



HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
A Stephen Ministry Congregation

LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD

Welcome to Hope

SUNDAYS

8:00 & 10:30AM—Worship

10:30AM—Live-Stream

4:00PM—Spanish Worship w/Communion

LENTEN 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 2/14		Youth Scrip Orders Due
	8:00 & 10:30	Worship
	4:00	Spanish Worship w/Communion
	6:30	Adult ZOOM
Monday 2/15	9:00	Quilting
	5:30	Bell Choir
Tuesday 2/16	10:30	GriefShare
	7:00	Forged Men's Group ZOOM
Wednesday 2/17	6:30	Ash Wednesday Worship w/Imposition of Ashes & Communion
	8:00	Spanish ZOOM Prayer & Bible Study
Sunday 2/21	8:00 & 10:30	Worship w/Communion
	4:00	Spanish Worship w/Communion
	6:30	Adult ZOOM

Worship Attendance / Communion:

Sunday, February 7, 2021
Worship: 8:00: 22 10:30: 54
Spanish Worship: 4:00: 19/12

Wednesday, February 10, 2021:
Worship: 6:30: 19

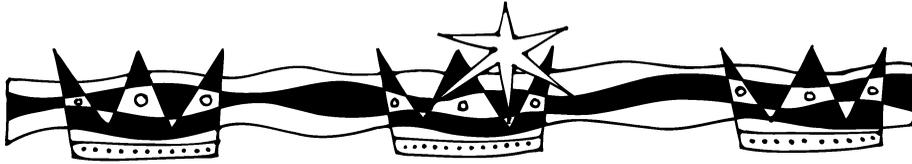
Total Offerings (General & BHFTF): \$24,063.41

Stewardship Perspective:

Mark 9:6 -- "For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified." Soon enough, the disciples' terror turned into joy, for when Jesus is with us, there is no need to fear. He loves us and cares for us and will never abandon us. That assurance is the basis of all generosity – for only those who are set free from worry can learn the joy of giving.

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





The Transfiguration Of Our Lord

February 14, 2021

AS WE GATHER

Although many travelers to the Holy Land focus their visits on biblical sites located in Israel, there are many noteworthy sacred locations in today's nation of Jordan, on the east side of the Jordan River. Two of these sites are the site called Tell Mar Elias, by tradition the place where the prophet Elijah was born, and Elijah's Hill, near the Jordan River location of Jesus' Baptism, where it is said that Elijah ascended to heaven in the whirlwind. Both sites were the location of notable Christian churches centuries ago. Elijah has long been remembered and honored by Christian people as a precursor to Jesus and an important historical figure of faith. Yet Elijah was a human being—just like us. His presence on the Mount of Transfiguration with Jesus and Moses reminds us of what is to come for us humans by God's grace for the sake of our glorious and glorified Lord Jesus Christ.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF BELLS

OPENING SONG

"Here I Am to Worship"

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**Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness, Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You, Hope of a life spent with You.**

(Chorus)

**So here I am to worship; Here I am to bow down; Here I am to say that You're my God.
You're altogether lovely, Altogether worthy, Altogether wonderful to me.**

**King of all days, O so highly exalted, Glorious in heaven above,
Humbly You came to the earth You created, All for love's sake became poor.**

(Chorus)

INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

C: Amen.

P: For thus said the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel,

C: “In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.”

P: Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you, and therefore He exalts Himself to show mercy to you.

C: For the LORD is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for Him.

P: You shall have a song as in the night when a holy feast is kept,

C: and gladness of heart, as when one sets out to the sound of the flute to go to the mountain of the LORD, to the Rock of Israel.

P: O God, our Father, we admit and confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.

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

P: We confess that we have not always brought glory to You through our words and our deeds.

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

P: We repent of all that is sinful in our lives, both that which we know and those things unknown to us that are against Your righteous laws.

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: Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.

C: Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

“How Can I Keep from Singing”

**There is an endless song... echoes in my soul... I hear the music ring.
And though the storms may come... I am holding on... to the rock I cling.**

(Chorus) **How can I keep from singing Your praise? How can I ever / say enough /
how amazing is Your love? How can I keep from shouting Your name?
I know I am loved / by the King / and it makes / my heart— want to sing.**

I will lift my eyes... in the darkest night... for I know my Savior lives.

And I will walk with You... knowing You’ll see me through...

