



# Welcome to Hope

## SUNDAYS

8:00 & 10:30AM—Worship  
9:15AM—Family Bible Hour  
10:30AM—Live-Stream  
4:00PM—Spanish Worship w/Communion

## WEDNESDAYS

6:30PM—Living Hope 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 worshippers, 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 4/11</b>		<b>Youth Scrip Orders Due</b>
	8:00 & 10:30	Worship
	9:00 & 11:30	New Sanctuary Tours
	9:15	Family Bible Hour
	11:45	Youth Bible Study
	4:00	Spanish Worship w/Communion
<b>Monday 4/12</b>	9:00	Quilting
	9:00	Circuit Pastors @ Hope
	5:30	Bell Choir
<b>Tuesday 4/13</b>	10:30	GriefShare
<b>Wednesday 4/14</b>	6:30	Living Hope Worship
	7:15	Spanish Kids ZOOM
	8:00	Spanish ZOOM Prayer & Bible Study
<b>Saturday 4/17</b>	9:00	Prayer Gathering
<b>Sunday 4/18</b>	8:00 & 10:30	Worship w/Communion
	9:15	Family Bible Hour
	11:45	Youth Bible Study
	4:00	Spanish Worship w/Communion

*Worship Attendance / Communion:*

**Maundy Thursday, April 1, 2021**

**Spanish Worship: 5:00: 26/10**

**Worship: 6:30: 48/48**

**Good Friday, April 2, 2021**

**Worship: 6:30: 70**

**Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021**

**Worship: 8:00: 89/67    10:30: 97/87**

**Spanish Worship: 4:00: 43/17**

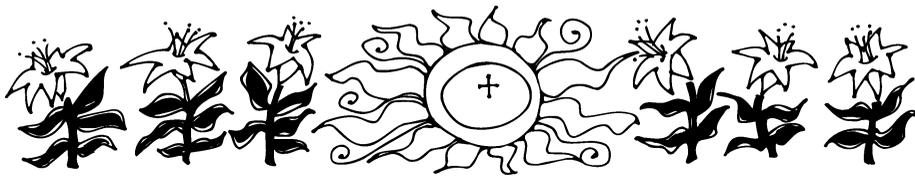
**Wednesday, April 7, 2021**

**Worship: 6:30: 16/16**

**Total Offerings (General & BHFTF): \$25,286.51**

*Stewardship Perspective:*

**John 20:19** – “Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’” The peace we have in Jesus is what makes a life of good works possible. Since we know that it is Jesus who saved us – not our works – we are now free to do good works. Good works shouldn’t be done out of self-interest but for the right reasons – out of thanksgiving toward God and love for our neighbors.



# Second Sunday Of Easter

April 11, 2021

## AS WE GATHER

*We tend to look for things to make faith easier. Signs, wonders, or just little hints here and there would help. But the disciples had all these things and heard Jesus promise His resurrection, and still they gathered behind the locked doors of their fears. What we do have is Christ, His Word that bestows and sustains our faith, and His Holy Sacrament wherein He feeds us with His body and blood. Though we have not seen with our eyes, we see with faith and join with doubting Thomas to confess, "My Lord and my God!"*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## RINGING OF THE BELLS

## PRELUDE

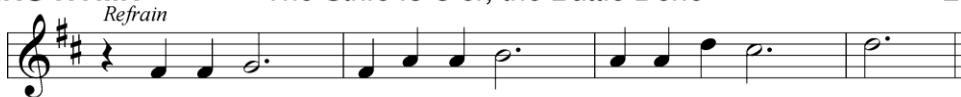
*"Improvisation on Victory"*

*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

*"The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done"*

LSB 464



*Refrain*

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



1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done;  
 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst,  
 3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped,  
 4 He broke the age - bound chains of hell;  
 5 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed Thee,



Now is the vic - tor's tri - umph won;  
 But Christ their le - gions hath dis - persed.  
 He ris - es glo - rious from the dead.  
 The bars from heav'n's high por - tals fell.  
 From death's dread sting Thy ser - vants free



P: May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

## SONG OF PRAISE

*“Resurrection Power”*

**You called me from the grave by name... You called me out of all my shame.  
I see the old has passed away. The new / has / come.**

*(Chorus)*

**Now, I have resurrection power living on the inside.**

**Jesus, You have given us freedom... No longer bound by sins and darkness,  
Living in the light of Your goodness, You have given us freedom.**

**I’m dressed in Your royalty... Your Holy Spirit lives in me.**

**I see my past has been redeemed. The new / has / come. *(Chorus)***

*(Bridge)*

**Freedom, You have given us freedom. You have given us freedom.**

**My chains are gone... Freedom, You have given us freedom,  
You have given us freedom. Hallelujah. *(Chorus)***

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Lord, we are too easily captive to fear and the shadow of death.

