



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 10/25		Reformation Sunday
	8:00 & 10:30	Worship
	4:00	Spanish Worship w/Communion
	6:30	Adult ZOOM Bible Study
	7:00	Youth ZOOM
Monday 10/26	9:00	Quilting
	5:30	Bell Choir
	5:30	Moving Hope @ Hope
Tuesday 10/27	7:00	Men’s Small Group ZOOM
Wednesday 10/28	6:30	Worship
	7:00	Women’s ZOOM Bible Study
Friday 10/30	5:30	Pumpkin Carving Party w/Ms. Ellen
Saturday 10/31		Reformation Day
	3:00	Trunk or Treat at YMCA
Sunday 11/1		All Saints Day Daylight Savings—turn clocks back
	8:00 & 10:30	Worship w/Communion
	9:15	Ministry Team Meetings: Christian Growth, Fellowship, Missions & Outreach, Human Care, Youth
	4:00	Spanish Worship w/Communion
	6:30	Adult ZOOM Bible Study
	7:00	Youth ZOOM

Worship Attendance / Communion:

Sunday, October 18, 2020:	Wednesday, October 21, 2020:
Worship: 8:00: 20/18 10:30: 51/49	Worship: 6:30: 10
Spanish Worship: 4:00: 37/11	
General Fund: \$12,087.00	

Stewardship Perspective:

John 8:36 – “So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” Today we celebrate Reformation Day! Luther is rightly remembered as a champion of the Gospel, but he also called himself “the apostle of good works.” For only in being set free by the Gospel can we do good works. Jesus has set us free, and His blood covers over our sins. We stand before God as His beloved children, and we are invited to live our lives to His glory for the good of His kingdom.



REFORMATION *Celebration*

Week of October 25, 2020

AS WE GATHER

Martin Luther's great hymn "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" is based on Psalm 46. When the psalm was first written, it gave courage to God's Old Testament people. Centuries later, when Luther wrote the hymn, the world was filled with plagues and death, and the devil was recognized as active in the lives of everyday people. Further, neither the Roman Catholic Church nor the government accepted the teachings of the reformers. Now, in our day, we face cyber warfare, pandemics, terrorists, political polarization, and ecclesiastical division. Because of our Baptism into the death and resurrection of Christ, we need not fear. Our gracious God is a very present help in this time of trouble. He is our refuge against the powers of the created world around us and the forces of evil from every source. From His throne flow streams of mercy to give us confident joy. We know that in the end "the kingdom ours remaineth."

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"We Praise You, O God"



OPENING HYMN

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

LSB 657



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A sword and shield vic -
2 No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, re -
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land All threat'ning to de -
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, No thanks to foes, who



to - rious; He breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod And wins sal -
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, Whom God Him -
your us, We trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; They can - not
fear it; For God Him - self fights by our side With weap - ons



va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe Has sworn to
 self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be? The Lord of
 o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage; In bat - tle
 of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house, Goods, hon - or,



work us woe. With craft and dread - ful might He
 hosts is He, Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord, God's
 we'll en - gage. His might is doomed to fail; God's
 child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched a - way, They



arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 can - not win the day. The King - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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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: God is our refuge and strength;

C: **therefore we will not fear.**

P: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

C: **and are justified by His grace as a gift.**

P: If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples,

C: **and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.**

P: Lord of hosts,

C: **hear our confession of sins and grant us Your mercy and forgiveness. We have not trusted in Your promised protection and strength but have looked elsewhere for help and refuge. You alone have provided the remedy for that which truly causes our separation, troubles, and death. For the sake of Christ, Your Son, our Redeemer, grant us forgiveness and deliverance from all that would keep us from Your present help. We ask it in the name of Jesus.**

P: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. Because that river of grace and power has flowed over us in our Baptism into the death and resurrection of Christ, in spite of our fear, the LORD of hosts is with us;

C: **the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

P: By grace God has created each of us and everything that exists, and in the person of His Son entered our history and paid for our every sin and sin itself. In Christ's resurrection, God's promises have been made sure. 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. The LORD of hosts is with us! The God of Jacob is our fortress!

KYRIE

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord of hosts, have mercy.

P: For those living in fear because of sudden disaster, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord of creation, have mercy.

P: For those living in fear because of the evil intentions of people in power, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord of lords, have mercy.

P: For those living in fear because of evil forces within the Church and oppression beyond it, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Christ, our Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

"Your Grace Is Enough"

ABS (3) 22

**Great is Your faithfulness, O God. You wrestle with the sinner's heart.
You lead us by still waters into mercy, And nothing can keep us apart.**

(Pre-Chorus)

So remember Your people, Remember Your children. Remember Your promise, O God.

