



Welcome to Hope

SUNDAYS

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

LENTEN WEDNESDAYS

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

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

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

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

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

Hope: Anchored in Christ



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

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Activities This Week at Hope:

Sunday 3/1		2020 FL Strawberry Festival (Feb. 27-March 8)
	8:00 & 10:30	Worship w/Communion
	9:15	Family Bible Hour
	4:00	Spanish Worship w/Communion
Monday 3/2		2020 FL Strawberry Festival (Feb. 27-March 8)
		Parade Day—No School Church Office CLOSED
	9:00	Quilting
	5:30	Bell Choir
	6:30	Choir
Tuesday 3/3		2020 FL Strawberry Festival (Feb. 27-March 8)
	10:30	GriefShare
	6:30	Ministry Team Meetings: Christian Growth, Fellowship, Health, Human Care, Missions & Outreach, Youth
Wednesday 3/4		2020 FL Strawberry Festival (Feb. 27-March 8)
	5:15	Fellowship Dinner (Host: BOD Menu: Baked Ziti)
	6:30	Lenten Worship
Thursday 3/5		2020 FL Strawberry Festival (Feb. 27-March 8)
	10:30	Bible Study
	6:30	Elders Ministry Team Meeting
Friday 3/6		2020 FL Strawberry Festival (Feb. 27-March 8)
Saturday 3/7		2020 FL Strawberry Festival (Feb. 27-March 8)
	8:00	Trustees Workday
Sunday 3/8		2020 FL Strawberry Festival (Feb. 27-March 8)
		Daylight Savings—Spring AHEAD! Youth Scrip Orders due One Blood
	8:00 & 10:30	Worship
	9:00 & 11:30	Blood Pressure screenings
	9:15	Family Bible Hour
	4:00	Spanish Worship w/Communion

Worship Attendance / Communion:

Wednesday, February 19, 2020:

Worship: 6:30: 26/25

Hope Studies: 6

Offerings—General Fund: \$11,607.25

Sunday, February 23, 2020:

Worship: 8:00 81 **10:30:** 108

FBH: Adults: 60 **Youth:** 6 **Children:** 7

Spanish Worship: 4:00: 26/15

Stewardship Perspective:

Matt. 4:7 – Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ” Jesus defeats Satan in our place – not by using His power as God but by His perfect obedience in His perfect humanity. Jesus defeats Satan – not by miracles but by quoting the Scriptures and living according to it. This should cause us great joy for two reasons. First, because we see Jesus win the victory for us. Second, because here Jesus shows us how to stand in that victory – on the Word of God alone.

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!

First Sunday In Lent



March 1, 2020

AS WE GATHER

Today is the First Sunday in Lent as we make our annual journey with Christ to the cross. Though the Sundays in Lent are not technically part of this somber season, they do reflect the same penitential theme that characterizes our forty days of prayerful devotion and repentance. Today we watch as Jesus faces the slick lies of the tempter. He does not face them on His own but in the strength and power of God's Word and truth. When the devil hands Jesus the opportunity to doubt or fear or deny Himself and His Father in heaven, Jesus responds with the stronger Word. He does this not to prove Himself, but for us, that we who live in Him by Baptism and faith may also be made strong in the Word of the Lord before the devil's wiles and lies.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF BELLS

PRELUDE AND MEDITATION *"Ein Feste Berg"* *sett'g: Jacob B. Weber*

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 *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"* *LSB 657*

INVOCATION, CONFESSION, AND ABSOLUTION

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

C: **Amen.**

P: I acknowledged my sin to You,
C: **and I did not cover my iniquity;**
P: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
C: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

(Silence for meditation and reflection.)

P: O almighty God, merciful Father:
C: **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.**

P: May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: **Amen.**

RESPONSE *"Keep in Mind that Jesus Christ Has Died for Us"* *LBW 13*
Refrain—congregation; verse—pastor

Refrain



C: **Keep in mind that Je - sus Christ has died for us and is ris - en from the**



dead. He is our sav-ing Lord; he is joy for all a - ges.

P:



1 If we die with the Lord, we shall live with the Lord.



Refrain
If we en-dure with the Lord, we shall live with the Lord.



2 In him all our sor-row, in him all our joy. In



Refrain
him hope of glo-ry, in him all our love.



3 In him our re-demp-tion, in him all our grace. In



Refrain
him our sal-va-tion, in him all our peace.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land.

