

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:23-32**

**Sermon: “Choices to Make”**

**Rev. Dr. Brian Jones**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**\*Hymn of Preparation:** “Let Us Be Bread” (Sing the Faith #2260/Screen)

**Sacrament of Communion: The Great Thanksgiving:**

One: The Lord be with you. **ALL: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts. **ALL: We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: It is truly right...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**ALL: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might; Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

One: You are holy, O God of majesty,...Great is the mystery of faith:

**ALL: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

One: Gracious God...all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

**The Lord’s Prayer (Sung)**

**Our Father, which 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.**

**Communion of the People (Gluten-Free Wafers available on tray)**

**Offering/Deacon’s Offering/Offertory:** “Open Our Eyes/He Is Lord” Adult Choir

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

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Closing Hymn:** “Let All Things Now Living” (Blue #554/Screen)

**\*Charge/Benediction:** “Aaron’s Blessing” Rev. Dr. Brian Jones/Congregation echo

**Postlude**

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**Sunday, October 1, 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: Kristene Foreman**

**\*Call to Worship**

One: Praise the Lord who is our provider.

**ALL: The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.**

One: God brought us out of bondage and has made us free.

**ALL: The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.**

One: Glorious are the deeds of our God, and mighty are his acts.

**ALL: The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God!**

**\*Opening Prayer**

One: Gracious God, we thank you for being ever present with us. We know that we are never alone. Your mercies have been faithful and rich. Pour out your Spirit upon us, so that we might do the work of your will. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**ALL: Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Praise: "Shout To The North"**

(Screen)

**Prayer of Confession**

**ALL: Almighty God, we have been wandering in the wilderness of sin. We have complained in the face of your mercy. We have been selfish and conceited in the face of your sacrifice. We have not done your will. Teach us humility. Teach us gratitude. Infuse your spirit into our beings so that we might be reconciled to you. 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: "Come With Adoration"**

Adult Choir

**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 God, fill us with your Spirit and humble our hearts so that we can hear your Word.

**All: Amen.**

**Responsive Reading: Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16**

<sup>1</sup> Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

<sup>2</sup> **I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old,**

<sup>3</sup> things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.

<sup>4</sup> **We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might and the wonders that he has done.**

<sup>12</sup> In the sight of their ancestors he worked marvels in the land of Egypt, in the fields of Zoan.

<sup>13</sup> **He divided the sea and let them pass through it, and made the waters stand like a heap.**

<sup>14</sup> In the daytime he led them with a cloud, and all night long with a fiery light.

<sup>15</sup> **He split rocks open in the wilderness, and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep.**

<sup>16</sup> He made streams come out of the rock and caused waters to flow down like rivers.

**Epistle Reading: Philippians 2:1-13**

## HOSPITALITY SERVANTS

### Coffee Servers

October 1: ----

October 8: ----

### Ushers

October 1: Karen Hagemeyer, Sarah, Shayla & Blake Sampson

October 8: \*\*Open\*\*

### Acolytes

October 1: Shayla & Blake Sampson

October 8: \*\*Open\*\*

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

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

### Lay Readers

October 1: Kristene Foreman

October 8: Kathy Taatjes

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 [brianwjones1980@hotmail.com](mailto:brianwjones1980@hotmail.com)

\*\* "These Days" Devotional booklets for October-November-December are available on the table in the Narthex or in the office. October Hope Scope is in your mailboxes.

## HOPE HAPPENINGS!

### Peace & Global Witness Offering "We are there."

The Peace & Global Witness Offering offers light to those in the shadows and guides us all into the ways of peace. We come together to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and around the world.

Twenty-five percent stays with our congregation, twenty-five percent goes to support peacemaking work in our region and fifty percent supports the work across the globe.

### CARE Pantry Challenge

We will be collecting bathroom, toilet, glass, and general cleaners for the CARE Pantry in the month of October. Place your donations on the table by the mailboxes. Please do not donate any pills (vitamins, etc.), used containers of any item or small hotel bottles of shampoo, conditioner and lotion. 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.

### Fall Clean-Up Day

Please mark on your calendars our church's Fall Clean-Up Day, which will be Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 8 am-noon.

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### Cross Roads Community Church Fall Boutique

Shop these areas: The Backyard, Crafts, Book Nook, Bake Sale, The Soup Pot, Cookies by the Dozen and the Cross Roads Café (Free cup of coffee & cookie)  
Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> 8:30-11:30 am 3400 113<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE, Spicer (by Their Well)

### 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 Friday, 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

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 7:00 p.m. "Light of the World" (An ecumenical evening prayer service) at Eagle Lake Lutheran Church
October 2 (Monday)	8:30 a.m. Staff meeting 6:30 p.m. Session
October 3 (Tuesday)	12:00 p.m. CARE Pantry – Devotion, Lunch, Distribution 6:00 p.m. Tuesday's Table at Our Lady of Lakes Church 6:30 p.m. HPW
October 4 (Wednesday)	5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class 5:45 p.m. Family Meal 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
October 5 (Thursday)	7:00 p.m. Circle II L:Sharon Jones (Lesson 7)
October 6 (Friday)	Office Closed
October 7 (Saturday)	7:00 p.m. AA
October 8 (Sunday)	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:**

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

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

Kevin Taatjes  
Sheila Kelly (Jody Leason's cousin)      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

**October Deacons of the Month: Joni Lamphere & Celia Evenson**