Gospel Reading: Luke 23: 33-43

Sermon "Glory or the Cross?" Rev. Dr. Brian Jones

Prayers for the People/The Lord's Prayer

*Sermon Hymn "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" (Blue #171/Screen)

*Affirmation of Faith/The Apostles' Creed

Offering/Offertory "Get All Excited" Adult Choir Men

*Doxology (Blue #592/Screen)

*Prayer of Dedication

*Closing Hymn "Now Thank We All Our God" (Blue #555/Screen)

*Charge/Benediction "Aaron's Blessing"

Postlude

Notes:

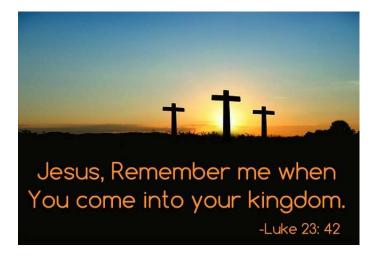
Hope Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, November 23, 2025 Christ the King Sunday

9:15 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship 10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary (On Facebook Live & KGLH Radio 96.9)



As a community of Christ, Hope Presbyterian Church demonstrates the good news of God's love, grace and hope.

- We build relationships with one another in order that we might strengthen our ability to love God and love others.
- Visitors, youth and children are welcome to participate in worship, Bible Study, spiritual development opportunities, prayer, and service.

⁹ He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰ 'Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.'

¹¹ The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

God is here and welcomes you! If you are a visitor and are looking for a church home, be assured you are welcome and needed at Hope Presbyterian Church. We are a people who seek to respond to God's love in Christ, and we invite you to join us.

Please be advised that our sanctuary worship service is on Facebook Live and taped for television broadcast, which is aired on Channel 18 (Windstream Cable) and Channel 181 (Charter Cable) on Sundays (2:15 pm), Tuesdays (11:30 am and 3:00 pm), and Thursdays (8:00 am and 5:00 pm).

*(Please stand as you are able)

Prelude

Welcome

*Opening Song

"O Lord, You're Beautiful"

(Screen)

*Call to Worship

Lay Reader: Brooke Appleby

One: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for God has looked favorably on God's people and redeemed them.

ALL: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for God has called us God's own beloved and called each of us by name.

One: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for God has blessed God's creation and called us to worship.

ALL: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel!

*Morning Prayer

God of all times and all places, be with us in this time and this place. Just as you have spoken to your people through prophets and poets, we pray that we might hear the Word you speak to us today. Just as you have spoken to your people through deeds and miracles, we pray that we might have eyes to see the Word you speak to us today. Just as you have called your people to act in the midst of your creation, we pray that we might have feet to walk and hands to reach out; for the sake of your Son, in whose name we pray. **ALL: Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

(Blue #151/Screen)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

ALL: Holy God, we confess that we have neglected to declare Jesus the king and model for our lives. We have been quick to call on others to follow the ways of Christ, yet slow to do the same. We have been bold in demanding

generosity, mercy, and forgiveness, yet quiet when it comes to offering inclusion, love, and compassion. Forgive us, O God. Restore in us, yet again, the commitment to be more Christlike in word, in deed, and in Spirit. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri (Screen)

*Passing of the Peace (Let us share Christ's peace by greeting each other)

Announcements/Prayer Concerns/Joys

Special Music "Inscription of Hope" Adult Choir Flute: Lorie Skaro-Johnson, Oboe: Dee Norling, Violin: Dempsey Schroeder

Children's Sermon

Response "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" (STF #2193/Screen) Children and helpers dismissed to go make Christmas ornaments for shut-ins

Prayer for Illumination

One: Holy God, through the generations you have spoken to us. You have sent voices crying out in the wilderness. You have sent the assurance of a condemned man on a cross. Quiet in us any voice but your own so that, by the power of your Spirit, we might hear the words you speak to us today.

ALL: Amen.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 46

¹God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

³ though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

⁶ The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

⁷ The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

⁸ Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

HOSPITALITY SERVANTS

Coffee Servers

November 23rd: Lisa Thorson

November 30th: Jody & Jerry Leason, Joni Lamphere

Ushers

November 23rd: Barry & Sarah Sampson family

November 30th: (open)

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Lay Readers Acolytes

November 23rd: Brooke Appleby Shayla & Blake Sampson

November 30th: (Open) (Open)

Sound Operators: Pete Bratberg, Duane Taatjes, Daryl Taatjes, Wally Titus **Video Operators:** Carter Taatjes, Pete Bratberg, Wally Titus, Daryl Taatjes,

& Barry Sampson

Screen Operators: Stephanie Bents, Sherry Bratsch, Isaac Taatjes

Radio Operators: Harold Foreman, Daryl Taatjes

Please sign up on the sheets in the Fellowship Hall (by the library) to usher or lay read. Thank You!