C: **Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come;**

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

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



OLD TESTAMENT

Joel 2:12-19 (p.761)

¹²“Yet even now,” declares the Lord, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning, ¹³and rend your hearts and not your garments.” Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster. ¹⁴Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the Lord your God? ¹⁵Blow the trumpet in Zion; consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly; ¹⁶gather the people. Consecrate the congregation; assemble the elders; gather the children, even nursing infants. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her chamber. ¹⁷Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep and say, “Spare your people, O Lord, and make not your heritage a reproach, a byword among the nations. Why should they say among the peoples, ‘Where is their God?’” ¹⁸Then the Lord became jealous for his land and had pity on his people. ¹⁹The Lord answered and said to his people, “Behold, I am sending to you grain, wine, and oil, and you will be satisfied; and I will no more make you a reproach among the nations.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Romans 5:12-19 (p.942)

¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— ¹³for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. ¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. ¹⁷For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. ¹⁸Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹For as

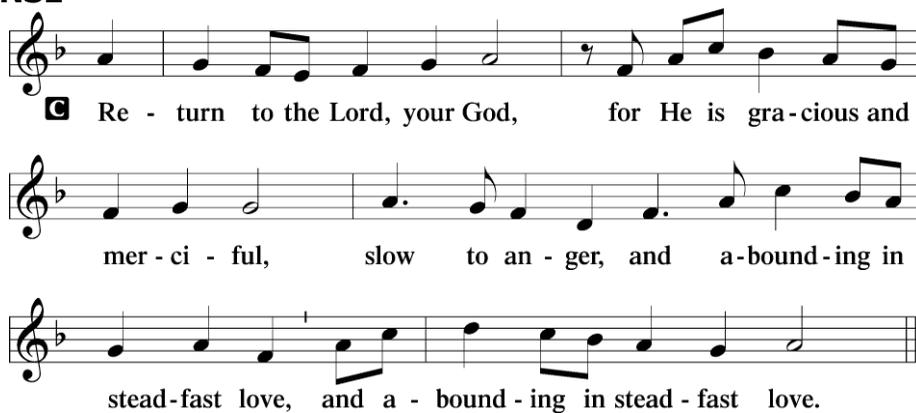
by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSE

LSB 157



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra-cious and
mer-ci-ful, slow to an-ger, and a-bound-ing in
stead-fast love, and a-bound-ing in stead-fast love.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1-11 (p.809)

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



C: Glo-ry be to You, O Lord.

¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴But he answered, "It is written, "'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" ⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, "'He will command his angels concerning you 'and "'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'" ⁷Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, "You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'" ¹¹Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!



C: Praise be to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY *"Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"* *LSB 435*

SERMON *"The Old Testament & Trinidad Castaneda"* *Joel 2:12-19*
Rev. Dean Pfeffer

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.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

P: Let us pray to the Lord on behalf of ourselves and all people as they have need. Merciful Father, though You created all things good, through our first parents we rebelled against Your goodness and, in pursuing our own way, came under the curse of sin and its death. We give You thanks for the mercy You showed to Your fallen creatures and for Your patience, until at the right time You sent forth Your Son as the new Adam to be our Savior and Redeemer. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Merciful Father, though we give in to the tempter and his lies, Your Son was resolute as Satan tempted Him in the wilderness. Count us righteous in Christ, and give us His strength, that we may endure in the face of trial and be steadfast and immovable before temptation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Merciful Father, though You gave us stewardship of Your good creation, we loved the gifts more than the Giver. Deliver us from our affluence, and save us from trusting in our possessions more than in Your Son. Teach us to use what You have provided to help those in need and to relieve the poor, the unemployed and the oppressed. Bless us Lord as You continually give us immeasurably more than we can imagine as we continue to Build Hope for the Future. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Merciful Father, though we are in awe of our power, Your might is greater than we can know. Keep us from using these tools for violence and evil. Bless us with wise and faithful leaders who will preserve our freedom and inspire us to use our liberty for noble purposes. Guide all those who make, judge and administer our laws in the nation, state and all the localities where we live and work. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Merciful Father, though we deserve nothing of Your kindness, You have shown Yourself to be the strength of the weak, the healer of the sick and the hope of those who mourn. Hear us on behalf of those who are troubled in mind or body, especially *Bren Ellison, Jack Goetsch, Connie Harsh, and Stuart Howell*, that in their afflictions and pain You may sustain and heal

them according to Your gracious will and deliver them to everlasting life in Christ, our Savior. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Merciful Father, though we are unworthy of a place at the table of our Lord, You have bid us to come and eat of His flesh and blood. Give to us faith, that we may come in repentance to receive this blessed food of everlasting life, and unite us in doctrine and holy living, that we may show forth this harmony in witness before the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

