



HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
A Stephen Ministry Congregation

LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD

Welcome to Hope

SUNDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

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 9/20	8:00 & 10:30	Worship w/Communion
	4:00	Spanish Worship w/Communion
	6:30	Adult Zoom Bible Study
	7:00	Youth Zoom
Monday 9/21	9:00	Quilting
	5:30	Bell Choir
Wednesday 9/23	6:30	Worship w/Communion
	7:00	Women's Zoom Bible Study
Thursday 9/24	<i>FL-GA President's Equip Virtual Conference</i>	
Friday 9/25	<i>FL-GA President's Equip Virtual Conference</i>	
Friday 9/26	<i>FL-GA President's Equip Virtual Conference</i>	
	9:00	Prayer Gathering
Sunday 9/27	8:00 & 10:30	Worship
	9:15	Nominating Committee Meeting
	12:15	Watch Party: FL-GA President's Equip Conference
	4:00	Spanish Worship w/Communion
	6:30	Adult Zoom Bible Study
	7:00	Youth Zoom

Worship Attendance / Communion:

Sunday, September 13, 2020:

Worship: 8:00: 36 10:30: 43

Spanish Worship: 4:00: 49/25

Wednesday, September 16, 2020:

Worship: 6:30: 16

General Fund: \$9,966.00

Stewardship Perspective:

Matthew 20:9 – “And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius.” Behold the generosity of God! He gives out of His grace, not what we deserve to receive. Living a godly life means living in imitation of God, and His generosity is surely one of the foundations of God's being.

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!

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SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Week of September 20, 2020

AS WE GATHER

We find it hard not to notice others—what they have, what they earn, and how they live. What is worse, however, is that we constantly compare ourselves to others. Most of the time we figure that we are on the short end of the stick. But when it comes to the kingdom of God, there is no room for quick comparisons. Instead, we stand in awe of God's rich mercy and generous grace. This is far more than we deserve. If we insist upon comparing our situation to others and complaining, God's response is clear. Take what you have been given and leave. But if we let go of the comparisons, we find ourselves blessed beyond measure with His forgiveness, life, and salvation.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF BELLS

OPENING HYMN

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

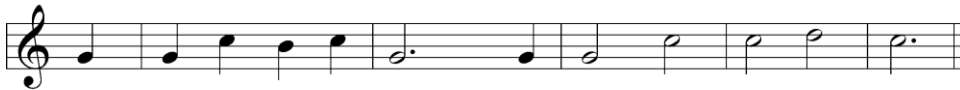
LSB 807



1	When morn-ing gilds the skies,	My heart, a - wak - ing, cries,
2	When mirth for mu - sic longs,	This is my song of songs:
3	No love-lier an - ti - phon	In all high heav'n is known
4	Ye na - tions of man - kind,	In this your con - cord find:
5	Sing, suns and stars of space,	Sing, ye that see His face,



"May Je - sus Christ be praised!"	When eve - ning shad - ows fall,
"May Je - sus Christ be praised!"	God's ho - ly house of prayer
Than "Je - sus Christ be praised!"	There to the e - ter - nal Word
"May Je - sus Christ be praised!"	Let all the earth a - round
Sing, "Je - sus Christ be praised!"	God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,



This rings my cur-few call:	"May Je - sus Christ be praised!"
Hath none that can com-pare	With "Je - sus Christ be praised!"
The e - ter - nal psalm is heard:	"May Je - sus Christ be praised!"
Ring joy - ous with the sound:	"May Je - sus Christ be praised!"
Both now and ev - er - more	Shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

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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: Hide not Your face from me.
- C: **Turn not Your servant away in anger,**
- P: O You who have been my help.
- C: **Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!**
- P: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.
- C: **I, a poor sinner, plead guilty before God of all sins. I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most. My Lord's name I have not honored as I should; my worship and prayers have faltered. I have not let His love have its way with me, and so my love for others has failed. There are those whom I have hurt, and those whom I have failed to help. My thoughts and desires have been soiled with sin.**
- P: Is this your sincere confession?
- C: **I am sorry for all my sins, and I ask for grace that I may do better. Amen.**
- P: As you believe, so let it be. 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.**

SONG OF PRAISE

"There Is A Higher Throne"

