



# Welcome to Hope

## SUNDAYS

8:00 & 10:30AM—Worship  
4:00PM—Spanish Worship w/Communion  
7:00PM—Youth ZOOM

## WEDNESDAYS

6:30PM—Worship  
7:00PM—Young Adults ZOOM

### **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 8/2</b>	8:00 & 10:30	Worship w/Communion
	4:00	Spanish Worship w/Communion
	7:00	Youth Zoom
<b>Wednesday 8/5</b>	6:30	Worship w/Communion
	7:00	Young Adult Zoom
<b>Sunday 8/9</b>		<b><i>Scrip Orders Due</i></b>
	8:00 & 10:30	Worship w/Recognition of Teachers & School Staff
	4:00	Spanish Worship
	7:00	Youth Zoom

*Worship Attendance / Communion:*

<b><u>Sunday, July 26, 2020:</u></b>		<b><u>Wednesday, July 29, 2020:</u></b>	
<b>Worship: 8:00:</b> 31	<b>10:30:</b> 27	<b>Worship: 6:30:</b> 11	
<b>Spanish Worship: 4:00:</b> 28/16			
General Fund: \$7,153.31			

*Stewardship Perspective:*

**Matthew 14:17-18** – “They said to him, ‘We have only five loaves here and two fish.’ And he said, ‘Bring them here to me.’” When the disciples held on to the five loaves and two fish, that’s exactly what they had. But when they handed them over to the Lord, the multitudes were fed. Apart from Jesus all we do and all we have is nothing. But, in Jesus, all we do and have is blessed to be used by the Lord for His gracious work.

**LIFE HAS CHANGED.  
JESUS HAS NOT.**

**MEET HIM HERE.**

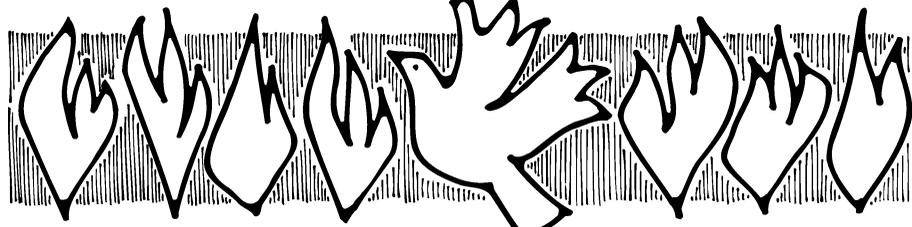
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or call the church office 813-752-4622

**SUNDAYS**  
8:00AM  
10:30AM  
w/Live-stream  
4:00PM (SPANISH)

**WEDNESDAYS**  
6:30PM

*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!*

# NINTH



## SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Week of August 2, 2020

### AS WE GATHER

*Miracles tend to be big things in our minds. But the miracles Jesus does are more often tied to the simple things of ordinary life—like food! Jesus provides the simple things of life in miraculous ways. That is one of the things the five thousand learned when Jesus took a light lunch and fed thousands. It also confronts us here in simple water that becomes the means to new and everlasting life, or in simple bread and wine that feeds us the flesh and blood of Christ, or in efficacious words that accomplish what they say. But this is also true in our daily lives, as our Good Shepherd supplies all our needs of body and soul.*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### RINGING OF BELLS

### OPENING HYMN

*“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”*

LSB 790



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly  
 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,  
 4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -  
 5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your  
 reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -  
 made you, Health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly  
 fend you; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall  
 dore Him! All that has life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His  
lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is  
fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief Ev - er has  
dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -  
prais - es be - fore Him! Let the A - men Sound from His



tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
need - ful has been Sent by His gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
failed of re - lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade you.  
might - y can do As with His love He be - friends you.  
peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore Him!

