



# 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:*

<b>Sunday 3/7</b>		<b>2021 FL Strawberry Festival (March 4-14)</b>
	8:00 & 10:30	Worship w/Communion
	9:15	ALL Ministry Teams Meeting
	4:00	Spanish Worship w/Communion
	6:30	Adult ZOOM
<b>Monday 3/8</b>		<b>2021 FL Strawberry Festival (March 4-14)</b>
	9:00	Quilting
	10:00	Circuit Pastors
	5:30	Bell Choir
<b>Tuesday 3/9</b>		<b>2021 FL Strawberry Festival (March 4-14)</b>
	10:30	GriefShare
	12:00	<b>Deadline: BOD Reports Due!</b>
	7:00	Forged Men's Group ZOOM
<b>Wednesday 3/10</b>		<b>2021 FL Strawberry Festival (March 4-14)</b>
	6:30	Lenten Worship
	8:00	Spanish ZOOM Prayer & Bible Study
<b>Thursday 3/11</b>		<b>2021 FL Strawberry Festival (March 4-14)</b>
	6:30	Board of Director's Meeting
<b>Friday 3/12</b>		<b>2021 FL Strawberry Festival (March 4-14)</b>
<b>Saturday 3/13</b>		<b>2021 FL Strawberry Festival (March 4-14)</b>
	5:15	Praise Team
<b>Sunday 3/14</b>		<b>2021 FL Strawberry Festival (March 4-14)</b>
		<b>Youth Scrip Orders Due</b>
	8:00 & 10:30	Worship
	4:00	Spanish Worship w/Communion
	6:30	Adult ZOOM

*Worship Attendance / Communion:*

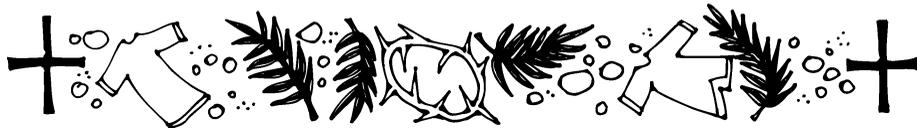
**Sunday, February 28, 2021**  
**Worship: 8:00: 44    10:30: 44**  
**Spanish Worship: 4:00: 19/10**

**Wednesday, March 3, 2021:**  
**Worship: 6:30: 39**

Total Offerings (General & BHFTF): \$11,900.31

*Stewardship Perspective:*

**John 2:16 – “And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." The Lord's House is not a place to sell, but a place to receive and a place to give. It is not a place for our schemes and plans. Instead, the Church is a place for the Lord's gracious giving and our faithful sacrifices in response.**



# Third Sunday In Lent

March 7, 2021

## AS WE GATHER

*When the Israelites were encamped by Mount Sinai, just out of slavery in Egypt and far from the Promised Land, God wisely gave them the Ten Commandments. They are engraved in our historic churches and capitol buildings. Their perfect demands require a Savior for us. Jesus was so jealous for God's Law that He cleansed the temple before cleansing us of our sin by giving the temple of His body. In His wisdom, God did what we could not: He kept His own Law for us and then chose us to be the Body of Christ today. None of us has kept the commandments; we and our spiritual ancestors reflect our weaknesses in faith and action. But in the process, God's wisdom shows forth: When we are weak, He is strong. Today is a day to boast about God's grace and His Son, Christ crucified, the power and wisdom of God.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## RINGING OF THE BELLS

## PRELUDE

*"Le Ping"*

Kenneth T. Kosche

*The sanctuary is a place of meditation and preparation for worship. Therefore, as the prelude begins, we cease our conversations and quiet our hearts to converse silently with God.*

## OPENING HYMN

*"Greet the Rising Sun"*

LSB 871   
with Hope Ringers



1 Greet the ris - ing sun, Shin - ing with bright force,  
2 Fa - ther, hear my prayer, Keep me safe to - day;  
3 Lord, I will to - day On Your love re - ly;



Like an ath - lete strong, Set to run the course;  
Sanc - ti - fy my thoughts, All I do and say:  
Let no e - vil thought Cloud the clear blue sky.

