



Welcome to Hope

SUNDAYS

9:15AM—Worship w/Live-Stream

10:30AM—Family Bible Hour

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 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. We encourage you to join us for any and all activities at Hope in the week ahead!

IMPORTANT NOTES: *for the sanctity of our worship and the benefit of those around you, please refrain from excessive talking in the narthex and sanctuary, and turn off all cell phones, pagers, etc. Please time entrances and exits during congregational singing to minimize distraction to our worshipping community. Following our worship, please make every effort to leave God’s House just as you found it. Please do not bring coffee, cans of soda or bottled water into the sanctuary for your use before or even during the service. Also, please be sure to remove any “used” tissues from the pews or hymnal racks. Your help in keeping God’s house neat and clean will most certainly be appreciated! Thank you!*

Hope: Anchored in Christ



Please turn off or silence your cell phone and NO food or drinks in the Sanctuary.

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Activities This Week at Hope:

Sunday 10/10	9:15	Worship
	10:30	Family Bible Hour
	3:00	Sanctuary Dedication Service
Monday 10/11		<i>Columbus Day</i>
	9:00	Circuit Pastors at Hope
	5:30	Bell Choir
	6:30	Choir
Tuesday 10/12	12:00	<i>DEADLINE—BOD Ministry Team Reports Due</i>
Wednesday 10/13	6:30	Living Hope Worship
	7:15	Spanish Kids ZOOM
	8:00	Spanish ZOOM Prayer & Bible Study
Thursday 10/14	7:00	Bible Study Fellowship
Sunday 10/17	9:15	Worship w/Communion
	10:30	Family Bible Hour
	4:00	Spanish Worship w/Communion

Worship Attendance / Communion:

Sunday, October 3, 2021

Worship: 9:15: 94/81

Spanish Worship: 4:00: 33/25

Wednesday, October 7, 2021

Worship: 6:30: 19/19

Total Offerings (General & BHFTF): \$8,225.31

Stewardship Perspective:

Hebrews 3:18-19 – “And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.”
 Unbelief leads to disobedience – that is, every sin expresses the opposite of faith. True and living faith guides us into the Lord’s way and the Lord’s plan. And when we fall into sin it’s because we are not trusting the Lord’s goodness and provision.

welcome

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost



October 10, 2021

AS WE GATHER

God's people are called to live each hour of the day following the example set by Jesus. Many Christian people find opportunity for personal devotion at the beginning of the day or as the day draws to its close. Yet all day long there are occasions for praying, praising, and giving thanks. In the formal worship sequence observed in structured Christian communities such as monasteries, a noontime service called *Sext*, named for noon—the sixth hour of the day, provided a midpoint for a day filled with devotion. The psalmist affirms that every hour is a good hour to bless the Lord, writing: “My tongue shall tell of Your righteousness and of Your praise all the day long” (Psalm 35:28).

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELLS

PRELUDE

“Marching to Zion”

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

“Come, We That Love the Lord”

LSB 669



1 Come, we that love the Lord, And let our joys be
2 Let those re - fuse to sing Who nev - er knew our
3 The hill of Zi - on yields A thou - sand sa - cred
4 Then let our songs a - bound, And ev - 'ry tear be



known; Join in a song with sweet ac - cord,
God; But chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King,
sweets Be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields,
dry; We're march - ing through Em - man - uel's ground,



Join in a song with sweet ac - cord And thus sur -
But chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King May speak their
Be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, Or walk the
We're march - ing through Em - man - uel's ground To fair - er



round the throne, And thus sur-round the throne.
joys a - broad, May speak their joys a - broad.
gold - en streets, Or walk the gold - en streets.
worlds on high, To fair - er worlds on high.



We're march - ing to Zi - on, Beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful Zi - on;



We're march - ing up - ward to Zi - on, The beau - ti - ful cit - y of God.

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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: To You I lift up my eyes, O You who are enthroned in the heavens!

C: **Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us.**

P: Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

C: **The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.**

P: Let us humble ourselves before God, confess our sins to Him, and ask His gracious forgiveness.