And sing the songs You give. *(Chorus)*

(Bridge sung by Praise Team)

*I can sing / in the troubled times / sing / when I win...
I can sing / when I lose my step / and / fall down again.
I can / sing / 'cause You pick me up... sing / 'cause You're there.
I can / sing 'cause You hear me Lord / when I / call to You in prayer—
I can sing / with my last breath... sing for I know—
That I'll sing / with the angels, and the saints around the throne.*

**How can I keep from singing Your praise?
How can I ever / say enough / how amazing is Your love?
How can I keep from shouting Your name?
I know I am loved / by the King / and it makes / my heart—
I am loved / by the King / and it makes / my heart—
I am loved / by the King / and it makes / my heart / want to sing.**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son, You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah.

C: **In the voice that came from the bright cloud, You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace.**

P: Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven;

C: **through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CELEBRATION OF THE DAY

P: On February 14, we commemorate Valentine, Martyr. The word “martyr” reminds us that Valentine died for confessing his faith in Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. For eighteen hundred years, Valentine’s faithful witness has inspired Christian people to faith-filled words and loving deeds.

Reader: A physician and priest in Rome during the rule of Emperor Claudius, Valentine lived in a time when Christians were harshly persecuted because of their religion. Arrested by Roman authorities, he received a death sentence.

P: Tradition suggests that while Valentine was waiting in prison for his day of execution, he developed a friendship with the young daughter of his jailer. He told the girl about Jesus and shared his hope of heaven. On the day of his execution, he left her a note cut into a special shape. Written inside was a message of affection and encouragement. He signed the letter “your

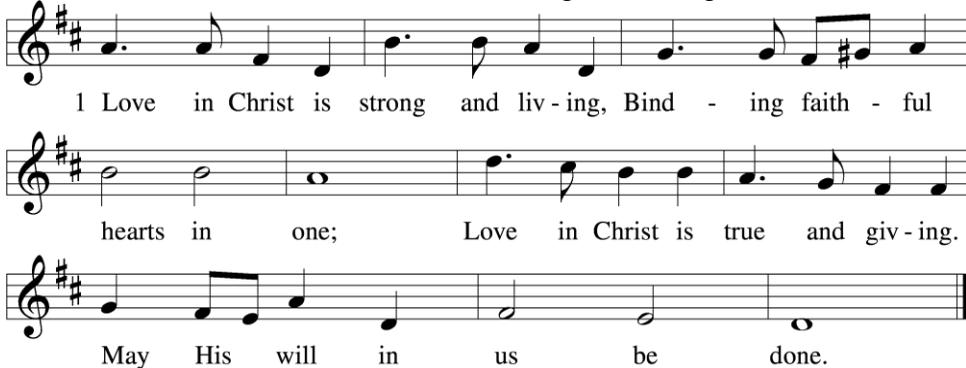
Valentine,” beginning a tradition that has changed and grown through the centuries.

Reader: Love for Christ and love in Christ shaped the actions of Valentine. On Valentine’s Day, it is good to reflect on what that love is like. In the hymn “Love in Christ Is Strong and Living,” poet Dorothy R. Schultz helps our reflection with three beautiful stanzas, set to music by her husband, Ralph C. Schultz. Together we sing the hymn.

RESPONSE

“Love in Christ Is Strong and Living”

LSB 706; v. 1



1 Love in Christ is strong and liv - ing, Bind - ing faith - ful
hearts in one; Love in Christ is true and giv - ing.
May His will in us be done.

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✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING

2 Kings 2:1–12

(Elijah goes up to heaven in a whirlwind.)

¹Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²And Elijah said to Elisha, “Please stay here, for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. ³And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take away your master from over you?” And he said, “Yes, I know it; keep quiet.” ⁴Elijah said to him, “Elisha, please stay here, for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. ⁵The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take away your master from over you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know it; keep quiet.” ⁶Then Elijah said to him, “Please stay here, for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live,

I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground. ⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you.” And Elisha said, “Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me.” ¹⁰And he said, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so.” ¹¹And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²And Elisha saw it and he cried, “My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” And he saw him no more.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 3:12–18

(Paul writes of God’s people being transformed.)

¹²Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, ¹³not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end. ¹⁴But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. ¹⁵Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. ¹⁶But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSE

“Jesus Loves Me”

I was lost, / I was in chains, / the world had a hold of me.

My heart was a stone, I was covered in shame— when He came for me.

(Pre-Chorus)

I couldn’t run, couldn’t run from His presence.

I couldn’t run, couldn’t run from His arms.

(Chorus)

Jesus, He loves me, He loves me, He is for me!

Jesus, how can it be? He loves me, He is for— me!