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Birds soar high a - bove, Wild-flow'rs bloom be - low;  
As I teach the young And es - teem the old,  
Joy - ful and con - tent With life's sim - pler things,



With the day's new light, Glad to work I go.  
May Your boun - teous grace By my life be told.  
Know - ing all I need From Your kind - ness springs.

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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: When we use the Ten Commandments and other parts of the moral code as a mirror, we see that we have fallen from the perfection of God's good creation and His perfect Law. Who can discern his errors?

C: **Declare me innocent from hidden faults.**

P: Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins;

C: **let them not have dominion over me!**

P: Our gracious Lord has promised full and free forgiveness to all who call out to our heavenly Father in His name. Let us therefore confess our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

C: **O God, we confess that we have sinned against You and one another in our thinking, speaking, and acting. Worse, in our fallen nature, we are sinful and unclean, and in the eyes of many we are weak, lowly people. But because You have graciously chosen us and worked faith in our hearts, we humbly ask for mercy for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. Forgive, renew, and lead us in paths of righteousness.**

P: The foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. We preach Christ crucified, and for us the word of the cross is the power of God. 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. Thanks be to God.**

P: Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

C: **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

## KYRIE

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

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of God's whole creation, for the well-being of all whom He has chosen to preach Christ crucified, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their thanks for the blessings that flow from the cross of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*"We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died"*

LSB 429; vs. 1, 3, 6

(tune: LSB 426)

**We sing the praise of Him who died, Of Him who died upon the cross.  
The sinner's hope let all deride; For this we count the world but loss.**

**The cross! It takes our guilt away; It holds the fainting spirit up;  
It cheers with hope the gloomy day And sweetens ev'ry bitter cup.**

**To Christ, who won for sinners grace By bitter grief and anguish sore,  
Be praise from all the ransomed race Forever and forevermore.**

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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, who in wisdom created us, though we would become weak and rebellious creatures, knowing that Your Son's sacrifice of Himself on the cross would be necessary to save us,

**C: keep us strong in faith, so that we preach only Christ crucified and boast only in Your strong love and mercy toward us,**

P: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**



† SERVICE OF THE WORD †

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Exodus 20:1-17*

*(The Ten Commandments)*

- L: And God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.
- C: "You shall have no other gods before Me.**
- L: "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for
- C: I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love Me and keep My commandments. "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain,**
- L: for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.
- C: "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.**
- L: Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.
- C: "Honor your father and your mother,**
- L: that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.
- C: "You shall not murder.**
- "You shall not commit adultery.**
- "You shall not steal.**
- "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.**
- "You shall not covet your neighbor's house;**
- you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."**
- L: This is the Word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

*(The foolish wisdom of God)*

<sup>18</sup>For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." <sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. <sup>26</sup>For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup>so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSE

LSB 157



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra-cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a-bound-ing in  
stead-fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## HOLY GOSPEL

John 2:13-22

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

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

<sup>13</sup>The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. <sup>15</sup>And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the

sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." <sup>18</sup>So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking about the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"*

*LSB 427*

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r - ing  
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, Hopes de -  
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing Light and  
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure By the

o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred  
 ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the cross for -  
 love up - on my way, From the cross the ra - diance  
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that knows no

sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
 sake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.  
 stream - ing Adds more lus - ter to the day.  
 mea - sure, Joys that through all time a - bide.

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**SERMON**

*"The Problem of Sin"*  
 Rev. Ron Pennekamp

*Romans 6:30*

**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.*

## EXPLANATION TO THE SECOND ARTICLE OF THE APOSTLES' CREED

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son our Lord?

C: **Yes, I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with silver or gold, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.**

## PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

P: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. O Lord, our jealous God, save the third and fourth generations that will come after us from Your punishment by filling us with Your Son's zeal for Your house in these Lenten days, that we may cast out every idol from our hearts and love only You and Your commandments. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: O Lord, our God, You have brought us out of slavery to sin through Christ Jesus, whom You have made to be our wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption. Bless all those whom You send to preach Christ crucified to us, that we may ever know and live in the truth of Your power in His cross. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Heavenly Father, preserve and bless all Christian households, that husbands and wives would live in love and service to each other, that fathers and mothers would diligently bring up their children in Your fear, and that children would honor their parents and be well equipped for service to their neighbors in this life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: O Lord of the perfect Law, You have called us to honor our parents and all other authorities, that it might go well with us in our land. Bless all those who watch over and govern us in Your stead. Make them wise in Your ways, that Your justice may be upheld among us, and help us to serve and obey them in accord with Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: O God, whose steadfast love in Christ is good, turn in Your abundant mercy to *Jack Goetsch, Harold Hastings, Roger Huset, Cindy Kemp, Sally Kimbrell, Beverly*