CW 727

**There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
Where faithful ones from ev'ry tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we'll stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
Believing hearts find promised grace; salvation comes.**

(Chorus) **Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings.
Through em'rald courts and sapphire skies their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, pow'r, strength, thanks, and honor are
To God our King who reigns on high forever more.**

**And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
 We'll honor Him in perfect song where we belong.
 He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
 The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with Him. (Chorus)**

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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, since we cannot count on anything we have done,
C: **give us grace to count on Christ and His redeeming work upon the cross.**
P: As we delight in His grace, so give us humility to receive Your generosity without offense and trust in Your mercy alone for our salvation;
C: **through Jesus Christ, our Lord,**
P: who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
C: **one God, now and forever. Amen.**

TEACHABLE MOMENT

Hope's Prayer Team



✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 55:6–9

(Seek the Lord while He may be found.)

⁶“Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near ⁷let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30

(Let your manner of life be worthy of the Gospel of Christ.)

¹²I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the

rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. ¹⁹for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again. ²⁷Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

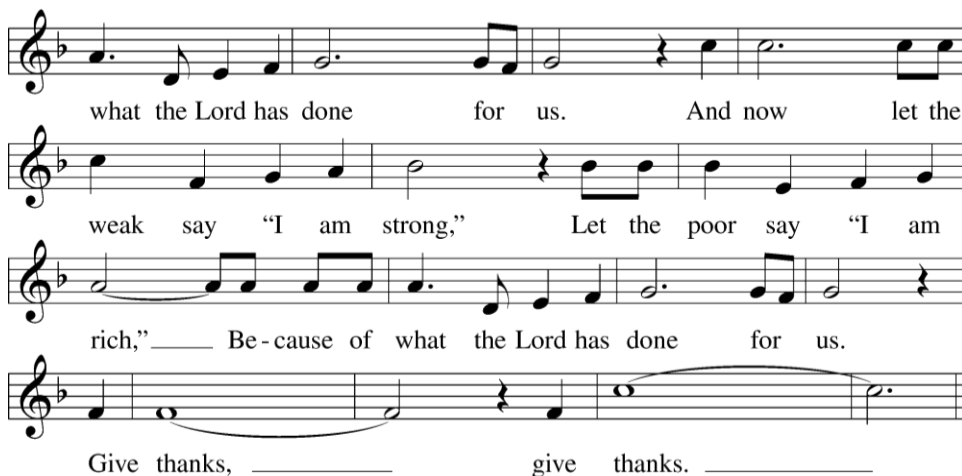
RESPONSE

"Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart"

LSB 806

The musical score is written for a single voice part on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The melody is in a major key with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words spanning across bar lines. The score consists of six lines of music.

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give thanks to the
 Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be - cause He's giv - en _____ Je - sus
 Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give
 thanks to the Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be - cause He's giv - en _____
 Je - sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say "I am
 strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," _____ Be - cause of



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HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1–16

(The last will be first and the first will be last.)

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

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

¹"For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' ⁵So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' ⁷They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' ⁸And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' ⁹And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹²saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first last."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying"

LSB 826



1 Hark, the voice of Je - sus cry - ing, "Who will go and work to - day?
2 If you can-not speak like an - gels, If you can - not preach like Paul,
3 If you can-not be a watch-man, Stand - ing high on Zi - on's wall,
4 Let none hear you i - dly say - ing, "There is noth-ing I can do,"



Fields are white and har-vests wait-ing— Who will bear the sheaves a-way?"
You can tell the love of Je - sus, You can say He died for all.
Point - ing out the path to heav-en, Of - f'ring life and peace to all,
While the mul - ti-tudes are dy - ing And the Mas-ter calls for you.



Loud and long the Mas-ter call-eth; Rich re-ward He of - fers thee.
If you can - not rouse the wick-ed With the judg-ment's dread a - larms,
With your prayers and with your boun-ties You can do what God com-mands;
Take the task He gives you glad-ly, Let His work your plea-sure be;



Who will an-swer, glad - ly say-ing, "Here am I, send me, send me?"
You can lead the lit - tle chil-dren To the Sav-ior's wait - ing arms.
You can be like faith-ful Aar-on, Hold - ing up the proph-et's hands.
An - swer quick-ly when He call-eth, "Here am I, send me, send me!"

