

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 20:1-16**

**Sermon: “Too Much Grace?”**

**Rev. Dr. Brian Jones**

**\*Sermon Hymn: “All Who Hunger”**

(Sing the Faith #2126/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: “Song of Fellowship”**

**Adult Choir**

**\*Doxology**

(Blue #592/Screen)

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Closing Hymn: “Living for Jesus”**

(Sing the Faith #2149/Screen)

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

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

**Postlude**

**Maggie Harp**

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**Sunday, September 24, 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**

**Maggie Harp**

**Welcome**

**Lay Reader: Kathy Taatjes**

**\*Call to Worship**

One: O give thanks to the Lord! The Lord hears the cries of the people.

**ALL: Give thanks to the Lord.**

One: The works of the Lord are great. Remember what God has done.

**ALL: Give thanks to the Lord.**

One: God has done miracles, and the Lord always remembers God's covenant.

**ALL: Give thanks to the Lord. Glory and praise is due to the Lord!**

**\*Opening Prayer**

One: O God who knows our every need before we can even ask, you provide all our needs and some of our wants. You bless us all. Make us truly thankful and empower us to bless others from the gifts you have given us, for the glory of your name.

**ALL: Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Praise:** "Sing a New Song to the Lord" (Sing the Faith #2045/Screen)

**Prayer of Confession**

**ALL: Gracious God, we have sought after things, but we have not sought after you. We have expected generosity, but we have not shown generosity. We have not been gracious or grateful. We have failed to remember all that you have done. Forgive us and fill our hearts with gratitude. Help us to share our gifts and strengthen our legs so that we can run after you, O God. In Jesus' name we pray. 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:** "Lift Up Your Voice"

Adult Choir

Kristene Foreman, Soloist

**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: Let the wisdom of your Word rain down on us like manna and feed us, so that we may be strengthened to do the work to which we are called, for the glory and honor of Your name.

**All: Amen.**

**Responsive Reading: Psalm 105:1-6**

<sup>1</sup> O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name,  
make known his deeds among the peoples.

<sup>2</sup> **Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
tell of all his wonderful works.**

<sup>3</sup> Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

<sup>4</sup> **Seek the LORD and his strength;  
seek his presence continually.**

<sup>5</sup> Remember the wonderful works he has done,  
his miracles, and the judgements he has uttered,

<sup>6</sup> **O offspring of his servant Abraham,  
children of Jacob, his chosen ones.**

**Old Testament Reading: Exodus 16:2-15**

## HOSPITALITY SERVANTS

### Coffee Servers

September 24: Eileen & Dave Helmstetter, Greg Swenson

October 1: ----

### Ushers

September 24: Frank Peralta, Robin Mulder, Jeff & Sandy Wersal

October 1: \*\*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 24: Kathy Taatjes

October 1: \*\*Open\*\*

October 1 Communion Servers: Steve Barney, Deb Ficek, Dee Schurman, Wally Titus and Liz Windingstad

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 [brianwiones1980@hotmail.com](mailto:brianwiones1980@hotmail.com)

\*\* October-November-December "These Days" Devotional booklets are available on the table in the Narthex or in the office.

## 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! October will be Cleaners for glass, bathroom and general use.

### Ridgewater Lunch

We will be serving lunch at Ridgewater this 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!

### 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.

### Fall Harvest Festival – Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Please mark your calendars to attend or work at our Fall Harvest Festival. We will be having Morning coffee & rolls, Noon lunch of soup, BBQ's, pie or bars, a Bake Sale, Garden & Produce area, Accessory Sisters (jewelry), Holiday Décor, Books, Puzzles, Games and CD's, and Crafts. Please donate items for any area or sign up on the sheet in the library to bring bars or pie for lunch and also to work helping our shoppers.

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### A Harvest of Memories – Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Come & enjoy Hope Lutheran's Fall Bazaar in Sunburg! Noon luncheon, Bakery shoppe/Home-canned goods, Silent Auction, Quilt Raffle, Crafts, Cards & Napkins!

### Harvest Jubilee! – Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> 4:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

East of Bethesda Willmar Campus-proceeds benefit Bethesda Chaplaincy & Hospice Programs. Enjoy live music, Live & Silent Auctions and a BBQ!

### Camp GK Bear, Centra Care Hospice–Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am-3:00 pm

Camp GK Bear is a program designed for children, grades K-6 who have had a significant person in their life die. This will be held on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> in the lower level of Lakeland Health Center. Pre-registration required by October 6<sup>th</sup>, which can be done online at [www.CentraCare.com/Events](http://www.CentraCare.com/Events) or call 320-231-4450.

## THIS WEEK AT HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 24 (Sunday)	9:15 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship 10:00 a.m. Worship (Also Facebook Live and Radio)
September 25 (Monday)	8:30 a.m. Staff meeting
September 26 (Tuesday)	10:30 a.m. Ridgewater Meal 6:00 p.m. Tuesday's Table at Peace Lutheran Church 6:30 p.m. Christian Education & Families Committee
September 27 (Wednesday)	5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class 6:15 p.m. WOW (Grades Pre-6 <sup>th</sup> ) 6:15 p.m. Adult Bible Study 6:30 p.m. TAG (Grades 9-12) River of Hope Youth Center 7:15 p.m. Choir Practice
September 28 (Thursday)	
September 29 (Friday)	Office Closed
September 30 (Saturday)	7:00 p.m. AA
October 1 (Sunday)	<b>World Communion Sunday (Peace &amp; Global Witness Offering)</b> 9:15 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship 10:00 a.m. Worship (Also Facebook Live and Radio) 2:00 p.m. GlenOaks Worship

**\*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:**

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

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

Ross Antonson (Deb Steele's brother)  
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 Denise Gjerde, Family of Sam & Louise Miller (Nancy Miller's parents),  
Family of Mike (Friend of the Hagemeyers)

### **Care Facilities:**

Kathy Jansen (Bethesda Therapy Suites #514-Willmar), 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**  
**October Deacons of the Month: Joni Lamphere & Celia Evenson**