

Sermon: “A Christian Nation?”

Rev. Dr. Brian Jones

***Sermon Hymn: “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”** (Blue Hymnal #310/Screen)

***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

Prayers for the People/The Lord’s Prayer

Offering/Offertory “Ten Thousand Reasons” Jill

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn: “Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”**
(Blue Hymnal #434/Screen)

***Charge/Benediction: “Aaron’s Blessing”** Rev. Dr. Brian Jones/Cong. Echo

Postlude Jill

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Sunday, July 28, 2024

8:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship in Chapel

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, 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).

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

Prelude

Jill Fugleberg, Piano

Welcome Lay Reader: 8:30 am Jeff Wersal 10:00 am Kristene Foreman

***Call to Worship**

One: God, and none other, created all things visible and invisible.

ALL: God, and none other, provides food for your stomach and spirit.

One: God is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine.

ALL: Let us worship the Trinity, and none other.

***Morning Prayer**

One: Triune God, shepherd of your people Israel, you provide for us far more than we expect or imagine possible. Calm our fears; speak peace to us; lead us beyond ourselves. Gather us with all the saints in the church to glorify you for your mighty deeds. We pray in the strong name of Jesus Christ.

ALL: Amen.

***Hymn of Praise:** "When Morning Gilds the Skies" (Blue Hymnal #487/Screen)

***Prayer of Confession**

ALL: God of wonder, we confess our sins and pray for your help so that we can truly repent and turn from evil. Deliver us from the temptation to hide from you, to lie to you, or to excuse ourselves because of the harm we have done to others. Forgive us for the curse we have brought upon the earth. Restore your creation to full health and feed the multitudes from the abundance of your merciful power. Grow in us a deeper desire to love Christ with the fullness of your love, and to glorify him, along with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

***Gloria Patri** (Blue Hymnal #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. A-men. A-men. A-men. A-men. A-men. A-men. A-men. A-men.

***Passing of the Peace** (Let us share Christ's peace by greeting each other)

Announcements

Special Music "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

Jill

Children's Sermon

Response: "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" (Sing the Faith #2193/Screen)
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: O Holy Spirit, creative power of God, strengthen us to the depths of our humanity. Help us to overcome temptations to abuse our neighbors; fill us with the love of Christ. Feed us the bread of heaven so that we will share with the world the saying that is true, I am with us. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior.

All: Amen.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 145:10-18

¹⁰ All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your faithful shall bless you.

¹¹ **They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power,**

¹² to make known to all people your mighty deeds,

and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.

¹³ **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.**

¹⁴ The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

¹⁵ **The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.**

¹⁶ You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷ **The LORD is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings.**

¹⁸ The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

Gospel Reading: John 6:1-21

HOSPITALITY SERVANTS

Coffee Servers

July 28: Mary O'Malley & Greg Swenson

August 4: ---

Ushers

July 28: 8:30 am Barry & Sarah Sampson

10:00 am Myron & Deb Ficek, Lisa Thorson & Nancy Birkeland

August 4: 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 28: 8:30 am Jeff Wersal

10:00 am Kristene Foreman

August 4: 8:30 am **Open**

10:00 am **Open**

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

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

HOPE HAPPENINGS!

Coffee & Conversation Time

Please join us at 10:00 am Mondays and Wednesdays for Coffee and Conversation!
Please bring your own cup and snacks if you wish! Grab your cup and come for coffee!

CARE Pantry Challenge:

August is...Paper Towels and Facial Tissue. Please leave your donations on the table by the mailboxes. Thanks!

The Link is Looking For Help

The Link is looking for volunteers who can paint, demo/build walls, do electrical and plumbing work, etc. Please see the poster on the bulletin board by the offices for more information as to what they are in need of and who to contact.

Clearwater Camp

This week we will have 5 campers going to Clearwater: Isaac Taatjes, Evelyn Titus, Madelyn Titus, Eli Twernbold and Jack Cronen. Have a great time!!

Lutheran Social Service

Volunteers are needed who have a few hours a week to support your neighbors. Volunteers are needed for in-home and group respite (4 hour increments) to socialize, reminisce, play cards, do crafts, baking, reading, going for walks and play or listen to music. Additionally, if there are others in need of support who are caring for a loved one with dementia or any long-term illness, we would like to connect with them as well. Please note that we never turn anyone away due to inability to pay, as state grants help fund our services. Please contact Jamie Aubart at 320-979-4068 or email her at Jamie.Aubart@lssmn.org.

Finance Report

	June	Year to Date 06/28/2024	Year to Date Monthly Average
Income	\$35,436.17	\$139,868.99	\$23,311.50
Expenses	\$18,710.73	\$137,462.21	\$22,910.37
Net Profit (Loss)	\$16,725.44	\$2,406.28	
Income Needed to Cover Monthly Budgeted Expenses			\$26,118.65
Per Capita Assessment for 2024			\$7,425.00
Per Capita Paid by Members Through 06/28/2024			\$2,828.48

THIS WEEK AT HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 28
(Sunday) 8:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship in Hopewood Chapel
9:15 a.m. Coffee
10:00 a.m. Worship (Also Facebook Live and Radio)

July 29
10:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation

July 30
(Tuesday) 6:00 p.m. Tuesday's Table at Cross Roads Church

July 31
(Wednesday) 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation

August 1
(Thursday) 7:00 p.m. Circle II Leader: Nancy Birkeland

August 2
(Friday) Office Closed

August 3
(Saturday) 7:00 p.m. AA

August 4
(Sunday) **Communion**
8:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship in Hopewood Chapel
9:15 a.m. Coffee
10:00 a.m. Worship (Also Facebook Live and Radio)

PRAYER REQUESTS

***Denotes New**

Members with Health Concerns:

Sandy Wersal, Barb Morris

Family and Friends with Health Concerns:

*(Isaiah) Johanna Jergenson & expected arrival of baby Esther (Foreman's nephew)
Dick Bratsch (Larry's brother) Danny Poe (Sandy Wersal's brother)
Kevin Taatjes Joe Hugheston (Greg Swenson's neighbor)
Hudson (Brooke Appleby's relative) Susan Johnson
JoAnn Richard Chet (Friend of Kylie Taatjes)
Pastor Herm VanNiejenhuis (Helmstetter's previous pastor)

Grieving:

*Family of Greg Block

Care Facilities:

Jerry Gault (Prairie Senior Cottages, 1705 19th Ave. SW-Willmar), Shar Williams (Carris Health Care Center, 1801 Willmar Ave. SW), Kathy Jansen (Bethesda Grand, 901 Willmar Ave. SE, Room 103), David Carlson (Bethesda North Pointe), Jeanette Gault (GlenOaks), Betty Harder (Bethesda North Pointe), Arlos Jones (GlenOaks Apts.), Barb Morris (Copperleaf in 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
For those grieving the death and injury of a loved one due to violence and war
For the unrest in Israel and Gaza
For those affected by natural disasters, COVID-19

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.

July Deacons of the Month: Mary O'Malley & Lisa Thorson
August Deacons of the Month: Sandy Meyer & Karen Bents