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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: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*(Silence for self-examination.)*

P: Let us then 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 thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

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: The Lord remembered us in our low estate,

C: **His steadfast love endures forever;**

P: He rescued us from our foes,

C: **His steadfast love endures forever;**

P: He gives food to all flesh,  
**C: His steadfast love endures forever;**  
P: give thanks to the God of heaven,  
**C: His steadfast love endures forever. Amen.**

**KYRIE**

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.  
**C: Lord, have mercy.**  
P: For heavenly peace amid the earthly trials of life and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.  
**C: Lord, have mercy.**  
P: For peace between the nations and that the work of the Church prospers, let us pray to the Lord.  
**C: Lord, have mercy.**  
P: For all here assembled to worship the Lord in the beauty of His holiness and receive the blessings of His grace, let us pray to the Lord.  
**C: Lord, have mercy.**  
P: For ears to hear the Word of life and hearts that find contentment in Christ alone, let us pray to the Lord.  
**C: Lord, have mercy.**  
P: For unity and peace that strife does not distract or hinder us from the work of God's kingdom, let us pray to the Lord.  
**C: Lord, have mercy.**  
P: That Your will be done on earth as in heaven, that we rest in Your peace and quietness, and that You defend us against all our adversaries, let us pray to the Lord.  
**C: Amen.**

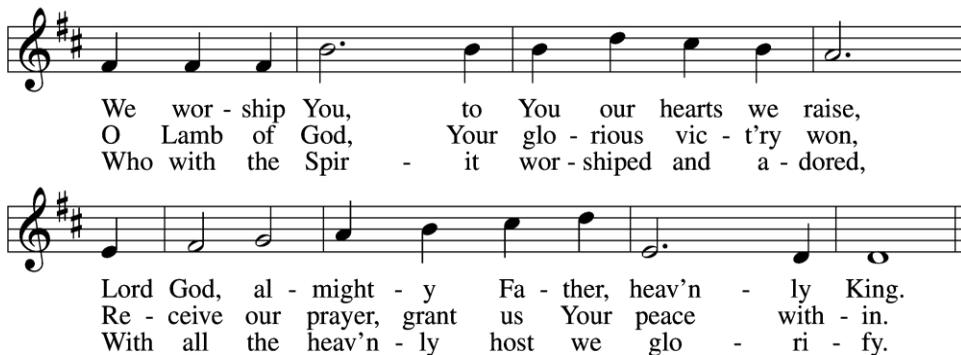
**HYMN OF PRAISE**     *“Glory to God, We Give You Thanks and Praise”*     *LSB 946*



1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,  
Δ 3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,



Of heav'n - ly joy and earth - ly peace we sing.  
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.  
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:



We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,  
 O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won.  
 Who with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,  
 Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.  
 Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.  
 With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. O blessed Lord, You are hidden in things simple and ordinary,

C: **but Your grace is never anything less than miraculous.**

P: Grant to us grace that we recognize Your hand of blessing supplying us all that

C: **we need for this body and life and for our eternal salvation through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord,**

P: and teach us to receive them with gratitude and peace in our hearts;

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

P: who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God,

C: **now and forever. Amen.**



## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 55:1–5*

*(Come, all who hunger and thirst, and the Lord will satisfy you with all that you need.)*

“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. <sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. <sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. <sup>4</sup>Behold, I made him a witness to

the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. <sup>5</sup> Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE**

*Romans 9:1-5*

*(Paul anguishes over the people of Israel.)*

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit—<sup>2</sup> that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. <sup>3</sup> For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup> They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. <sup>5</sup> To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSE**

*“This Is the Feast”*

*LSB 171*



P: This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



C: Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -  
 lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of  
 God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:  
 Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.  
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,  
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**HOLY GOSPEL**

*Matthew 14:13–21*

*(Jesus feeds the five thousand, and all were satisfied.)*

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

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

<sup>13</sup> Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup> When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. <sup>15</sup> Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” <sup>16</sup> But Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” <sup>17</sup> They said to him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.” <sup>18</sup> And he

said, "Bring them here to me." <sup>19</sup> Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. <sup>20</sup> And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. <sup>21</sup> And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
 C: (Sung) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**                      *"O Living Bread from Heaven"*                      **LBW 197**



1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, How well you feed your guest!  
 2 My Lord, you here have led me With - in your ho - liest place,  
 3 You gave me all I want - ed; This food can death de - stroy.  
 4 Lord, grant me then, thus strength - ened With heav'n - ly food, while here



The gifts that you have giv - en Have filled my heart with rest.  
 And here your - self have fed me With trea - sures of your grace;  
 And you have free - ly grant - ed The cup of end - less joy.  
 My course on earth is length - ened, To serve with ho - ly fear.



