

Pastoral Prayer

***Hymn of Preparation:** “Let Us Break Bread Together” (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)

ALL: 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 (Wrapped Gluten-Free Wafers available on trays)

Offering/Deacon's Offering/One Great Hour of Sharing Offering/Offertory:

“Worthy is the Lamb”

Adult Choir, Deb Ficek Soloist

*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:** “Christ Arose ”

(Screen)

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

Rev. Dr. Brian Jones/Cong. echo

Postlude

Maggie

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Sunday, March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday

9:15 a.m. Muffins, Juice & Coffee in Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. Worship

(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).

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

Introit: "Song at the Empty Tomb"

Adult Choir

Welcome

Lay Reader: Larry Bratsch

***Call to Worship**

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

ALL: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

One: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia!
Christ is risen!

ALL: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

***Opening Prayer**

One: Holy One, you come to us with power beyond all knowing. You lift all things out of the dust, you breathe love into every cell, you call us into communion with you, and you claim victory over death. Blessed be your holy name now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

***Hymn of Praise:** "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

(Screen)

***Prayer of Confession**

ALL: All-knowing, all-powerful God, we confess that, even on this most holy day, we are unable to believe in the victory over death shown to us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord. We confess our utter dependence on you not only for life but also for faith, hope, and love. Without your astonishing appearance to our ancestors and your stunning presence throughout the ages, we would be lost. Forgive us and transform us, so that in every way our work and prayer will make whole what is broken and give peace on earth. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

***Gloria**

(Screen)

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: "It's a Great Day of Joy"

Adult Choir

Children's Sermon

Response: "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" (Sing the Faith #2193/Screen)

Prayer for Illumination

One: Open our eyes and soften our hearts, O God, through the work of your Holy Spirit, so that in the hearing of your Word we may receive new life.

All: Amen.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

¹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures for ever!

² **Let Israel say, 'His steadfast love endures for ever.'**

¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

¹⁵ **There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:**

'The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;

¹⁶the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly.'

¹⁷ **I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.**

¹⁸ The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

¹⁹ **Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.**

²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹ **I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.**

²² The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ **This is the LORD's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.**

²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Gospel Reading: John 20:1-18

Sermon: "Seeing? Believing?"

Rev. Dr. Brian Jones

HOSPITALITY SERVANTS

Coffee Servers

March 31: Session-Muffins, Juice & Coffee

April 7: Joni Lamphere & Eli Twernbold

Ushers

March 31: The Titus Family

April 7: Alisa Taatjes, **Need 3 more**

Acolytes

March 31: Madelyn & Evelyn Titus

April 7: Isaac Taatjes & Eli Twernbold

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

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Lay Readers

March 31: Larry Bratsch

April 7: Jonelle Foreman

Communion Servers

March 31: Steve Barney, Deb Ficek, Greg Mulder, Alisa Taatjes & Sandy Wersal

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

HOPE HAPPENINGS!

CARE Pantry Challenge: March is....Donations for the Food Pantry at The Link

Please leave your unexpired box or canned food donations on the table by the church mailboxes. There are also envelopes on the table for making cash donations.

Thank You! **Donations accepted thru April 6th.**

April challenge is...Dish Detergent

One Great Hour of Sharing

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be taken today. Envelopes are in the pews. Join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.

Camp GK Bear

CentraCare Hospice will be holding Camp GK Bear on Saturday, April 13th. Please pass this on to anyone you feel might benefit from this grief camp for kids, grades K-6. Registration can be done online at www.CentraCare.com/CampGKBear. The registration deadline is Friday, April 5. Camp GK Bear will be offered from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm at the Lakeland Auditorium, (lower level Lakeland Health Center) in Willmar. There is no cost to attend. Lunch, snacks and beverages will be provided.

If you have questions, please contact either Gina Jacobs or Kathy Tweten at (320) 231-4450.

Moving Sale - Saturday, April 6th

Kathy Jansen's home has been sold! HPW will be selling the remaining household items at her home, 130 Pine St. NW in New London, this Saturday, April 6th, 9 am till 3 pm. The proceeds will support the mission projects supported by HPW, of which many are local. She has a large variety of items-baking and cooking items, casseroles, food storage containers, small appliances, a Keurig, home décor, vases, lamps, crocks, end tables, sofas, large flat screen TV, entertainment center, Armoire, nightstand, bedding and much more. We need people, men and women, to work on Thursday and Friday to prepare for the sale and also for 3 shifts on Saturday. Please see the sign-up sheet in the library area.

****April-May-June "These Days" Devotional Booklets are available on the table in the Narthex, in the office or on the table in the library.**

****Please check your mailbox for the April Hope Scope. Copies are also available on the table in the Narthex, in the office or on the table in the library.**

THIS WEEK AT HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 31
(Sunday) **Easter Sunday**
9:15 a.m. Muffins, Juice & Coffee (served by Session)
10:00 a.m. Worship/Communion
(Also Facebook Live and Radio)
(One Great Hour of Sharing Offering)

April 1
(Monday) **Office Closed (Easter Holiday)**
6:30 p.m. Session

April 2
(Tuesday) 12:00 p.m. CARE Pantry
6:30 p.m. Tuesday’s Table at Our Lady of Lakes Church
6:30 p.m. HPW Meeting Devotions: Jo Holm

April 3
(Wednesday) 5:45 p.m. Family Meal
6:15 p.m. W.O.W.
6:30 p.m. TAG
7:00 p.m. NO Choir Practice

April 4
(Thursday) 9 am-3 pm Setting up for moving sale
7:00 p.m. Circle II Leader: Eileen Helmstetter

April 5
(Friday) Office Closed
9 am-3 pm Setting up for moving sale

April 6
(Saturday) 9 am-3 pm Moving Sale at Kathy Jansen’s home
7:00 p.m. AA

April 7
(Sunday) 9:15 a.m. Coffee
10:00 a.m. Worship-Memorial for Pastor Jeff DeYoe
during the service
(Also Facebook Live and Radio)

PRAYER REQUESTS

Members with Health Concerns:
Barb Morris, Gwen Anfinson, Karen Hagemeyer, Sandy Ardoff, Jo Holm, Darlene Thompson, Dick Lindahl, Conny Williamson, Bob Hinderks

Family and Friends with Health Concerns:
Deb Everson (Sandy Ardoff’s sister-in-law) Mary Mathieson (Friend of Pat Hinderks)
Daryl Niemeyer (Bents’ brother-in-law) Kevin Peterson (Greg Swenson’s cousin)
Lori (Friend of Sherry Bratsch) Mike Nielsen
Mike (Friend of Wade Swenson) Aaron Cameron (Schurman’s brother-in-law)
Dorothy (Eldy William’s sister) Chris (Doreen Mitchell’s son-in-law)
Duane (Friend of Joni Lamphere) Harlan Brace
Lennon Ludewig Barb Knittel (Tyann’s friend’s Mom)
Ruth (Friend of Carol Sampson) Vicky Mattson (Friend of Sharon Jones)

Grieving:
Family of David (Karen Hagemeyer’s nephew), Family of Randy Patton, Family of Steven Chapin (Karen Hagemeyer’s brother)

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-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.

April Deacons of the Month: Robin Mulder & Sue Block