

## Prayers for the People/The Lord's Prayer

**ALL:** 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

**Offering/Offertory:** "Amazing Love"

Adult Choir

**\*Doxology**

(Blue # 592/Screen)

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Closing Hymn:** "I Danced in the Morning"

(Blue #302/Screen)

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

Rev. Dr. Brian Jones/  
Congregation echo

**Postlude**

Maggie

## Hope Presbyterian Church

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**Sunday, April 16, 2023**

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



- 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, aired on Channel 18 (Windstream Cable) and Channel 181 (Charter Cable) on Sundays (2:30 pm), Tuesdays (11:30 am and 8:30 pm), and Thursdays (8:00 am and 5:00 pm).*

*ATTENDANCE FOLDERS: Please fill out the attendance pad located at the inside end of your pew and pass it down your row. If you are visiting, please mark the visitor column and include your mailing address. Thank You!*

**\*(Please stand as you are able)**

**Introit** "Give Me Jesus"

**Maggie Harp/Adult Choir**

**Welcome**

**Lay Reader: Sue Block**

**\*Call to Worship**

One: Blessed be the God of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

**ALL: God has given us a new birth in the living hope of the resurrection.**

One: God has given us an inheritance that is imperishable and unfading.

**ALL: In this we rejoice, even when we suffer trials.**

One: For although we have not seen Jesus, we love him; and although we have not seen him, we believe in him.

**ALL: For the outcome of our faith is the salvation of our souls.**

**\*Opening Prayer**

One: God of signs and wonders, you have revealed to us that Jesus Christ is your Son and our Savior. Strengthen our faith, so that we may have life in Christ's name.

**ALL: Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Praise:** "Here I Am to Worship" (Screen)

**Prayer of Confession**

**ALL: God, you have made known to us the ways of life. Yet, too often, we put other things above you and turn away from the ways of life and toward the ways of death. Forgive us and guide us back into your presence, so that we may know the fullness of joy. Amen.**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

**\*Gloria Patri** (Blue #577/Screen)

**\*Passing of the Peace** (Please share a sign of Christ's peace with one another)

**Announcements**

**Special Music:** "In His Presence" Adult Choir

**Children's Sermon**

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

**Prayer for Illumination:**

One: Guiding God, send your Holy Spirit upon the reading of your Word so that it may serve to show us the path of life and lead us into your presence where there is fullness of joy.

**All: Amen.**

**Responsive Reading: Psalm 16**

**Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31**

**Sermon: "Doubt"**

**Rev. Dr. Brian Jones**

**\*Sermon Hymn:** "Grace Alone" (Sing the Faith #2162/Screen)

**Confirmation Service**

**Grace Gau, Blake Sampson & Isaac Taatjes**

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

**ALL: 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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Sharing of Joys & Concerns**

## HOSPITALITY SERVANTS

### **Coffee Servers**

**April 16:** Brenda & Pete Bratberg (Confirmation Cookies)

**April 23:** Sharon & Elroy Jones

### **Ushers**

**April 16:** Karen Hagemeyer, Jonelle Foreman, Clara O'Connor & Tim Block

**April 23:** **\*\*Open\*\***

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

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

### **Lay Readers**

**April 16:** Sue Block

**April 23:** Alisa Taatjes

**Sound Operators:** Pete Bratberg, Duane Taatjes, Daryl Taatjes

**Video Operators:** Carter Taatjes, Pete Bratberg, Wally Titus, Daryl Taatjes,  
Jerry Leason & Barry Sampson

**Screen Operators:** Stephanie Bents, Sherry Bratsch, Jerry Bents

**Radio Operators:** Harold Foreman, Daryl Taatjes, Duane Taatjes

### **Presbytery Newsletter**

Sign up to receive the Valley Bridge, our Presbytery newsletter, in your inbox! Just email our Presbytery Administrator, Karen Lange [karen@minnesotavalleys.org](mailto:karen@minnesotavalleys.org) and she will add you to the mailing list!

**Contact Information for Rev. Dr. Brian Jones:** For any pastoral emergencies in the evenings or weekends when the office is not open, please contact Pastor Brian on his cell phone (605-204-0625) or email him at [brianwjones1980@hotmail.com](mailto:brianwjones1980@hotmail.com)

## HOPE HAPPENINGS!

### **CARE Pantry Challenge**

April is...Dish Detergent. Please leave your donations on the table by the church mailboxes.

### **Jo Holm's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party**

Please join Jo at the Atwater Community Center 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. to celebrate her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. A light lunch will be served.