Oh, won - drous food of bless - ing, Oh, cup that heals our woes!  
 For you have free - ly giv - en What earth could nev - er buy,  
 My Lord, I do not mer - it The fa - vor you have shown,  
 And when you call my spir - it To leave this world be - low,



My heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, With prais - es o - ver - flows!  
 The bread of life from heav - en, That now I shall not die.  
 And all my soul and spir - it Bow down be - fore your throne.  
 I en - ter, through your mer - it, Where joys un - min - gled flow.

**SERMON**

*"Come!"*  
 Rev. Dean Pfeffer

*Isaiah 55:1*

## 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.

## PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

P: Lord, You have called us to come without money to receive grace beyond price. Hear us as we heed Your call and turn to You in prayer, confident of Your promise to hear and answer us. Father, we have sought meaning, comfort and sustenance from all the wrong places. Grant us Your Holy Spirit, that our hearts may be turned to Your Word, that we may hunger for Your Son's body and blood, and that we may discern truth from error. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Father, we too quickly focus on what we lack and not upon Your unlimited grace. Bless all relief agencies and services of Your Church on behalf of the hungry, the homeless, the hurting and those who have lost hope. Bless those visited by disaster and tragedy, and open our hearts to help them recover from their loss. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Father, we are daily blessed to know abundance and freedom. Bless those who defend us from our enemies, who serve us in government and who protect us in our communities. Be with our president, the Congress, our governor, and our judges and magistrates, that they may discern the right path and lead us with honor and integrity. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Father, we suffer with all manner of ills and afflictions. Hear us and grant to us healing according to Your will, strength in time of trial and peace at the last. We pray especially for *Lynn Reagin, Chuck Wigand*, and those named in our hearts.

Lord, deliver us and teach us to depend upon Your grace in all things. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Father, we know that Your steadfast love and mercy are forever, but our faith is daily tested and tempted. Give us strength and endurance, that we may not despair but have confidence in Your sufficient grace. Guide us to seek our consolation in Your Word and Sacraments, and prepare us to receive the Lord's body and blood in this Holy Communion. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Father, we are daily and richly surrounded with Your love and care. Grant us eyes to see Your mercies new every morning and grateful hearts, that what we have received we may share with those in need and generously support the work of Your Church. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Father, we ask You to grant us all things needful and to keep from us all things harmful to us and to our salvation for we trust Your wisdom and Your love. Teach us to pray without fear "Your will be done"; through 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.**



## 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

vs. 3-4 (tune: LSB 805)

**O Lamb of God, the only Son, Who for us our salvation won,  
The sins of all You take away. Give ear, O Savior, as we pray.**

**You with the Father ever reign, With Holy Spirit to ordain  
By grace our failings to forgive. Grant us Your peace that we may live.**

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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.*

*Our COVID-19 procedure for today: <sup>1</sup>We will commune the pulpit side, then the lectern side; <sup>2</sup>Be sure to use the hand sanitizer before you exit your pew to come forward; <sup>3</sup>Keep your mask ON until you approach the altar, and at that time, you may lower your mask to receive the Sacrament. Please return your mask to its "normal position" as you return to your seats.*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

*"When Peace, like a River"*

LBS 763



1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way; When  
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, Let  
3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; My  
4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The



sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast  
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross, and I  
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.  
 help - less es - tate And hath shed His own blood for my soul.  
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
 Lord shall de-scend; E - ven so it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*



It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

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*"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"*

LSB 641

*Refrain*



You sat-is-fy the hun-gry heart With gift of fin-est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav-ing Lord, The bread of life to eat.



