

Gospel Reading: John 17: 1-11

Sermon "A Prayer for Us" Rev. Dr. Brian Jones

Prayers for the People/The Lord's Prayer

***Sermon Hymn** "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" (Blue #446/Screen)

***Affirmation of Faith/The Apostles' Creed**

Offering/Offertory "The Earth Adorned" Adult Choir

***Doxology** (Blue #592/Screen)

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn** "In Christ There is No East or West" (Blue #439/Screen)

***Charge/Benediction** "Aaron's Blessing"

Postlude

Notes:

Hope Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, May 17, 2026
7th Sunday of Easter

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.*

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** "Great is the Lord" (STF #2022/Screen)

***Call to Worship** **Lay Reader:** Sue Block

One: Let the righteous be joyful! Let them rejoice before God.

ALL: Let us all be jubilant with joy!

One: Sing to God, all peoples of the world. Sing praises to God most high.

ALL: From the sanctuary of heaven, God gives life and renews the face of the earth.

One: Let the righteous be joyful! Let them rejoice before God.

ALL: Let us all be jubilant with joy!

***Morning Prayer**

One: Redeeming God, you call us to be one with you, as you are one with Christ. As his perfect love casts out our fear, and changes it to love, unite us by your Spirit of peace, so that we may be one with you, as you are one with Christ.

ALL: Amen.

Hymn of Praise "O Splendor of God's Glory Bright" (Blue #474/Screen)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

ALL: Loving God, we confess that we do not always bring honor and glory to your name. We are rebellious and weak; we flee before your goodness.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us by the grace and mercy of Christ, so that we may rise up again in peace to love and serve your world. 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 "I Sing Because I'm Happy" Adult Choir

Children's Sermon

Response "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" (STF #2193/Screen)

Prayer for Illumination

One: Spirit of Glory, Spirit of God, bless us with a word of life this day to restore, support, and strengthen us as we seek to be one with you.

ALL: Amen.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 68: 1-10

¹ Let God rise up, let his enemies be scattered;
let those who hate him flee before him.

² **As smoke is driven away, so drive them away;
as wax melts before the fire, let the wicked perish before God.**

³ But let the righteous be joyful;
let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy.

⁴ **Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides upon
the clouds - his name is the Lord - be exultant before him.**

⁵ Father of orphans and protector of widows
is God in his holy habitation.

⁶ **God gives the desolate a home to live in; he leads out the prisoners to
prosperity, but the rebellious live in a parched land.**

⁷ O God, when you went out before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness,

⁸ **the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain at the presence of God,
the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**

⁹ Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad;
you restored your heritage when it languished;

¹⁰ **your flock found a dwelling in it;
in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.**

HOSPITALITY SERVANTS

Coffee Servers

May 17th: Bob & Julie Ehrlich

May 24th: Kristene & Skylar King

Ushers

May 17th: Tim Block, Lisa Bowland, Mike Carlson, Anakin Haglund

May 24th – 8:30 am: (open)

10:00 am: Eli Twernbold, (open)

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Lay Readers

May 17th: Sue Block

May 24th – 10:00 am: (open)

Acolytes

(open)

(open)

Sound Operators: Pete Bratberg, Duane Taatjes, Daryl Taatjes, Wally Titus, & Isaac Taatjes

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 in the Fellowship Hall to usher or lay read. Thanks!****

Mission & Ministry Financial Snapshot

	Month of April 2026	Year to Date Monthly Avg.	Year to Date April 2026	Prior Year to Date April 2025
Ministry Support Received	\$27,050.04	\$25,567.10	\$102,268.41	\$89,819.25
Ministry & Operations Investment	\$27,937.54	\$30,940.94	\$123,763.75	\$99,840.49
Mission Plan Variance	(\$887.50)		(\$21,495.34)	(\$10,021.24)
Income Needed to Cover Monthly Budgeted Expenses				\$27,674.40
Per Capita Commitment for 2026				\$7,144.00
Per Capita Support Received Through 4/30/2026				\$2,610.00

2026 Per Capita is \$47 per member.

Report prepared by Kristene King, Treasurer

HOPE'S HAPPENINGS!

Summer Schedule

Next weekend we will be switching to our summer schedule. Join us outside in the chapel at 8:30 am for worship. Then mosey on in for coffee and treats. Indoor worship will be at 10:00 am.