It was a fire / deep in my soul. / I’ll never be the same.

I stepped out of the dark / and into the light / when He called— my name.

(Repeat Pre-Chorus and Chorus)

(Bridge)

**He holds the stars, and He holds my heart /
with healing hands that bear the scars.
The rugged cross where He died for me, my only— hope, my ev'rything!**

(Chorus 2x)

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HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 9:2–9

(Jesus is transfigured on a high mountaintop.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

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

²And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. ⁵And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁶For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." ⁸And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only. ⁹And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: *(Spoken)* **Praise to You, O Christ!**

SONG OF THE DAY

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

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(Refrain)

**Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.**

**Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with love and mercy;
Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!**

**Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us, set us free by the truth you now bring us.**

Shine on me, shine on me: *(Refrain)*

**As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness,
Ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here may our live tell your story.**

Shine on me, shine on me: *(Refrain)*

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SERMON

“The Right Mountain”
Rev. Dean Pfeiffer

Mark 9:2-9

SONG OF RESPONSE

“Jesus on the Mountain Peak”

LSB 415



1 Je - sus on the moun - tain peak Stands a - lone in
2 Trem - bling at His feet we saw Mo - ses and E -
3 Swift the cloud of glo - ry came: God pro - claim - ing
4 This is God's be - lov - ed Son! Law and proph - ets



glo - ry blaz - ing; Let us, if we dare to speak,
li - jah speak - ing. All the proph - ets and the law
in its thun - der Je - sus as the Son by name!
sing be - fore Him, First and Last and on - ly One.



Join the saints and an - gels prais - ing.
Shout through them their joy - ful greet - ing;
Na - tions, cry a - loud in won - der,
All cre - a - tion shall a - dore Him!



Al - le - lu - ia!
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OFFERING PRAYER

Lord, help me to grasp that all the blessings I think I have are really Yours. Help me to grasp that all the blessings our church has do not belong to the church, but to You. Give us healthy giving hearts to use these blessings according to Your purpose. In Your name I pray. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Our tithes are our regular, top priority, proportionate, grateful gifts to the Lord for the work of the gospel. Our offerings are our special gifts for special causes over and above our tithes.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the baptized, that we would heed our heavenly Father's admonition to listen to His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, as He speaks to us through His Holy Word and Sacraments; and that we would, by grace through faith, behold Him in His glory as He continues to tabernacle among us, delivering forgiveness, life and salvation through the same, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For those who are called and ordained to serve in Christ's stead and by His command, that all their preaching and teaching would flow from the right understanding that all Holy Scripture testifies of Christ and all that He has done, and continues to do, for our eternal salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For parents in every Christian home, that they would pass on the faith to their children by word and deed, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For all those who have been placed in authority over us, that they would serve with integrity and honor, having the welfare of all in mind; and for our country, that division, conflict and strife would give way to unity, peace and quietness, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the Lord's flock at Hope Lutheran Church, that we would be granted faithfulness, humility and patience in our various vocations, striving to love God and neighbor in all that we say and do, and that God would continue to bless our efforts to reach our community with the Gospel as we build Hope for the future, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For all those who are sick, hospitalized, recovering, enduring ongoing treatment or suffering in any way, especially *Jack Goetsch, Roger Huset, Cindy Kemp, Sally Kimbrell, Gary Smith, and Millie Wetz*, that they would know Your peace and receive healing and relief according to Your gracious will; and for those who

mourn, that they would be comforted by the sure and certain hope of the resurrection, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Him, with Him and in Him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is Yours, 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

“Sing Alleluia—Praise the Lord”



1 Sing al - le - lu - ia—praise the Lord— In ev - 'ry land and
2 Sing al - le - lu - ia—praise the Lord— He came in rich com-
3 Sing al - le - lu - ia—praise the Lord— He breathed on them His
4 Sing al - le - lu - ia—praise the Lord— No more, as prep - a -



na - tion, For God a - bove will be a - dored For
pas - sion, That those cast out would be re - stored In
Spir - it, So His dis - ci - ples in ac - cord Would
ra - tion: The Son of God is walk - ing toward A



all the world's sal - va - tion. Sing al - le - lu - ia
 most sur - pris - ing fash - ion. Sing al - le - lu - ia
 know His will and hear it. Sing al - le - lu - ia
 drea - ry des - ti - na - tion. We hum - bly watch the



loud and clear As all u - nite to
 for to - day; He brought His all to
 one time more; Bow low in rev - 'rence
 si - lent Sheep Ap - proach the prom - ise



wor - ship here The King of all cre - a - tion.
 give a - way The first - bom's dou - ble ra - tion.
 to a - dore His righ - teous - ness and fear it.
 He must keep In hushed an - tic - i - pa - tion.

