

⁸ **the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

⁹ O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Gospel Reading: Mark 10:2-16

Sermon: “Hard Stuff”

Rev. Dr. Brian Jones

Pastoral Prayer

***Hymn of Preparation:** “Let Us Break Bread Together” (Blue #513/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)

Communion of the People (Wrapped Gluten-Free Wafers available on trays, Cups are grape juice, not wine)

Offering/Deacon’s Offering/Peace & Global Witness Offering/Offertory:

“Children of the Heavenly Father” 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:** “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” (Blue #404/Screen)

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

Postlude

Maggie

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Sunday, October 6, 2024

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

Maggie Harp

Introit: "O Lord, Hear My Prayer"

Adult Choir

Welcome

Lay Reader: Jeff Wersal

***Call to Worship**

One: Long ago, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets,

ALL: But in the last days he has spoken to us through his Son, Jesus Christ.

One: Jesus is the reflection of God's glory, and he sustains all things in the world by his powerful Word. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, should give his only son to suffering for our salvation.

ALL: Therefore we will proclaim God's name. In the midst of the congregation, we will praise God.

***Morning Prayer**

One: God, sometimes we do not understand why bad things happen to good people. Sometimes all we can do is lift up our eyes and hearts to heaven, and scream out loud, Why? Sometimes we do not want to persist in our integrity; we allow our suffering to lead us into despair. Yet wisdom comes from listening to your Word. Enable us to see the life you have given us through the laughter, joy, trial, and tribulation of your son Jesus Christ, who lived, suffered, died, and was raised for us. In his name we pray.

ALL: Amen.

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

***Prayer of Confession**

ALL: You gave us commandments, God of love, because you know the hardness of our hearts. You have created us to live in community, and still we oppress others and separate ourselves from each other and from you. Jesus loved the children, but there are still children in the world who live in hunger or fear, rejected and unloved. Forgive us and call us to faithfulness. Bind all your

children together as sisters and brothers, and nurture us with your love and forgiveness, so that we might share what we have been given and receive your kingdom with the wonder and gratitude of children. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

***Gloria Patri**

Glory be-to the Father, Glory be-to the Son, Glo...ry be-to the Holy Ghost. (Repeat)
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, World without end, World without end. A...men. A...men.

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

Announcements

Special Music: "Walk Along Beside Me, O My Lord"

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: Long ago, O God, you spoke to our ancestors, but in these last days you have spoken to us through Jesus Christ. Open our hearts and minds to your Word, so that we may see your light.

All: Amen.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 8

¹ O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

² **Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.**

³ When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;

⁴ **what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?**

⁵ Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honour.

⁶ **You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,**

⁷ all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

HOSPITALITY SERVANTS

Coffee Servers

October 6: Liz & Jason Windingstad

October 13: Allie & Joe Johnson

Ushers

October 6: Tim & Sue Block, Jill & Grace Gau

October 13: **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

October 6: Jeff Wersal

October 13: Sue Block

Communion Servers:

October 6: Steve Barney, Jody Leason, Bob Sampson, Dee Schurman

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

“Wings and Wilderness”

A family friendly concert by the Willmar Area Symphonic Orchestra will be held on Saturday, October 12th at 3:00 pm at the Willmar Education and Arts Center (611 SW 5th St.). Come early at 2:00 p.m. for bird and tree themed activities with your family.

Community Sing-a-long/Hootenanny

Folk, gospel, bluegrass and children’s songs will be featured at a community sing-a-long at East Norway Lake Lutheran Church (ENLLC) in rural New London on Saturday, October 12th at 4:00 pm. The event is free and people of all ages are welcome. Music leaders include Dempsey Schroeder, **Maggie Harp** and Joyce Rudningen. Homemade soups and breads will be featured at a 5:30 p.m. dinner, for a free-will donation, following the event.

HOPE HAPPENINGS!