C: **Break through the closed doors of our hearts and shine Your light into our darkness,**

P: that knowing the forgiveness of our sins,

C: **we may no longer be bound by any anxiety or afflicted by any doubt;**

P: through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,

C: **one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## TEACHABLE MOMENT

*Hope's Prayer Team*



✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

## FIRST READING

*Acts 4:32–35*

*(The believers were of one heart and soul.)*

<sup>32</sup>Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in

common. <sup>33</sup>And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup>There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold <sup>35</sup>and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

1 John 1:1–2:2

*(If we sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ.)*

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— <sup>2</sup>the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— <sup>3</sup>that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. <sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. <sup>7</sup>But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. <sup>2</sup>He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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 20:19–31

*(Blessed are those who have not heard and yet believe.)*

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

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

<sup>19</sup>On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." <sup>22</sup>And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld." <sup>24</sup>Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." <sup>26</sup>Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup>but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

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

## HYMN OF THE DAY      *"These Things Did Thomas Count as Real"*      *(tune: LSB 563)*

1 These things did Thomas count as real: The warmth of blood, the chill of steel,  
The grain of wood, the heft of stone, The last frail twitch of flesh and bone.

2 The vision of his skeptic mind Was keen enough to make him blind  
To any unexpected act Too large for his small world of fact.

3 His reasoned certainties denied That one could live when one had died,  
Until his fingers read like braille The markings of the spear and nail.

4 May we, O God, by grace believe And thus the risen Christ receive,  
Whose raw imprinted palms reached out And beckoned Thomas from his doubt.

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**SONG OF RESPONSE**      *"Amen (Because He Lives)"*

**I believe in the Son... I believe in the Risen One—  
I believe I over-come... By the power of His blood...**

*(Chorus 1a)*      **A-men / A-men / I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives;  
A-men / A-men / Let my song join the one that never ends / because He lives...**

**I was dead in the grave... I was covered in sin— and shame—  
I heard mercy call my name... He rolled the stone a-way.**

*(Chorus 1b)*      **A-men / A-men / I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives;  
A-men / A-men / Let my song join the one that never ends.**

*(Bridge)*

**Because He lives / I can face tomorrow / because He lives / ev'ry fear is gone...  
I know / He holds / my life / my future in His hand. *(Chorus 1b)***

*(Chorus 2—tune changes)*

**A-men / A-men / I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives;  
A-men / A-men let my song join the one that never ends;  
Because He lives... ..Because He lives.**

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**EASTER CONFESSION OF FAITH**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, Who sent His Son as my Savior to rise on Easter morning.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate and died on Good Friday, rose again on Easter morning to free me from the curse of sin, the sting of death and the power of the devil.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, who has brought me to faith in the Christ of Easter. And by whose continuous work in my heart I am ever led to be steadfast and unmovable, always abounding in the work of my resurrected Lord. Amen.**

**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.*

## 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. Heavenly Father, by the resurrection of Your Son You adopt all who believe in Him. Receive us as Your newborn children and nourish our faith by the pure spiritual milk of Your Word, that we may dwell in Your presence forever. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- P: Almighty God, You have declared peace between God and man in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Receive our thanks for the authority given to Your Church on earth, and grant that the ministers of Your Church would faithfully carry out their office and pronounce the free forgiveness of sins upon all repentant sinners. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- P: Merciful Father, as Your people are united in the common life and love of our Savior, grant that we would share that life and love with those in need. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- P: Heavenly Father, Your peace flows from the risen and glorified wounds of Christ through Your Church and into the lives of all Your faithful people. Bless and direct Christian parents, that Your forgiveness would be freely shared in their homes and that each family would live together in Your peace. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- P: Almighty God, You appoint rulers and officials for the sake of order and peace. Bless those You have placed in authority over us in federal, state and local governments. Give to them the desire to serve with integrity and honor and to work for the benefit of all. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- P: Lord God, we praise Your Son's resurrection from the dead and draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Especially we pray for *Bud Hendershot, Roger Huset, Cindy Kemp, and Dennis Walkenhorst*. Graciously receive our prayers of intercession and hear them for His sake. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- P: Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You that out of Your indescribable grace and for the sake of Your Son You have given us the Holy Gospel and instituted the Holy Sacraments, that through them we may have comfort and the forgiveness of sin. Grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we may heartily believe Your Word, and through the Holy Sacraments establish our faith day by day, until at last we obtain eternal

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

**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.**

## **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:** He is risen! Alleluia!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**P:** We are now entering the mission field!