1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, They know and  
 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to You Our praise and  
 3 Is not the cup we bless and share The blood of  
 4 The mys - t'ry of Your pres - ence, Lord, No mor - tal  
 5 You give Your - self to us, O Lord; Then self - less



heed his voice; So when You call Your  
 grat - i - tude That You should count us  
 Christ out - poured? Do not one cup, one  
 tongue can tell: Whom all the world can -  
 let us be, To serve each oth - er

*Refrain*



fam - 'ly, Lord, We fol - low and re - joice.  
 wor - thy, Lord, To share this heav'n - ly food.  
 loaf, de - clare Our one - ness in the Lord?  
 not con - tain Comes in our hearts to dwell.  
 in Your name In truth and char - i - ty.

## THANKSGIVING

vs. 5-6 (tune: LSB 805)

Lord, let Your servants go in peace; Your covenant shall never cease.  
The promised Savior here we see; His blood and body set us free.

For all the nations He is light, For Israel, glory in plain sight.  
To Father, Son, and Spirit sing— Three persons, yet forever one.

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## CLOSING PRAYER

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

## BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C: Amen.

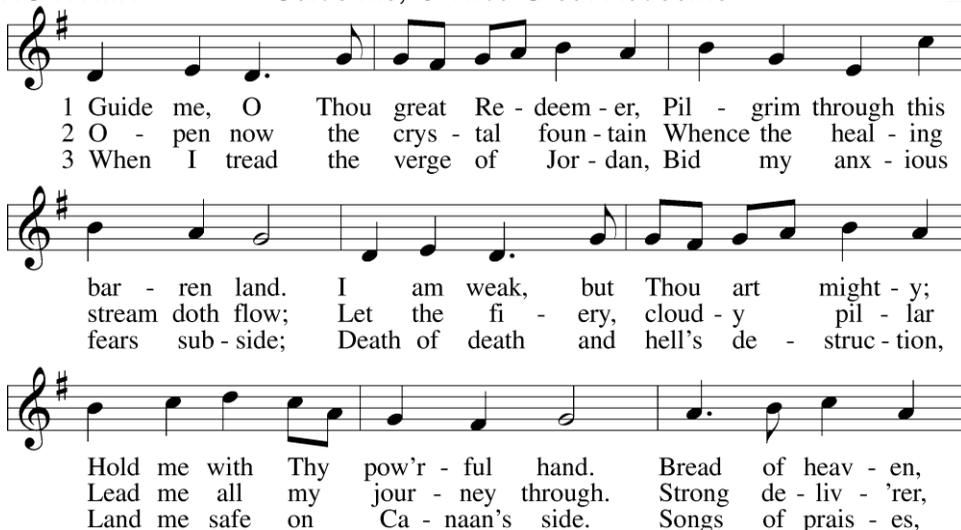
P: We are now entering the mission field!

C: 'Here am I! Send me!'

## CLOSING HYMN

*"Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer"*

LSB 918



1 Guide me, O Thou great Re - deem - er, Pil - grim through this  
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain Whence the heal - ing  
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious  
bar - ren land. I am weak, but Thou art might - y;  
stream doth flow; Let the fi - ery, cloud - y pil - lar  
fears sub - side; Death of death and hell's de - struc - tion,  
Hold me with Thy pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en,  
Lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer,  
Land me safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es,

bread of heav - en, Feed me till I want no  
 strong de - liv - 'rer, Be Thou still my strength and  
 songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to

more; shield; Thee; Feed me till I want no more.  
 Be Thou still my strength and shield.  
 I will ev - er give to Thee.

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**POSTLUDE**

*“CWM Rhonda”*

*sett'g: Kermit Moldenhauer*

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## *Growing in the Grace of Giving*

Winston Churchill reportedly said, “we make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” According to Churchill then, our lives are defined less by what we have gotten and more by what we give away.