(Chorus)

Your grace is enough. Your grace is enough. Your grace is enough for me.

**Great is Your love and justice, God. You use the weak to lead the strong.
You lead us in the song of Your salvation, And all Your people sing along.**

(Pre-Chorus) (Final Chorus)

(Final Chorus)

Your grace is enough. Your grace is enough. Your grace is enough for me, for me.

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LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray together:

C: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

TEACHABLE MOMENT

Hope's Prayer Team



FIRST READING

Revelation 14:6–7

(An angel announces the time for judgment.)

⁶ Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷ And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Romans 3:19–28

(We need not fear the Law's accusation, for we are justified by grace.)

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. ²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷ Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE*“Word of God Speak”*

ABS (3) 66

**I’m finding myself... at a loss for words....and the funny thing is...it’s okay.
The last thing I need...is to be heard...But to hear...what You would say.**

(Chorus)

**Word of God speak. Would You pour down like rain,
Washing my eyes to see...Your majesty.
To be still and know...That You’re in this place,
Please let me stay and rest, In Your holiness. Word of God speak. *(pause)***

**I’m finding myself...in the midst of You...Beyond the music, beyond the noise.
All that I need.... Is to be with You...And in the quiet...hear Your voice.**

(Chorus x2)

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HOLY GOSPEL*John 8:31–36**(We are freed from slavery to sin; we are free indeed.)*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

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

³¹ So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³ They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free?’” ³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

SONG OF THE DAY*“Mighty Fortress”*

**He won’t abandon, He won’t deceive, He won’t desert us, He won’t ever leave.
He’ll never forsake us, He won’t ever run, He’ll never reject us,
the Faithful One... Your love will remain... Your love will remain...**

(Chorus 1) / **A Mighty Fortress is our- God! / A Tow’r of Strength / never fail-ing.
The name of Jesus, true and strong.../No other pow’r could ever save- us.
/ You are good, / You are good, / Mighty For-tress... / Mighty For-tress...**

**You won’t abandon, You won’t deceive, You won’t desert us,
You won’t ever leave. You’ll never forsake us, You won’t ever run,
You’ll never reject us, the Faithful One... Your love will remain...
Your love will remain.**

(Chorus 2) / **A Mighty Fortress is our- God! / A Tow'r of Strength / never fail-ing.
The name of Jesus, true and strong.../ No other pow'r could ever save- us.
/ You are good, / You are good, / Mighty For-tress...**

(Bridge) / **Yesterday / and today / and forever, Your love / will remain.
/ Nothing has the pow'r to sever Your love.You are good, / You are good, / and
Your mercy endures./ You are good, / You are good...**

(Chorus 3; with melody change)

**A Mighty Fortress is our- God! / A Tow'r of Strength / never failing.
The name of Jesus, true and strong.../ No other pow'r could ever save- us.
A Mighty Fortress is our- God! / A Tow'r of Strength / never fail-ing.
The name of Jesus, true and strong.../ No other pow'r could ever save- us.
You are good, You are good, and Your mercy endures! / You are good,
/ You are good, / Mighty For-tress. You are good, You are good,
and Your mercy endures! You are good, You are good, Mighty For-tress...
/ You won't aban-don...You won't deceive,...
You won't desert- us...You won't ever leave...**

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SERMON

"No Need to Fear"
Rev. Dean Pfeffer

Psalm 46

CATECHISM

Incorporating Psalm 46 and the Apostles' Creed

P: Our faith is in God the Father, the almighty Creator of all that exists.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way.

P: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, who has made me and all creatures. He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil.**

P: Our faith is in God the Son, whose sacrifice on the cross opens to us eternal life in God's eternal presence.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;

C: **I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death. He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.**

P: Our faith is in God the Holy Spirit, whose gift of faith gives us eternal peace with God.

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; He burns the chariots with fire.

C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, who in the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