**C: Here am I! Send me!**

## **CLOSING SONG**

*“Alive Forever Amen”*

*ABS (3) 50*

**Let the children sing / A song of liberation; The God of our salvation set us free.**

**Death, where is thy sting? / The curse of sin is broken,**

**The empty tomb stands open, come and see.**

*(Chorus 1)* **He’s alive, alive, alive, hallelujah; Alive, praise and glory to the Lamb.**

**Alive, alive, alive, hallelujah; Alive, forever, amen.**

**Let my heart sing out / For Christ, the One and only,**

**So powerful and holy, rescued me. Death won’t hurt me now**

**Because He has redeemed me, No grave will ever keep me from my King.**

*(Chorus 2)* **I’m alive, alive, alive, hallelujah; Alive, praise and glory to the Lamb.**

**Alive, alive, alive, hallelujah; Alive, forever, amen.**

*(Bridge)*

**Worthy is the Lamb, worthy of our praise; Worthy is the One who has overcome the grave. Let the people dance, let the people sing; Worthy is the mighty King!**

*(Chorus 1)* **He’s alive, alive, alive, hallelujah; Alive, praise and glory to the Lamb.**

**Alive, alive, alive, hallelujah; Alive, forever, amen.**

**He’s alive, forever, amen. He’s alive, forever, amen.**

## *Growing in the Grace of Giving*

Our Father in heaven sent His Son, Jesus, to be our Savior. His atoning sacrifice is the first fruits of all the dead, a pleasing aroma to His Father, so that His perfect life and death count for all who believe in Him. He claimed us as His own children in Holy Baptism. He sustains and strengthens our faith with His Holy Word and His Body and Blood.

As new creatures, who have put on Christ, we bear good fruit. We do the good works prepared for us, which He makes known to us in His Word. By faith then, trusting in the Word of God, we do what he says because He does not lie and always keeps His promises. For “without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him” (Heb. 11:6).

And so the Lord promises: “Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the first fruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine” (Prov. 3:9-10). How do we honor the Lord with the wealth that God has given us in His generosity? By giving generously to those whom the Lord has called us to love and support your family, your society, and your church. And His promise is that, in so doing, you will never lack.

A common counterpoint is: “But that’s from the Old Testament!” Our Lord Jesus Himself gives us similar promises in the New Testament. He says, at the conclusion of the parable of the talents: “For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance” (Matt. 25:29).

And then at the end of the parable of the dishonest manager, he says: “One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money” (Luke 16:10–13).

And in His sermon on the mount, he says: “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matt. 6:19–21).

We have become conditioned against these promises because of their misuse by the peddlers of the prosperity gospel – the guys on TV who say you get rich by putting God in your debt. And thus, we miss out on the fact that God does reward temporal faithfulness in temporal matters with temporal blessings. It’s no quid pro quo. It’s all from God’s grace and His fatherly divine goodness and mercy. But those Bible passages do in fact say what they say! It’s not the Old Testament’s problem. It’s ours. It is almost as if we have become so jaded against this that we think it a virtue to be stingy with our offerings.

But our Father in heaven still loves to bless those who bless others. He loves to give to those who give freely and generously. In fact, he challenges us to challenge Him: “Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need” (Mal. 3:10).

And so, while we don’t give so that we would get, we do receive from the Lord in order to give, and He will bless your giving with more receiving. As St. Paul wrote in Rom. 8:32: “He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?”

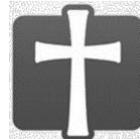
## Connecting Points

**TODAY:** we continue to celebrate the “*Resurrection of our Lord.*” The Season of Easter lasts for **7 Sundays and culminates with the Festival of Pentecost (50 days after Easter)**. During the Easter season, the Pascal Candle is lit to remind us of our Lord's physical presence on earth following His resurrection until His ascension to the right hand of God the Father. During this season, we “resurrect” our “Alleluia” which have been buried since the beginning of Lent. The color of the season is *WHITE*~ the color of purity and completeness as we rejoice in the Lord and what he has done for us through His suffering, death and resurrection.



