



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 10/4	8:00 & 10:30	Worship w/Communion
	9:15	Christian Growth, Fellowship, Missions & Outreach, Human Care, and Youth Ministry Teams Meetings
	4:00	Spanish Worship w/Communion
	7:00	Youth ZOOM
Monday 10/5	9:00	Quilting
	5:30	Bell Choir
Tuesday 10/6	12:00	DEADLINE—Ministry Team Reports Due!
	7:00	Men’s Small Group ZOOM
Wednesday 10/7	6:30	Worship w/Communion
	7:00	Women’s ZOOM Bible Study
Thursday 10/8	6:30	Board of Directors Meeting
Sunday 10/11		Youth Scrip Orders Due
	8:00 & 10:30	Worship
	1:30	Winter Haven Circuit Forum
	4:00	Spanish Worship w/Communion
	6:30	Adult ZOOM Bible Study
	7:00	Youth ZOOM

Worship Attendance / Communion:

Sunday, September 27, 2020:
Worship: 8:00: 28 10:30: 47
Spanish Worship: 4:00: 30/13

Wednesday, September 30, 2020:
Worship: 6:30: 21

General Fund: \$7,567.00

Stewardship Perspective:

Matt. 21:43 – “Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits.” The Pharisees were not bearing fruit. They were faithful to the letter of the Law in keeping the Sabbath, tithing, and all the rest, but they neglected the heart of God’s will. The grace of God belongs at the center. Our giving and all our other good works flow forth from receiving God’s grace and living in that grace on a daily basis.

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 October 4, 2020

AS WE GATHER

The vineyard is frequently used in Scripture to denote a special place in God's creation. To have a vineyard and enjoy its fruit is a blessing. When the prophet Isaiah speaks of the goodness of the Lord, he says that God's favored people "shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit" (Isaiah 65:21). Vineyards were planted with a fruitful harvest in mind. We are the Lord's planting, and we eagerly await our harvest home.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF BELLS

OPENING HYMN

"How Great Thou Art"

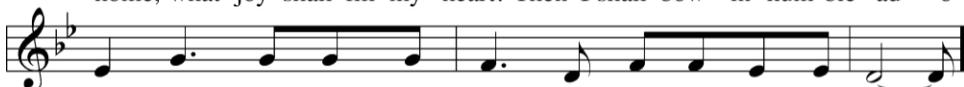
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1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der Con - sid - er
2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the
3 But when I think that God, His Son not spar - ing, Sent Him to
4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma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

P: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock!

C: **You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.**

P: Turn again, O God of hosts!

C: **Look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine, the stock that Your right hand planted.**

P: Restore us, O God of hosts;

C: **let Your face shine, that we may be saved!**

P: O God our Father, since You have set forth the way of life for us in Your beloved Son, we confess with shame our slowness to learn of Him, our failure to follow His guidance, and our reluctance to bear the cross. We acknowledge that we are by nature sinful and unclean and know in our hearts that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.

C: **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

P: Forgive us for all that is amiss in our lives, as we continually break Your commands. Forgive us that we have not always been fruitful plantings in Your vineyard.

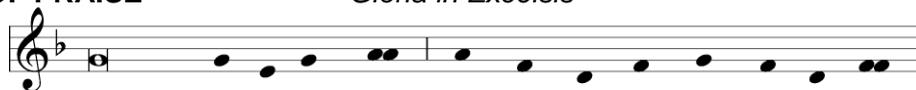
C: **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

P: Upon this your confession and by the command of our Lord, I, a called and ordained servant of Christ, 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 God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, and He will do it.

C: **Amen.**



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Gracious God,

C: You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him.
P: Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love,
C: and grant us the fullness of Your salvation;
P: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God,
C: now and forever. Amen.



OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 5:1–7

(The vineyard of the Lord is judged.)

Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ²He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. ³And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? ⁵And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briars and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. ⁷For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Philippians 3:4b–14

(Paul witnesses to the congregation at Philippi.)

⁴though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in

Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—¹⁰ that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSE

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:33–46

(The parable of the tenants in the vineyard)

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

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

P: *[Jesus said:]* “Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit.

L: And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another.

P: *Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’*

L: But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’

P: *And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?”*

L: They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.”