CARE Pantry Challenge: May's products of the month are for the birthday kits!

These items include: a disposable 9x13 pan with cover, cake mix, frosting, plates, napkins, tablecloth, balloons, candles, a can of pop (any flavor), and a medium size birthday bag. Please leave your donations on the table by the mailboxes or in the CARE Pantry box by the mailboxes. Thank you for your continued support!

Blessing Box is open!

Now that the weather is starting to warm up, the Blessing Box is open again for those in the community needing help feeding their families. We are looking for non-expired, non-perishable food that we can put in there. Please put your donations in the tote by the mailboxes marked "Blessing Box Items". Thank you!

Graduation Parties

Isaac Taatjes – Sunday, May 24th from 4-7pm at 10460 North Shore Drive – Spicer
Blake Sampson – Saturday, May 30th from 12-3pm at the River of Hope Youth Center
Grace Gau – Saturday, May 30th from 2-5pm at 4801 Hwy 9 NE – New London

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Blood Drive

American Red Cross is having a blood drive at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church on Friday, May 29th from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. To schedule an appointment to give blood, please call 1-800-733-2767, or you can visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter OLOL.

Meatball Dinner

Crow River Lutheran Church (Belgrade) will be holding their annual Meatball Dinner on Monday, May 25th from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. Free-will offering will be taken. Proceeds go towards the Bible Camp Scholarships. All are welcome!

New Wine performance of "Children of Eden"

You are invited to see a performance put on by the New Wine musical group entitled "Children of Eden". The performance is Saturday, June 6th at 6:30 pm at Peace Lutheran Church in New London. Tickets are free-will donation. Come cheer on Jerry & Karen Bents' grandchildren, Ashlyn & Jeremiah, in this performance!

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

Looking for a very part-time summer job?

We received a call from one of the neighbors a few blocks down from church who will soon be working long hours due to his job. He is looking for someone to come and walk his dogs once or twice each day. They are Labradoodles, so they are big, energetic, and like to pull – you must be strong and steady on your feet. This is a paying job. If interested, please call DJ at 402-320-4372.

THIS WEEK AT HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 17th (Sunday)	9:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	10:00 a.m.	Worship (Also on Facebook Live and Radio)
	2:00 p.m.	NLS graduation
May 18th (Monday)	8:30 a.m.	Staff meeting
	10:00 a.m.	Coffee & Conversation
	6:30 p.m.	Session meeting
May 19th (Tuesday)	11 am – 2 pm	CARE Pantry product distribution
	12:00 p.m.	CARE Pantry lunch
	6:00 p.m.	Tuesday’s Table – Faith Lutheran, Spicer
May 20th (Wednesday)	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
May 21st (Thursday)	6:30 p.m.	Personnel meeting
May 22nd (Friday)		
May 23rd (Saturday)	7:00 p.m.	AA
May 24th (Sunday)	8:30 a.m.	Outdoor worship in chapel
	9:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	10:00 a.m.	Indoor Worship in sanctuary (Also on Facebook Live and Radio)

April – May – June “These Days” Devotionals

The devotionals are available on the information table by the mailboxes in the Fellowship Hall.

PRAYER REQUESTS

***Denotes New**

Members with Health Issues:

Jerry & Sue Schiro, Ardis Just, Dick Lindahl, Wayne Thompson, Ceila Evenson, Arlos Jones, Elroy Jones

Family and Friends with Health Issues:

Marcus Bratsch (Larry’s son)	Andrea Taatjes
Annette Benson (Sherry Bratsch’s friend)	Corey (Kathy Taatjes’ niece)
Scott & Alana (Friends of Brian & Tyann)	Rachel (Dave Helmstetter’s sister)
Bev Gunther (Dick Lindahl’s sister)	

Grieving:

Family of John (Beth O’Connor’s father-in-law)
Family of Sandy (Madsen) Roisum
Family of Dan (Kyle Salvatora’s uncle)

Care Facilities:

Donald Shaw (Bethesda – Willmar, Room #445)
Arlos Jones (Glen Oaks Assisted Living – New London)
Hilda Grosklags (Glen Oaks apartments – New London)
Betty Harder (Bethesda North Pointe - New London)
David Carlson (Bethesda North Pointe - New London)
Dan Quale (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.

May Deacons of the Month: Sherry Bratsch & Jason Windingstad