

Sermon: “Weeds and Wheat, And It’s Still OK”

Rev. Dr. Brian Jones

***Sermon Hymn:** “Nearer My God to Thee” (Booklet 8:30 service #13/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: “When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder”

(Booklet 8:30 service #7/Screen)

***Doxology**

(Blue #592/Screen)

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn:** “I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me”

(Screen)

Verse 1

I'm so glad Jesus lifted me, I'm so glad Jesus lifted me, I'm so glad Jesus lifted me
Singing glory hallelujah, Jesus lifted me

Verse 2

I was lost in sin Jesus rescued me, I was lost in sin Jesus rescued me
I was lost in sin Jesus rescued me, Singing glory hallelujah, Jesus lifted me

Verse 3

Now I'm heaven bound Jesus set me free, Now I'm heaven bound Jesus set me free
Now I'm heaven bound Jesus set me free, Singing glory hallelujah, Jesus lifted me

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

Rev. Dr. Brian Jones/Cong. Echo

Postlude

Maggie Harp

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Sunday, July 23, 2023

8:30 a.m. Worship (Hopewood Chapel)

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: Maggie Harp and the "Coffee House Fiddlers"

Welcome Lay Reader: 8:30 am Susan Johnson 10:00 am Kristene Foreman

***Call to Worship**

One: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

ALL: You have set your glory above the heavens.

One: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

ALL: Yet you have made them a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor.

***Opening Prayer**

One: Rock of Israel and cornerstone of our common life, you are not bound by our visions, our structures, our doctrine. We cannot predict your coming or going, yet you have given us your story, your family, your work to do. Meet us here. Shape us for service in your world, for we carry the name of Jesus and live by the power of your breath. **ALL: Amen.**

***Hymn of Praise: "This Little Light of Mine" (Booklet 8:30 service #10/Screen)**

Prayer of Confession

ALL: Merciful God, your creatures cry—creation groans— but we turn away; we surround ourselves with noise. We are quick to excuse ourselves from responsibility: we are young; we are old; we are tired; we are busy. It is hard to imagine that we might make a difference. Life-giving God, wash us clean. Restore our imaginations and our hearts. Let your courage and compassion flow through our veins until we love with abandon and our hands reach out in blessing, for the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God. 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: "Amazing Grace" (Booklet 8:30 service #14/Screen)

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 One, you love with a father's tenderness, a mother's zeal. Move now in our hearts. Breathe through the words we hear, the songs we share, the burdens we carry, until we discover our purpose in your liberating love, for we long to join creation's praise and to shine with the mercy of the Christ, in whose name we pray.

All: Amen.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24

¹ O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

² **You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.**

³ You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴ **Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.**

⁵ You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

⁶ **Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

⁷ Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

⁸ **If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.**

⁹ If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

¹⁰ **even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.**

¹¹ If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night',

¹² **even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.**

²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts.

²⁴ **See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.**

Epistle Reading: Romans 8:12-25 Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

HOSPITALITY SERVANTS

Coffee Servers

July 23: Melissa & Lyle Mangen

July 30: Karen & Jerry Bents

Ushers

July 23: 8:30 am Greg & Robin Mulder

10:00 am Duane & Alisa Taatjes Family

July 30: 8:30 am **Open

10:00 am **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

July 23: 8:30 am Susan Johnson 10:00 am Kristene Foreman

July 30: 8:30 am Jeff Wersal 10:00 am **Open

July 23: Coffee House Fiddlers

Brenda Swenson, Mandolele; Patrick Hood, Guitar; Keith Pearson, Guitar; Jerry Saetveit, Fiddle; Darlene Schroeder, Fiddle; Dean Mortenson, Fiddle and Maggie Harp, Mandolin

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

HOPE HAPPENINGS!

CARE Pantry Challenge

We will be collecting school supplies for “Stuff the Bus” for the month of July. Place your donations on the table by the mailboxes. Thanks!

Last Family Fun Festival- Wednesday, August 9th

You are invited to our last Family Fun Festival at the Youth Center 6:00 -8:00 p.m.on August 9th! The overall theme is Adventure Island and the featured Bible story for August 9th will be “The Lost Parables”. Please RSVP by calling the church (796-2650) or emailing chred.hopepc@outlook.com. The events are free, which includes supper, music and lots of fun!

Blessing Box

Please contribute any non-perishable food items, Bibles or Children’s Bible story books in the Blessing Box by the “Christian Education Entrance” sign. If the box is full, please place your items in the tote under the mailboxes in the Fellowship Hall.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Sole Hope

This 4K (2.48 miles) non-timed run/walk is a great way to support hurting feet in Uganda through the mission of Sole Hope. Race time is at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 2nd at Peace Lutheran Church in New London. Live music and root beer floats will follow the race. Please take a registration form from the Community events bulletin board. Registration deadline is August 2nd and the cost is \$20 per person.

August 13th 3:30 pm-7:00 pm Nordland’s Third Annual Barbecue Blues Bash

Please join us for Nordland’s Barbecue Bash! Music by Ava Hanson & West Addison Blues Band. Bring a lawn chair and a free will donation. Nordland Lutheran Church, 18510 180th Ave. NE, rural Paynesville.

Summer Chrysalis 2023-Clearwater Forest

Please go to the Clearwater website, choose “Summer Registration”, and register for the Summer Chrysalis, August 17-20. Enjoy the presenter, Sue Hamilton, plus several workshops, massage therapists, exercise, entertainment and several free time Options. Please check the Community Events board for more information. Save the date for the Winter Chrysalis February 23-25, 2024.

THIS WEEK AT HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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| July 23 (Sunday) | 8:30 a.m. Hopewood Chapel Worship 9:15 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship 10:00 a.m. Worship (Also Facebook Live and Radio) 2:00 p.m. GlenOaks Worship **Note change in time** 5:05 p.m. Stingers Game |
| July 24 (Monday) | **Hope Scope Deadline** 8:30 a.m. Staff Meeting |
| July 25 (Tuesday) | 6:00 p.m. Tuesday's Table at Peace Church, New London 6:30 p.m. Christian Education Committee |
| July 26 (Wednesday) | |
| July 27 (Thursday) | |
| July 28 (Friday) | Office Closed 5:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal |
| July 29 (Saturday) | 3:00 p.m. Holme-Vanderputte Wedding 7:00 p.m. AA |
| July 30 (Sunday) | 8:30 a.m. Hopewood Chapel Worship 9:15 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship 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:

Daryl Taatjes, Leslie Radabaugh, Mark Radabaugh, Conny Williamson, Darlene Thompson, Bob Sietsema, Bob Hinderks, Dick Lindahl

Family and Friends with Health Concerns:

Merlyn Flickinger Jr.
Bob Dieken (Karen Bents' brother) Jenna (Joni Lamphere's daughter)
Johnnie Lee Larson (Virginia McKean's great grandson) Pastor Jeff DeYoe

Grieving:

Family of Jill Ellingson Hegstrom (Julie Ehrlich's cousin), Family of Ed Johnston, Family of Ronald Thompson (Liz Windingstad's Dad), Family of Jerry Hunter (Friend of Pastor Brian & Tyann), Family of Ken West, Family of Audrey Dean

Care Facilities:

Kathy Jansen (Bethesda North Pointe), David Carlson (Bethesda North Pointe), Jeanette Gault (GlenOaks), Betty Harder (Bethesda North Pointe), Arlos Jones (GlenOaks Apts.), Bob Sietsema (GlenOaks), 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 those living in Ukraine & Russia

July Deacons of the Month: Kathy Terpstra & Eileen Helmstetter