P: *Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes’? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away*

from you and given to a people producing its fruits. And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

L: When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard His parables, they perceived that He was speaking about them. And although they were seeking to arrest Him, they feared the crowds, because they held Him to be a prophet.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

“The Church’s One Foundation”

LSB 644



1 The Church’s one foun-da-tion Is Je-sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E-lect from ev-’ry na-tion, Yet one o’er all the earth;
3 Though with a scorn-ful won-der The world sees her op-pressed,
4 Through toil and trib-u-la-tion And tu-mult of her war
5 Yet she on earth has u-nion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre-a-a-tion By wa-ter and the Word.
Her char-ter of sal-va-tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
By schisms rent a-sun-der, By her-e-sies dis-tressed,
She waits the con-sum-ma-tion Of peace for-ev-er-more
And mys-tic sweet com-mu-nion With those whose rest is won.



From heav’n He came and sought her To be His ho-ly bride;
One ho-ly name she bless-es, Par-takes one ho-ly food,
Yet saints their watch are keep-ing; Their cry goes up, “How long?”
Till with the vi-sion glo-rious Her long-ing eyes are blest,
O bless-ed heav’n-ly cho-rus! Lord, save us by Your grace



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
And to one hope she press-es With ev-’ry grace en-dued.
And soon the night of weep-ing Shall be the morn of song.
And the great Church vic-to-rious Shall be the Church at rest.
That we, like saints be-fore us, May see You face to face.

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SERMON

“Straining Toward What Lies Ahead” Rev. Shea Pennington

Philippians 3:13

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: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Merciful Lord, You have planted us as Your own vineyard, that we might bear good fruit for Your glory. Grant to us grace, that we may be faithful and show forth in our lives the good works that glorify You and serve Your purpose. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Gracious Father, embolden us by Your Spirit, that we may give witness to Your mighty acts. Bless the missionaries who bring the Gospel to people who have not heard, and raise up faithful pastors who will nurture the congregations in their care with Your Word and Sacraments. Give us ears willing to hear, minds willing to be instructed and hearts willing to trust You in all things. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Holy Lord, rescue us from all enemies of Your Church, and bless us with church leaders whose voices will not waver in the face of threat. Bless *Matthew*, president of the Synod; *Greg*, our district president; *Dean*, our circuit visitor. Inspire men and women to go into church-work vocations, and bless those preparing for church work. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Mighty Lord, give to the nations both the desire for and the blessing of peace. Thwart the actions of terrorists and those who would oppress with the power of fear. Bless *Donald*, our president; *Ron*, our governor; and all who pass, enforce and judge our laws. Spare us from disease and fear. Deliver the poor from want, and help us to provide jobs and worthy employment for all. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of love, deliver the sick from their illnesses, give relief to the suffering, help the troubled to know peace of mind, and be with the grieving and those in their final days. Guide all health care professionals to serve those in need, and give patience to those who must bear with their infirmities, disabilities and infertility. Hear us especially for *Diane Bates, Jerrie Edelman, Ron Michael, Mary Lou Nash, Lynn Reagin, Gary Smith, and Millie Wetz*. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Heavenly Father, prepare our hearts to receive the Lord's body and blood in this Holy Supper, that we may be strengthened in faith, renewed in love and nurtured in faith by our communion. Give to us unity of faith and harmony in our life together. Bring us at last with the saints who have gone before, that we may attain everlasting life and dwell in Your presence forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

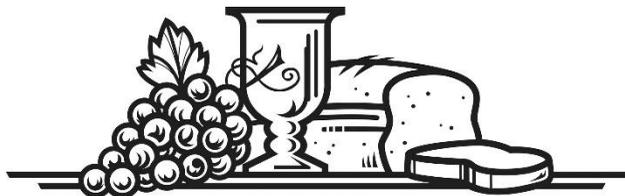
C: hear our prayer.

P: Holy God, give us a willing spirit, that we may serve You with all that we have and all that we are. Help us to be faithful and fruitful in the godly use of Your resources and gifts, that we may use them in accord with Your will and for Your glory. Bless us Lord, as we continue to Build Hope for the Future to Your glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Hear us, O Lord, and give answer to the prayers of Your people prayed in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, whom with the Father and the Spirit, You are one God and one 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

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

(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.