### **"These Days" Devotion Booklets**

The devotion booklets for April-May-June are available in the Narthex, on the table in the library or in the office. Large print copies are also available.

### **Camp Sunday**

Next Sunday we will be celebrating Camp Sunday! Don't forget to wear your Camp shirt! Erin Anderson, Clearwater's new Executive Director, will be with us!

### **Serving Ridgewater Lunch**

Please sign-up on the sheet, in the library area, to assist in serving lunch to the Ridgewater students at the Campus Ministries Center on Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, or in donating bars or cookies. Please be at the Center at 10:30 am or bring your bars & cookies to church by 9:30 am.

### **All Season Decoration Sale/Bake Sale on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**

Join us from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> for this one-of-a-kind All-Season Decorations and Baked Goods Sale. The numerous decorating items were donated by the family of Barb Roguske (former members of our church) to raise funds for youth and missions. We are asking for volunteers to help on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Also needed are your donations of baked goods for the Bake Sale.

### **140<sup>th</sup> Annual Mission Fest**

The 140<sup>th</sup> Annual Mission Fest at Nordland Lutheran Church will be held next Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10:45 am-1:00 pm. Freewill donation for a pork sandwich meal. An on-line and on-site Silent Auction will also be held. Proceeds go to local missions, including The Link and the Paynesville Area Community Service Center and their supported ELCA missionary in Central America, Stephen Deal.

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

**Our Annual Meatball Supper! Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup> 4-7 pm**

## THIS WEEK AT HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 16 (Sunday)	<b>Confirmation Sunday</b> (Grace Gau, Blake Sampson & Isaac Taatjes) 9:15 a.m. Coffee & Confirmation cookies & Fellowship 10:00 a.m. Worship (Also Facebook Live and Radio) 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Jo Holm's 90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Party Atwater Community Center 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Isaac's Confirmation Celebration in the ROHYC
April 17 (Monday)	<b>Hope Scope Deadline for articles, announcements, etc.</b> 8:30 a.m. Staff meeting 5:45 p.m. Deacons 6:30 p.m. Technology Committee
April 18 (Tuesday)	12:00 p.m. CARE Pantry 6:00 p.m. Tuesday's Table at Faith Lutheran 7:00 p.m. Presbytery Meeting via Zoom
April 19 (Wednesday)	6:15 p.m. WOW, Pre-Confirmation 6:30 p.m. TAG 7:15 p.m. Choir
April 20 (Thursday)	
April 21 (Friday)	Office Closed
April 22 (Saturday)	7:00 p.m. AA
April 23 (Sunday)	<b>Camp Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m. Property Committee 9:15 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship 10:00 a.m. Worship (Also Facebook Live and Radio) 3:00 p.m. Eagle Scout Court of Honor & Reception (Jack Barney, Ian Carlson & Carter Taatjes)

**\*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.  
Thank You!



## PRAYER REQUESTS

### **Members with Health Concerns:**

Audrey Dean, Darlene Thompson, Pete Bratberg, Larry Bratsch, Darlene Bratberg, Bob Sampson, Bob Hinderks, Ed Johnston, Dick Lindahl, Sandy Ardoff, Judy Heath

### **Family and Friends with Health Concerns:**

Ali Zare	Kursten (Karen Hagemeyer's niece)
Kristi Barber	Brian Johnson (Jo Holm's son)
Gladys Guitz (Guatemala)	Sue Anderson
Kim (Friend of Sherry Bratsch)	Joanna Hanson (Helmstetter's niece)
Sandy Aalderks	Ross Antonson (Deb Steele's brother)

### **Grieving:**

Family of Justin Owen, Family of Sandra Amdahl, Family of Merle Elrod (Pastor Leah's Dad), Family of Gwen Fredeen

### **Care Facilities:**

Gary Anfinson (Bethesda-Willmar), David Carlson (Bethesda North Pointe), Jeanette Gault (GlenOaks), Betty Harder (Bethesda North Pointe), Ed Johnston (GlenOaks Apts.), Arlos Jones (GlenOaks Apts.), Bob Sietsema (Bethesda North Pointe), Barb Morris (Copperleaf-Willmar), Mary Lou Swart (PCU's at GlenOaks)

### **Other Concerns:**

For those dealing with mental health issues and who struggle with addiction  
For those deeply wounded by domestic violence, violence in schools, mass shootings  
For those grieving the death and injury of a loved one due to violence and war  
For those affected by natural disasters, COVID-19 pandemic  
For those serving in the military in Ukraine and elsewhere

**April Deacons of the Month: Sue Block & Robin Mulder**