*Pirhenon*, and all who suffer in our midst, that the flood may not sweep over them nor the pit close its mouth on them. Deliver them from sinking into the mire and deep waters, and grant them healing, comfort and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

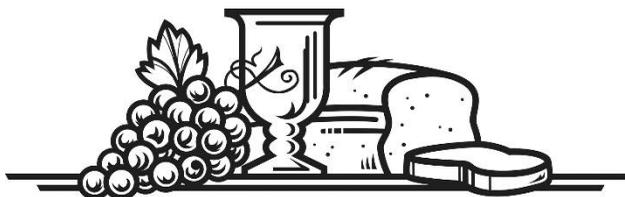
**C: hear our prayer.**

P: O Lord, You bless this day and make it holy with Your Word and the gifts of Your altar. Grant us to come before You in humble repentance to eat Your Son's body and blood, that we may not boast in ourselves in Your presence but in Christ alone. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever 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 †

## PREFACE

(tune: LSB 422)

P: God the Lord be with you always.

**C: God the Lord be with you too.**

P: Let us lift our hearts in praising

**C: God, to whom all praise is due.**

P: Let us thank and praise the Lord. It is saving, right, and good

**C: To adore our Lord and Savior everywhere, both now and ever.**

P: It is truly good, right...praising you and singing:

## SANCTUS

(tune: LSB 422)

**Holy, holy, God is holy, He the Lord of might and pow'r,  
Filling heav'n and earth with glory, Now He comes to fill this hour.  
Hail, Hosanna, David's Son, Blessed is the One who comes  
In the Lord's name; high and holy Jesus, save us now, we pray Thee.**



Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I  
 death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that  
 love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and  
 trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,  
 count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.  
 sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
 so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

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## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

### NUNC DIMITTIS

*(tune: LSB 863)*

**In peace, Lord, at Your Word, Now let Your servant go; For I have seen and heard  
 What all the earth must know; Salvation for the world is here!  
 And Israel's Light shines bright and clear Upon the nations far and near.**

**Eternal praise and fame Be to our God alone! We proudly bear His name,  
 Proclaim what He has done. For our redemption, full and free,  
 To Father, Son and Spirit be All praise and thanks eternally.**

### 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**

*“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”*

LSB 575



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'  
 2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on  
 3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me  
 4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I



blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my  
 His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and  
 in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly  
 then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -



own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
 prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.  
 ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!

*Refrain*



On Christ, the sol-id rock, I stand; All oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

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**POSTLUDE**

*“Magdalen”*



Psalm 18:2

## *Growing in the Grace of Giving*

Hudson Taylor, a Nineteenth Century British missionary to China, is reported to have said, “God’s work, done in God’s way, will not lack God’s supply.” To know God’s way, we need to know His Holy Word. Or to say it another way: you need to know your Bible.

St. Paul, before he spends two chapters on giving, wrote that every thought is to be taken captive to the obedience of Christ (2 Cor 10:5). Doctrine matters. And doctrine matters because the Scriptures matter. And the Scriptures matter because this is where we learn the teaching of Christ. Our thoughts must be brought into line with the teaching of Scripture so that our work is what God wants done and so that we do this work in His way.

A good tree bears good fruit. A bad tree bears bad fruit. We have been made good trees in holy baptism. We are fertilized and pruned for bearing good fruit by constantly hearing God’s Word preached and taught in sermon and Bible Class and in receiving the life-giving, faith-sustaining food of the Lord’s Supper. Remember your doctrine, hold on to the Lord’s teaching, and your thoughts will be taken captive to the obedience of Christ.

Bringing every thought captive to the obedience of Christ is recognizing that God does provide. The Lord’s Prayer teaches us to pray for daily bread. Praying this day in and day out reminds us that the Lord is the giver of our daily bread, and that we are to give thanks for His daily provision of it. God is rarely early and never late in His work, as Abraham learned on the mount of the Lord it will be provided. The Lord’s generosity forms our generosity in return.

