesday 11/19</b>	10:30	GriefShare— <i>final meeting</i>
<b>Wednesday 11/20</b>	6:30	Youth-led Living Hope Worship w/Communion
	6:30	Hope Studies
<b>Thursday 11/21</b>	10:30	Bible Study
<b>Sunday 11/24</b>	9:15	Worship
	10:30	Family Bible Hour
	4:00	Spanish Worship w/Communion
	5:00	Spanish Ministry Thanksgiving Event

*Worship Attendance / Communion:*

**Wednesday, November 6, 2019:**

**Worship: 6:30:** 22/22

**Hope Studies:** 6

**Sunday, November 10, 2019:**

**Worship: 9:15:** 116

**FBH: Adults: 0 Youth: 0 Children: 0**

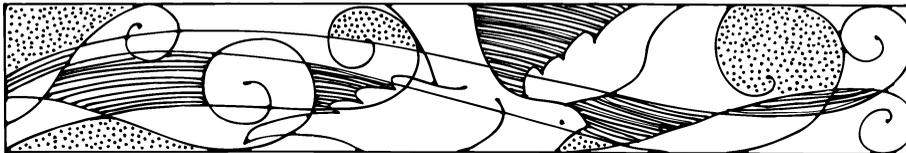
**Spanish Worship: 4:00:** 16/10

Offerings—General Fund: \$7,240.00

*Stewardship Perspective:*

**Luke 21:6 – “As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.”** Everything in this world is headed for the graveyard, but some things are also destined to rise from the grave. On that Day of Resurrection, as we look back on our earthly life, what will we see? What will have really mattered? This is a good question to ask ourselves in this season of the Church Year that focuses on the Last Things.





## *Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost*

**November 17, 2019**

### **AS WE GATHER**

*During Holy Week, Jesus announced that the temple would be destroyed, and that started a discussion about calamities in history and the Last Day. All that Jesus said would happen is already part of history: wars, earthquakes, famines, floods, and astronomical events. The signs of the times tell us the Last Day is near. For some people, it will be a time of judgment, but for followers of our Lord, His return will be a sign that our "redemption is drawing near." Malachi says in joy they "shall go out leaping like calves from the stall." And the psalm calls on all creation to rejoice. Even the rivers should "clap their hands!" Before that Last Day, Paul urges, we ought to rely on the Lord's faithfulness, get to work, and try not to be a burden to anyone. Today is already a day to "sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things" (Psalm 98:1).*

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **RINGING OF THE BELLS**

**PRELUDE AND MEDITATION** "O Grosser Gott" *sett'g: Matthew Machemer*  
*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** "O God of God, O Light of Light" *LSB 810*

### **INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

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

**C:** **Amen.**

**P:** When many say, "The time is at hand,"

**C:** **do not go after them.**

P: When you hear of wars and tumults,

**C: do not be terrified.**

P: When you are brought before kings and governors for My name's sake,

**C: I will give you a mouth and wisdom.**

P: When these things begin to take place,

**C: straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.**

P: Looking toward Christ's return in judgment and the gracious gift of His own righteousness, let us confess our sins to God, our Father.

**C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We are bound to sin without Your forgiveness and help. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will this day and walk in Your ways until the dawning of the day of Your return. Amen.**

P: Before we were born, almighty God gave His Son to die for you; He is the "sun of righteousness." Because of your Baptism into the death and resurrection of Christ, each day He declares you righteous for Jesus' sake. When our Lord returns, we "shall go out leaping like calves from the stall." As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## **KYRIE**

P: Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

**C: Christ, have mercy.**

P: The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: The LORD will keep you from all evil; He will keep your life.

**C: Lord, hear our prayer.**

P: The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

**C: Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE** "Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun" LSB 868; vs. 1, 3, 5 & 6



1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun Thy dai - ly  
3 All praise to Thee, who safe hast kept And hast re -  
5 Di - rect, con - trol, sug - gest this day All I de -  
△ 6 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all



stage of du - ty run; Shake off dull sloth and  
freshed me while I slept; Grant, Lord, when I from  
sign or do or say That all my pow'rs with  
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye



joy - ful rise To pay thy morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
death shall wake, I may of end - less light par - take.  
all their might In Thy sole glo - ry may u - nite.  
heav'n - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, Your Son promised to return to judge the world.