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FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA

Today marks the end of the Epiphany season, and in a few days we begin Lent on Ash Wednesday. It is traditional to mute our joy during Lent by not singing Alleluias. So today, we are “burying” this Alleluia banner until we see it again when we rejoice at our Lord’s resurrection on Easter morning.

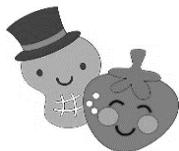
POSTLUDE

“Es ist das Heil”

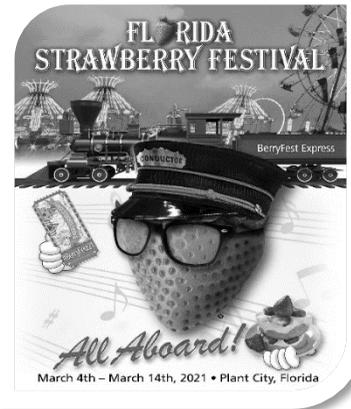
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Want to serve in Hope’s Peanut Booth at the 2021 Florida Strawberry Festival?

Our booth requires 2-3 people per shift, and there are 3 shifts per day. That means we need to fill a total of 88 slots over the 11 days of the festival. (March 4-14) PLEASE, help us fill those slots!



Sign up through the link
 on our website
 (hopeplantcity.com)



Connecting Points

TODAY: the church marks the Transfiguration of our Lord. This day draws to a close the Epiphany Season and serves as the doorway to Lent. The word transfiguration comes from the Greek word metamorphosis, which means to change or to be changed. That is what happened to our Lord as His appearance was changed before the face of His disciples. Transfiguration Sunday is always immediately before Ash Wednesday. This is also the last time the church will sing her Alleluia's until the day of Resurrection. The color of the day is WHITE~ a reminder of our Lord's sinless nature and how He shone so bright at his transfiguration.



LENTEN DEVOTIONS: from Lutheran Hour Ministries are available under the mailboxes for you to take one for yourself and one to share. ALSO be sure to check our FL-GA District website (flgadistrict.com) **each day beginning Ash Wednesday** for the daily Lenten devotions written by our Circuit Visitors, District Vice Presidents, and District Staff. The theme this year will be based on the Hymns of Lent.



NEW PROCEDURE BEGINNING TODAY: Following the sermon, our ushers will bring the offering already received to our Lord's altar. Please note that an offering plate will be on the table for you to leave your offering if you did not put it in already. This will be explained at each service for your convenience. We hope just this simple measure gives a small sense of "returning to normal."

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!

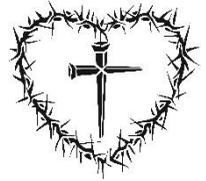
SPEAKING OF MASKS: THANK YOU for your adherence to our "wear your mask" policy on our campus. While we realize it is not the ideal situation to wear a mask while singing, it is done for the protection of those seated around you. Therefore, please do not remove your mask during congregational singing.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



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**.)

GRIEFSHARE: meets in *Fellowship Hall* **every Tuesday at 10:30AM.** Please wear a mask and social distance.

ASH WEDNESDAY: is **THIS WEDNESDAY, February 17th.** We will gather for worship at **6:30PM** with a special service that will include Holy Communion and the imposition of ashes. Throughout the season of Lent, our mid-week worship will be under the theme, "*Places of the Passion.*" These are the places where the Passion of our Lord took place, and they have special meaning to Christians the world over. They remind us that Jesus walked this earth and stood in locations we can still find today to carry out His mission of salvation. This was no sightseeing trip for our Savior. There was a serious reason He came to be at certain places and at certain times to suffer, die and rise again. He was fulfilling the will of His Father who desired that we be forgiven and given a place in heaven with Him forever. Our theme for Ash Wednesday is "*The City of Jerusalem*" based on Matthew 26:1-5.



PLACES OF THE PASSION: In this week's service for Ash Wednesday, we go to Jerusalem, the place of the Passover, where Jesus gathers with the crowds and sacrifices himself for us. The meaning, history and spiritual inspiration associated with this location are highlighted. We will learn things we may not have known before as we grow to understand more deeply the hard road our Lord took that the way to heaven might be open to us.



