HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday, April 14, 2019 Palm Sunday

PRELUDE / GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY WE WILL USE THE GREEN HYMNAL

#108 "ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR"

"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. (Repeat) (Copyright, 1977, Lanny Wolfe Music. All rights reserved. Used by permission. CCLI#701281)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen

P: Absolution

BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK: "Into Your hands, O Lord, I commend My spirit." (Psalm 31:5 and Luke 23:46)

If you have a prayer request, please fill out a pew card and give to an usher.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the passion of Your Son You offer Your infinite life to the world. Gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen After each petition: P: Lord in your mercy, C: Hear our prayer.

HOPE FAMILY PRAYERS AND PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Tina Averill Family Inez Bakken Family Jason & Erika Beckett Family George & Glendine Benson Family Pat Bitker Family

P: God is good! C: All the time! P: All the time! C: God is good!

SPECIAL MUSIC:

"O LORD, OUR LORD" Bennett Osmonson and Jason Osmonson Accompanied by Jeanie Stout

1ST LESSON: PSALM 118:25-26

Save us, we beseech You, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech You, give us success! ²⁶ Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the LORD.

We bless You from the house of the LORD.

2nd LESSON: PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though He was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷ but emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸ He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted Him and gave Him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

PSALM 119:105 "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." (Repeat)

GOSPEL: LUKE 19: 28-40

And when He had said this, He went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ When He drew near to Beth'phage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, He sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, **"Go into the village opposite,** where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat; untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If any one asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this, 'The Lord has need of it.'"

³² So those who were sent went away and found it as He had told them. ³³ And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

³⁴ And they said, "The Lord has need of it."

³⁵ And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their garments on the colt they set Jesus upon it. ³⁶ And as He rode along, they spread their garments on the road.

³⁷ As He was now drawing near, at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen,

³⁸ saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

³⁹ And some of the Pharisees in the multitude said to Him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples."

⁴⁰ He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."

P: The word of the Lord; C: Thanks be to God!

> Celebrate with marching and waving of the palm branches to the tune of "When the Saints Go Marching In."

Oh, here He comes! Oh, here He comes! Oh, here He comes to bring us life! Oh, praise the One who comes in the Lord's name! Hallelujah to the King!

Oh, praise the Lord! Oh, praise the Lord! Sing hallelujah to the King! Oh, praise the One who comes in the Lord's name! Hallelujah to the King!

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Sermon

#109 "GO TO DARK GETHSEMANE"

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.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

P: Jesus is alive! C: That makes all the difference!

#26 "PREPARE THE ROYAL HIGHWAY"

POSTLUDE

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK/ DAILY BIBLE READINGS

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 14 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am SS Classes/Fellowship 11:15 am Worship

Monday, April 15 Ruth 2

TUESDAY, APRIL 16 Ruth 3

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17 3:00 pm Kids Time 6:30 pm 1st Communion Service 7:00 pm Choir Practice 7:00 pm Youth Group

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 18

7:40 am FCA Breakfast 11:00 am Worship/ Holy Communion 12:00 pm Lunch 6:30 pm Worship/ Holy Communion

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 19 Judges 16 11:00 am Worship 6:30 pm Worship

SATURDAY, APRIL 20 Ruth 4

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21 9:30 am Worship/ Holy Communion

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Is God Calling Us Foolish?

On two separate occasions, Jesus used the word foolish to describe man's thoughts and actions. Could God be calling us foolish as well?

In Matthew 7:24-27, Jesus said there are two kinds of people. There are those who hear what Jesus says and respond to His ways and wisdom. Sadly, there are others who hear His words but, like the foolish man, fail to put them into practice. The people who reject His words are like people who build their houses on sand. We all know what happens to houses built on sand. Often, we've seen lives crumble, too, when adversity strikes because there has been no foundation of faith and discipline. Just as concrete supports houses, God's Word, when received and applied in our lives, supports and strengthens us. Jesus said those who hear and obey His Word will keep their footing when the storms of life assail them (Matthew 7:24).

The second reference to Jesus' calling man foolish is the Parable of the Rich Fool (Luke 12:13-21). Because he reaped such a bountiful crop, the wealthy farmer tore down his existing barns to build bigger ones to store his produce. Jesus didn't call him foolish because he built bigger barns, but because he gave God no credit for his success. The Rich Fool saw his wealth as his own. Jesus said, *"You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?"* (Verse 20).

In both cases of foolishness, the men Jesus called fools ignored God and did things their own way. We are just as foolish if we don't put God's Word into practice and fail to acknowledge Him as the source of all things. We will live shallow, self-centered foolish lives rather than rich, God-centered faithful lives. If we follow and serve Jesus, we won't hear Him call us foolish, but we will hear Him say, "Well done, good and faithful servant!" (Matthew 25:23).

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 **Canned Fruit** Crackers (any kind) Salad Dressing Canned meals: beef stew, spaghetti, ravioli, etc. Ketchup or Mustard Jelly or Jam **Any Seasonings** Laundry Soap Shampoo **Dishwashing Soap Baby Diapers** Paper Towels Kleenex **Toilet Paper Baby Wipes Cleaning Supplies** Plastic Grocery Bags

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



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:

- \Rightarrow Name and Address
- \Rightarrow Date of First Donation
- \Rightarrow Frequency of Donation (Weekly, Monthly, etc.)
- \Rightarrow Amount of Donation
- $\Rightarrow~$ 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

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.