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to
 2 He came from His blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -
 3 Some - times they strew His way And His sweet prais - es
 4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly
 stow; But men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would
 sing; Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their
 spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their



be. Oh, who am I That for my sake
 know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed,
 King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their breath,
 sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these



My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
 Who at my need His life did spend!
 And for His death They thirst and cry.
 Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst Him rise.

- 5 They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made away;
 A murderer they save, The Prince of Life they slay.
 Yet cheerful He To suffer'ing goes That He His foes From thence might free.
- 6 In life no house, no home My Lord on earth might have;
 In death no friendly tomb But what a stranger gave. What may I say?
 Heav'n was His home But mine the tomb Wherein He lay.
- 7 Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine!
 Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like Thine.
 This is my friend, In whose sweet praise I all my days Could gladly spend!

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE*“Thank the Lord”*

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



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice 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*“Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken”**(tune: LSB 700)*

**Jesus, I my cross have taken, All to leave and follow You.
Destitute, despised, forsaken, You on earth once suffered, too.
Perish ev'ry fond ambition, All I've ever hoped or known;
Yet how rich is my condition! God and heav'n are still my own.**

**Let the world despise and leave me; They have left my Savior, too.
Human hearts and looks deceive me; You are not, like them, untrue.
And since You have smiled upon me, God of wisdom, love, and might,
Foes may hate and friends may shun me— Show Your face, and all is bright.**

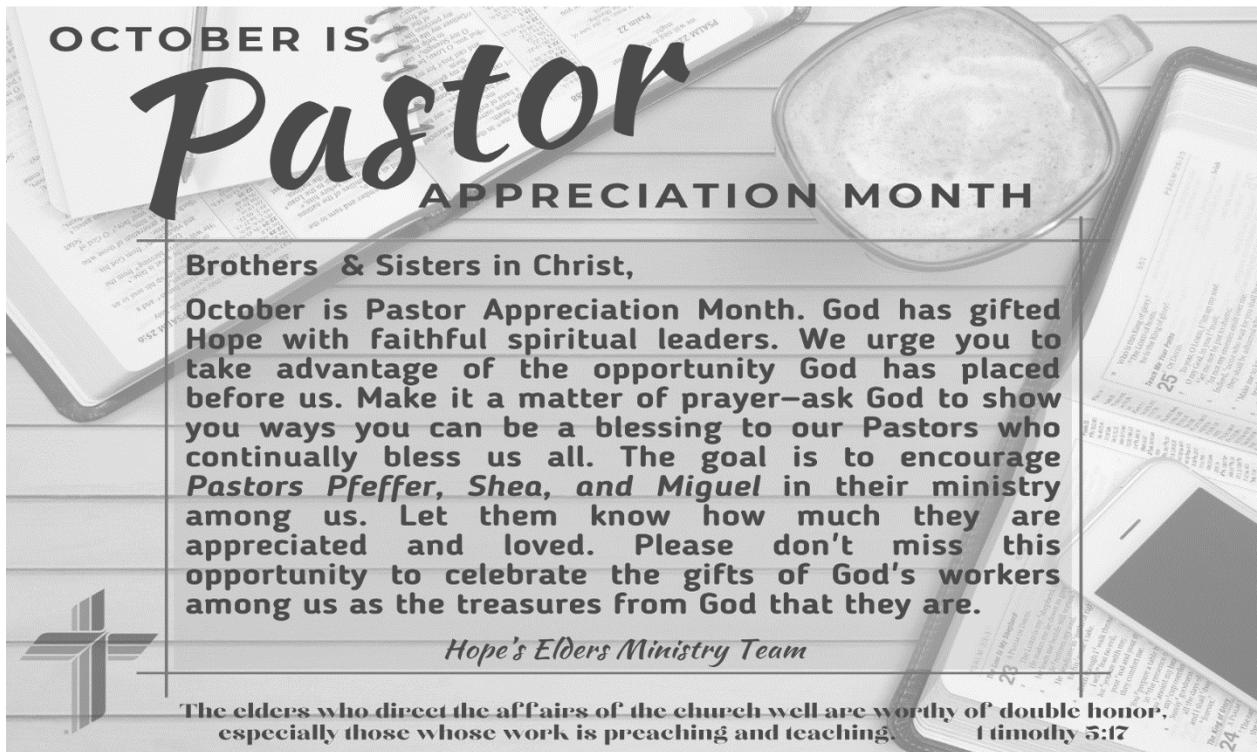
Go, then, earthly fame and treasure! Come, disaster, scorn, and pain!
In Your service pain is pleasure; With Your favor loss is gain.
I have called You Abba, Father! You my all in all shall be.
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather; All must work for good to me.