PLEASE REMEMBER: If you are unable to complete the weekly surveys (available at hopeplantcity.com) for worship attendance, be sure to contact Jessica in the church office **by NOON, Thursday** so that we can work to insure proper social distancing during worship. Your help is always appreciated!



REV. DR. PETER MEIER: our *Florida Georgia District's Outreach & Missions Director* will be our guest speaker **Sunday, February 21.** We look forward to being inspired by his message as we *Connect People to Jesus.*



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!





LET'S GET TALKING!: A class on "spiritual conversations" and being equipped for them has started. Look for more classes to be offered. Pray with us that God leads us all to be more faithful to our purpose of sharing the hope we have in Him. May we always encourage one another in that hope. Praying for you to join us soon.

HELP NEEDED: to assist in the live streaming of our worship services. Special on the job training will be offered to those willing to serve. During this pandemic, our live streaming has kept many of our brothers and sisters in Christ connected to our ministry. At the same



time, we have people watching our service that we have never met, and many can be hearing the Gospel proclaimed for the first time. Won't you please consider being a part of this critical outreach ministry? For details, contact Alex Drapp at 813-765-1128.

2021 FLOWER CHART: is posted in the Narthex. Altar flowers are a great way to mark a birthday, anniversary, special occasion, or to remember someone special. The price this year will be \$18.00 per side (\$36.00 for both sides). There is a limit to 2 bouquets per week. Please be sure to PRINT CLEARLY.



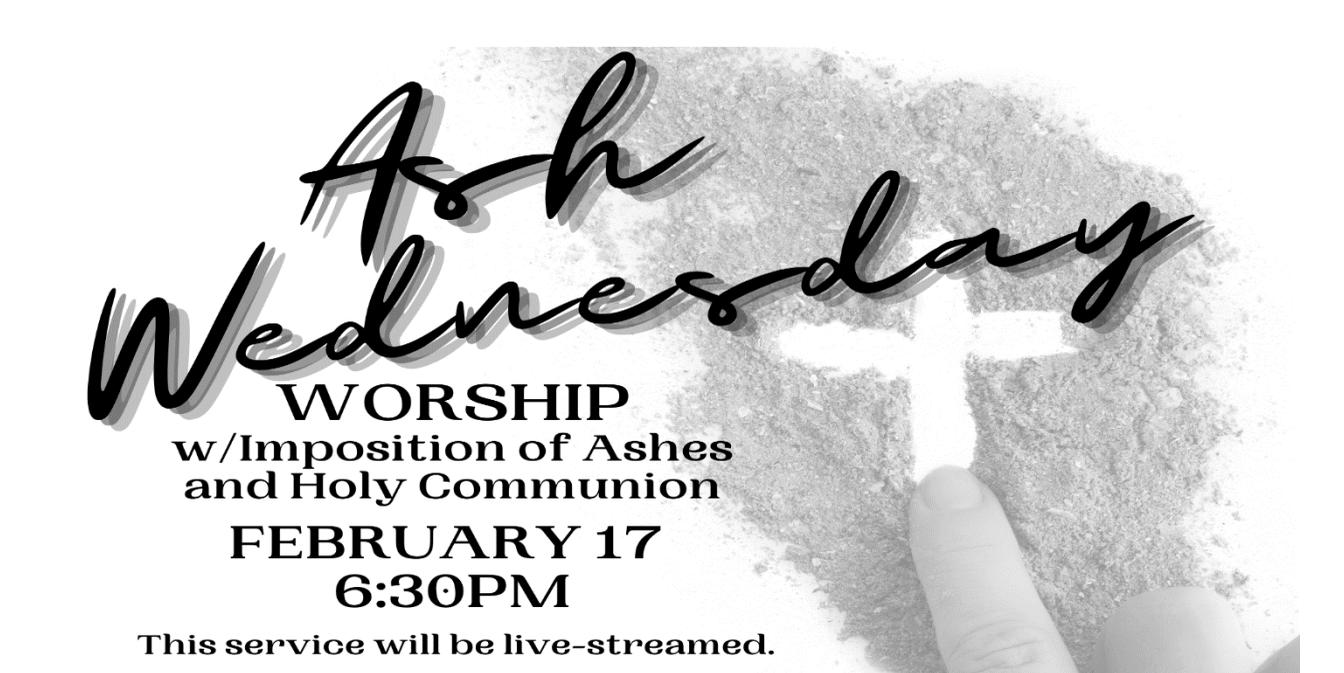
CALL EXTENDED: by our sister congregation Lake Wales Lutheran Church to Rev. Bill Whitehead to serve as their pastor. Pastor Whitehead has been serving as their vacancy pastor **since late November**. Please keep Pastor Whitehead and the members of Lake Wales in your thoughts and prayers that God's will be done during this time of prayerful consideration. Pastor Whitehead plans to announce his decision to the congregation **today**.



