

Sermon "Eyes To See" Rev. Dr. Brian Jones

Prayers for the People/The Lord's Prayer

***Sermon Hymn** "Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim" (Blue #477/Screen)

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

Offering/Offertory "Will the Circle Be Unbroken" Adult Choir Women

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn** "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" (Blue #343/Screen)

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

Postlude

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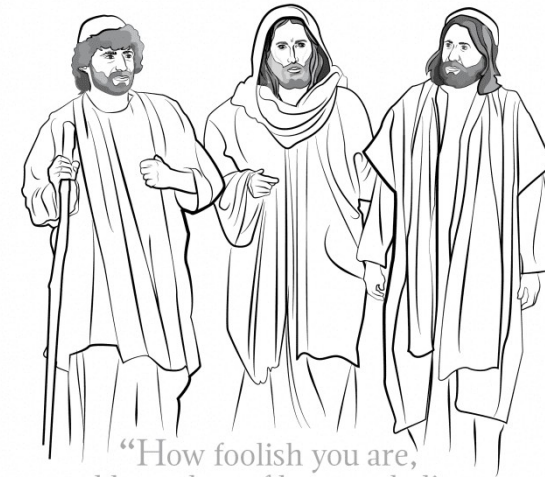
Sunday, April 19, 2026

3rd Sunday of Easter

9:15 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship

10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary

(On Facebook Live & KGLH Radio 96.9)



"How foolish you are,
and how slow of heart to believe
all that the prophets have spoken!"

Luke 24:25

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** "Refiner's Fire" (Screen)

***Call to Worship** **Lay Reader:** Jonelle Foreman

One: Followers of Jesus, by his cross, we are redeemed from the futility of sin.

ALL: Alleluia!

One: By his rising, we are free from the fear of death.

All: Alleluia!

One: By his love, we are made new in the living and enduring Word of God.

ALL: Alleluia! Thanks be to God.

***Morning Prayer**

One: Almighty God, Jesus, our risen Lord, was made known to the disciples in the breaking of the bread. Open the eyes of our hearts so that we may recognize his presence, and with his disciples cry, "The Lord has risen, indeed!" Through Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the power of the Holy Spirit

ALL: Amen.

Hymn of Praise "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go" (Blue #384/Screen)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

ALL: Almighty God, our world is filled with corruption: power disguises itself as truth; convenience masquerades as goodness; selfish pleasure imitates love. We confess to you, O God, that we have been caught in the web of the world's sin. By the power of the Holy Spirit, save us from these deceptions and free us for glad obedience, so that we may see the joy of Jesus' resurrection and receive the promise of everlasting life. 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 "Now We Remain" Adult Choir

Children's Sermon

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

Prayer for Illumination

One: Lord, you opened the meaning of the scriptures to the disciples on the road to Emmaus and set their hearts ablaze. By the power of your Spirit kindle our hearts as we hear your word proclaimed, so that we may receive you with joy.

ALL: Amen.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19

¹ I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

² **Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

³ The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

⁴ **Then I called on the name of the Lord: 'O Lord, I pray, save my life!'**

¹² What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

¹³ **I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord,**

¹⁴ I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

¹⁵ **Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.**

¹⁶ O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving-maid.
You have loosed my bonds.

¹⁷ **I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.**

¹⁸ I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,

¹⁹ **in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.
Praise the Lord!**

Gospel Reading: Luke 24: 13-35

HOSPITALITY SERVANTS

Coffee Servers

April 19th: Tim & Sue Block, Heather & Charlie Carver

April 26th: Leslie & Mark Radabaugh, Brooke & Savannah Appleby

Ushers

April 19th: Brooke & Savannah Appleby, Matt & Kelli Haglund

April 26th: (open)

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Lay Readers

April 19th: Jonelle Foreman

April 26th: Kathy Taatjes

Acolytes

Savannah & George Appleby

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

FINANCE REPORT

	Month of March 2026	Year to Date Monthly Avg.	Year to Date March 2026	Prior Year to Date March 2025
Income	\$23,731.27	\$20,615.20	\$61,845.59	\$65,426.89
Expenses	\$26,356.83	\$24,673.22	\$74,019.66	\$72,057.00
Net Profit (Loss)	(\$2,625.56)		(\$12,174.07)	(\$6,630.11)
Income Needed to Cover Monthly Budgeted Expenses				\$27,674.40
Per Capita Assessment for 2026				\$7,144.00
Per Capita Paid by Members Through 2/28/2026				\$2,468.00

2026 Per Capita is \$47 per member.

Report prepared by Kristene King, Treasurer

Special offering envelopes are now located on the table in the Narthex rather than in the pews. See an usher if you need help finding them.

