



February 9, 2020
4th Sunday after the Epiphany

PRELUDE / GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before His presence with singing. Psalm 100:2

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)

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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

GREEN HYMNAL #228 "A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD"

PSALM VERSES OF THE WEEK: Psalm 112:1-10 (Please read responsively)

P: Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord, who greatly delight in His commandments.

C: Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

P: Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.

C: They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

P: It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice.

C: For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.

P: They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.

C: Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.

P: They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honor.

C: The wicked see it and are angry; they gnash their teeth and melt away; the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Lord, God, with endless mercy You receive the prayers of all who call upon You, and we thank You for the answered prayers we see in our midst. By Your Spirit inspire and guide us in the tasks You would have us do, and give us grace and power to accomplish them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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

HOPE FAMILY PRAYERS

Sid Fjerstad Family Steven Fjerstad Family
Evan & Ruth Fonder Family
Fritz & Helen Mae Frethem Family
Michael & Gina Gensburger Family

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

P: Lord, in Your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

GRADES 6-7 RECITATION

1ST LESSON: ISAIAH 58:1-12

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins.² Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God.³ "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers.⁴ Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high.⁵ Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.⁹ Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,¹⁰ if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.¹¹ The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.¹² Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

2ND LESSON: 1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-16

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom.² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified.³ And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling.⁴ My speech and my

proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power,⁵ so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶ Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish.⁷ But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory.

⁸ None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.⁹ But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love Him"—¹⁰ these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.¹¹ For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God.¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.¹³ And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.¹⁴ Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.¹⁵ Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.¹⁶ "For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

"THY WORD" (Psalm 119:105)

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

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GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:13-20

"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴ **"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid.¹⁵ No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.**

¹⁷ **"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished.¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.**

P: The Word of the Lord; **C: Thanks be to God.**

"THY WORD"

CHILDREN'S SERMON / SERMON

#212 "LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER"

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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P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: It is surely right and salutary.

Join the hosts of heaven singing:

**Our God is an awesome God; He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, pow'r and love; Our God is an awesome God!**

(Repeat)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.**

DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS

THE COMMUNION BLESSING

THE BENEDICTION

P: Jesus is alive in our church!

C: That makes all the difference!

#562 "LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING"

POSTLUDE

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

9:30am Worship/Holy Communion
10:30am Sunday School/Fellowship

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

8:30am Quilting

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

3:00pm Ignite Youth Center

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

11:00am Bible Study
3:15pm Kids Time at Ignite
6:30pm Choir Practice/Youth Group
8:00pm Full Council Meeting

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

7:40am FCA Breakfast
3:00pm Ignite Youth Center

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

8:30am Friday School Gr. 1-8
9:30am 9th Gr. Confirmation

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

1:00pm Financial Peace U. Course

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

9:30am Worship
10:30am Fellowship (No SS)

PASTOR: Jane Ekholm

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Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars® by March 31

Grant funding from Thrivent Financial through its Thrivent Choice® program can help support organizations you care about.

Don't let Choice Dollars expire.

Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have Choice Dollars available have until **March 31** to direct any remaining Choice Dollars. Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

7th, 8th, & 9th Grade Confirmation Students:

Registrations for the Confirmation Retreat must be handed in ASAP!

Registration forms were mailed to all Confirmation families.

If you did not receive the form, or if you have questions regarding the retreat, please contact Pr. Jane.



The 2020 Pathways Bible Camp Summer Programs are here! Register online at PathwaysBibleCamps.org
Early Bird deadline is March 14.

The Women of Hope pay all except the \$100 registration fee for Bible Camp.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY COURSE to be held at Hope Church Saturdays, January 18 to March 14, at 1:00pm.

There are 9 sessions; each one lasts about 90 minutes.

Lesson 1: Build a Starter Emergency Fund and Learn How to Budget

Lesson 2: Pay Off All Debt

Lesson 3: Save a Fully Funded Emergency Fund

Lesson 4: Invest for the Future and Build Wealth

Lesson 5: Buyer Beware

Lesson 6: The Role of Insurance

Lesson 7: Retirement Planning

Lesson 8: Real Estate and Mortgages

Lesson 9: Outrageous Generosity

Cost is \$75 per household. The first class is free.

For more info, visit: www.daveramsey.com/fpu



THANK YOU to all who bring in Palubickis Family Market receipts!

Thanks to you, Hope Youth recently received a check for over \$400!

Just a reminder - Palubickis donates 1% of receipts that are paid with cash or check. Receipts that are paid with debit or credit cards do not qualify.

Prayer Requests



Lydia & Drew Wahlstrom
Paisley Straub
Malia Halvorson
Ilene Sistad
Paul Nelson
Lois Storey
Marion Larson
Karen Bolme
Hilma Stadstad
Denise Monson
David & Tim Jallen
Trina Rodgers
Angie Olson
Sandy Schultz
Mike Knutson
Elizabeth Barrineau
Tubby Solsten
Christina Anderson
LeRoy Johnson
Beverly Drellack
Kate Moore
Heather (Sterry) Sabin
Christine Johnson
Carol Heide
Rebeka Ware
Christopher Vezner
Paul Curfman
Dean & Joe Lindberg
Carol Smeby
Judy Olson
Tom Sedler
Martha Sather
Bob Norland
Harper Vesledahl
Tom Andree
Richard Miller
Dennis Rossell
Hazel Trogstad
Family of Allan Carlson
Family of Marilyn Evje

H.E.L.P. is Here!



Our **H**ea**E**l**P.** Health **E**quipment **L**ending **P**roject 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.**



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 / 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