Our Lord's life is defined in this way. He gave completely of Himself for us. He became man for us. He taught the truth of God's Word. He healed those with many and various diseases. He died the death that we deserve because of sin. He gave of Himself in order to save us from sin, death, and hell. So it is that by giving completely of Himself, He got us for Himself, making us citizens of His eternal kingdom by grace.

As it was for Jesus, so it is also for us. We get more from giving than we do from simply getting. Giving softens our hearts and frees us from the worries of this world and making a living. For when we are singularly focused on making a living, we are singularly focused on what we get.

That mindset begins to bleed into all areas of our lives – our relationships with friends and family, with neighbors and coworkers, and with the Lord. It shifts our focus from asking “How can I be a friend, family member, neighbor, and servant to others?” to “What have they done for me lately?” We become more selfish instead of selfless.

But, when we give, we do not have less, and we do not become less. We have more and become more. Because when we give, we join in the bond of friendship and family, the bond of service to those around us out of love for them. And love is the fulfillment of the Law. It is the nature of God Himself, for God is Love. Thus, we are participating in the divine nature. As Jesus said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35).



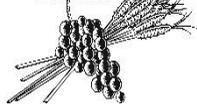
# Connecting Points

**TODAY:** we continue what is commonly referred to as “the long green season” or, more formally, the Sundays after Pentecost. This is the longest season of the church year and can last for **24 weeks** and will take us up to the Last Sunday in the church year. Our readings this season focus on the life of Christ and His Church. We hear Jesus teach His disciples and healing the faithful. We also focus on growing together in the life of the Holy Trinity. The color of the season is *GREEN*~ the color of growth and life as we are to be growing every day in the love, grace, and Word of our Lord.



**PLEASE NOTE:** that as we celebrate the Lord’s Supper in our worship **today and Wednesday**, due to the continued spread of the Coronavirus, our distribution procedure is different from what we are accustomed. This process will be explained prior to distribution. <sup>1</sup>We will commune the pulpit side, then the lectern side; <sup>2</sup>Be sure to use the hand sanitizer before you exit your pew to come forward; <sup>3</sup>Keep your mask ON until you approach the altar, and at that time, you may lower your mask to receive the Sacrament. Please return your mask to its “normal position” as you return to your seats.

Communing  
TOGETHER



**THANKS:** to the health care professionals from *Hope* that are assisting by taking temperatures: **TODAY, 8:00**—Joyce Van Matre, **10:30**—Oz Vargas; and **Wednesday**—April Walkenhorst. **Next Sunday, 8:00**—Sally Kimbrell, **10:30**—Carol Walkenhorst; and **Wednesday**—April Walkenhorst. Thank you for your assistance and ministry!

**LECTORS:** Please remember to keep your mask ON until you at the lectern to read and replace it before you head back to your pew. Thanks in advance for your assistance!



**THANKS:** to our ushers and Elders for their extra work **following each worship service** to wipe down the pews with sanitizing wipes and assist in so many ways to help protect everyone who enters our sanctuary. (FYI—pews, door handles, and restrooms are wiped down **after each service**.)



**WHAT'S THE BUZZ?:** Well, if you want to find out what is happening, be sure to pick up your **August** calendar and Servant Schedule from your mailbox **this morning**. It's there just waiting to be put on your refrigerator!



**REMINDER:** that all ALL announcements for our **Sunday** bulletin **MUST** be received by **NOON, Tuesdays** to be included. Verbal announcements must be requested by **Wednesday, Noon**. Thanks in advance for your assistance!

**KEYBOARD ADDITION:** Perhaps you may have noticed, but probably not. There is now a plexiglass shield mounted to the keyboard to assist our song leader and protect those seated near the keyboard. This shield was installed a few weeks ago so that whoever is at the keyboard does not need to wear a mask as they lead congregational singing.



**SPEAKING OF MASKS:** THANK YOU for your adherence to our "wear your mask" policy on our campus. While we realize it is not the ideal situation to wear a mask while singing, it is done for the protection of those seated around you. Therefore, please do not remove your mask during congregational singing. Again, thanks for helping stop the spread of this virus as we work and worship together!