**C: By Your Holy Spirit keep us strong in faith that we straighten up as our redemption draws near and welcome the joyful new day as it dawns;**

P: through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**



## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Malachi 4:1-6 (p.802)*

*(Malachi foretells the Day of the Lord and Elijah's coming.)*

<sup>1</sup>"For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. <sup>2</sup>But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. <sup>3</sup>And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>4</sup>"Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel. <sup>5</sup>"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. <sup>6</sup>And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

*2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 (p.990)*

*(Paul urges keeping busy each day and not being burdensome.)*

<sup>6</sup>Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. <sup>7</sup>For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, <sup>8</sup>nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. <sup>9</sup>It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. <sup>10</sup>For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. <sup>11</sup>For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. <sup>12</sup>Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. <sup>13</sup>As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSE***"O Sing to the Lord"*

LSB 808; vs. 1 &amp; 5



1 O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song. O sing to the  
5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! For Je - sus is  
Lord, O sing God a new song. O sing to the Lord, O  
Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! For Je - sus is Lord! A -  
sing God a new song. O sing to our God, O sing to our God.  
men! Al - le - lu - ia! O sing to our God, O sing to our God.

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**HOLY GOSPEL***Luke 21:5-28 (p.880)*

*(Jesus foretells both the destruction of  
Jerusalem and the events of the Last Day.)*

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

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

<sup>5</sup>And while some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, he said, <sup>6</sup>"As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down." <sup>7</sup>And they asked him, "Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?" <sup>8</sup>And he said, "See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is at hand!' Do not go after them. <sup>9</sup>And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once." <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. <sup>11</sup>There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. <sup>12</sup>But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. <sup>13</sup>This will be your opportunity to bear witness. <sup>14</sup>Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, <sup>15</sup>for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. <sup>16</sup>You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. <sup>17</sup>You will be hated by all for my name's sake. <sup>18</sup>But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup>By your endurance you will gain your lives. <sup>20</sup>"But when you see

Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. <sup>21</sup>Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it, <sup>22</sup>for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written. <sup>23</sup>Alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this people. <sup>24</sup>They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled. <sup>25</sup>"And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, <sup>26</sup>people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *"Herald, Sound the Note of Judgment"*

*LSB 511*

**SERMON**

*"The Time is Coming"*  
*Rev. Dean Pfeffer*

*Luke 21:5-28*

## **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**

*"New Malden"*

*sett'g: Michael D. Costello*

## **PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

**P:** Holy God, mighty Lord, hear Your people as they pray, and grant to them all things needful and beneficial according to Your gracious promise in Christ, our Lord. Praise to You, O Lord, for You have done marvelous things and laid bare Your arm to save Your people. Deliver Your Church from all her enemies and from those who battle against Your Word. Sustain us through the fears and trials of these latter days, and raise up faithful pastors who will secure Your people in faith through the ministry of Your Word and Sacraments. Bless those preparing for full-time church work and considering church-work vocations. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**P:** Glory to You, O Lord, for You have remembered Your steadfast love to Your people and redeemed them through the blood of Your only Son. Strengthen Your people in their baptismal identity as Your children and in their vocation of worship, witness, love and mercy work. Bless our congregation and those whom You call and gather here by Your Word and Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Holy are You, O Lord, and mighty. You will judge the world with righteousness and Your people with equity. Bless us with good and faithful leaders and government to serve Your purposes, defend Your people, punish the evildoer and encourage virtue. Make us especially mindful of those least able to defend themselves, especially the unborn. Raise up those who will serve the cause of peace among the nations. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Faithful God, You have given us rich and abundant promises and promised to be with us in all adversity and need. Be with those who cry to You in any need of body, mind or soul, and grant them grace sufficient for all their needs especially *Bren Ellison, Michael Greatens, George Hayes, and Helen Jarvis*. Deliver them from illness according to Your will, and grant them to rest upon the firm foundation of Your grace and favor to keep them through the days of their trial. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: We worship You, O Lord, for all Your loving kindness shown to us in Christ, our Savior. Deliver us from fear as we witness the signs of the times and make sober judgement in the face of so many vexing concerns. Remind us that though the nations rage and the powers press against the Church, this is our opportunity to give witness to the Word that does not change and the mercy that is our hope in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Holy Lord, You are the strength of Your people. Grant to us strength, that we may not give into temptation or be caught up in evil but endure through Your grace to the day of Christ's return. We pray that we would be found holy and blameless by the power of His grace when You bring the dawn of the Last Day and lead us into the place where there is no night, no darkness and no death. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Welcoming Lord, bring us to receive with thanksgiving and faith the most blessed food of Christ's flesh for the life of the world and His blood that cleanses us from all our sins. Bless us with unity of faith and harmony of doctrine and life. By this blessed Sacrament, equip us with all the gifts of the Spirit and bring to harvest the rich fruits of the Spirit in the lives of Your people, both now and forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy,

