

***Sermon Hymn:** “Take Up Your Cross” (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: “Give Me Jesus” Adult Choir

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn:** “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” (Screen)

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

Postlude Maggie Harp

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Sunday, March 17, 2024

5th Sunday in Lent

9:15 a.m. 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

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

One: Jesus said, "When I am lifted up, I will draw all people to myself."

ALL: Blessed be the God of our salvation who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

***Opening Prayer**

One: Holy God, by the cross and resurrection of Jesus, you lift the suffering world toward hope and transformation and open the way to eternal salvation. As we move ever closer to the passion of Christ, may your law of love be written on our hearts as he draws all people to himself revealing your love for the world.

ALL: Amen.

***Hymn of Praise:** "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun" (Blue #423/Screen)

***Prayer of Confession**

ALL: Redeeming God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart, and have not loved our neighbors as we ought; we have strayed from your commandments. Do not remember our sins, but forgive our iniquities, so that we may fix our eyes on you and sin no more, through Christ our Lord. 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: "Oh Lord, You're Beautiful"

Adult Choir

Children's Sermon

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

Prayer for Illumination

One: Your Word, O God, has power to change our lives and to create a whole new world. As we meditate on your word this day, fill us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may treasure your word with our whole hearts and fix our eyes on you.

All: Amen.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 119:9-16

⁹ How can young people keep their way pure?

By guarding it according to your word.

¹⁰ **With my whole heart I seek you;**

do not let me stray from your commandments.

¹¹ I treasure your word in my heart,

so that I may not sin against you.

¹² **Blessed are you, O LORD;**

teach me your statutes.

¹³ With my lips I declare

all the ordinances of your mouth.

¹⁴ **I delight in the way of your decrees**

as much as in all riches.

¹⁵ I will meditate on your precepts,

and fix my eyes on your ways.

¹⁶ **I will delight in your statutes;**

I will not forget your word.

Gospel Reading: John 12:20-33

Sermon: "Death"

Rev. Dr. Brian Jones

HOSPITALITY SERVANTS

Coffee Servers

March 17: Jonelle & Harold Foreman

March 24: Robin & Greg Mulder

Ushers

March 17: Clara O'Connor, Harold & Jonelle Foreman & Bob Hinderks

March 24: **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

March 17: Jeff Wersal

March 24: Sue Block

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!

Easter Flowers

Today is the deadline to order flowers for Easter, "in honor of" or "in memory of" your loved ones. These will be given to the shut-ins if you do not want to take yours home with you after the service on Easter. There are order forms on the table in the Narthex.

Last Soup & Bread Supper

Our last Lenten Soup & Bread Supper will be on Wednesday, March 20th at 5:45 p.m., with a Lenten Service to follow at 6:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Group 4 will oversee the kitchen duties. Please see the sign-up sheets for bringing soup.

Accepting Monetary Donations

The Christian Education & Families Committee will be assembling women's hygiene/personal care packages for the Terebinth Refuge, a Christ centered shelter and safe home in St. Cloud for sexually exploited and trafficked women. Any monetary donations are being accepted for this mission project. Please place your donations in the basket on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

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.

Good Friday Service Available Soon

Pastors Michael Hartwell, Pamela Prouty, Brian Jones, Beverly Brock and Mark Ford have created and recorded a Good Friday service for your use on the seven last words of Christ. The online link will be shared with you when available.

THIS WEEK AT HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 17 (Sunday)	5th Sunday in Lent 9:15 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship 10:00 a.m. Worship (Also Facebook Live and Radio)
March 18 (Monday)	“Hope Scope Deadline” for news articles, thank yous, etc. 8:30 a.m. Staff Meeting 5:45 p.m. Deacons
March 19 (Tuesday)	12:00 p.m. CARE Pantry Devotion, Lunch & Distribution 6:00 p.m. Tuesday’s Table at Faith Lutheran Church, Spicer
March 20 (Wednesday)	5:45 p.m. Soup & Bread Supper 6:15 p.m. Lenten Service No Christian Education Classes <u>6:45</u> p.m. Choir Practice 7:45 p.m. Men’s Ensemble Practice
March 21 (Thursday)	
March 22 (Friday)	Office Closed
March 23 (Saturday)	7:00 p.m. AA
March 24 (Sunday)	Palm Sunday 9:15 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship 10:00 a.m. Worship (Also Facebook Live and Radio)

March Deacons of the Month: Lisa Thorson & Greg Swenson

PRAYER REQUESTS

Members with Health Concerns:

Gwen Anfinson, Karen Hagemeyer, Darrell Smith, Darlene Bratberg, Sandy Ardoff, Jo Holm, Sharon Jones, Darlene Thompson, Dick Lindahl, John Williamson, Conny Williamson, Bob Hinderks

Family and Friends with Health Concerns:

Jennie Bents	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.