P: Let us pray to our dear Father in heaven as His dear children, begging Him to hear us in His mercy and grant to us all things needful and profitable for our salvation. Gracious God, we give You thanks for Your faithfulness in raising up voices in every age and generation to recall Your people to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Remembering Martin Luther and those who worked with Him for the sake of the Kingdom, we ask You to raise up in our own time faithful pastors and church workers who will preach Jesus Christ crucified and risen, for the edification of Your people and for the sake of those not yet of the faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Almighty Father, You did not abandon us to sin and its death but delivered up Your own Son to the cross in order to redeem a lost and condemned people. Keep this Gospel as the center of the Church's proclamation to the world, and keep us from abandoning this confession, especially in times of persecution and threat. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Holy Lord, You sent forth faithful leaders who protected those who risked all to renew the doctrine and life of Your Church with the Gospel. Raise up faithful leaders in our own time who will honor Your Word, govern according to Your wisdom and provide freedom to worship without fear. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Merciful God, You continually look upon us in our weakness and infirmity and grant grace sufficient for our need. Deliver the sick from their afflictions, relieve the suffering, give comfort to those who mourn and give peace to those in their hour of death. We especially remember before You: *Diane Bates, Jerrie Edelman, Mary Lou Nash, Laura Rademacher, Gary Smith, Millie Wetz*, and all who have asked for our prayers. May Your strength be made perfect in their weakness, Your patience sustain them in their troubles, and Your peace console them until You deliver them with perfect healing. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Mighty Lord, You have given us Your Word. Grant that we may teach it and learn it well. Unite us as one people in the faithful doctrine of Your Son. Guide us toward the future You have prepared. Restore the wandering, and bring the lost to repentance and faith by the power of Your Spirit through Your Means of Grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Everlasting God, You have chosen to do Your bidding through us unworthy and unlikely people. Keep us from thinking more highly of ourselves than we ought, and keep us focused on the proclamation of the Gospel. Correct, reprove and teach us so that we may reflect Your Word and truth to the world and so that many may be brought to faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Blessed Lord, You know better than we our needs and the needs of Your Church and Your world. Give us faith, that we may not fear in time of trouble nor fall away in time of prosperity. As we have been given this day and this time, give us the wisdom neither to squander the moment nor to become captive to it, but so to use the things temporal that we may not be deprived of the things eternal. For in You, with You and through You are all things, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, by the power of the Holy Spirit, and to You we give glory forever and ever.

C: Amen.

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

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.

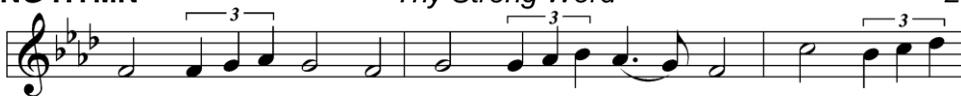
P: We are now entering the mission field!

C: 'Here am I! Send me!'

CLOSING HYMN

"Thy Strong Word"

LSB 578



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with
 4 From the cross Thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed
 night and deep as death, Broke the light of
 Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we
 forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -



light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.
 Thy sal - va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath - ing breath.
 press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.
 ev - er beam - eth All Thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to



Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory, Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats that shout the hope that fills us, Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia! May the light which Thou dost send
Fill our songs with alleluias, Alleluias without end!

6 God the Father, light-creator, To Thee laud and honor be.
To Thee, Light of Light begotten, Praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer, Glory, glory be to Thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the holy Trinity!

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POSTLUDE

“Ebenezer”



Connecting Points

TODAY: we mark the **503rd anniversary** of the Reformation (actual date is **October 31st**). This is the day we give thanks to God for the reforming work of *Dr. Martin Luther* in the 1500's. Our focus this day is NOT on *Luther*, but on the Gospel he sought to proclaim in its truth and purity as it was being greatly distorted by the church in his day.



You see, for *Luther*, it was truly ALL ABOUT JESUS! For us today, the emphasis 503 years later is UNCHANGED! It is still All About Jesus! The color of the day is **RED**~ the color of fire, blood and Spirit. This color reminds us that we are to be ablaze with that same reforming Spirit of God to bring about a "Reformation" in our world today that we are saved by grace through faith in Christ ALONE!

THANK YOU: to *Becky Hartmann* and her faithful helpers for the red fabric that adorns our chancel for Reformation Sunday.



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



BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Please remember that your reports for our **November 15th Voters Meeting** are due to *Jessica* **TODAY (11/1)**. By your timely submission of these reports, all needed materials can be distributed to the congregation **by November 8th**. Thanks in advance for your assistance and ministry!



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



THANK YOU: to *Hope's health care professionals* who are assisting by taking temperatures **every Sunday and Wednesday before worship**. Also, thank you 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.*)

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!

REMINDER: that all ALL announcements for our worship bulletins **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!



HANDS NEEDED TOMORROW: as we partner with *St. Paul Lutheran Church* for "Moving Hope," the mobile food pantry of St. Paul's. Their truck will be in our parking lot on **TOMORROW (10/26)** for a food distribution and we **NEED YOUR HELP** to distribute food. Hands are needed **beginning at 5:00** for set up with distribution **beginning at 6:00**. If you can assist for some of the time or the entire distribution, **YOUR** help is appreciated!



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!