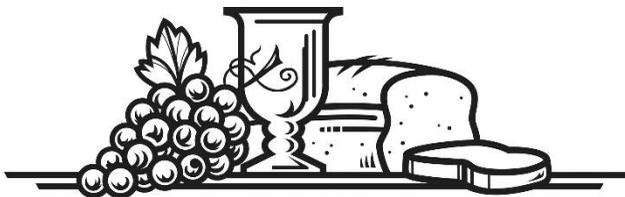
**C: hear our prayer.**

P: O blessed Lord, You have promised never to abandon us and always to provide all that we need for this day and for eternal life. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, hear the prayers of Your people, and grant them all good things for Your mercy's sake. To You, the eternal God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be glory now and forevermore.

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 †

### 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.**

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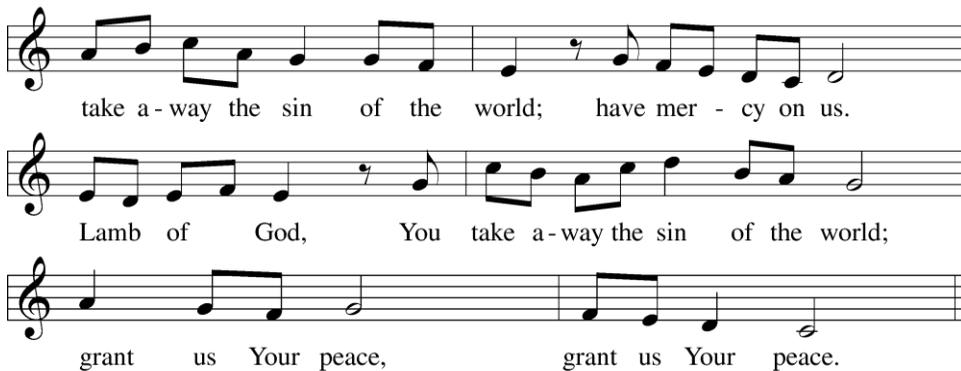
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Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You



take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
 Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world;  
 grant us Your peace, grant us Your peace.

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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: <sup>1</sup>Are baptized AND instructed in the Christian faith; <sup>2</sup>Examine themselves in a manner appropriate to adult maturity and recognize their own need for forgiveness; <sup>3</sup>Believe that the Crucified and Risen Lord is truly present in, with and under the bread and wine; <sup>4</sup>Believe that in this sacrament God gives us forgiveness of sins and strengthening of faith; <sup>5</sup>Accept 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

*"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" LSB 621*

*"The Church's One Foundation" LSB 644*

**THANKSGIVING**      *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*      *LSB 805*  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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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 has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness.  
**C:** **Break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**  
**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.  
**C:** **Amen. Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things!**  
**P:** We are now entering the mission field!  
**C:** **'Here am I! Send me!'**

**CLOSING HYMN**      *"Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying"*      *LSB 516*

**! HEAR YE! HEAR YE!**

**CONGREGATION MEETING**

**TODAY FOLLOWING 9:15 WORSHIP**

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

~LUNCH TO FOLLOW IN FELLOWSHIP HALL~

ALL INFORMATION IS IN YOUR MAILBOXES FOR YOUR REVIEW.

## Connecting Points

**TODAY:** we continue in the **final Sundays** of the Church Year. Our readings are preparing us for the return of our Lord and serve as a reminder to us that we are to be found ready on the Day our Lord returns to judge both the living and the dead. The final Sunday of the church year is **November 24<sup>th</sup>** which is known as Christ the King Sunday or Sunday of the Fulfillment. The color of these weeks is **GREEN**~ a reminder for us that we are to be constantly growing in the grace and love of our Lord as we grow in His Word.



