

**Epistle Reading: Romans 14:1-12**

**Sermon: “Wedges and Bridges”**

**Rev. Dr. Brian Jones**

**\*Sermon Hymn: “Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”** (Blue Hymnal #347/Screen)

**\*Affirmation of Faith/The 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 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**

**Prayers for the People/The Lord’s Prayer**

**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: “Take Us To The River”**

**Adult Choir**

**\*Doxology**

**(Blue #592/Screen)**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Closing Hymn: “Help Us Accept Each Other”**

**(Blue Hymnal #358/Screen)**

**\*Charge/Benediction: “Aaron’s Blessing”**

**Rev. Dr. Brian Jones/Cong. Echo**

**Postlude**

**Maggie Harp**

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## **Sunday, September 17, 2023**

9:15 a.m. Coffee in Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

(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)**

### **Prelude**

**Introit: "Amazing Love"**

### **Welcome**

### **\*Call to Worship**

One: Give praise to God!

**ALL: Praise the Lord, for it is God who saves.**

One: It is God who forgives.

**ALL: It is God who delivers.**

One: Give thanks and praise to the Lord!

### **\*Opening Prayer**

One: O God who is our strength, you have protected us from those who would seek to oppress us. You have shielded us from those who would seek to destroy the good gifts you have put in us. Your love and power never fail. Thanks and praise to you, our safety and stronghold. We exalt you, O God, majestic in holiness, for there is none like you.

**ALL: Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Praise:** "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" (Blue Hymnal #298/Screen)

### **Prayer of Confession**

**ALL: Gracious and loving God, you lived for us—we have not lived for you. You have forgiven us—we have not forgiven others. You have loved us—we have not loved ourselves nor have we loved one another. Take pity on us and forgive us, God. Help us to forgive. Help us to live for you. Help us to love through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

#### **\*Gloria Patri**

(Blue #577/Screen)

Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

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

### **Announcements**

**Special Music:** "Majesty!"

Adult Choir

### **Children's Sermon**

**Response:** "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace. (Repeat)

### **Prayer for Illumination**

One: Holy God, your Word is strong and leads our feet to your holy dwelling place. Strengthen and guide us with your Word through the power of your Holy Spirit, in Jesus' name.

**All: Amen.**

### **Responsive Reading: Psalm 114:1-8**

<sup>1</sup> When Israel went out from Egypt,  
the house of Jacob from a people of strange language,

<sup>2</sup> **Judah became God's sanctuary,  
Israel his dominion.**

<sup>3</sup> The sea looked and fled;  
Jordan turned back.

<sup>4</sup> **The mountains skipped like rams,  
the hills like lambs.**

<sup>5</sup> Why is it, O sea, that you flee?  
O Jordan, that you turn back?

<sup>6</sup> **O mountains, that you skip like rams?  
O hills, like lambs?**

<sup>7</sup> Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the LORD,  
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

<sup>8</sup> **who turns the rock into a pool of water,  
the flint into a spring of water.**

**HOSPITALITY SERVANTS**

**Coffee Servers**

**September 17: Robin & Greg Mulder**

**September 24: Eileen & Dave Helmstetter, Greg Swenson**

**Ushers**

**September 17: Steve Barney, Wade Swenson, Greg Swenson, Bob Hinderks**

**September 24: \*\*Open\*\***

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

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

**Lay Readers**

**September 17: Kathryn Frazee**

**September 24: Kathy 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

**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**

We will be collecting Baby Shampoo, Kid’s Shampoo & Conditioner, Hair Detangler Spray and Baby Wipes for the CARE Pantry in the month of September. Place your donations on the table by the mailboxes. Please do not donate any pills (vitamins, etc.), opened containers of any item or small hotel bottles of shampoo, conditioner and lotion. Thanks!

**Ridgewater Lunch**

We will be serving lunch at Ridgewater on Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall near the library to donate bars or cookies and to assist in serving that day. Thanks!