ATTENTION SUNDAY SCHOOL KIDS & PARENTS: Have you heard that "A Christian is Like a Pumpkin"? Make sure you sign up to join us for the carving party on **October 30th**. Just go to our website (hopeplantcity.com) and click on the pumpkin to let us know you're coming! We miss you and can't wait to catch up!

TRUNK OR TREAT: will be done as a drive through at the YMCA parking lot on **Saturday, October 31, 2020 from 3:00-4:40pm**. *Grace Point Church, the YMCA, and Hope* will be

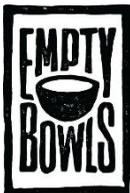


supplying candy and other goodies. We are asking for candy, monetary donations, Christian stickers, crosses, etc. to go in the bags. Please drop off any items to the church **by Wednesday, Oct. 27th**. If you need something picked up, please contact either *Kathy Drapp* or *Nora Trivunovich*. Thank you to *Tena Matthews, Carol & April Walkenhorst, and Kathy Drapp & Nora Trivunovich* for providing decorated trunks.



NEXT WEEK: in our **Sunday morning worship services and on Wednesday evening**, we will mark *All Saints Day* as we give thanks to God for those saints who have labored beside us **this past year** and now call heaven home. We will also give thanks to God for all He has done for us on the **one year anniversary** of our *Building Hope for the Future* capital campaign. God has truly blessed us this past year and we give Him the glory, thanks and praise!

FINAL NOTICE OF ON-SALE EMPTY BOWLS TICKETS: Sponsored by our *United Food Bank of Plant City*, *Empty Bowls* 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. 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!



SAVE THE DATE: for our **November Voters Meeting** to take place in the sanctuary **IMMEDIATELY following the 10:30 worship service** on **Sunday, November 15th**. You will receive ALL necessary reports for the meeting **by Sunday, November 8th**. Please plan on joining us for this informative time and hear all the great things God is doing in us and through us.



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.

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.



DEAR LADIES OF HOPE: This has been a very trying year and it seems everything continues to be cancelled. We are determined that the Ladies Advent Tea WILL go on...just in a different way. After much deliberation it has been decided that to keep all participants safe, we will be doing the Advent Tea as a Drive Through and/or Delivery Service. The theme this year will be "The Road to Advent" and we will be looking for hostesses to help make this happen. If you are interested in hosting a "Table" please contact *Kathy Drapp* or *Nora Trivunovich*.
–*Hope's Christian Growth Ministry Team*



DID YA EVER DREAM: of going to see *the Passion Play in Oberammergau Germany*? As you may realize, due to COVID-19, the 2020 presentation of the Passion Play was postponed to 2022. This play has occurred every 10 years since 1634. Have you ever dreamed of a Danube River cruise? Well, *Pastor & Liz Pfeffer* will be hosting this amazing trip in **September, 2022** joining many other LCMS Lutherans for this trip of a lifetime. *Former LCMS President, Jerry Kieschnick* will serve as the Bible Study leader for our time together. See *Pastor or Liz* if you are interested in joining them and a few of our Hope members on this inspirational and relaxing adventure!



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



GIVE BACK

We're hosting
Paper Shredding Event
and would love for you to join us.

It's that time again to get rid of those accumulated paper items that need to be shredded. We only ask that you bring some non-perishable food items for a local food bank. We welcome you to stop by our local Thrivent Office, shred some documents, and join us for some refreshments inside.

As always, we greatly appreciate the opportunity to meet your family and friends. If you know someone who could benefit from the financial services we provide, please bring him or her along.

Drop by at your convenience.

HOSTED BY

Brian J Heipp, ChFC®, CLU®, CASL®

Chris Thornhill

EVENT DETAILS

Saturday, November 14, 2020

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Thrivent Office

1740 E Edgewood Dr.

Lakeland, FL

No products will be sold at this event. THRIVENT IS THE MARKETING NAME FOR THRIVENT FINANCIAL FOR LUTHERANS. Insurance products issued by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Not available in all states. Securities and investment advisory services offered through Thrivent Investment Management Inc., a registered investment adviser, member FINRA and SIPC, and a subsidiary of Thrivent. Licensed agent/producer of Thrivent. Registered representative of Thrivent Investment Management Inc. Advisory services available through investment adviser representatives only. [Thrivent.com/disclosures](https://www.thrivent.com/disclosures).

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Thanks so much to Thrivent Financial, Hope Lutheran Church, Winn Dixie, Hungry Howie's, Hole-in-One Doughnuts, and most importantly, to our Hope Lutheran Church Quilters. Through the quilters' generosity, we were able to give 40 lap quilts, 24 Christmas lap quilts, 30 walkers bags, and 42 adult bibs to the residents of Community Care Center. Thanks also to Jackie at Community Care Center for her help in organizing and hosting a pizza party with lots of treat, and judging from photos and feedback, the party was a huge success! This group of people has had a rough several months and this was a much needed and deserved boost for them.