**FOR THE PRESENT TIME:** our **Sunday morning** worship and **Wednesday evening** worship will be identical. Therefore, when Communion is celebrated in our **Sunday morning** services, it will be celebrated in our **Wednesday** service as well. For those who can, we encourage you to join us on **Wednesdays!**



**TRY IT YOU'LL LIKE IT:** If you are concerned about coming to church on a **Sunday morning** because of too many people, we ENCOURAGE you to try our **Wednesday evening (6:30)** worship. This service has LESS people in attendance than either of our Sunday morning services, which makes social distancing much easier. Our Wednesday service, for the time being, is identical to our Sunday morning worship opportunities from the Invocation to the Benediction so you won't miss a thing! Give Wednesday worship a try and see how it feels...you'll be glad you did! Please note that we limit attendance at ALL of our worship services to allow for proper social distancing at all times AND masks and temperature checks are required of all who enter.

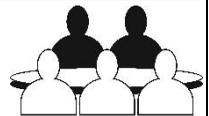


*"I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the House of the Lord." (Psalm 122:1)*

**PLEASE REMEMBER:** If you are unable to complete the weekly surveys (available at [hopeplantcity.com](http://hopeplantcity.com)) for worship attendance, please be sure to contact Jessica in the church office **by NOON, Thursday** so that we can work to insure proper social distancing during worship. We also ask for the health and safety of all gathered here, that everyone please WEAR YOUR MASK while on campus. Your help is always appreciated!



**ELDERS:** We will meet at Hope on **Thursday evening at 6:30** in Fellowship Hall. We will ensure proper social distancing, and everyone MUST wear their mask. Please watch for your meeting packet and be sure to read chapter 2 of "Hero Maker."



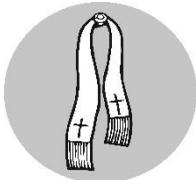


**TEACHER & STAFF RECOGNITION:** Due to the moving of the start of the school year, we will recognize and pray for those in our congregation who serve as teachers & staff in our public school system **next Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at both morning worship services.**



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** We will meet at *Hope* **NEXT Thursday (Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>) at 6:30PM** in *Fellowship Hall*. We will ensure proper social distancing, and everyone **MUST** wear their mask. Please watch for your meeting packet and be sure to read chapter 2 of "*Hero Maker*." Board reports are due to *Jessica* in the church office **no later than NOON, TUESDAY, August 11.**

**TURN YOUR SHEETS INTO QUILTS!** Well, it's not magic that turns your sheets into beautiful quilts, it's the hard work of the members of our quilting crew. Our quilting team is in dire need of used (but **GOOD CONDITION**) sheets as they continue to make **quilts every Monday morning**. These quilts have been sent to our mission site in *Puerto Rico* and used for outreach to those still suffering the effects of hurricane *Maria*. They have been given to people going through chemo, and have touched many, many hearts and lives over the years. Please bring **ANY** size sheets you can spare to the *church office* or contact *Dodie Walker* (813-752-4508) with any questions.