FINANCE REPORT

	Month of	Year to Date	Year to Date	Prior Year to Date
	Oct 2025	Monthly Avg.	Jan – Oct 2025	Jan – Oct 2024
Income Expenses Net Profit (Loss)	\$20,289.98 \$22,672.19 (\$2,382.21)	\$21,063.10 \$22,923.61	\$210,631.10 \$229,236.11 (\$18,605.10)	\$223,349.34 \$233,254.90 (\$9,905.56)
Income Needed	\$26,748.96			
Per Capita Asse	\$7,500.00			
Per Capita Paid	\$4,534.00			

Report prepared by Kristene King, Treasurer

HOPE'S HAPPENINGS!

Christmas Photo Corners Now Available

Haven't taken your Christmas card photo yet? You are in luck! We have 2 areas set up for you to choose from to take a family Christmas photo. One is in the library corner, and the other is by the Kid's Corner.

Sock Ministry for the CARE Pantry

Please join the CEYF Committee in collecting new socks of all sizes, colors, and designs to give away to the CARE Pantry clients for Christmas. We will be collecting these until Sunday, November 30th. Please place your donations in the sock drawers in the Fellowship Hall.

CARE Pantry Challenge

November's product of the month is.... Laundry Soap. Please leave your donations in the box by the mailboxes or on the table in front of the mailboxes. Thank you for your continued support of the CARE Pantry!

2025 Per Capita If you have not paid your Per Capita for this year yet, now is the time! It is \$46 per member.

October – November – December Devotionals – "These Days" devotionals are available on the information table by the mailboxes in the Fellowship Hall.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer

The Barn Theatre is putting on "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer". See the poster by the offices for show times.

Scandinavian Christmas Brunch

Saturday, December 6th at 9:30 am at the New London Evangelical Covenant Church RSVP by Monday, December 1st to 320-354- 2446 or email office@nlcovchurch.org

Sounds of the Season

Come listen to the Willmar Area Symphonic Orchestra on Sunday, December 14th at 3:00 pm at the WEAC – Willmar for "Sounds of the Season". Cost: \$15 for adults

^{*}Make sure to check out the bulletin board by the offices for more Community events!

THIS WEEK AT HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 23rd (Sunday)	9:15 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time Worship – Kids making ornaments (Also on Facebook Live and Radio)
	11:15 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Bible Study Christmas Program Lunch & Practice
November 24th (Monday)	10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Coffee & Conversation Session Meeting
November 25th (Tuesday)	6:00 p.m.	Tuesday's Table – Peace Lutheran Church
November 26th (Wednesday)	10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Coffee & Conversation Choir practice No Meal, Worship or Christian Ed Classes
November 27th (Thursday)		Happy Thanksgiving! Office Closed – Hope Scope deadline
November 28th (Friday)		
November 29th (Saturday)	7:00 p.m.	AA
November 23rd (Sunday)	9:15 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •

PRAYER REQUESTS

*Denotes New

Members with Health Issues:

*Don Knopps, Bob Sampson, Harold Foreman, Hilda Grosklags, Ruth Birkeland

Family and Friends with Health Issues:

Renae Illies (Eldy Williams' daughter)

Naomi Powers-Baker

Stephanie (Ed & Cat Anderson's daughter)

Grieving:

*Family of Rev. Bill Yueill, * Family of Marian Cramer (Rev. Leanne Thompson's mom), *Family of Dorothy Jones, Family of Carrie Lowden (Brooke's friend), Family of Sandra Rutjes (Tom Gjerde's sister), Family of Rick Gerhardson (neighbor of Greg Swenson), Family of Brian Johnson (son of Jo Holm), Family of Eileen Helmstetter, Family of Richard Hopkins (Skylar's family friend)

Care Facilities:

Donald Shaw (Bethesda – Willmar, Room #445)

Barb Morris (Copperleaf - Willmar)

Jeanette Gault (Glen Oaks - New London)

Arlos Jones (Glen Oaks Assisted Living – New London)

Betty Harder (Bethesda North Pointe - New London)

David Carlson (Bethesda North Pointe - New London)

Mary Lou Swart (Bethesda North Pointe - New London)

Other Concerns:

For those dealing with mental health issues and who struggle with addiction For those deeply wounded by domestic violence For those grieving the death and injury of a loved one due to violence and war

For those affected by natural disasters, illnesses

**Please Note If you have a prayer request, please fill out the prayer request card from the ushers and return it to them, which will be given to Pastor Brian.

November Deacons of the Month: Karen Bents & Mary O'Malley