**EASTER LILIES & MUMS:** If you have not yet taken home your Easter Lily or Mum, please do so **TODAY**.

**PORTALS OF PRAYER:** for the quarter that began on **April 1<sup>st</sup>** are in your mailboxes. Please be sure to take yours home with you so that you can read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest the Word of God. There are additional copies for you to share with friends and neighbors by the “guest book” in the Narthex. Help yourselves!



**NEW SANCTUARY TOURS:** will take place **TODAY following each of our morning services**. We encourage everyone to take this opportunity to see the **AMAZING** progress since our last walk through of our new mission hub. Please meet in the **Narthex following each service** for your guided tour!



**FAMILY BIBLE HOUR RETURNS!:** Yes, as the COVID numbers locally and nationally have been on the decline, **beginning TODAY**, we will resume Family Bible Hour for all ages. **HOWEVER**, be advised that as the pandemic is still a reality in our society the following will be in effect: **NO** coffee will be served (but you can bring your own); the only snacks available will be individually packaged snacks (fig bars, breakfast biscuits, etc.), masks **MUST** be worn, and social distancing will be in effect (no more than 4 per table). This also means that Pastor's **Sunday evening ZOOM** class will no longer meet.



**CIRCUIT PASTORS:** will be meeting at *Hope* **tomorrow beginning at 9AM**. Thanks to *Dave Booher* who will give our Circuit Pastors a special sneak peek at our new sanctuary following their worship service. Thanks also to *Mike McMinn* who will join *Christine* in providing music for worship and *Jesilynn Pfeiffer* who will be their discussion leader as she shares the work of Pace Academy for Girls.





**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!

**LIVING HOPE WORSHIP:**



We encourage you to join us for this relaxed, informal more contemporary style of worship. For those who are uncomfortable in larger settings, this service is the perfect opportunity for you to come and worship our Risen Lord! We look forward to seeing you on **Wednesdays at 6:30PM** in the sanctuary.

**IF YOU ARE UNABLE:** to complete the weekly surveys (at [hopeplantcity.com](http://hopeplantcity.com)) for worship attendance, **PLEASE** 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 & safety of all gathered together here, that everyone please **WEAR YOUR MASK** while on campus.



**PRAYER GATHERING:** In John 17:20-26, Jesus prayed to His Heavenly Father about unity. He prayed for future believers to be unified in the Truth so that people would be inspired to know the unity he shared with His Heavenly Father. We all have a purpose on this earth:

*“Connecting people to Jesus.”* If the beauty of unity shows people who God is and makes Him known, then it’s time to put unifying behavior on the top of our priority list! You are invited to join the Prayer Team for the **SPRING PRAYER GATHERING, “Unity in Truth”**



**Saturday, April 17, 9am-11am Hope Lutheran Sanctuary**

Jesus prayed for US—that we would encourage, exhibit, and exemplify unity. In a world that thrives on division and chaos, unity matters. What a gift we have been given that we can show the world who God is by choosing unity in truth today.

**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!



**PHONE NUMBER CHANGED:** *Pastor & Liz* have disconnected their home phone (landline) from service and will only use their cell phones. Please contact Pastor at 813-416-2373 in the event of any pastoral emergency.

**UNITED FOOD BANK:** has a barrel in our narthex for you to donate some much-needed non-perishable food items (peanut butter, jelly, mac-n-cheese, tuna, canned fruit, dry cereal, etc.). Our Food Bank provides breakfast & lunch for all children in our area when school is not in session as well as a backpack program for those children who would otherwise go hungry Friday evening—Monday morning. Thanks in advance for your Spirit motivated giving and support! Many thanks to all who have provided much needed groceries!



**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. Please consider being a part of this critical outreach ministry. For details, contact Alex Drapp at 813-765-1128.



*Easter*   
is FOREVER

# FAMILY BIBLE HOUR SUNDAYS 9:15AM

## PRESCHOOL—GRADE 5

**ENDURING FAITH:** As students progress through the program, they learn all about their Savior, Jesus Christ, what their Savior means for them, how to defend their faith, and how to teach the faith to others. Lessons spiral to help students go deeper each time they re-encounter a Bible passage. Age-appropriate activities build skills to strengthen Bible learning. All of our youth and children classes will be working through this curriculum.

*Leaders: Christian Growth Ministry Team*

## MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

**THE CASE FOR CHRIST:** What evidence is there for Jesus outside of the Bible? If God is such a good God, why is there so much suffering and evil and chaos in the world? Let's dig into these tough questions and more—and learn how to defend our faith.