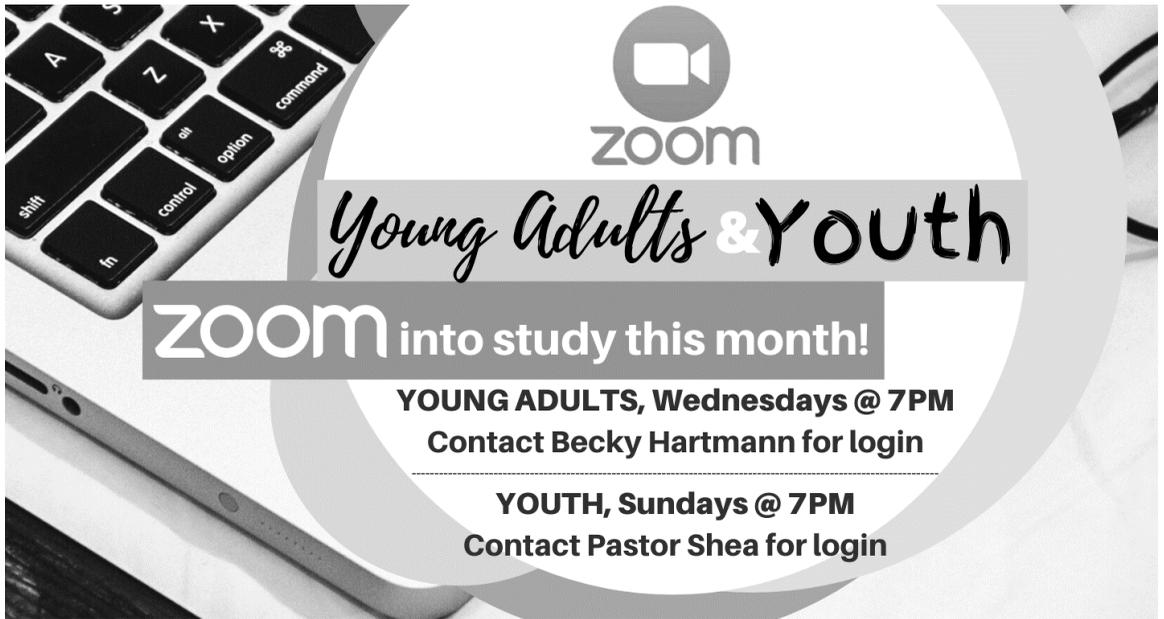


**CALL RECEIVED:** Please keep *Pastor Buck LeGreco* (aka *Vicar Buck*) in your prayers as he received the **Divine Call last week** from *Grace Lutheran Church, Key West* to be their Pastor. *Pastor Buck* served as *Hope's Vicar* from **2013-2014** and has been serving *St. Mark Lutheran Church, Elko, NV* since his Ordination in **2015**. We pray that God's will be done for *Pastor Buck*.

**PRESIDENT'S EQUIP CONFERENCE:** which occurs **every 3 years** for all lay leaders and workers in our Florida Georgia District, scheduled to take place **September 24-26** in *Orlando*, will now be a VIRTUAL CONFERENCE. We will be organizing watch parties and other fun events for the members and leaders of *Hope* to come together for this inspiring event. This will also be *President Walton's* final conference as our District President as he is term limited. His term will end with our District Convention in **June 2021**.



**ONLINE GIVING:** We are set up for online giving for *Building Hope for the Future*. To do so, simply go to *Hope's website* ([hopeplantcity.com](http://hopeplantcity.com)) and click "GIVE HERE." The opportunity for your weekly tithes and offerings will be coming soon. Simply watch your bulletins and e-blasts.



  
**zoom**

*Young Adults & Youth*

**zoom into study this month!**

**YOUNG ADULTS, Wednesdays @ 7PM**  
**Contact Becky Hartmann for login**

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**YOUTH, Sundays @ 7PM**  
**Contact Pastor Shea for login**



With construction finally beginning, Hope's Construction Committee will coordinate with the contractor and will report the status monthly to the Board of Directors and the Congregation. The Construction Committee includes David Booher, Jim Drapp, Nick Trivunovich, Wendell Lattz, Tom Ellison, Pastor Pfeffer, and Pastor Pennington. To make sure the area remains safe and to avoid any miscommunication, we ask that everyone comply with the following:

- Safety 1. A temporary fence will surround the work area. Anyone entering the fenced area must have the contractor's permission, the contractor's site manager must know where they are at all times, and they must wear a hard hat. The best policy is to stay outside of the fence unless absolutely necessary.
- Safety 2. The contractor plans to work Monday thru Friday. During the working hours large trucks and construction traffic will be entering our driveway. Please be extra vigilant for construction traffic when you are on campus.
- Communication. Miscommunication with the contractor can result in extra costs and lost time. All communication with the contractor should be done by the Construction Committee. If you have a concern or thought that you feel needs to be shared with the contractor, please address it to a member of the Construction Committee.
- Field Office. The contractor will be using the North half of the North Youth Room for a field office. They have put down floor protection and a temporary plastic wall. By using this area we are saving the cost of a site trailer. The field office contains some tables and chairs along with plans and other documents. Please respect the contractor's space.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers as we move forward.