**Holy Land Trip**

We are looking at putting together a trip to the Holy Land, late winter, or early spring of 2024. If you think you might be interested, please sign up on the sheet by the library. If there is sufficient interest expressed, we will put together some various options. By signing up, you are not committing to anything, just expressing interest.

**Wood Plank Vinyl Flooring for Sale**

Wood Plank Vinyl flooring for sale - left over from the Christian Ed restroom remodel 4'-8" x 10'-3" (47.8 sq. ft.) piece of vinyl flooring with padded backing. Brand/Pattern: Majesty Moonshadow - purchased at Menards for \$1.39/sq. ft. Value of flooring is \$66.44 - you decide what you want to give to the church as a donation. Talk to Steph if you have any questions or are interested in purchasing.

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**Atwater Area Help for Seniors Health and Wellness Expo**

A Health and Wellness Expo will be held on Tuesday, September 19th, 9am—11:30am, at the Atwater Community Center. Flu shot clinic by Homeland Health—call 974-8737 to set up appointment time, bring insurance information. Medication disposal for unwanted prescription drugs by Atwater Police & Kandiyohi County Sheriff’s Dept.; free chair massages and blood pressure checks; 26 booths with specialty health care and senior care service providers; Aging Eyes low vision equipment. Snacks, door prizes, and a light lunch will be provided.

**Raise the Roof Gala**

A fundraiser to benefit Habitat for Humanity of West Central MN, will be held Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at the Willmar Conference Center. Enjoy fabulous food, inspiring stories and amazing live and silent auction items. \$50 per person. Register at [www.habitatwcm.org](http://www.habitatwcm.org)

## THIS WEEK AT HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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| September 17<br>(Sunday)    | 9:15 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship<br>10:00 a.m. Worship (Also Facebook Live and Radio)   |
| September 18<br>(Monday)    | <b>**Hope Scope Deadline**</b><br><b>**Pastor Brian at Clearwater Forest Retreat</b><br>5:45 p.m. Deacons  |
| September 19<br>(Tuesday)   | 12:00 p.m. CARE Pantry-Devotion, Lunch & Distribution<br>6:00 p.m. Tuesday's Table at Faith Lutheran Church  |
| September 20<br>(Wednesday) | 6:15 p.m. WOW (Grades Pre-6 <sup>th</sup> )<br>6:15 p.m. Adult Bible Study<br>6:30 p.m. TAG (Grades 9-12) River of Hope Youth Center<br>7:15 p.m. Choir Practice |
| September 21<br>(Thursday)  |  |
| September 22<br>(Friday)    | Office Closed  |
| September 23<br>(Saturday)  | 7:00 p.m. AA   |
| September 24<br>(Sunday)    | 9:15 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship<br>10:00 a.m. Worship (Also Facebook Live and Radio)   |

**\*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:**

Kathy Jansen, Joni Lamphere, Sharon Jones, Barb Morris, John Williamson, Bob Hinderks, Dick Lindahl

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

Vicky Mattson (Friend of Sharon Jones)      Connie Benson (Helmstetter's friend)  
Dale (Friend of the Hagemeyers)      Greg Skinner (Virginia McKean's son-in-law)  
Jordan Bast      Shelly Erickson  
Holly (Dee Schurman's sister)      Bob Dieken (Karen Bents' brother)  
Pastor Jeff DeYoe      Johnny Lee Larson (Virginia McKean's great grandson)

### **Grieving:**

Family of Sam & Louise Miller (Nancy Miller's parents), Family of Mike (Friend of the Hagemeyers)

### **Care Facilities:**

Kathy Jansen (Bethesda North Pointe), David Carlson (Bethesda North Pointe), Jeanette Gault (GlenOaks), Betty Harder (Bethesda North Pointe), Arlos Jones (GlenOaks Apts.), 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, 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

**September Deacons of the Month: Kathy Terpstra & Deb Steele**