

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ

What Would The Lord Say?
Worship · Witness · Teach · Love · Serve

June 17, 2018
4th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE OF THE WEEK:

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”

1 Corinthians 5:17

“SURELY THE PRESENCE”

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angels’ wings, I see glory on each face; Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.
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PRAYER

#143 “THIS IS MY FATHER’S WORLD”

#410 “STANDING ON THE PROMISES”

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God, our maker and redeemer, You have made us a new company of priests to bear witness to the Gospel.
Enable us to be faithful to our calling to make known Your promises to all the world;
through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

HOPE FAMILY PRAYERS

Karen Schultz Family
Tom & Marcy Sedler Family
Patrick & Lisa Sekely Family
Margot Simonson Family
Mark & Susan Simonson Family

God is good! All the time! All the time! God is good!

1ST LESSON: EZEKIEL 17:22-24

““This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I Myself will take a shoot from the very top of a cedar and plant it; I will break off a tender sprig from its topmost shoots and plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³ On the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it; it will produce branches and bear fruit and become a splendid cedar. Birds of every kind will nest in it; they will find shelter in the shade of its branches. ²⁴ All the trees of the forest will know that I the LORD bring down the tall tree and make the low tree grow tall. I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish.

““I the LORD have spoken, and I will do it.””

2ND LESSON: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:1-17

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. ² Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, ³ because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. ⁴ For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be

swallowed up by life. ⁵ Now the one who has fashioned us for this very purpose is God, Who has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

⁶ Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. ⁷ For we live by faith, not by sight. ⁸ We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹ So we make it our goal to please Him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. ¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

¹¹ Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade others. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience. ¹² We are not trying to commend ourselves to you again, but are giving you an opportunity to take pride in us, so that you can answer those who take pride in what is seen rather than in what is in the heart. ¹³ If we are “out of our mind,” as some say, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴ For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that One died for all, and therefore all died. ¹⁵ And He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him Who died for them and was raised again.

¹⁶ So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

“THY WORD”

**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.
(Repeat)**

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GOSPEL: MARK 4:26-34

Jesus also said, “This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. ²⁷ Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. ²⁸ All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. ²⁹ As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.”

³⁰ Again He said, “What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it?

³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. ³² Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade.”

³³ With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. ³⁴ He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when He was alone with His own disciples, He explained everything.

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THE APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilot, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

#411 “I HIDE YOUR WORD WITHIN MY HEART”

SERMON: “IT’S STILL ABOUT PLANTING”

OFFERING

OFFERTORY:

“GIVE THANKS”

Give thanks with a grateful heart;

Give thanks to the Holy One;

Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son.

(repeat)

Chorus:

And now let the weak say, “I am strong,”

let the poor say, “I am rich,”

because of what the Lord has done for us.

(repeat chorus)

Give Thanks!

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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 trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever.

Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

#260 (LBW) “ON OUR WAY REJOICING”

POSTLUDE

**SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK
DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

SUNDAY, JUNE 17

9:30 am Worship

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

MONDAY, JUNE 18

Bible Reading: Hosea 4

TUESDAY, JUNE 19

Bible Reading: Hosea 14

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20

Bible Reading: Joel 2

THURSDAY, JUNE 21

Bible Reading: Amos 1

FRIDAY, JUNE 22

Bible Reading: Amos 2

SATURDAY, JUNE 23

Bible Reading: Amos 9

SUNDAY, JUNE 24

SPECIAL CELEBRATION

8:45 am Choir Practice

9:30 am Worship

11:00 am Potluck

PASTOR: Paul Magelssen

ORGANIST: Ruth Olson

READER: Bennett Osmonson

OFFICE MANAGER: Sylvia Munter

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YOUTH DIRECTOR: Alyssa Macy

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HELP IS NEEDED!

Fellowship of Christian Athletes is looking for help with cooking and clean-up on Thursday mornings for the 2018-2019 school year. If you're interested in being a part of this youth ministry, please contact Hope Church.

Join us for

POLAR BLAST

Vacation Bible School

Monday-Wednesday, June 25-27

5:30-8:30 pm

Supper will be served each night by the Women of Hope!

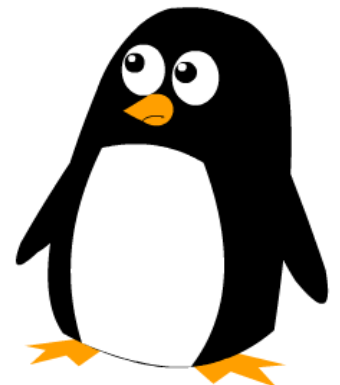
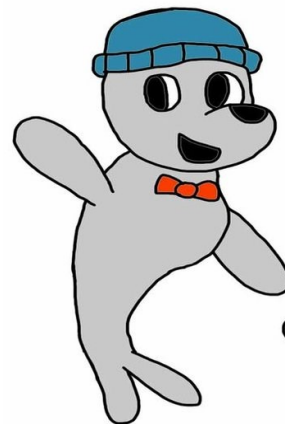
- Registration and Supper at 5:30.
- VBS Activities: 6:00-8:30.
- VBS Program on Wednesday

Register online at

<https://vbspro.events/p/events/ee7d6b>

or call or email Hope Church at 435-6765/hopezion@gvtel.com

Plastic gallon size milk or water jugs are needed for a VBS project. Please drop them off at the church by Saturday, June 23rd.



ENJOY THE CONVENIENCE OF ELECTRONIC GIVING

Hope Church wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for individuals and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving. Authorization forms are available in the back of the Sanctuary and in the church office.

Following is a list of the information that is needed to get started:

- ⇒ Name and Address
- ⇒ Date of First Donation
- ⇒ Frequency of Donation (Weekly, Monthly, etc.)
- ⇒ Amount of Donation
- ⇒ Checking or Savings Account Routing and Account numbers

Donations amounts may be changed or discontinued any time simply by calling the church office.

If you would like to sign up for electronic giving, or want more information, please call the church office at 218-435-6765, or email hopezion@gvtel.com

Fosston Loaves and Fishes Food Shelf

Physical location:

203 Johnson AVE S, Fosston, MN 56542

Mailing address: PO Box 152, Fosston, MN 56542

Contact info:

Phone: 218-431-0215; e-mail: sjohnson@gvtel.com

Distribution Times

The 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the Month (after the 1st Tuesday) from 12:30pm to 3:00pm

Donations

Monetary donations can be mailed to:

PO Box 152, Fosston, MN 56542

If you would like to donate food or other items, please call the above contact number to make arrangements for pick-up or delivery.

Below is a list of items that go over very well at the food shelf:

Chicken Noodle Soup	Plain Pasta
Coffee/Tea	Canned Tomatoes
Breakfast Cereal	Crackers (any kind)
Canned meals (beef stew, spaghetti, ravioli, etc.)	
Canned Fruit	Salad Dressing
Ketchup or Mustard	Jelly or Jam
Any Seasonings	Laundry Soap
Shampoo	Dishwashing Soap
Paper Towels	Kleenex
Toilet Paper	Baby Wipes
Baby Diapers	Cleaning Supplies
Plastic Grocery Bags	

100% of all donations go directly to those in need!

H.E.L.P. is Here!

Our

Health

Equipment

Lending

Project room has a selection of home health equipment. If

you are in need of a loan of this kind of equipment, please call the church office. The intent is that this ministry would be the hands and feet of Jesus to anyone in need of this kind of assistance. **We are currently in need of donations of wheel chairs, walkers, canes with prongs, shower chairs, raised toilet seats, and commodes. Donations of all types of home health equipment are welcome.**