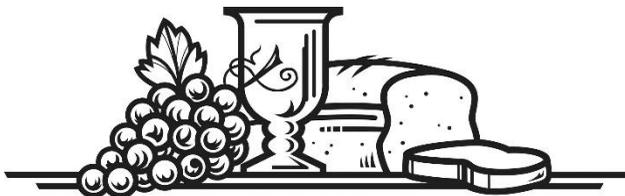
C: hear our prayer.

P: Merciful Father, though we have lived too much in fear of the judgment of others, make us bold in heart so that we may speak Your Word confidently before those who do not yet know You. Open our hearts to generously supply the resources for Your Church to fulfill her calling, both here and throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: All these things, O merciful Father, and whatever else we need, we pray You to grant us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, 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.



† 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

"Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus"



1 O soul, are you wea - ry and trou - bled?
 2 Through death in - to life ev - er - last - ing
 3 His Word shall not fail you— He prom - ised;



No light in the dark - ness you see?
 He passed, and we fol - low Him there;
 Be - lieve Him, and all will be well:



There's light for a look at the Sav - ior,
 O'er us sin no more hath do - min - ion—
 Then go to a world that is dy - ing,



And life more a - bun - dant and free!
 For more than con - qu'rors we are!
 His per - fect sal - va - tion to tell!

Refrain

Turn your eyes up - on Je - sus, Look full in His
 won - der - ful face, And the things of earth will grow
 strange-ly dim, In the light of His glo - ry and grace.

"Christ, the Life of All the Living"

LSB 420

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: 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.

P: We are now entering the mission field!

C: 'Here am I! Send me!'

CLOSING HYMN

"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

LSB 655



Growing in the Grace of Giving

We are at the beginning of Lent. During the Lenten season, the church calls to our attention the sufficiency of what God gives. It points to the sufficiency of God's grace in the atoning work of Jesus. It shows us the sufficiency of faith in Jesus' work for us. It makes known the sufficiency of God's Word in faith and life.

But Lent doesn't just remind us of the sufficiency of God's spiritual gifts, the gifts that pertain to our redemption and salvation. Lent also reminds us of the sufficiency of the physical, temporal gifts of God, those that pertain to this body and life. In other words, it reminds us of the importance of godly contentment and of outward discipline and training of the body.

This outward training of the body teaches us not to give in to every desire of our flesh but to learn to say no to them. And it does this in such a way that if you fail, it is no sin. It is a way to practice without putting yourself into a compromising situation.

The easiest example of this is fasting. When you fast, you are practicing saying no to the desires of your body. But if you fail in this, if you break your fast, you have not sinned. You have, though, learned something about how your flesh works, how difficult it is to fight against it, and how you need help from above in order to do it.

There is another example of this. It is alms-giving. This is an increase in giving to the church and its mission during this time. We all know that our flesh finds security in money and stuff. By committing to give more to the church, you are training your flesh. You are, by this outward discipline, training yourself to be content with what God gives. You are practicing saying "no" to your desires. Again, if you fail, you have not sinned. But you've learned just how powerful your flesh is in leading you instead of you leading it. You've learned how you need help from above in being content with what God gives.

This is why St. Paul instructs young Pastor Timothy in this way:

"But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and[a] we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs." (1 Tim 6:6-10)

Our sufficiency is not of ourselves; it is in God. Let us learn this without sin by training our flesh this Lenten season.

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 Holy 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 with great joy on the Day of Resurrection. While Lent is a season that lasts 40 days, Sundays are NOT included as every Sunday for the Christian 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.



LENT FOR ALL NATIONS: is the theme for our **Sunday morning** messages this Lenten season. This series will examine characters in the New Testament and their explicitly named nationalities and ethnicities, because even these little details point us to Christ and teach us to love our neighbors. While it may be more obvious to consider the importance of Pontius Pilate's or the Good Samaritan's countries of origin, why do the Gospel writers want us to know that the Simon who carried Jesus's cross hailed from Cyrene?