*Leaders: Youth Ministry Team* **\*\*NOTE: THIS CLASS WILL MEET AT 11:45AM\*\***

## ADULTS

**ENDURING FAITH:** We too will continue working through ENDURING FAITH! This will allow entire families to be studying the same lessons and open the door for further discussion, study and prayer in your home. What a great opportunity this will be for us all to grow in Christ together!

## **RESUMES *IN-PERSON* TUESDAY 4/20 @ 6:30PM**



*Contact Jim Carnicelli to join*

# Join us!

## SUNDAYS

**8:00 & 10:30AM-WORSHIP**

10:30AM LIVE-STREAM @ [HOPEPLANTCITY.COM](http://HOPEPLANTCITY.COM)

**9:15AM-FAMILY BIBLE HOUR**

**4:00PM-SPANISH WORSHIP**

## WEDNESDAYS

**6:30PM-LIVING HOPE WORSHIP**



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



We continue to Lift High the Cross as our March contributions have increased our total to \$518,341, or 76.7% of our commitments goal of \$675,501. Praise and thanks be to God, and thanks to all of you who generously contribute to Building Hope. Remember last Easter when we could not celebrate Easter in God's House and we made signs and hung them on our front doors? Well, this Easter, we are blessed to worship at Hope with some limitations on our capacity. But next year, we will be able to welcome MANY MORE to join us in our new sanctuary! How exciting! Please keep Building Hope in your prayers and plans.

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



# *In Our Thoughts and Prayers*

**SHUT-INS:**

Jim Baldwin  
Diane Bates  
Betty Christiansen

Putt & Sue Crouse  
Bonnie Genrich  
Ray & Rita Gonzalez

**LEADERS:**

Liz Miller  
Millie Wetz

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

Pres. Joseph Biden  
Our Nation & World  
Our Armed Forces  
Our 1<sup>st</sup> Responders

## *Family and Friends of Hope*

**NEW REQUESTS:**

Putt & Sue Crouse                      mourning death of Putt's twin brother  
Bud Hendershot                         recovering from surgery  
Dennis Walkenhorst                    recovering from surgery

**CURRENT REQUESTS:**

Judy Baamonde & family             former Hope teacher—mourning death of husband Joe  
Kayra Cannell                            niece of Alan & Sue Griffin—rare form of lupus  
Roger Huset                               recovering from full shoulder replacement; physical therapy  
Kelly family                               mourning death of Roxanne's grandmother  
Cindy Kemp                                health concerns  
Tim Matthews                              recovering; health concerns  
Jamie Simpson                             friend of Becky Hartmann—COVID  
Bogdan Trivunovich                     father of Nick Trivunovich—health concerns  
President Greg Walton & family       mourning death of his father

**BATTLING CANCER:**

Austin Dobbs	D	Jerry Gross	Pat Mason	
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	Jeannie Lee Taylor
Dave Cannell	Jace Driggers	Dale Jarvis	Lynn Reagin	Virginia
Mary Clapp	Kori Dunke	Gordon Long	Fran Saitta	Rick Ward
Alice Correia	Marcus Elam	Jean Marie Mactye	Becky Schlicher	Mr. Wells
Valde Cruz	Tim Griffie	Pat Mailloux	Mary Scott	Millie Wetz
		Mari	Abbey Sedlacek	Heather Whitehurst

## *Serving in the Military* (R—Reserves)

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

**Please email your prayer requests to [hopePCprays@gmail.com](mailto: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 (4/11/2021) ARE:**

Lector 8:00/Jeff McClure; 10:30/Kathy Drapp  
Elder on Duty 8:00/Brian Heipp; 10:30/Jim Drapp  
Flowers Rivera family  
Offerings Alan & Sue Griffin  
Ushers Team 3  
8:00/Lonnie Bertsch,\* Diane Bertsch, Scott Kain; Tom Reagin;  
10:30/Stuart Howell,\* Wendell Lattz, Andrew MacDonald, Ron MacDonald, Jack Moberg

*Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by  
Olando & Deena Rivera*

**SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEDNESDAY (4/14/2021) ARE:**

Lector 6:30/April Walkenhorst  
Elder on Duty 6:30/Mike McMinn  
Ushers Team 3

**SERVING OUR LORD NEXT SUNDAY (4/18/2021) ARE:**

Lector 8:00/Cindy McClure; 10:30/Cathie Warner  
Elder on Duty 8:00/Tom Reagin; 10:30/Todd Warner  
Communion Assistant 8:00/Tom Reagin; 10:30/Todd Warner  
Flowers Szostkiewicz family  
Offerings Wendell & Pam Lattz  
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