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SERMON

"When Feelings Fuel Your Faith"

Rev. Shea Pennington

Matthew 21:12-14

& Ephesians 4:26-27

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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: In peace, let us pray to the Lord and offer to Him the petitions and supplications of a people confident of His promise to hear and answer us with mercy. That we may seek the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him in the day of salvation, and be prepared by His mercy for the Day of Judgment, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: That we may delight in the light of Christ and His salvation, and that sinners may find refuge in His mercy and comfort in His forgiveness, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: That the Lord may bless missionaries far and near, that He may nurture newly planted congregations, and that He may renew those congregations in distress, that those from every nation and culture may be united with us in faith and life, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: That we may enjoy the blessing of good government, faithful leaders, peace in our land and peace among the nations, and that we may be good citizens and neighbors, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: That the sick may be healed, the troubled know peace, the grieving be comforted and the dying be delivered to everlasting life in Christ, and especially for *Diane Bates, Jerrie Edelman, Ron Michael, Mary Lou Nash, Lynn Reagin, Gary Smith, and Millie Wetz*; and that we may all be delivered from fear, anxiety and despair by God's gracious care, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: That we may commune in faith, that no unrepentant sin may hinder our reception of Christ's body and blood, and that the fruits of this communion may be reflected in a manner of life in keeping with who we are as God's children by Baptism and faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: That we may honor the Lord with praise and thanksgiving and bring to the Lord the tithes and offerings of a grateful people, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Hear the prayers of Your people, O Lord, and grant to us all things good and wholesome and keep from us all things harmful. Give us contentment, that trusting

in Your mercy we may delight in Your saving will where the last are made first by Your generosity and grace; 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.



✠ HOLY COMMUNION ✠

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

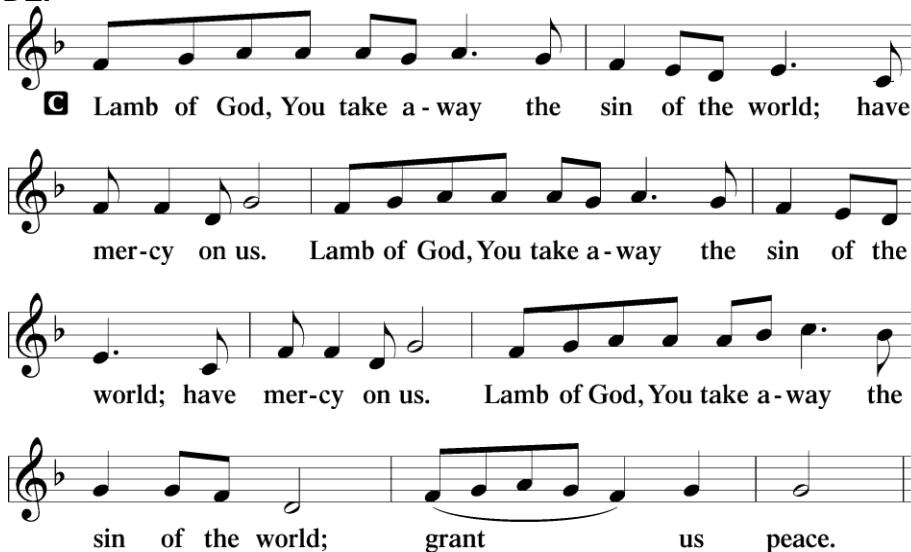
We listen again to the very words spoken by Jesus Christ in the upper room, “take and eat, this is my body... take and drink, this is my blood”. We prepare to receive what Jesus has promised to share with us, His very presence. As we eat this bread and drink this wine, Christ nourishes us, forgives us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

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

C: And also with you.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 163



(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.

Our COVID-19 procedure for today: ¹We will commune the pulpit side, then the lectern side; ²Be sure to use the hand sanitizer before you exit your pew to come forward; ³Keep 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 HYMN

“How Great Thou Art”

LSB 801

The first staff of music is in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It contains four measures: a quarter rest, a half note G, a half note A, and a half note B.