Thus, we set aside for the work of God a generous, first-fruits, proportion of the daily bread that God has given to us. This act of trust in the Lord’s provision is the working out of our faith in Him. When budgetary discussions pop up our natural reaction is to point fingers. But remember your doctrine, and what your mother taught about pointing fingers. Our first natural reaction is not always right. In fact, when our thoughts are brought into captivity of Christ, our first reaction should be repentance. It should raise questions in our own lives. As good trees in Christ who are to bear good fruit, we should ask whether our thoughts have been taken captive by obedience to Christ. Have we given generously? Have we given our first-fruits? You know. And God knows. “For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him” (2 Chron 16:9).

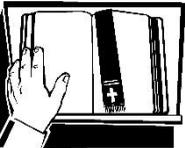
God will provide. He always has and He always will. He gives His meat in due season. He has not left you as orphans but has grafted you into His own family. You belong to Him. Remember this, letting this thought dwell in you richly. And you will then be rich toward others.

# Connecting Points

**TODAY:** We are now in the holy season of Lent. The Sundays during this season are not "of Lent" but "in Lent." Thus, the Sundays retain an Easter tone and may be less solemn than the midweek services. The observances of Lent are concrete reminders of the greater solemnity of this season, yet we continue to emphasize the Gospel of Christ as central in this penitential season. During this time the ALLELUIA'S are removed from the vocabulary of the church until we shout them with joy on the Day of Resurrection. The Lenten season lasts 40 days but does not count Sundays. The color of the season is *PURPLE*~ the color of royalty reminding us of our Lenten King of Glory.



**THANK YOU:** to one of our newest Hope Family members Rev. *Ron Pennekamp*, who is proclaiming God's Word to us **this morning**. *Pastor Pennekamp* retired as Sr. Pastor at our sister congregation, *St. Paul's, Lakeland* in **June 2019** and has become a part of our ministry. *Pastor Pennekamp* will be assisting *Pastor Pfeffer* from time to time. We are thrilled to welcome you and *Barbara* and pray God's blessings on your ministry among us!



**EASTER LILIES & MUMS:** We are accepting orders **TODAY** for both Easter Lilies and Easter Mums to adorn our Lord's altar on Easter morning. We have 40 lilies and 20 Mums (combination of yellow and lavender) on order. Lilies are \$12.00 each and Mums are \$11.00 each. Payment must accompany your order. *Collection basket for order forms is in the Narthex.* DEADLINE for all orders is **March 21<sup>st</sup> or until all plants are adopted.** Available Lilies: 30 | Mums: 10



**ALL MINISTRY TEAMS:** will meet **TODAY at 9:15AM** in *Fellowship Hall*. Please remember to WEAR YOUR MASK.

**STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL:** If you haven't volunteered yet to serve in our Peanut Booth and would like to, contact *Patrick* at 813-376-0258 **TODAY**. We still have a few shifts to fill **this week**. Thanks to everyone as we *Connect People to Jesus!*

**WHAT'S UP?:** Be sure to find out by getting YOUR **March** Calendar & Servant Schedule located under the mailboxes. These were also emailed out to everyone. But just in case you missed it, help yourself to an extra!



**CHURCH OFFICE:** will be **CLOSED tomorrow (3/8)** for Strawberry Festival Parade Day.

**FROM OUR TRUSTEES:** There are several pieces of excess drywall outside of the Trustees' workroom. Please help yourself.

**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](http://flgadistrict.com)) **each day** for the daily Lenten devotions written by our Circuit Visitors, District Vice Presidents, and District Staff. The theme this year is based on the Hymns of Lent. Pastor Pfeffer's devotions will appear **March 14, 15, 27, 28 & 29.**



**NEW PROCEDURE:** 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 (following the service) 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 your mask.

**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!



**PLEASE REMEMBER:** to complete the weekly surveys (at [hopeplantcity.com](http://hopeplantcity.com)) for worship attendance or contact Jessica in the church office **by NOON, Thursday** so that we can work to insure proper social distancing during worship.