**BECAUSE OF TODAY'S VOTER MEETING:** our Pastors will NOT greet worshipers at the doors **following today's worship**. By doing so, it will give us the opportunity to begin our meeting sooner and be better stewards of our time. And don't forget, lunch will be served in *Fellowship Hall* **following our meeting** thanks to our *Fellowship Ministry Team*.



**READING MATTHEW:** Your Bible readings for the week from *Matthew* are as follows: 17<sup>th</sup>: *Matthew 18: 1-33*; 18<sup>th</sup>: *Matthew 19:1-30*; 19<sup>th</sup>: *Matthew 20:1-33*; 20<sup>th</sup>: *Matthew 21:1-46*; 21<sup>st</sup>: *Matthew 22: 1-46*; 22<sup>nd</sup>: *Matthew 23:1-39*; 23<sup>rd</sup>: *Matthew 24:1-51*. God bless your study of His Word **this week!**



**MISS A SUNDAY?:** You can listen to the messages from our **Sunday morning worship** by simply going to our website ([hopeplantcity.com](http://hopeplantcity.com)) and going to the DOWNLOADS tab—there you will our Sunday morning messages. Sermons are posted on **Monday mornings**.



**TURKEY LEFTOVERS:** Once again TREMENDOUS THANKS to one and all who worked so hard **last Sunday** to make our 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Turkey Supper a success! God truly gifted us with a great day to *Connect People to Jesus!* Again, a special thank you to our community partners for their sponsorship of **this year's** supper: *Thrivent Financial, Jarrett Scott Ford, Jacks Insurance, Winn Dixie of Plant City, Poppell Insurance, T. Clayton Jenkins Construction, MST Sod Equipment, and Walden Lake Car Wash*. Through their generous support, we are now able to give more back into our community. Be sure to thank our sponsors when you visit their businesses!



Here is what we know **as of today:** Dinners Served: 600. Once a final accounting is complete, we will share that information with you.

**GRIEFSHARE:** Our final session **this year** will meet **this Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:30AM**. New sessions for **2020 will begin January 14<sup>th</sup>**.

**CHRISTIAN LOVE & SYMPATHY:** to the *Matthews Family* as they mourn the death of *Tim's* father **last Friday**. Please keep the entire family in your thoughts and prayers during this time. Also, keep winter member *Linda Luce* in your thoughts and prayers as she mourns the death of her husband *Dick* **this past Wednesday**. Notes of love and sympathy can be sent to *Linda* at their northern address (319 W. Grand Traverse, Big Rapids, MI 49307) as she returns home for funeral services. (Dick passed away in Tampa.)

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." Psalm 116



**A FRIENDLY REMINDER:** All announcements for our **Sunday** bulletins are due to *Jessica* ([hopepcsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:hopepcsecretary@gmail.com)) by **NOON, TUESDAYS**. In order to prepare bulletins in a timely manner, this deadline is required.



**TURKEYS NEEDED:** for our *United Food Bank of Plant City*. We are in need of 750 15-20lb turkeys to be given to those in need for Thanksgiving. If you can assist, please bring your turkey to the Food Bank **no later than Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup>**. Thanks in advance for your Spirit motivated giving.



**LIVING HOPE & HOPE STUDIES:** will be taking a pause for the Advent Season following their time together of the fall season on **November 20<sup>th</sup>**. Special thanks to *John Koren* for his leadership of *Hope Studies* and to our praise team and elders for all their efforts **each week** of *Living Hope*. *Living Hope* and *Hope Studies* will resume again on **January 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM**.

**ARE YOU IN YOUR 20's OR 30's?:** We are starting a new *Family Bible Hour* class designed specifically with you in mind! Our "Rooted" class will cover topics, struggles, doubts, and questions that you may be experiencing in your own life or that you see others experiencing. Together we will become rooted in Christ for the answers (Colossians 2:6-7). Join us **starting November 24<sup>th</sup>** in the Stephen Ministry classroom! Please see *Becky Hartmann* with questions about the class.



INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!



**SO, WHO YOU GONNA INVITE?:** We hope you are thinking of the one special person OR persons who you would like to invite to worship with you as we gather to give thanks to our all providing God in our special Thanksgiving worship on **Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM**. Remember, "only turkeys don't give thanks!"