1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der Con - sid - er
2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the
3 But when I think that God, His Son not spar - ing, Sent Him to
4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me

all the works Thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y
birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; When I look down from loft-y moun-tain
die, I scarce can take it in— That on the cross my bur-den glad-ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-bles ad-o-

thun - der,	Thy pow'r through - out	the u - ni - verse dis - played;
gran - deur	And hear the brook	and feel the gen - tle breeze;
bear - ing	He bled and died	to take a - way my sin;
ra - tion	And there pro - claim:	"My God, how great Thou art!"

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee, How great Thou
 art! How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to
 Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

"Thank the Lord"

LSB 164

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'-ry-one what He has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.

He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy

with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

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

“To God Be the Glory”

1. **To God be the glory, great things He has done,
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son.
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.**

(Chorus 1) **Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord. Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He has done.**

2. **To God be the glory, great mercy He’s shown:
He saved us and cleansed us and made us his own;
Renewed by the Spirit, reborn from above,
That we might be justified by His rich love! *(Chorus 1)***

3. **To God be the glory, His Word is great truth,
Instructing and guiding since days of our youth:
The law to reprove, to correct, and train;
The Gospel to comfort, to heal and sustain. *(Chorus 1)***

4. **To God be the glory, His greatness divine
Now offers forgiveness with bread and with wine,
And fed by His body and blood in this place,
We taste and we see the Lord’s wonderful grace! *(Chorus 1)***

5. **To God be the glory, great things He has done,
Our lives have been touched by the light of His Son—
Called out of the darkness of death and despair;
Made priests in His kingdom, His deeds to declare.**

(Chorus 2) **Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord. Let the people rejoice!
Sing praise to the Father, sing praise to the Son,
Sing praise to the Spirit—our God, Three in One!**

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POSTLUDE

“To God Be the Glory”

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.



WHAT'S THE BUZZ: Your **SEPTEMBER** calendar and servant schedule have been emailed to you. Printed copies are UNDER the mailboxes for you to take home, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest what is happening here at Hope.



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 Kenbrell; **10:30**—Todd Warner; and **Wednesday**—Carol Walkenhorst. Thank you for your assistance and ministry!



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

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. ¹We will commune the pulpit side, then the lectern side; ²Be sure to use the hand sanitizer before you exit your pew to come forward; ³Keep 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.



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**.)



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 a plexiglass shield mounted to the keyboard to assist our song leader and protect those seated near the keyboard. This shield was installed in June 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!



LET'S ZOOM!: Pastor Pfeffer's **Sunday morning** Family Bible Hour class is now on **Sunday evenings from 6:30-7:30** and take places on ZOOM. Our class is "Enduring Faith" and we've picked up on ZOOM where we left off in person! For those that registered, check your email for class handouts and log-in links. If you haven't registered, you still can at hopeplantcity.com.



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) 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!

CHRISTIAN LOVE & SYMPATHY: to the Niver-Kimbrell Family as they mourn the deaths of Lee's brother, Jess and Lee's granddaughter, Kat. Please pray our Lord's hand of resurrection peace and comfort upon Lee, Sally and David during this time.



PRESIDENT'S EQUIP CONFERENCE: will take place virtually **September 24-26**. We are planning host a "watch party" here at Hope **next Sunday, September 27th following our 10:30 worship**. Together we will watch the keynote messages of the conference. **Following worship** there will be time for a "bring your own lunch (BYOL)" in Fellowship Hall. We will then join in the Sanctuary and end **by 3:30PM** to allow time for our Spanish worship to prepare for their worship. Please see the insert in today's bulletin to register for our watch party. If you want to participate in ANY or all of the breakout sessions, you will have to register on your own at flgadistrict.org/pec/.

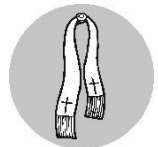


PRAYER IS THE BRIDGE: to communicating with God, faith is the movement you take on that bridge. A bridge is only as useful as you make it. God has given every believer a bridge that reaches directly into His throne room. We have access to a mighty God, and we have much to bring before Him as we face trials and challenges, both personally and nationally. We need the intervention of God. You are invited to join the Prayer Team for the *Prayer Gathering to Pray for America*, **Saturday, September 26, 9-11AM**. Bring your Bible and pray the scriptures for the purpose of touching heaven to change earth.