-Sally Niver-Kimbrell





Building Hope for the Future: Impact Phase

September contributions have brought our total to \$410,352, or 60.75% of our total commitments goal. Thank you to all who contributed in September. It has been nearly one year since we made these commitments, and we have made great progress. But, of course, there is more to do. Please keep Building Hope in your prayers and in your plans as we joyfully watch our new sanctuary rising out of the ground!

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE – SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

Construction of our new sanctuary is progressing

- The Detention Pond is complete and sodded.
- The plumbing and electrical items in the floor are in place.
- The footings and rebar for the floor slab are being placed.
- The concrete slab will be poured October 13.
- The steel building frame is being fabricated and steel erection will begin in November.

Construction Committees for Color and Finishes and Furniture and Fixtures have been meeting in September. Exterior colors and the general flooring color have been selected. Pew style, stain and upholstery colors were also determined. Pews have a 4 – 5 month lead time so those decisions had to be made now. Thanks to the many volunteers on those committees and their excellent work. The committees will continue to meet thru the fall with the Music and Sound Committee starting their work soon.

You can watch our time lapse construction progress by going to hopeplantcity.com then click on ABOUT US/BUILDING HOPE FOR THE FUTURE/photos of our progress - the last two photos on the page are time lapse videos.

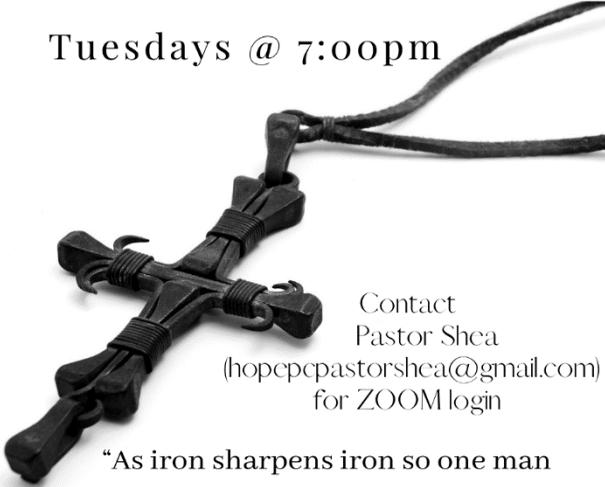
To give online to *Building Hope for the Future*, simply go to Hope's website (hopeplantcity.com) and click "GIVE HERE."



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



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

1Corinthians 4:1

SERVING OUR LORD THIS SUNDAY (10/25/2020) ARE:

Health Professional	8:00/Joyce Van Matre; 10:30/Todd Warner
Crucifer	10:30/Lana Hartmann
Lector	8:00/Gloria Warner; 10:30/Jim Drapp
Elder on Duty	8:00/Brian Heipp; 10:30/Jim Drapp
Flowers	D. Walkenhorst family
Offerings	Alison Reaume & Cathie Warner
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 (10/28/2020) ARE:

Health Professional	6:30/April Walkenhorst
Lector	6:30/Barbara Ahlers
Elder on Duty	6:30/Wayne Warner

SERVING OUR LORD NEXT SUNDAY (11/1/2020) ARE:

Health Professional	8:00/Sally Kimbrell; 10:30/Oz Vargas
Lector	8:00/Gloria Warner; 10:30/Jim Drapp
Elder on Duty	8:00/Wayne Warner; 10:30/Mike McMinn
Flowers	<i>OPEN</i>
Offerings	Dale & Jonie Wenzel
Ushers	Team 3

8:00/Lonnie Bertsch,* Diane Bertsch, Tom Reagin;
10:30/ Stuart Howell,* Wendell Lattz, Andrew MacDonald, Ron MacDonald, Jack Moberg



Luther's Seal, or as it is sometimes called, **Luther's Rose**, is the most widely known symbol of Lutheranism. It was the seal that was designed for *Martin Luther* at the behest of *Prince John Frederick*, in 1530.

- In the center is a black cross indicative of Christ's dreadful sacrifice on the cross for every sinner who ever lived.
- The cross is in the center of a red heart, to show that faith causes love, joy and peace to grow in the human heart.
- The red heart is on a white rose (*Luther's favorite flower*) because white is the color of angels and blessed spirits.
- The white rose is against a blue-sky background to symbolize the Christian's hope for the coming joys of heaven.
- The seal is enclosed in a gold ring, showing that the bliss of heaven is unending.