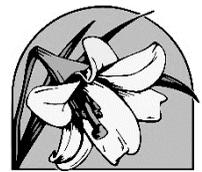
ARE YOU WONDERING: what is happening here at *Hope* **this month of March**? Well, it's time to stop wondering, go to your mailbox, take out your monthly calendar and Servant Schedule and see what God is doing among us here at *Hope*. THEN be sure to INVITE a friend to join you here at *Hope*!



LENTEN DEVOTIONS: are in your mailbox **TODAY**. These devotions are written by *Lutheran Hour Ministries*. Please be sure to take yours home. There are extras under the mailboxes for you to share with a friend. ALSO, during Lent, our *Florida Georgia District* will provide daily devotions written by our *Circuit Visitors* and *District Vice Presidents*. You can read these daily devotions at our district website: FLGADistrict.org.



EASTER LILIES & MUMS: There is a limited number of Easter Lilies available to adorn our Lord's altar this Easter (50) and we also have the opportunity to place Easter Mums to adorn our Lord's altar, and again a limited number (14). Please be sure to order your Easter Lilies and/or Mums **no later than Sunday March 29th**. Be sure to complete the insert in **today's** bulletin and place it (with payment) in the offering plate or bring it to the church office. Thanks for your assistance.



FESTIVAL WORKERS: As the festival **continues this week**, and if you are signed up to work a shift or two at our booth and an emergency arises preventing you from serving your assigned shift, *PLEASE* contact *Patrick Griffin* at 813-376-0258 **IMMEDIATELY** so that a substitute can be secured. Festival rules require that if the festival is open, WE MUST BE OPEN. Thanks in advance to everyone for your service, ministry and assistance as we **CONNECT PEOPLE TO JESUS!** (Special *THANKS* to *Patrick and Keaira Griffin* for ALL their time, energy, and dedication leading our effort at the Festival!)



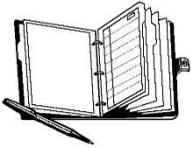
MISS A SUNDAY?: You can listen to the messages from our **Sunday morning worship** by simply going to our website (*hopeplantcity.com*) and going to the **DOWNLOADS** tab—there you will our Sunday morning messages. Sermons are posted on **Monday mornings**.

DUE TO FESTIVAL PARADE DAY TOMORROW: the church office will be **CLOSED**. *Pastor Pfeffer* will be at a meeting in *Tampa* and can be reached on his cell 813-416-2373.



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

MONTHLY MINISTRY TEAMS NIGHT: The following ministry teams will meet on **Tuesday, March 3 at 6:30PM** in *Fellowship Hall: Christian Growth, Fellowship, Health, Human Care, Missions & Outreach, and Youth*. Please make every effort to attend as this allows greater communication and working together between the teams. *Elders* will meet **Thursday, March 5 at 6:30PM** in the *Conference Room*.



LENTEN THEME: for our **Wednesday Lenten worship** is "*By His Wounds We Are Healed*." Once again **this year**, the pastors of our *Winter Haven Circuit* join together for a "round robin." Our **Wednesday** services are at **6:30PM**, with dinner served **beginning at 5:15PM. This week**, we remember that the wounds of dishonoring authority we committed against our Lord were laid on Christ on the cross. Our Lenten observance reminds us that though we have been brought low by sin, our Lord will bless us with new life in him through the cross.



ELDERS: Be sure to read chapter 1 of our book "*Hero Maker*" in advance of our meeting on **Thursday evening**.

SPRING HAS SPRUNG: The flowers riz', do you know when *Hope's* family picnic is? Well, it's **March 22nd** and **this year** we are going to the *Plant City* YMCA for our **10:30AM** worship service and picnic, AND the Y is opening up their entire facility to us for the day! YES, swimming pool is INCLUDED! Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and German Bratwurst with be provided. Please bring side dishes. The Y has 1 refrigerator but there is no way to cook or rewarm food. We will bring the food warmers over. Please bring a lawn chair for the worship service, a canopy if you have one and don't forget your sunscreen!



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

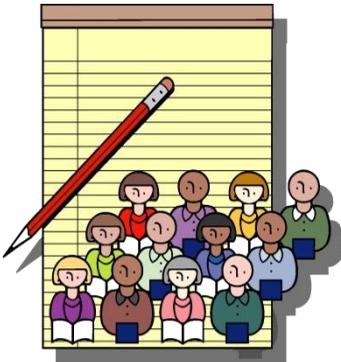


ONLINE GIVING: We are now set up for online giving for *Building Hope for the Future*. To do so, simply go to our website (hopeplantcity.com) click on the link for online giving. The opportunity for your weekly tithes and offerings will be **coming soon**. Simply watch your bulletins and e-blasts.