**PLACES OF THE PASSION:** In **this week's midweek service** of Lent, the place of the Passion is Gethsemane, where Jesus is betrayed and arrested in this garden under cover of darkness. We witness Jesus being taken away by soldiers, but we know that his journey toward the cross will take away our sins. The meaning, history and spiritual inspiration associated with Gethsemane help us to grow to understand more deeply the hard road our Lord took that the way to heaven might be open to us.



**MOVING HOPE:** Our next food distribution date is **Monday, March 22**. We need all willing hands to be in our parking lot by **5:30PM** that day so we can assemble and be ready to serve those who will be coming to us for assistance. Did you know that food insecurities affect 1 of every 4 people in our society? Join us as we make sure there are no empty bowls in our community!



**CALLING ALL HANDS:** Be sure to set **Saturday, March 27** aside **beginning at 8:00AM** for a Congregational Workday to prepare our campus for Easter! There will be plenty for all ages to accomplish that day both inside and outside. Please consider spending some time with us as a fellow steward of all that God has placed into our hands.



**CALL ACCEPTED:** *Pastor Bill Whitehead* has accepted the Divine Call from our sister congregation *Lake Wales Lutheran Church* to serve as their pastor. *Pastor Whitehead* has been serving as the Vacancy Pastor at *Lake Wales* since the retirement of *Pastor Glamann* in November. You are invited to the Installation on **March 27 at 2:00PM**.



**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? *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 on this inspirational and relaxing adventure!



**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.





Pregnancy Care Center of Plant City  
annual



# WALK FOR LIFE

Saturday, March 27, 2021

To learn more or to register to walk visit  
[www.plantcitypregnancycenter.org/events](http://www.plantcitypregnancycenter.org/events)

Check in/Registration @ 8:30am

Walk Begins @ 9:00am



## Building Hope for the Future: Impact Phase February 2021



We continue to Lift High the Cross on our pledge gauge as our contributions in January have brought our total contributions to \$470,814, or 69.7% of our total commitments of \$675,501. Thank you to everyone who has made our progress possible. But we still have more work to do so please keep Building Hope for the Future in your prayers and your plans. And always give thanks to God for giving His church Immeasurable More!

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



DO GOOD FEEL GOOD.

# DONATE BLOOD



**Sunday, March 21, 2021  
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

# MOVING HOPE

DIGNITY / RELATIONSHIPS / SERVING

at  
**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
2001 N. Park Road, Plant City



**NEXT DRIVE-THRU EVENT: March 22 @ 5:30pm**



# WORSHIP

SUNDAYS at 8:00 & 10:30am

10:30am - live-stream

4:00pm - Spanish

LENTEN WEDNESDAYS at 6:30PM

## LENTEN WEDNESDAYS

6:30PM BEGINNING ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

W/IMPOSITION OF ASHES & HOLY COMMUNION

Throughout the season of Lent, our mid-week worship will be themed “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.

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](http://hopeplantcity.com)

**TUESDAYS @ 7:00PM**



*Contact Jim Carnicelli to join*





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

1Corinthians 4:1

**SERVING OUR LORD THIS SUNDAY (3/3/2021) ARE:**

Health Professional 8:00/Joyce Van Matre; 10:30/Julie Gates  
Lector 8:00/Gloria Warner; 10:30/Jim Drapp  
Elder on Duty 8:00/Wayne Warner; 10:30/Jim Drapp  
Communion Assistant 8:00/Wayne Warner; 10:30/Jim Drapp  
Flowers Drapp & Pfeffer families  
Offerings Dale & Jonie Wenzel  
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  
Jim & Kathy Drapp in honor of Kathy's birthday  
and  
the Pfeffer family in honor of Evan's birthday*

**SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEDNESDAY (3/10/2021) ARE:**

Health Professional 6:30/Todd Warner  
Lector 6:30/Jeff McClure  
Elder on Duty 6:30/Wayne Warner  
Ushers Team 1

**SERVING OUR LORD NEXT SUNDAY (3/14/2021) ARE:**

Health Professional 8:00/Sally Kimbrell; 10:30/Oz Vargas  
Lector 8:00/Tena Matthews; 10:30/Nora Trivunovich  
Elder on Duty 8:00/Tom Whitehurst; 10:30/Nick Trivunovich  
Flowers Attalla & Pfeffer families  
Offerings Alan & Sue Griffin  
Ushers Team 2

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