It is foolish to make our humble pleas for justice, liberty, and equality without ever asking God to lead our efforts. Let us not be disconnected from the greatest power in the universe, the transformational and supernatural power that comes only from God. --The Prayer Team



TO BE INSTALLED: Former Vicar, now Pastor Buck LeGreco will be Installed on **Saturday, October 3rd** as Pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, Key West. Notes of congratulations and prayers can be sent to him at 2713 Flagler Ave, Key West, FL 33040, or pastorbucklegreco@gmail.com. We pray God's blessings on Pastor Buck as he begins his new ministry.



DELEGATE NEEDED FOR CIRCUIT FORUM: Our Winter Haven Circuit will meet "virtually" on **Sunday, October 4th at 1:30pm** for the purpose of electing a new *Circuit Visitor* (Pastor Pfeffer is term limited). This election occurs **every three years** and the results will be ratified at the *District Convention* in **June, 2021**. Every Circuit in both our District and Synod are electing Circuit Visitors to serve for the **next 3 years**. If you would like to serve in this way, please see Pastor Pfeffer.





WE HATE TO ANNOUNCE: that due to the coronavirus, our *Board of Directors* after much prayer and discussion was led to CANCEL our *Annual Turkey Supper* for the health and safety of our members and guests. Lots of ideas were shared to make the dinner happen this year, but the bottom line is the health and safety from this virus for all involved.



HURRICANE RELIEF: A fund has been established by the *Southern District of our Lutheran Church Missouri Synod* for hurricane relief. It is important to note that 100% of your gift goes directly towards disaster relief. Please send your gifts to *Southern District, Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, 100 Mission Drive, Slidell, Louisiana 70460*. Please write "Disaster Relief" on the memo line.

ONLINE GIVING: To give online to *Building Hope for the Future*, simply go to Hope's website (hopeplantcity.com) and click "GIVE HERE."



From Hope's Quilters...

Thank you all for the sheets and material that has been donated to our quilting crew. It is heartwarming to see the generosity of our church family.

We are now just finishing working on 60 lap quilts for a nursing home outreach that is being sponsored by one of our members. One of our quilters also made 42 adult bibs and 30 walker bags for the project.

Due to restrictions in Puerto Rico because of COVID-19, our sending of quilts to them is temporarily on hold. They have connected us with a mission in Fort Wayne, IN that needs as many quilts as we can make for them. We have been in contact with Rev. Joshua Gale who is the Executive Director of "Just Neighbors Interfaith Homeless Network." They house hundreds of people in their shelter each year (all families), designed to intervene in family situations of economic crisis. In 2019, they had a 98% success rate in moving families from their shelter into stable housing, which they did on average in 30 days for each family in need. We have already sent them 20 full size quilts and will be sending 15 children's quilts this week. As you can see, we go through a lot of material and can always use more. Thank you again for your support in the past and we look forward to you cleaning out your closets again for us.

New MEN'S small group!

FORGED: MEN SHARPENING MEN IN THEIR FAITH

Tuesdays @ 7:00pm

BEGINS 9/21



Contact
Pastor Shea
(hopepcpastorshea@gmail.com)
for ZOOM login

"As iron sharpens iron so one man sharpens another." Proverbs 17:27

Sign up at HOPEPLANTCITY.COM
for handouts & login access

ENDURING FAITH

zoom

with Pastor Pfeffer
SUNDAYS, 6:30-7:30PM

Women's online **BIBLE STUDY**

God's Word for Today: Esther
Wednesdays at 7:00pm via ZOOM

Contact Becky Hartmann:
813-205-5436 or bhartmann3@verizon.net

zoom

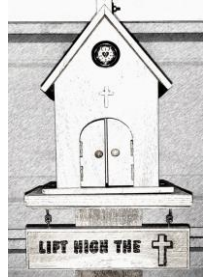
HEY Youth!!!

zoom into study this month!

Sundays @ 7PM
Contact Pastor Shea for login

Building Hope for the Future: Impact Phase

August was another great month for Building Hope! New contributions have brought our total to \$401,672 which is 59.5% of our total commitments goal. We give thanks to our Father who continues to provide Immeasurably More, and to the brothers and sisters of Hope who are generously making our progress a reality. Construction has begun! Thanks be to God!