Our New Member Class

will take place on **Sunday, March 8th**.



Membership Class

DISCOVERING HOPE: This class will begin at **11:45am** 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 contact the *Church Office* at 813-752-4622.

TUESDAYS at 10:30AM

Hope's Stephen Ministry Classroom—All are welcome!

GRIEF SHARE[®]

Help and encouragement after the death of
a spouse, child, family member, or friend.

BY HIS WOUNDS WE ARE HEALED

LENTEN WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30PM; DINNER AT 5:15PM

March 4th: The Wounds of Dishonoring Authority, John 19:12-16

Jesus is accused of dishonoring authority, calling himself a king.

Pastor Andy Ritchie, St. Paul, Lakeland

Dinner Host: Board of Directors | Menu: Baked Ziti

March 11th: Wounds of Violating the Sabbath, Luke 6:6-11.

Jesus is accused of violating the Sabbath. Pastor Charles Reich, Grace, Winter Haven.

Dinner Host: Christian Growth Ministry | Menu: Spaghetti & Roasted Veggies

March 18th: The Wounds of Murder, John 11:47-53

Jesus is accused of inspiring rebellion and the destruction of Israel; He is accused of being in a league with Satan who is a "murderer from the beginning."

Vicar Brendon Moore, Grace, Winter Haven.

Dinner Host: Missions & Outreach Ministry | Menu: Ham & Scalloped Potatoes

March 25th: The Wounds of Adultery, Mark 2: 13-17

Jesus is accused of associating with tax collectors and prostitutes.

Pastor Jonathan Horsman, Redeemer, Bartow.

Dinner Host: Health & Human Care Ministries | Menu: Soups

April 1st: The Wounds of Stealing, Luke 23:1-5

Jesus is accused of forbidding the paying of taxes.

Pastor Pfeffer, Hope, Plant City

Dinner Host: Fellowship Ministry | Menu: Taco Bar

Family Bible Hour

Sundays at 9:15AM



PRESCHOOL—GRADE 5

ENDURING FAITH: As students progress through this program, they learn all about their Savior, Jesus Christ, what their Savior means for them, how to defend their faith, and how to teach the faith to others. Lessons spiral to help students go deeper each time they re-encounter a Bible passage. Age-appropriate activities build skills to strengthen Bible learning. *Leaders: Yolanda Heipp, Tracy MacDonald, Liz Pfeffer, Ellen Whitehurst*

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

THE SAVAGE LIFE: Are you looking for a NORMAL life or are you ready to choose the SAVAGE life?" Join us for this 5-week study in the book of Ephesians as we look to what the "savage" life really is and how we can start living it in Christ. *Leader: Pastor Shea*

YOUNG ADULTS

ROOTED: Are you in your 20's or 30's? 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 in the *Stephen Ministry classroom*. *Leader: Becky Hartmann*

ADULTS

ENDURING FAITH: We too will be working through ENDURING FAITH! This will allow entire families to be studying the same lessons and open the door for further discussion, study and prayer in your home. What a great opportunity this will be for us all to grow in Christ together! *Leader: Pastor Pfeffer*

IGNITING KINGDOM PRAYER: Why is praying a challenge? Why is something so strategic to the Christian life, our relationship with God, and victory in life such a challenge? The answer is that prayer links us to a realm we are unfamiliar navigating. Prayer is the God-given communication link between heaven and earth, time and eternity, the finite and the infinite, but yet it remains to be the most misunderstood and neglected aspect of the Christian life. Join us as we study *Igniting Kingdom Prayer* and discover how, when combined with faith, prayer can accomplish great things, and make prayer a dominant mark of your life. We meet in the *Conference Room*. *Leader: Gloria Warner*



LENTEN *Schedule*

SUNDAYS

8:00 & 10:30AM—Worship

9:15AM—Family Bible Hour

4:30PM—Spanish Worship

WEDNESDAYS

5:15PM—Fellowship Dinner

6:30PM—Worship

Building Hope for the Future: Impact Phase



We encourage our congregation to fulfill their commitments to God and to His church. We will be reporting the current total of all contributions to the Building Hope Campaign as of the end of each preceding month. Our total as of January 31, 2020, is \$288,720! This is nearly 43% of our total pledge goal of \$675,501. We have a “pledge gauge” in the Narthex that will show our progress as we continue toward our goal. The position of the Cross on the mast will indicate the current total, thus our call to LIFT HIGH THE CROSS!