HOPE'S HAPPENINGS!

CARE Pantry Challenge: April's product of the month is.... dish soap! 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!

Hope's 61st Annual Meatball Supper

The meatball supper will take place **THIS** Friday, April 24th from 4:00 – 7:00 pm. Cost: \$15 per plate. Tickets are now on sale! We do still need some workers, so please see the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall if you can help!

Attention Holy Rollers...

We will be rolling silverware and setting tables on Thursday morning at 9:00 am. Please come if you are available! All help is welcome!

Blessing Box will be opening for the season!

Now that the weather is starting to warm up, we will be opening up the Blessing Box 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". We plan to open this up again May 1st.

Honoring High School Grads

Next Sunday we will be honoring our high school graduates (Grace Gau, Blake Sampson, and Isaac Taatjes) during coffee hour and during the worship service. Please come a little earlier for some graduation cake and to give your best wish to the graduates as they move on to adulthood. Be sure to also leave some words of wisdom for our grads on the sheets on the table by the mailboxes. Thank you!

Light of the World service

Join us tonight at 7:00 pm for the Light of the World service. It is full of music, prayer, and uplifting vibes. There will be refreshments after the service. All are welcome!

Campus Ministry's Service Opportunity

Sign up on the board in the Fellowship Hall to either help or bring cookies/bars for our next serving opportunity at Campus Ministries Center on Wednesday, April 29th. If you plan to help, please be there by 10:30 a.m. Questions – ask Robin. Thank you!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Fortune Cookies play

The Atwater Area Help for Seniors will be hosting "Fortune Cookies", in association with The Remember Project at the Atwater Community Center on Thursday, April 23rd from 4:30 – 7:30 pm. RSVP to 320-974-8737 if you plan to attend.

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

THIS WEEK AT HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 19th	9:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	10:00 a.m.	Worship (Also on Facebook Live and Radio)
	11:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Light of the World service
April 20th (Monday)	8:30 a.m.	Staff meeting
	10:00 a.m.	Coffee & Conversation
	5:30-7:30 pm	ROHYC in use
April 21st (Tuesday)	11 am – 2 pm	CARE Pantry Item Distribution
	12:00 p.m.	CARE Pantry lunch
	6:00 p.m.	Tuesday's Table – Faith Lutheran
April 22nd (Wednesday)	5:30 p.m.	Family supper
	6:00 p.m.	Worship service
	6:15 p.m.	WOW
	6:30 p.m.	TAG
		No Choir Practice
April 23rd (Thursday)		Hope Scope deadline
April 24th (Friday)	4:00–7:00 pm	Meatball Supper
April 25th (Saturday)	2:00-4:00 pm	ROHYC in use
	7:00 p.m.	AA
April 26 th	9:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	10:00 a.m.	Worship (Also on Facebook Live and Radio) – Kids sing!
Honoring our HS Graduates and CE Leaders	11:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Baccalaureate at the NLS Performing Art Center

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:

*Dick Lindahl, Velda Jones, Wayne Thompson, Ceila Evenson, Arlos Jones, Elroy Jones, Jason Bents, Myron Ficek

Family and Friends with Health Issues:

Bev Gunther (Dick Lindahl's sister)	Dan (Kyle Salvatora's uncle)
Sarah (friend of Brian & Tyann)	Karlene DeGeest
Shelly Krossman (friend of Sherry Bratsch)	Sarah Sampson's grandma
Carl (Laura Norling's uncle)	

Grieving:

Kisa (Jonelle Foreman's niece), Family of Joann Ryks, Family of Jane Hedin (Don Heath's sister-in-law), Family of Baylor Sietsema (infant son of Brennen & Courtney (Edwards) Sietsema – friends of Larry & Sherry Bratsch)

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.

April Deacons of the Month: Lisa Thorson & Karen Bents