C: **We now confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and before one another, that we are sinful human beings by nature and by deed. We have not always put God first. We have used His holy name in ways that do not honor Him. We have been careless in our devotion and have not always honored those in authority over us. We have done violence to others in word and deed and have not always kept our thoughts, words, and deeds pure and honorable. We have taken what is not ours and have spoken that which is not helpful or true. We have wished for that which is not rightfully ours and have not put the best construction on all things and on all people. We pray God to have mercy on us, to forgive us all our sins, and to bring us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P: The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

“Doxology”

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow... Praise Him all creatures here below...
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts... Praise Father, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.**

**Praise God, the uncreated One... Who sent His Son to die for us...
Defeated death, He took our sin... Our praise for Him will never- end.**

(Chorus) **Alleluia... Alleluia... Alleluia... Alleluia... Alleluia... Alleluia...
Praise God the Father, Spirit-, Son.**

**Praise God, and let His kingdom reign... On earth, just like in heav-en...
His spirit with us three in one... Praise God the Father, Spirit—, Son. *(Chorus)***

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.
C: **And also with you.**
P: Let us pray. Summon our hardness of heart, Lord God,
C: **that we may love all whom You love.**
P: Continue transforming our lives into invitations that summon people to the love of Christ,
C: **so that Your full blessing would come to all for whom He died,**
P: through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
C: **one God, now and forever. Amen.**



OLD TESTAMENT READING

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

(Seek the Lord and live.)

⁶Seek the Lord and live, lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and it devour, with none to quench it for Bethel, ⁷O you who turn justice to wormwood and cast down righteousness to the earth! ¹⁰They hate him who reproves in the gate, and they abhor him

who speaks the truth. ¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor and you exact taxes of grain from him, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not dwell in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. ¹²For I know how many are your transgressions and how great are your sins— you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and turn aside the needy in the gate. ¹³Therefore he who is prudent will keep silent in such a time, for it is an evil time. ¹⁴Seek good, and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, as you have said. ¹⁵Hate evil, and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.
 C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Hebrews 3:12-19

(A warning against the danger of evils in life)

¹²Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. ¹³But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. ¹⁴For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. ¹⁵As it is said, “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.” ¹⁶For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses? ¹⁷And with whom was he provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? ¹⁸And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? ¹⁹So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.
 C: **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSE

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

*WOV 612
 (sung twice)*

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!



HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 10:17-22

(Jesus has a conversation with a rich young man.)

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

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

¹⁷And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.’” ²⁰And he said to him, “Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth.” ²¹And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” ²²Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

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

SONG OF THE DAY

“Take My Life”

ABS (3) 70

Take my life and let— it be...consecrated Lord to Thee;

Take my moments and my— days...Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move...At the impulse of Thy love;

Take my feet and let them— be...Swift and beautiful for Thee.

(Chorus)

Here am I...all of me...Take my life...it's all for Thee.

Take my will and make it— Thine...It shall be no longer mine;

Take my heart, it is Thine— own...It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour...At Your feet its treasure store;

Take myself and I will— be...Ever, only, all for Thee. *(Chorus 2x)*

Take my life and let— it be...consecrated Lord to Thee;

Take my life and let— it be...consecrated Lord to Thee.

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SERMON

“Are You Possessed?”

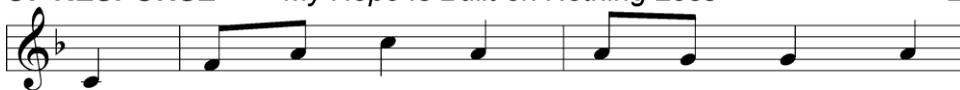
Mark 10:17-22

Rev. Dean Pfeffer

HYMN OF RESPONSE

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

LSB 576



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



Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my
 rest on His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and
 port me in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly
 may I 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, All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

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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.

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. O Lord, God of hosts, reveal our sin to us through Your Word. Do not let us dare to approach You in our own righteousness, but rather to come before You humbly in repentance, that we may inherit eternal life by Your grace in Christ alone. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: O Lord, God of hosts, we join our hearts in thanksgiving as we dedicate this building to Your glory. May this place truly be our mission hub from which we take Your saving message into our communities. Keep us mindful of our task to live and be Your disciples at all times and all places. May this place ring out Your praises today and everyday for all that You have done for us and all that You continue to do as Your hand always gives us more than we can ask or imagine. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: O Lord, God of hosts, sanctify us with Your Spirit, that we may hate evil and never pursue it, but instead love good and seek it always. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: O Lord, God of hosts, let Your favor be upon all who govern us in Your stead. Establish the good works of their hands upon us, that we might live in peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: O Lord, God of hosts, have pity on *Dennis Walkenhorst, Joyce Van Matre, John Walsh, those who are suffering from COVID-19, either at home or in the hospital*, and all Your servants afflicted in body or soul. Satisfy them with Your steadfast love in Christ, and grant health and healing in accord with Your perfect will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: O Lord, God of hosts, we give thanks for all Your saints whose confidence in Christ You kept firm unto the end. Graciously keep us firm in the same faith, that in the end we may enter with them into Your rest. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught us to pray:

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and

forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

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 upon 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 !! Send me!**

CLOSING SONG

“Living Hope”

How great the chasm, that lay between us. How high the mountain,
I could not climb. In desperation, I turned to heav-en, and spoke your name,
into the night. Then through the darkness, Your loving-kindness,
tore through the shadows of my soul. The work is finished, the end is writ-ten.
Jesus Christ, my liv-ing hope.

Who could imagine, so great a mer-cy? What heart could fathom,
such boundless grace? The God of ages, stepped down from glo-ry,
to wear my sin, and bear my shame. The cross has spoken; I am forgiven,
The King of kings calls me His own. Beautiful Savior, I’m Yours forev-er.
Jesus Christ, my liv-ing hope.

(Chorus) Hallelu-jah, praise the One who set me free! Hallelu-jah,
death has lost its grip on me! You have broken ev’ry chain. There’s salvation in
Your name. Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Then came the morning, that sealed the prom-ise,
Your buried body, began to breathe. Out of the silence, the Roaring Li-on,
declared the grave has no claim- on- me. Jesus, Yours is the victory!

(Chorus 2x)

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POSTLUDE

“Living Hope”

Praise Team

Growing in the Grace of Giving

Why do we give? Is it simply because God commands us to? Or is there more to it? To be sure, the Word and instruction of God in the Bible says we should give, and this is sufficient to encourage us to give (Luke 6:38; Acts 20:35; 1 Cor. 16:2; 2 Cor. 8:7; Gal. 6:6).

But there's more to it than just obligation. We're not just trying to fulfill a work of the law. We are bearing fruits of the Spirit given to us by our Father in heaven through His Son our Lord Jesus Christ. In other words, we're not just doing what our Father said, we're also doing what He did.

Children emulate their parents. When they grow up, they often carry many of the same mannerisms and characteristics as their parents. But there is more to it than that. Children copy their parents even on a more mundane level. They watch how their parents cross their legs, how they fold their hands, how they stand and sit and walk, and how they do and say most everything. Then children try to copy it.

This can be quite humorous when caught in the act. They do this even when parents don't want them to. Everyone has been in the uncomfortable – and embarrassing situation – where a child does or says something one of their parents have done or said that is less than polite. Sitcoms thrive on these. It only works because of the truth that children emulate their parents, and they do it because they want to be like them.

We are the children of God – by grace through faith. In Holy Baptism, God the Father declares of us what He declared of Jesus at His Baptism in the Jordan, “You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” God the Father claims us as His own. He takes away all our sins. In exchange, He gives us His righteousness, His purity, His holiness, and His Spirit – by which we cry out, “Abba, Father.”

We are born again – born from above, born of water and the Spirit – to a new life in Christ as His children. We are sons of God in Christ through Baptism. Since we are sons, we are heirs who share in the glory of the Son of God. The inheritance is ours because of the Father's grace, mercy, and generosity in sending His Son in time to save us for all eternity.

This is why we give generously of our income to the work of the church. We want to be like our heavenly Father. We want to emulate His generosity by being generous ourselves. We give to the work of the church because we have witnessed the generous giving of our Father in heaven.

More than that, we are recipients of it. It is because we have received our Father's gifts that we desire to give ourselves. His gifts are not just spiritual. They are temporal and earthly as well. As *Luther's Small Catechism* teaches in the Fourth Petition of the Lord's Prayer:

Give us this day our daily bread.

What does this mean? God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

What is meant by daily bread? Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

In other words, He gives us everything that we need for the care of both body and soul. His generosity knows no bounds.