Haste, my soul, from grace to glory, Armed by faith and winged by prayer.
All but heav'n is transitory; God's own hand shall guide you there.
Soon shall end this earthly story; Swift shall pass the pilgrim days,
Hope soon change to heav'nly glory, Faith to sight and prayer to praise.

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POSTLUDE

“Hyfrydol”



OCTOBER IS
Pastor
APPRECIATION MONTH

Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. God has gifted Hope with faithful spiritual leaders. We urge you to take advantage of the opportunity God has placed before us. Make it a matter of prayer—ask God to show you ways you can be a blessing to our Pastors who continually bless us all. The goal is to encourage Pastors Pfeffer, Shea, and Miguel in their ministry among us. Let them know how much they are appreciated and loved. Please don't miss this opportunity to celebrate the gifts of God's workers among us as the treasures from God that they are.

Hope's Elders Ministry Team

The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching. 1 timothy 5:17

Growing in the Grace of Giving

We celebrate the Reformation at the end of each October. The Reformation began on All Saints' Eve in 1517, which was when Martin Luther posted the 95 Theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg. So, let's hear from Luther himself on the topic of giving and stewardship.

In the Small Catechism under the Table of Duties, Martin Luther gives specific Bible passages to help Christians know their duty in their various vocations as members of their family, society at large, and in God's family, the Church. Under the heading "What Hearers Owe Their Pastors," Luther lists five passages from the Bible, three of which have to do with giving to your local congregation. They are these:

- ✠ "The Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel." (1 Cor. 9:14)
- ✠ "Anyone who receives instruction in the word must share all good things with his instructor. Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows." (Gal. 6:6–7)
- ✠ "The elders [presbyters, i.e., pastors] who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially whose work is preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, 'Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain,' and 'The worker deserves his wages.'" (1 Tim. 5:17–18)

Luther comments on these passages in his 1535 Lectures on Galatians. He wrote:

"When Paul says 'all good things,' this is not to be taken to mean that everyone should share all his possessions with his preacher. No, it means that he should provide for him liberally, giving him as much as is needed to support his life in comfort. ... The apostle is so serious in advocating this topic of support for preachers that he adds a threat to his denunciation and exhortation, saying: 'God is not mocked.' ... All this pertains to the topic of support for ministers. I do not like to interpret such passages; for they seem to commend us, as in fact they do. In addition, it gives the appearance of greed if one emphasizes these things diligently to one's hearers. Nevertheless, people should be taught also about this matter, in order that they may know that they owe both respect and support to their preachers. Christ teaches the same thing in Luke 10:7: 'Eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages'; and Paul says elsewhere (1 Cor. 9:13–14): 'Do you not know that those who are employed in the temple service get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in the sacrificial offerings? In the same way the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the Gospel should get their living by the Gospel.' It is important for us who are in the ministry to know this, so that we do not have a bad conscience about accepting for our work wages ... it happens when those who proclaim the glory of God and faithfully instruct the youth derive their livelihood from them. It is impossible that one man should be devoted to household duties day and night for his support and at the same time pay attention to the study of Sacred Scripture, as the teaching ministry requires. Since God has commanded and instituted this, we should know that we may with a good conscience enjoy what is provided for the comfortable support of our lives from church properties to enable us to devote ourselves to our office." (LW 27:125–126)

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.



PASTOR PFEFFER & LIZ: are in Key West **this weekend**, where Pastor participated in Pastor Buck's Installation **yesterday**. Along with the Pfeffer's is our Director of Music, Christine Mansell. Pastor will be back in the office on **Tuesday morning**. In the event of an emergency, please call Pastor Shea at 813-368-8831.



WHAT'S THE BUZZ: Your **OCTOBER** 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.