APPLICATION SUBMITTED: Following our Voters Meeting on **January 31st**, the application for a Vicar for the 2021-22 academic year, was signed by Wendell Lattz, our Congregation President, and sent to our District President's office. Following approval, it will be forwarded to our Seminaries for placement of a Candidate. Please, keep in mind there is NO guarantee of receiving a Vicar as this year's class is smaller than past years.



HELP NEEDED: on **Monday, February 22nd beginning at 5:30** in our parking lot to assist with our monthly food distribution in partnership with Moving Hope of St. Paul's, Lakeland. It takes LOTS of willing hands to make the line move fast.



Ash Wednesday

WORSHIP
w/Imposition of Ashes
and Holy Communion

FEBRUARY 17
6:30PM

This service will be live-streamed.

For those unable to join us for worship on Ash Wednesday but still want an opportunity of confession, absolution, imposition of ashes and Holy Communion, Pastor Pfeffer will offer personal time with you in the sanctuary. You **MUST SIGN UP IN ADVANCE** (*link on our website: hopeplantcity.com*) to reserve your time.

LENTEN WEDNESDAYS

6:30PM BEGINNING ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

W/IMPOSITION OF ASHES & HOLY COMMUNION

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February 17: City of Jerusalem based on Matthew 26:1-5

February 24: Bethany based on Matthew 26:6-13

March 3: The Mount of Olives based on Matthew 26:30-35

March 10: Gethsemane based on Matthew 26:47-56

March 17: The Courtyard based on Matthew 26:69-75

March 24: Pilate’s Judgement Hall based on Matthew 27:11-23

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

ENDURING
FAITH
zoom

SIGN UP at hopeplantcity.com

TUESDAYS @ 7:00PM



Contact Jim Carnicelli to join

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

SHUT-INS:

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

Gary Smith
 Millie Wetz

LEADERS:

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

Pres. Joseph Biden
 Our Nation & World
 Our Armed Forces
 Our 1st Responders

Family and Friends of Hope

NEW REQUESTS:

Ellie Carter 8yr old grandniece of Mary Jo Flamm—AML Leukemia

CURRENT REQUESTS:

Kayra Cannell niece of Alan & Sue Griffin—rare form of lupus
 Nancy Eddy sister of Linda Luce—rehab; bowel obstruction
 Jack Goetsch anticipating surgery
 Cindy Kemp recovering; COVID
 Sally Kimbrell rotator cuff surgery
 Melanie Myers granddaughter of Dora Mueller—COVID
 Gary Smith hospice care
 Rayetta Stare shingles

BATTLING CANCER:

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

Serving in the Military (R—Reserves)

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

Please email your prayer requests to hopePCprays@gmail.com.

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



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

1Corinthians 4:1

SERVING OUR LORD THIS SUNDAY (2/14/2021) ARE:

Health Professional	8:00/Sally Kimbrell; 10:30/Todd Warner
Lector	8:00/Cindy McClure; 10:30/Cathie Warner
Elder on Duty	8:00/Brian Heipp; 10:30/Todd Warner
Flowers	Howell family
Offerings	Alan & Sue Griffin
Ushers	Team 1

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

*Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by
Stuart & Sandy Howell in honor of Madison's birthday*

SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEDNESDAY (2/17/2021) ARE:

Health Professional	6:30/Carol Walkenhorst
Lector	6:30/Jeff McClure
Elder on Duty	6:30/Todd Warner
Communion Assistant	6:30/Todd Warner

SERVING OUR LORD NEXT SUNDAY (2/21/2021) ARE:

Health Professional	8:00/Joyce Van Matre; 10:30/Oz Vargas
Lector	8:00/Jeff McClure; 10:30/Kathy Drapp
Elder on Duty	8:00/Lonnie Bertsch; 10:30/Mike McMinn
Communion Assistant	8:00/Lonnie Bertsch; 10:30/Mike McMinn
Flowers	<i>OPEN</i>
Offerings	Wendell & Pam Lattz
Ushers	Team 2

8:00/Tom Whitehurst,* Carl Bergner, Harold Hastings;
10:30/Nick Trivunovich,* Alex Drapp, Jim Drapp, Ken Hartmann