LCS just opened offices in Lakeland at St. Paul Lutheran!



Our Lakeland Counselors:

Michael Christian, LMHC

**Amy Maturen, Registered
Mental Health Counselor
Intern**



LCS just opened new offices in Lakeland at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 4450 Harden Blvd., and we wanted to let you know. Michael Christian, LMHC, is currently seeing clients Monday-Wednesday, and Amy Maturen is seeing clients on Wednesdays & Thursdays.

We provide clients a safe place to change their stories by creating an environment where they feel comfortable working through the social, emotional and spiritual difficulties in their lives. We are committed to making counseling easily accessible and ensuring financial assistance is available to those in need, so all who need care can get it.

If you know someone in the Lakeland area who needs mental health care, please have them call our scheduling offices at **407-644-4692**.

Lutheran Counseling Services / 407.644.4692 / lcsfl.com



What did the Lord say?

Use this code to find out.

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In Our Thoughts and Prayers

SHUT-INS:

Jim Baldwin Sue Crouse
Diane Bates Bonnie Genrich
Putt Crouse

Liz Miller
Mark Stefanos

LEADERS:

Rev. Dean & Liz Pfeffer
Rev. Shea & Holly Pennington
LCMS Synod & District
Hope Staff

Hope's Ministries
Our Armed Forces
Our Nation
Our 1st Responders

Family and Friends of Hope

NEW REQUESTS:

Adkins family	mourning sudden death of Raymond's best friend, Josh
Bren Ellison	anticipating surgery (3/31)
Connie Harsh	surgery
Koren family	peace & comfort for Donna's father
Lori	daughter of Marlene Springer

CURRENT REQUESTS:

Carolyn Douches	wife of Pastor Tony Douches—hip replacement; medical concerns
Tim Gates	husband of Julie Gates—continued mini strokes
Jack Goetsch	recovering from surgery
Michael Greatens	recovering
Stuart Howell	healing
Niver family	celebrating transition of Dave Niver from NY to heaven
Dan & Susanne Paton & family	anticipating birth of grandson; health of mother & baby
Rivera family	mourning; deaths in family
Doug Shaw	recovering from surgery
Myrna VanSwol	sister of Wendell Lattz—cancer; beginning chemo

BATTLING CANCER:

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

Serving in the Military (R—Reserves)

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

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



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

1Corinthians 4:1

SERVING OUR LORD THIS SUNDAY (3/1/2020) ARE:

Bell Ringer	10:30/Jackson Venrick
Acolyte	10:30/Kaylee Greatens
Lector	8:00/Tena Matthews; 10:30/Kathy Drapp
Elder on Duty	8:00/Wayne Warner; 10:30/Jim Drapp
Communion Assistant	8:00/Wayne Warner; 10:30/Jim Drapp
Flowers	Pfeffer families
Offerings	Dale & Jonie Wenzel
Ushers	Team 3
	8:00/Lonnie Bertsch,* Diane Bertsch, Tom Reagin;
	10:30/ Stuart Howell,* Wendell Lattz, Andrew MacDonald, Ron MacDonald, Jack Moberg

*Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by
the Pfeffer families in honor of Evan's 1st birthday*

SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEDNESDAY (3/4/2020) ARE:

Lector	6:30/Youth
Elder on Duty	6:30/Jim Carnicelli
Ushers	Youth

SERVING OUR LORD NEXT SUNDAY (3/8/2020) ARE:

Bell Ringer	10:30/Alex Attalla
Lector	8:00/John Koren; 10:30/Cathie Warner
Elder on Duty	8:00/Jim Carnicelli; 10:30/Todd Warner
Flowers	Drapp family
Offerings	Alan & Sue Griffin
Ushers	Team 1
	8:00/Wayne Warner,* David Booher, David Niver, Jeff Reaume;
	10:30/Todd Warner,* Mack Goethe, Billy Mueller, Dora Mueller, Jim Szostkiewicz

SERVING OUR LORD THIS MONTH OF MARCH:

Altar Guild	Cindy Petersen
Nurse	Janet Reitzel (419-467-1608)