Therefore, we sit down at the beginning of the year, the beginning of the month, or the beginning of the week and set aside a generous portion of God's daily bread for His work in the church. This is not done because He has commanded us so to do but rather because we, as His children by grace, want to emulate His generosity in our own lives. He is our Father; we are His children. And children want to be like their parents.

Connecting Points

TODAY: we continue the Sundays after Pentecost, also referred to as the “long green season.” This season of the church year will take us all the way to Advent, with few festivals in-between. The emphasis of this half of the church year will be to take the ministry and message of our Lord into our hearts and lives and put it into action in our daily lives. The color of the day is *green*~ the color of growth and life. A constant reminder that we are to daily grow in the Word and in our faith.



PLEASE REMEMBER: that when we are in our *sanctuary* or in *Fellowship Hall*, masks are *OPTIONAL BUT STRONGLY RECOMMENDED*. Keep in mind our brothers & sisters in Christ who are undergoing various treatments, therapies, recovering from surgeries, or maybe just have a weakened immune system—they are the reason we mask up. Thanks in advance for caring!



SPECIAL NOTE: Please, do NOT bring any food or drink or into the sanctuary. We ask for everyone's cooperation.

MEANT FOR MORE: is the topic for **TODAY'S** *Family Bible Hour* led by Rev. Dr. John Nunes. The class will be based on his book that will be available for your purchase. This study is an invitation to see how God calls us to and equips us for more—more life in Him, more life together, the more for which we are meant. In, with, and under it all, God comes to us through ordinary means—ordinary water, ordinary wine, ordinary bread, and the ordinary hands of people like you and me to do more than we could ask or imagine. Join us in Fellowship Hall!

ADULT
Sunday School

DEDICATION SUNDAY: is finally here! Join us for this very special service as we dedicate our new mission hub to the glory of God at **3:00PM TODAY**. Participating in the service with *Pastor Pfeffer* are Rev. Dr. Greg Walton, our *District President* and Rev. Dr. John Nunes, former *President of Concordia University, New York*, who will proclaim God's Word. Also assisting are Rev. Ron Pennekamp our *Circuit Visitor Elect* and Rev. Miguel Sanabria our *Spanish Ministry Leader*.



SPECIAL THANKS: to our hard-working *Dedication Celebration Committee* for all their hard work to add to our celebration of this very special day! Committee members were: *Kathy Drapp, Wendell Lattz, Liz Pfeffer, Nora Trivunovich, Carol Walkenhorst, Nan Walsh, and Pastor Pfeffer*.





MINISTRY TEAM MEMBERS: Please be sure to respond to the *Nominating Committee's* request of your ministry preferences for 2022. The deadline to respond **WAS OCTOBER 6**. You can still place your response in the offering plate, return it to the church office, or email it to hopelutheranpc@gmail.com **THIS WEEK**.

THE WINTER HAVEN CIRCUIT PASTORS: will meet here at *Hope tomorrow from 9:00—Noon* for their monthly meeting, worship, and discussion.



REMINDER: 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!



BOARD OF DIRECTORS: This is a reminder that our October meeting will take place on **October 19th at 6:30PM** in *Fellowship Hall*. Please remember to wear your mask, social distance, **AND** read chapter 5 in *GODSPACE*. Ministry Team reports are due to Jessica (hopepcsecretary@gmail.com) **BY NOON, Tuesday, October 12**. You will receive your meeting packet **by noon on the 19th**.



MOVING HOPE: Volunteers are **NEEDED** for our next mobile pantry on **Monday October 25th**. We meet in the parking lot at **5:30PM and begin distribution at 6:00**. This is a great and easy way for us to *Connect People to Jesus...* So, join us and help us work together to eliminate food insecurities in our community!



REFORMATION DAY & THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION: will be celebrated at Hope on **Sunday, October 31st at our 9:15AM Worship**. Confirming her faith will be *Abby Kelly*. Please join us for this special time in *Abby's* life! And as the color of the day for both Confirmation is Reformation is **RED**, we ask everyone to please wear **RED** to church that morning!



TURKEY SUPPER: Our Board of Directors had to make that difficult decision at to cancel our Turkey Supper again due to COVID concerns. We discussed many options and possibilities to make it happen, but for us to attempt the dinner **this year**, it can open the door to further spread this deadly virus.