**COME JOIN US:** It's almost time for us to roll out the holly as we decorate our sanctuary for the Advent/Christmas seasons! We will join together for this fun and fellowship time (ok...and a bit of work, too) on **Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup>** beginning at **10:00AM** and end in time for a pizza lunch! Hands of ALL ages are welcome to join us.

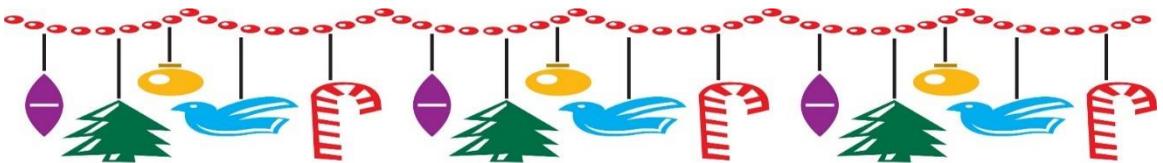
**ADVENT IS COMING!:** Hard to believe but before we know it, we will be in the season of Advent and that means our midweek Advent worship begins. We will gather for worship each Wednesday during Advent (**December 4, 11, & 18**). As in the past there will be a **4:30PM** traditional style worship in the sanctuary, **5:15PM** fellowship dinner and **6:30PM** intergenerational worship with a special project in *Fellowship Hall*. Join us as for the fun, fellowship, and celebration as we prepare for the coming of our King! And by the way... don't forget to *BRING A FRIEND!*



**THE NEED CONTINUES:** for children's type foods (mac-n-cheese, peanut butter, jelly, canned fruits, cereal, etc.) for our *United Food Bank of Plant City*. Our food bank provides a "weekend backpack" program to 6 area schools that are given to students who, without this backpack, would NOT eat until their return to school on Monday mornings. Your help will go a long way to ending food insecurities in our community. You can place your food donations in the blue barrel in the Narthex.



**IN YOUR MAILBOX:** is a green envelope marked "first fruits." These envelopes are designed for your first fruits/initial giving towards "*Building Hope for the Future.*" Please be sure to use these envelopes **beginning today** for our initial gifts to our capital campaign. Tremendous thanks to those who have already done so and to everyone as we move forward to *Build Hope for the Future*. Please remember, you can ALWAYS submit your commitment to *Building Hope* at **any time**. Envelopes and commitment cards are under the mailboxes. *ALSO*...you can NOW make your contributions to *Building Hope for the Future* online. Simply go to our website ([hopeplantcity.com](http://hopeplantcity.com)) click on the link for online giving. Currently this is only available for the capital campaign, we hope to make this feature available for your weekly tithes and offerings in the very near future. Stay tuned for details! "*For I know the plans I have for you,*" declares the Lord, "*plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future*" (Jer. 29:11).



**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**  
**Saturday, November 30 at 10:00AM**  
to help decorate our Hope campus  
for Advent and Christmas





# Thanksgiving Worship w/Communion

Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

*Come, You Thankful People, Come!*

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



Hope's Annual Christmas Program  
Sunday, December 22nd @ 9:15am

**AWAY IN A MANGO**



Followed by our Hope Family Christmas Brunch ... You won't want to miss this Christmas Island Adventure!



THIS LITTLE CHILD, OF  
LOWLY BIRTH, SHALL BE  
THE **JOY** OF ALL THE  
**EARTH.**



**CHRIST CAME FOR YOU.**

**Advent begins Sunday, December 1st**

## **Sundays**

**9:15AM — Worship**

**10:30AM — Family Bible Hour**

**4:00PM — Spanish Worship**

## **Wednesdays**

**4:30PM — Traditional Worship**

**5:15PM — Fellowship Dinner**

**6:30PM — Family Worship**

## **Advent Wednesdays**

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

### **December 4: Rising Light**

Dinner Host: Youth & Youth Ministry Team | Menu: Wendy's Chili

### **December 11: Reflected Light**

Dinner Host: Music Ministry | Menu: TBD

### **December 18: Healing Light**

Dinner Host: Missions & Outreach Ministry Team | Menu: Chicken/Rice Casserole

\*Menus subject to change.