PASTOR PFEFFER'S CLASS: will *NOT* meet on Zoom **tonight** as he is on vacation. Be sure to tune in **next week** as we move into the New Testament!

VETERANS: We are trying to update our database of those who have served in our nation's armed forces. If you served our nation in the military **at any time**, please contact Jessica in the church office at hopepcsecretary@gmail.com or 813-752-4622.



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**—Carol Walkenhorst. **Next Sunday, 8:00**—Sally Kimbrell; **10:30**—Oz Vargas; and **Wednesday**—April 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.

Communing
TOGETHER

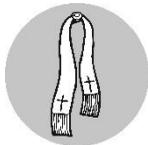


THANKS: to our ushers and Elders for their extra work **following each worship service** to wipe down the pews with sanitizing wipes and assist in so many ways to help protect everyone who enters our sanctuary. (FYI—pews, door handles, and restrooms are wiped down **after each service**.)



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!



INSTALLED YESTERDAY: was our former Vicar, now Pastor Buck LeGreco 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.



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!



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!**

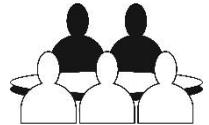


TRY IT YOU'LL LIKE IT: If you are concerned about coming to church on a **Sunday morning** because of too many people, we **ENCOURAGE** you to try our **Wednesday evening (6:30)** worship. This service has **LESS** people in attendance than either of our Sunday morning services, which makes social distancing 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!



BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Just a reminder of our meeting **THURSDAY at 6:30PM**. Once again, we will meet in **FELLOWSHIP HALL**. Please be sure to **WEAR** your mask and we will socially distance. Be sure to read chapter 4 in advance of our meeting. If you need your meeting packet printed for you, please be sure to contact Jessica.



CALL TO SERVE: documents have been sent to many of our brothers and sisters here at Hope to serve our Lord and His church through some of our ministry teams in **2021**. If you received this document, please note the response due date of **October 11th**. We pray God's blessings as you prayerfully consider this Call to Serve!



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.



EMPTY BOWLS LUCH: sponsored by our *United Food Bank of Plant City* will take place at the train depot in downtown Plant City on **Saturday, November 14th from 10:00–1:30.** Tickets are available **today** from either *Pastor Pfeffer* or *Becky Hartmann.* **Until October 30th** tickets will be ONLY \$5.00 each. **Effective October 31st,** tickets will be \$10.00 each. So be sure to get your tickets early! All proceeds benefit our *United Food Bank of Plant City.* (Hope will again be one of the “soup vendors”). Thanks to *Becky Hartmann* who again this year is leading the sidewalk chalk contest!

OUR SPANISH MINISTRY: needs your help! It is the goal of *Pastor Miguel* to distribute turkeys to all worshipping families on **November 22nd following their worship.** They are in need of donors (financial or THRIVENT ACTION TEAM GRANTS) to make this possible. He is seeking to purchase for 25 families. *Pastor Miguel* also would like to distribute small Christmas gifts to the children in this ministry on **December 20th.** Again, he is asking for your financial support and/or THRIVENT Action Team cards. If you can assist with either Thanksgiving or Christmas, please place your gift in the BLUE ENVELOPE in your pew and mark it *Thanksgiving or Christmas—Spanish Ministry.* If you can secure a THRIVENT Action Team grant, please contact *Pastor Miguel* at 813-406-9174. Thanks in advance for your Spirit motivated giving.



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

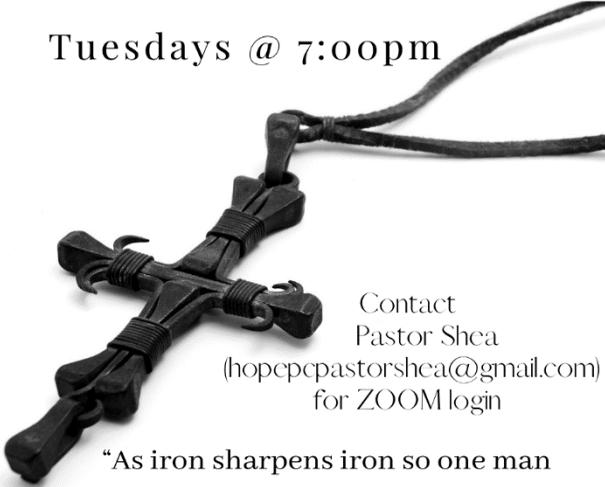
To give online to *Building Hope for the Future*, simply go to Hope's website (hopeplantcity.com) and click "**GIVE HERE.**"



MEN'S small group!