THANK YOU: to *Mike McMinn* who was recently appointed as our Interim Treasurer to complete the term of *Dodie Walker* as our congregation's treasurer. *Mike* has been working with *Daniel Pfeffer*, our Assistant Treasurer, along with *Alison Reaume*, our Financial Secretary, and also getting assistance from *Nick Trivunovich* as he takes over this position.

FL-GA DISTRICT IS HIRING: a Communications Specialist. This exciting opportunity involves preparation, delivery and maintenance of communications across multiple platforms for the Florida-Georgia District. You would work with District staff to effectively communicate District initiatives, prepare weekly e-newsletter, assist with website creation and coordinate social media presence for conferences and events. This is a part-time, in-office position with flexible working hours. The office is located near the Orlando International Airport. Send your resume to lzirbel@flgadistrict.org.



EMPTY BOWLS RETURNS: The annual Empty Bowls lunch of the *United Food Bank of Plant City* will take place at the *Willaford Railroad Museum in downtown Plant City* on **Saturday, November 14th**. Cost per tickets (entire proceeds to the Food Bank) are \$5.00 each **UNTIL October 31st**. **After October 31st** tickets are \$10.00 each. Your meal consists of soup, bottle of water, fruit crackers, and a handmade bowl made by area school students. To get your tickets in advance see *Pastor Pfeffer* or contact the *Church Office*.



OUR ELDERS: have decided that Communion will be distributed via the continuous distribution method. We will commune one side then the other. Also, offerings will be received by the double doors leading to the Narthex and brought forward to the Lord's altar during worship. An offering plate will remain on the table in case you forgot to place your offering before worship.



USHERS NEEDED: While we thank God for ALL of our ushers, there is always the need for some additional hands to help. If YOU would like to serve on one of our usher teams, please be sure to contact the church office.



2-LITER BOTTLES NEEDED: Our florist, *Creative Flowers by Glenn*, needs 2-liter soda bottles (empty & clean) for our Sunday altar flowers. Collection baskets are in the Narthex and church office.



NEW BIBLES: We recently purchased 72 new pew Bibles for our sanctuary so that every pew has 3 Bibles along with hymnals. If you would like to help offset this cost, please use the BLUE envelopes in your pews, mark it BIBLES, and place it in the offering plate. Thanks for your Spirit motivated giving!



BARBARA FRENCH: is at *Community Care Center, 2202 W. Oak Ave, Plant City (by Festival Grounds)* and would REALLY love to notes of encouragement.

JOYCE VAN MATRE: is at *Grace Manor, 765 West Grant Street, #115, Plant City*. Her phone remains the same (813-545-4318). Give her a call or send a note!

Meet the Confirmand



Abigail Marie Kelly

Abby was born March 11, 2006 at Tampa General Hospital and is the daughter of Sean and Roxanne Kelly. Abby is the sister of Dajah and Grace. She was Baptized in June, 2006 at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Bartow.

Abby is currently a sophomore at Lake Gibson High School in Lakeland and says one of her favorite classes is math. Abby lists among her favorite hobbies: painting, drawing, and photography. In her spare time, she likes to paint or draw.

At this point Abby would like to attend Florida Southern College or Polk State College and would like to have her own business or perhaps be an artist or teacher.

Since coming to Hope, Abby has been a part of our youth ministry and has served as an acolyte, torch bearer, and crucifer. She is planning on participating in the 2021 National Youth Gathering in Houston.

Abby's confirmation verse is Romans 15:13, and she chose that because "It makes me feel closer to God like how I should trust in Him and how when He comes again, that will bring peace on earth."

Abby will be Confirming her Faith on Sunday, October 31, 2021.

PRAY FOR YOUR PASTOR

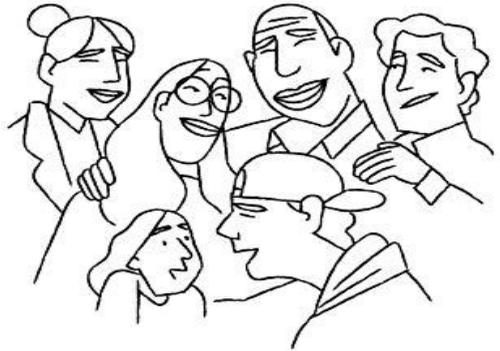
Some specific ways to pray for your pastor to support him during Pastor Appreciation Month