**Christ Lutheran Church's  
8th Annual Christmas Bazaar & Craft Sale**

**2715 Lakeland Hills Blvd.**

**Saturday, December 7, 2019 from 8:00am – 1:00pm**

**Handcrafted items:**

Wood bowls & Stained Glass	Wooden toys	Jewelry
Embroidered items	Cross stitch & Crochet	Quilts
Hand Sewn items	Christmas crafts & Decor	Wooden crafts
Hand Crafted cards	Knitted Shawls	Scrubbies & More

**Consultants:**

Paparazzi Jewelry	Tiki Boutique	LuLaRoe
Tupperware	Mary Kaye	

**Youth Group will have a Food & Drinks available for purchase  
and a Bake sale  
Drawings & Door Prizes!!**

**Proceeds will be donated to:  
VISTE of Polk County**

**JOY**  
**to the**  
**World**

**12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL LADIES'  
ADVENT TEA  
DECEMBER 7, 2019  
11:00AM—1:00PM**

*Seats are limited—*

*See Nora to reserve your spot!*

# Fall Worship



## SUNDAYS

9:15AM—WORSHIP

10:30AM—FAMILY BIBLE HOUR

4:00PM—SPANISH WORSHIP

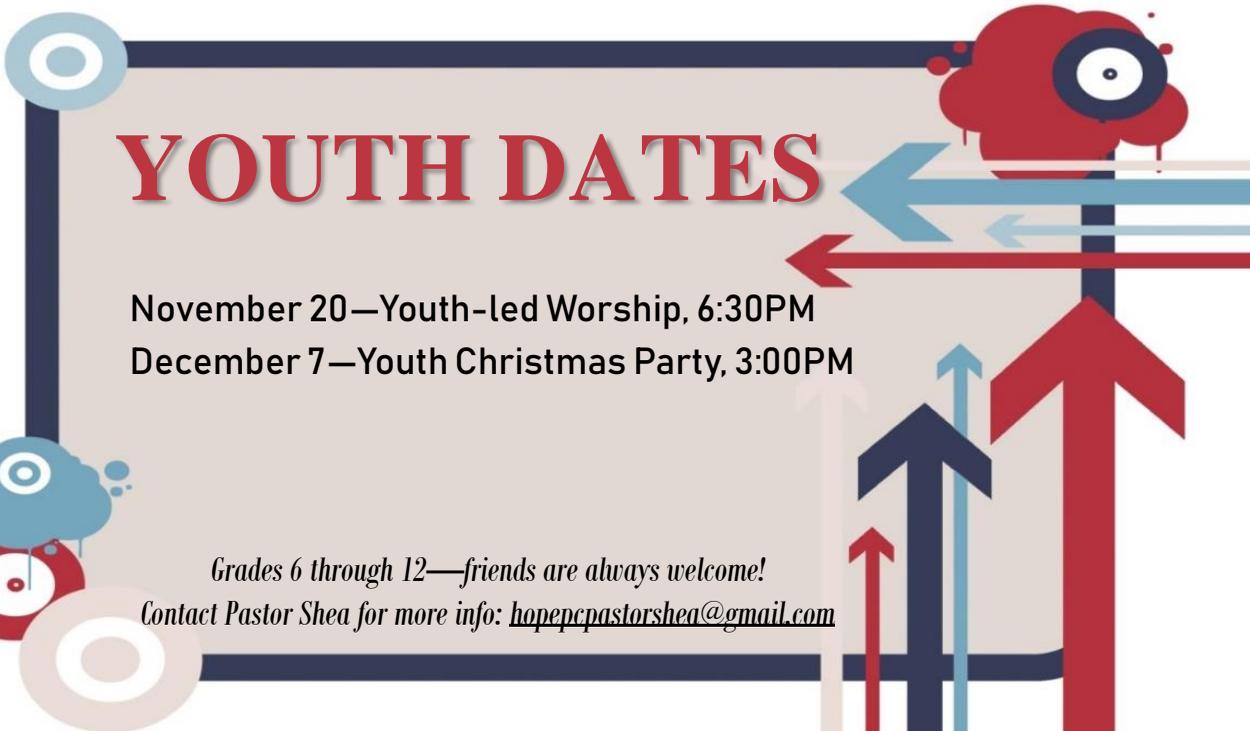
## WEDNESDAYS

6:30PM—LIVING HOPE WORSHIP

6:30PM—HOPE STUDIES

6:30PM—YOUTH GROUP

## YOUTH DATES



November 20—Youth-led Worship, 6:30PM

December 7—Youth Christmas Party, 3:00PM

*Grades 6 through 12—friends are always welcome!*

Contact Pastor Shea for more info: [hopepcpastorshea@gmail.com](mailto:hopepcpastorshea@gmail.com)

Jesus said He would help His followers.  
 What did He say He would do?