FORGED: MEN SHARPENING MEN IN THEIR FAITH

Tuesdays @ 7:00pm



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

Pressing Toward the Goal

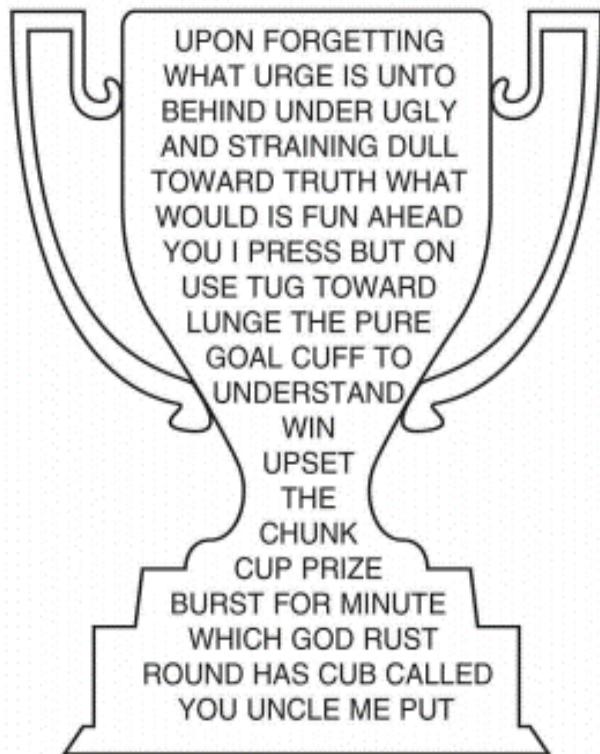
When the apostle Paul wrote to the Christians at Philippi, he named some important things about himself, but then he said ...

Cross out every word on the trophy that contains the letter U.
Write the remaining words on the lines.

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In Our Thoughts and Prayers

SHUT-INS:

Jim Baldwin Sue Crouse
Diane Bates Bonnie Genrich
Putt Crouse Liz Miller

Gary Smith
Mark Stefanos
Millie Wetz

LEADERS:

Rev. Dean & Liz Pfeiffer
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:

Wendell & Pam Lattz	celebrating birth of grandson, Luke Alexander Drucker (9/28)
Bryan Pfenning	health concerns
Beverly Pirhonen	mourning death of friend, Mary
Joan Reiter	mother of Kathy Drapp—health concerns

CURRENT REQUESTS:

Jerrie Edelman	aortic aneurysm surgery (10/5)
Alan & Sue Griffin	mourning death of friend Erna Whitaker
Jaython	2-year old family friend of Paul & Barbara Ahlers—fall/head injury; PT & OT
Kayra	niece of Alan & Sue Griffin—rare form of lupus
Mary Lou Nash	hospice
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

BATTLING CANCER:

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



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

1Corinthians 4:1

SERVING OUR LORD THIS SUNDAY (10/4/2020) ARE:

Health Professional	8:00/Joyce Van Matre; 10:30/Oz Vargas
Lector	8:00/Julie Gates; 10:30/Loretta Scott
Elder on Duty	8:00/Wayne Warner; 10:30/Jim Carnicelli
Flowers	Howell 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
Stuart & Sandy Howell in honor of Tim's birthday*

SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEDNESDAY (10/7/2020) ARE:

Health Professional	6:30/Carol Walkenhorst
Lector	6:30/Carl Bergner
Elder on Duty	6:30/Jim Carnicelli

SERVING OUR LORD NEXT SUNDAY (10/11/2020) ARE:

Health Professional	8:00/Sally Kimbrell; 10:30/Oz Vargas
Lector	8:00/Cathie Warner; 10:30/Nora Trivunovich
Elder on Duty	8:00/Lonnie Bertsch; 10:30/Nick Trivunovich
Flowers	Harsh family
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