- **Pray for his family** - protect his marriage, support his wife in her unique position, bless his children.
- **Teaching** - May Jesus be seen in every message he is inspired to share.
- **Peace and Joy** - Help him not to be anxious but thankful and prayerful in all things.
- **Wise Counsel** - May the Scripture and Godly counsel support, strengthen and guide him.
- **Blessing** - that he be blessed by the Lord.
- **Biblical Faithfulness** - May he hold firm to the truth and teach what Scripture says.
- **Encouragement** - That his hope is found in Jesus and that he is built up and supported by those around him.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

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Save
the date



Mark your calendar for Paper Shredder and Food Drive. We'd love to have you.

Our local Lakeland Thrivent office is hosting a paper shredding and food drive event to benefit St. Paul Food Pantry. The event is free of charge we only ask that you bring non perishable foods items to benefit others.

Feel free to invite anyone you think may be interested in this event.

Event Details

Saturday, November 6, 2021
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Lakeland Thrivent Office
1740 E. Edgewood Dr.
Lakeland, FL

Hosted by
Brian J Heipp

Our Church Youth are looking forward to participating in the next National Youth Gathering that will be taking place in Houston, Texas July 9-13th, 2022. All church members can lift up our youth in multiple ways.



1. Send or say words of encouragement as they begin a bible study connected to the Gathering Theme "In All Things" Colossians 1: 15-20.
2. Support our youth as they begin to raise funds to help defray the cost of the gathering.
3. Continue purchasing SCRIP orders each month. (Members will be able to order via the usual SCRIP form or online with online being the preferred format. More information to come.)
4. Pray for our youth that they will be lifted up and brought closer to God through their experiences leading up to and at the gathering.

For their first fundraiser, the youth will be selling Gourmet Popcorn. This fundraiser will start Sunday, October 3rd. Please visit our youth in the Narthex after the October 3rd church service to see how you can help.

Thank you for your support and prayers! With God All Things are Possible!

Come and discover

Bible Study Fellowship

a free women's bible study for anyone interested in digging deeply into God's Word.

Thursdays 7:00-8:30 PM

Hope Lutheran Church, Plant City

This year's study: MATTHEW

Contact *Gloria Warner* at

dwarner27@tampabay.rr.com or 813.361.4207

or just show up

Hope to see you!

Fall Worship SUNDAYS

9:15am-Worship

w/live-stream @ hopeplantcity.com

10:30am-Family Bible Hour

4:00pm-Spanish Worship

WEDNESDAYS

6:30pm-Living Hope Worship

FAMILY BIBLE HOUR SUNDAYS 10:30AM

PRESCHOOL-GRADE 5

SIMPLY LOVED: JOIN US AS WE EXPLORE THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS. WE WILL JOURNEY CHRONOLOGICALLY THROUGH THE BIBLE AND DISCOVER FRIENDSHIPS WITH JESUS THROUGHOUT GOD'S STORY. SIMPLY LOVED IS DESIGNED TO HELP KIDS REMEMBER EACH LESSON WITH ACTIVITIES, SONGS, AND SPECIAL BIBLE MEMORY BUDDIES.

LEADERS: STACEY GREATENS, TRACY MACDONALD, ELLEN WHITEHURST

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

ADULTS

EENDURING FAITH: AS WE PROGRESS THROUGH THIS PROGRAM, WE LEARN IN DEPTH ABOUT OUR SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST, WHAT OUR SAVIOR MEANS TO US, HOW TO DEFEND OUR FAITH, AND HOW TO TEACH THE FAITH TO OTHERS. LESSONS SPIRAL GOING DEEPER EACH TIME WE RE-ENCOUNTER A BIBLE PASSAGE. LEADER: PASTOR PFEFFER

BUILDING NEWS

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



Dedication of Hope's New Sanctuary & Mission Hub

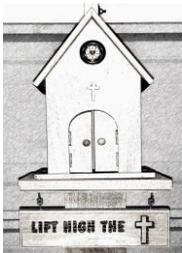
Sunday, October 10, 2021 | 3:00PM

Rev. Dr. John Nunes, Dedication Speaker | Reception to follow

2001 N. Park Road, Plant City, FL 33563

hopeplantcity.com

Building Hope for the Future: Impact Phase, October 2021



The last few weeks have been truly exciting! The long wait is over and we have had services in our beautiful new sanctuary, even as some of the work is yet to be completed. Your contributions have increased our total to \$663,033 which is 98% of our goal. When we started the Building Hope for the Future campaign back in November of 2019, we made commitments for three years to support our building project. We are nearly at our 2-year anniversary and this is an excellent time to re-commit to ourselves. The Lord has richly blessed us with Immeasurably More! Please keep building Hope for the Future in your prayers and your plans.