Add and subtract letters to find out.

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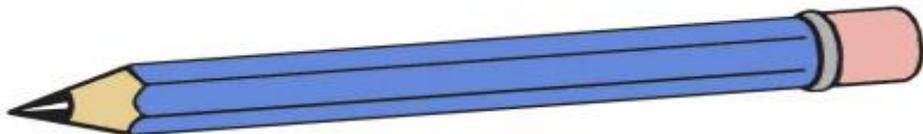
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# *In Our Thoughts and Prayers*

## SHUT-INS:

Jim Baldwin      Bonnie Genrich  
 Diane Bates      Dorothy Maltzahn  
 Putt Crouse      Liz Miller  
 Sue Crouse      Laura Rademacher

## LEADERS:

Rev. Dean & Liz Pfeffer      Hope's Ministries  
 Rev. Shea & Holly Pennington      Our Armed Forces  
 LCMS Synod & District      Our Nation  
 Hope Staff      Our 1<sup>st</sup> Responders

## *Family and Friends of Hope*

### NEW REQUESTS:

Denver Burtz      brother of John Burtz—recovering from brain bleed; anticipating rehab  
 Linda Luce      mourning sudden death of Dick  
 Matthews family      mourning death of Tim's father, Doug

### CURRENT REQUESTS:

Adkins family      celebrating marriage of Raymond & Tessa  
 Michael Greatens      recovering from surgery; broken hip  
 Raymond Griffin      father of Patrick Griffin—health concerns  
 Faye Mueller      sister of Billy Mueller—health concerns; diagnosed with cancer  
 Millie Wetz      health concerns

### BATTLING CANCER:

			Mari	
Tom Battling	Casey Doyle	JoAnne Hayashi	Pat Mason	Abbey Sedlacek
Laura Blake	Jace Driggers	Barry Himmel	Jennifer McCourt	Judy Strait
Bob Broshelle	Kori Dunke	Dale Jarvis	Faye Mueller	Jeannie Lee Taylor
Alice Correia	Marcus Elam	Gordon Long	David Paul Niver	Rick Ward
D	Tim Griffie	Lucille Luedke	Mary Ann Pitre	Mr. Wells
Austin Dobbs	Jerry Gross	Jean Marie Mactye	Becky Schlicher	Millie Wetz
Ginnie Donaldson	Allan H.	Pat Mailloux	Mary Scott	Heather Whitehurst

## *Serving in the Military* (R—Reserves)

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

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



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

1Corinthians 4:1

**SERVING OUR LORD THIS SUNDAY (11/17/2019) ARE:**

Bell Ringer	9:15/Micah Blocker
Acolyte	9:15/Abby Kelly
Lector	9:15/John Koren
Elder on Duty	9:15/Todd Warner
Communion Assistant	9:15/Todd Warner
Flowers	T. Warner family
Offerings	Wendell & Pam Lattz
Ushers	Team 3

8:00/Lonnie Bertsch,\* Diane Bertsch, Tom Reagin

*Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by*

*Todd & Cathie Warner in memory of Cathie's parents, Wayne & Janan Cliburn*

**SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEDNESDAY (11/20/2019) ARE:**

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

**SERVING OUR LORD NEXT SUNDAY (11/24/2019) ARE:**

Bell Ringer	9:15/Jackson Venrick
Lector	9:15/Cathie Warner
Elder on Duty	9:15/Wayne Warner
Flowers	Paris family
Offerings	Alison Reaume & Cathie Warner
Ushers	Team 1

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

**SERVING OUR LORD THIS MONTH OF NOVEMBER:**

Altar Guild	Liz Pfeffer
Nurse	Sally Kimbrell (813-758-8873)