CARE Pantry Challenge:

October is...”Cleaning items” Toilet Bowl Cleaner, Glass Cleaner, Multi-purpose Cleaners. Please leave your donations on the table by the mailboxes. Thanks!

Fall Harvest Festival/Home Décor

Our Fall Harvest Festival/Home Decor Sale will be held next Saturday, October 12th 8 am-1 pm. We will have morning coffee & rolls and a noon soup & sandwich lunch. Areas to donate items for includes: Accessory Sisters (jewelry), Garden Produce & Plants, Books/Puzzles/CD’s, Crafts, Décor, Quilting Fabric and Sewing books and the bake sale. A sign-up sheet is up to set-up on Friday, work on Saturday or donate bars, pies or dessert.

Adult Bible Study

Adult Bible Study will begin this month. If interested in teaching, please contact Tyann or sign up on the sheet on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

Devotional Booklets

The devotional booklets for October-November-December are on the table in the Narthex, on the table by the kitchen and in the office.

Peace & Global Witness Offering

Our gifts to the Peace & Global Witness Offering, taken today, are helping our neighbors in need. Twenty-five percent stays with our congregation to support peacemaking and reconciliation in our own community, twenty-five percent goes to our mid-council to support peacemaking work in our region and fifty percent supports the work being done across the globe. Special envelopes are in the pew racks.

Deacon’s Offering

An offering for the Deacons is taken on Communion Sundays, to assist the Deacons in their work in serving others and bringing the love of Jesus to the church and the community. Please use the Deacon envelopes provided in the pew racks.

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Oktober Feast

The 19th annual St. John Lutheran Church Oktober Feast will be held today at the Community Center in Atwater from 4:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Come and enjoy all your favorite German foods and listen to special old tyme German music by the Wendinger Band from New Ulm!

THIS WEEK AT HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 6 (Sunday)	World Communion Sunday Peace & Global Witness Offering 8:50 a.m. Handbells Practice 9:15 a.m. Coffee 10:00 a.m. Worship (Also Facebook Live and Radio) 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Youth Center Reserved
October 7 (Monday)	8:30 a.m. Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation 6:30 p.m. Session
October 8 (Tuesday)	3:30 p.m. Food Distribution at Assemblies of God, Willmar 6:00 p.m. Tuesday's Table at Evangelical Covenant Church
October 9 (Wednesday)	10:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation 6:15 p.m. WOW 6:30 p.m. TAG 7:15 p.m. Choir Practice
October 10 (Thursday)	
October 11 (Friday)	Office Closed 9:00 a.m. Set Up for Fall Harvest Festival
October 12 (Saturday)	8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Fall Harvest Festival 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Presbytery Meeting, Fergus Falls 7:00 p.m. AA
October 13 (Sunday)	9:15 a.m. Coffee 10:00 a.m. Worship (Also Facebook Live and Radio)

PRAYER REQUESTS

***Denotes New**

Members with Health Concerns:

Frank Peralta, Resa Jones, Judy Heath, Greg Mulder, Isaac Taatjes, Charlotte DeLong, Kathryn Frazee, John Williamson, Sandy Wersal

Family and Friends with Health Concerns:

Jerry Wall (Virginia McKean's son)
Pastor Randy Knuth Paul Raynio (Jesse Appleby's Dad)
Verna Patrick Jack Tatge
Dick Bratsch (Larry's brother) Danny Poe (Sandy Wersal's brother)

Grieving:

Family of Dale Flickinger, Family of Bev Eckblad (Jim Brown's sister), Family of Paul Halvorson, Family of Matt Hass, Family of Gail Krossman, Family and friends of Susan Johnson (Memorial Service will be held at Hope on Monday, October 14th at 1:00 pm)

Care Facilities:

Charlotte DeLong (GlenOaks Rehab), 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 (Bethesda North Pointe)

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, 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.

October Deacons of the Month: Kathy Terpstra & Greg Swenson