# *In Our Thoughts and Prayers*

**SHUT-INS:**

Jim Baldwin	Sue Crouse	Liz Miller
Diane Bates	Bonnie Genrich	Mark Stefanos
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**LEADERS:**

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

## *Family and Friends of Hope*

**CURRENT REQUESTS:**

Cindy	sister of Alan Griffin—shoulder replacement
Dave & Erin	marriage
Greatens family	mourning death of Stacey's mother
John & Donna Koren	relocating to New Jersey
Lattz family	mourning death of Pam's brother Vernon
Tena Matthews	health concerns
Tim Matthews	pneumonia
Vicar Brendon & Jordan Moore	mourning their stillborn daughter, Lilly Grace
Patricia Norris	strength & comfort; caring for both husband and mother
Terry Norris	recovering/rehab; knee replacement
Lynn Reagin	health concerns
Joan Reiter	mother of Kathy Drapp—hip surgery
Mary Springman	mother of Patricia Norris & grandmother of Roxanne Kelly—dementia

**BATTLING CANCER:**

Austin Dobbs	Ginnie Donaldson	Dale Jarvis	Faye Mueller	Judy Strait
Tom Battling	Jace Driggers	Gordon Long	Ovie	Rev. Alan Struckmeyer
Laura Blake	Kori Dunke	Lucille Luedke	Mary Ann Pitre	Jeannie Lee Taylor
Bob Broshelle	Marcus Elam	Jean Marie Mactye	Fran Saitta	Rick Ward
Mary Clapp	Tim Griffie	Pat Mailloux	Becky Schlicher	Mr. Wells
Alice Correia	Jerry Gross	Mari	Mary Scott	Millie Wetz
D	JoAnne Hayashi	Pat Mason	Abbey Sedlacek	Erina Whitaker
Debbie	Barry Himmel	Jennifer McCourt	Betty Snaper	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	Blake Paton—R	Mike Szostkiewicz—R
		Donnie Pittman	

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

**Please email your prayer requests to [hopePCprays@gmail.com](mailto:hopePCprays@gmail.com).**



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

1Corinthians 4:1

**SERVING OUR LORD THIS SUNDAY (8/2/2020) ARE:**

Health Professional	8:00/Joyce Van Matre; 10:30/Oz Vargas
Lector	8:00/Tena Matthews; 10:30/Kathy Drapp
Elder on Duty	8:00/Brian Heipp; 10:30/Mike McMinn
Flowers	D. Walkenhorst family
Offerings	Dale & Jonie Wenzel
Ushers	Team 2
	8:00/Tom Whitehurst,* Carl Bergner, Harold Hastings;
	10:30/Nick Trivunovich,* Alex Drapp, Jim Drapp, Ken Hartmann

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

**SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEDNESDAY (8/5/2020) ARE:**

Health Professional	6:30/April Walkenhorst
Lector	6:30/Carl Bergner
Elder on Duty	6:30/Todd Warner

**SERVING OUR LORD NEXT SUNDAY (8/9/2020) ARE:**

Health Professional	8:00/Sally Kimbrell; 10:30/Carol Walkenhorst
Lector	8:00/Cathie Warner; 10:30/Jim Drapp
Elder on Duty	8:00/Tom Reagin; 10:30/Jim Drapp
Flowers	Mueller & Pfeffer families
Offerings	Alan & Sue Griffin
Ushers	Team 3
	8:00/Lonnie Bertsch,* Diane Bertsch, Tom Reagin;
	10:30/ Stuart Howell,* Wendell Lattz, Andrew MacDonald, Ron MacDonald, Jack Moberg