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE – AUGUST

We officially began construction of our new sanctuary July 28, 2020. By contract:

- The sanctuary must be complete in 270 days – April 24, 2021
- Then another 95 days for demolition and completion of the parking lot – July 28, 2021

The building pad and detention pond is being graded and compacted.

The concrete foundations and slab will be formed and poured by the end of August.

The metal building frame was ordered and will be delivered and erected in November and December.

Sign up for next week's worship at
hopeplantcity.com
or call the church office at 813-752-4622



The Workers in the Vineyard

Jesus told a parable. He said,
"The kingdom of heaven is like ...



Solve the sudoku puzzle. All the numbers 1-9 must be used once in each row, column and box. Then use the code to fill in the blanks.

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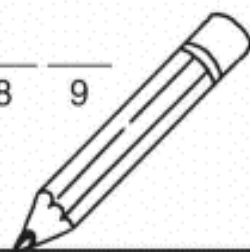
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In Our Thoughts and Prayers

SHUT-INS:

Jim Baldwin
Diane Bates
Putt Crouse

Sue Crouse
Bonnie Genrich
Liz Miller

Gary Smith
Mark Stefanos
Millie Wetz

LEADERS:

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

Pres. Donald Trump
Our Nation & World
Our Armed Forces
Our 1st Responders

Family and Friends of Hope

NEW REQUESTS:

Kayra	niece of Alan & Sue Griffin—rare form of lupus
Niver-Kimbrell Family	mourning death of granddaughter, Kat
Niver-Kimbrell Family	mourning death of Lee's brother, Jess
Shane	grandson of James & Lauretta Tennyson—lost everything in Oregon fires
Erna Whitaker	friend of Alan & Sue Griffin—end-stage cancer

CURRENT REQUESTS:

Diane Bates	shingles
Jerrie Edelman	aortic aneurysm surgery (10/5)
Jason	2-year old family friend of Paul & Barbara Ahlers—fall/head injury; induced coma
Karen McKeachie	former winter member—open heart surgery
Bill Miller	brother of Kathy Bravis—health concerns; bronchitis/pneumonia
Mary Lou Nash	cancer
Lynn Reagin	health concerns
Gary Smith	lung cancer; chemo/radiation
Millie Wetz	return of leukemia

BATTLING CANCER:

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

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.



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

1Corinthians 4:1

SERVING OUR LORD THIS SUNDAY (9/20/2020) ARE:

Health Professional	8:00/Joyce Van Matre; 10:30/Oz Vargas
Lector	8:00/Gloria Warner; 10:30/Nora Trivunovich
Elder on Duty	8:00/Tom Reagin; 10:30/Jim Drapp
Flowers	Flamm family
Offerings	Wendell & Pam Lattz
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
Bill & Mary Jo in honor of their wedding anniversary and Mary Jo's birthday*

SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEDNESDAY (9/23/2020) ARE:

Health Professional	6:30/April Walkenhorst
Lector	6:30/Barbara Ahlers
Elder on Duty	6:30/Mike McMinn

SERVING OUR LORD NEXT SUNDAY (9/27/2020) ARE:

Health Professional	8:00/Sally Kimbrell; 10:30/Todd Warner
Lector	8:00/Tena Matthews; 10:30/Cathie Warner
Elder on Duty	8:00/Brian Heipp; 10:30/Nick Trivunovich
Flowers	D. Walkenhorst family
Offerings	Alison Reaume & Cathie Warner
Ushers	Team 1

8:00/Wayne Warner,* David Booher, David Niver, Jeff Reaume;
10:30/Todd Warner,* Mack Goethe, Billy Mueller, Dora Mueller, Jim Szostkiewicz



CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP!

ONE BODY MANY PARTS

florida georgia district

**President's Equip Conference
September 24–26, 2020**

Join us for a Watch Party at Hope!

Sunday, September 27, 2020

12:15-3:30pm

We will watch major presentations together in the sanctuary
on the big screen following lunch.

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH.



Name: _____



How many in your household will be attending? _____

CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP!

You can also register on your own for breakout sessions to watch
at your leisure.

More information can be found at: flgadistrict.org/pec/