Jeremiah 29:11—“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

SHUT-INS:

Jim Baldwin	Putt & Sue Crouse
Diane Bates	Bonnie Genrich
Winnifred Brookman	Ray & Rita Gonzalez
Howard Brown	Liz Miller
Betty Christiansen	Chuck Wigand

LEADERS:

Rev. Dean & Liz Pfeffer	Pres. Joseph Biden
LCMS Synod & District	Our Nation & World
Hope Staff & Ministries	Our Armed Forces
	Our 1 st Responders

Family and Friends of Hope

NEW REQUESTS:

Dennis Drury	father of Jonie Wenzel--cancer
Barry Himmel	close family friend of James & Laretta Tennyson—return cancer hospitalized; health concerns
Joyce Van Matre	

CURRENT REQUESTS:

Paul Ahlers	health concerns
Sandy Booher	anticipating heart catheterization; possible stent replacement
Kayra Cannell	niece of Alan & Sue Griffin—rare form of lupus; breast cancer
Cindy	step-sister of Alan Griffin—comfort
Carol Cothorn	friend of Barbara Ahlers—recovering from cancer surgery; mouth biopsies
Kathy Norris & Kirvin family	mourning sudden death of Kathy's nephew Graham
Trivunovich family	mourning death of Nick's father
Trivunovich family	mourning death of Nora's father
	former PACE student of Jesilynn Pfeffer—injured in auto accident
John Walsh	bone marrow transplant

BATTLING CANCER:

		Joy Huang		
Dave Cannell	Austin Dobbs	Jim	Faye Mueller	Betty Snaper
Carolyn	Jerry Gross	Marie Kopp	Ovie	Virginia
Mary Clapp	GZ	Larry	Becky Schlicher	John Walsh
Dennis Drury	Burt Hermann	Pat Mason	Kurt Schrinee	Millie Wetz
Derek	Barry Himmel	Jennifer McCourt	Mary Scott	Heather Whitehurst

Serving in the Military (R—Reserves)

	Stephanie Enloe—R	Tyler Newkirk	
Alex Almaguer	Brandon Hastings	Stephen Olliff—R	Derek Quackenbush
Jacob Bertsch	Brad Landis	Blake Paton—R	Justin Rappa
Stephen Daniell—R	Bobby Martin	Donnie Pittman	Ryan Sonnenberg
Lorrie Daniell—R	Aaron Morley	Hank Poirier	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 (10/10/2021) ARE:

Bell Ringer	9:15/Kaylee Greatens; 3:00/Wendy Anderson & Ben Walker
Crucifer	3:00/Keaira Griffin
Torch Bearers	3:00/Kaylee Greatens & Abby Kelly
Acolyte	3:00/Grace Kelly
Lector	9:15/Cathie Warner; 3:00/Gloria Warner
Elder on Duty	9:15/Tom Reagin; 3:00/Todd Warner
Flowers	Harsh & Pennekamp families
Offerings	Alan & Sue Griffin
Altar Guild	Yolanda Heipp
Ushers	Team 1

Wayne Warner*, Carl Bergner, David Booher, Harold Hastings, Jeff Reaume

*Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by
Larry & Connie Harsh in honor of Connie's birthday
and*

Ron & Barb Pennekamp in honor of their wedding anniversary

SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEDNESDAY (10/13/2021) ARE:

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

SERVING OUR LORD NEXT SUNDAY (10/17/2021) ARE:

Bell Ringer	9:15/Jackson Venrick
Lector	9:15/Brian Heipp
Elder on Duty	9:15/Mike McMinn
Communion Assistant	9:15/Mike McMinn
Flowers	Tennyson family
Offerings	Wendell & Pam Lattz
Altar Guild	Yolanda Heipp
Ushers	Team 2

Tom Whitehurst*, Wendell Lattz, Jack Moberg, Tom Reagin