

# HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ

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

Sunday, January 6, 2018

Epiphany Sunday

PRELUDE

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY WE WILL USE THE BLUE HYMNAL

## “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)

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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

BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK:

**“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are Mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. <sup>3</sup> For I am the Lord your God.” (Isaiah 43: 1-3)**

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Almighty God, You anointed Jesus at His baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed Him as your**

**beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in Your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

### HOPE FAMILY PRAYERS

Mike Olson Family

Rod Olson/Wanda Marshall Family

Vicki Olson Family Wayne & Michelle Olson Family  
Bennett & Gloria Osmonson Family

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**BAPTISM:** Charlee Rae Mesich

We will sing #465 “**BAPTIZED IN WATER**”  
as the family comes forward

(Children are invited forward to see the baptism close up, in lieu of the **Children’s Sermon**)

## #719 “CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER”

### 1<sup>ST</sup> LESSON: ISAIAH 43:1-7

But now thus says the Lord, He Who created you, O Jacob, He Who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are Mine. <sup>2</sup> When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. <sup>3</sup> For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. <sup>4</sup> Because you are precious in My sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. <sup>5</sup> Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; <sup>6</sup> I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring My sons from far away and My daughters from the end

of the earth—<sup>7</sup> everyone who is called by My name, whom I created for My glory, whom I formed and made."

## 2<sup>ND</sup> LESSON: ACTS 8:14-17

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. <sup>15</sup>The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit <sup>16</sup>(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). <sup>17</sup>Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

### PSALM 119:105

**"Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
and a light unto my path."**

(Repeat)

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## GOSPEL: LUKE 3:15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup> John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but One Who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of His sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> His winnowing fork is in His hand, to clear His threshing floor and to gather the wheat into His granary; but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire."

<sup>21</sup> Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup> and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are My Son, the Beloved; with You I am well pleased."

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## SERMON: "WHEN YOU PASS THROUGH THE WATERS..."

### #488 "JUST AS I AM"

## 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!

### #498 "O HAPPY DAY!"

## POSTLUDE

**SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK/  
DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 6**

9:30 am Worship/Baptism  
10:30 am Sunday School/Fellowship  
11:15 am Worship

**MONDAY, JANUARY 7 - Rev. 5**

8:30 am Quilting

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 8 - Rev. 19**

**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 9 - Rev. 20**

3:30 pm Kids Time  
5:30 pm Youth Time  
6:30 pm Choir Practice  
8:00 pm Council Meeting

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 10 - Rev. 21**

7:40 am FCA Breakfast  
11:00 am Women of Hope Mtg.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 11 - Rev. 22**

8:30 am Friday School Gr. 1-7  
9:30 am 9th Gr. Confirmation

**SATURDAY, JAN. 12 - Genesis 1**

11:00 am Veryl Bakken Funeral

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 13**

9:30 am Worship/Communion  
10:30 am Sunday School/Fellowship  
11:15 am Worship/Communion



**2019 Offering  
Envelopes  
are in the elevator  
entrance.**

**Extra boxes are  
available in the office if you don't  
find a box with your name.**



**Please prayerfully consider  
how you can help.**



**GOT COOKIES?**

**The Sunday School would  
appreciate donations of treats for  
Sunday School students.**



**NEW IN 2019**

- ⇒ **YOUTH TIME!**  
**For students in grades 7-12  
Wednesdays, beginning  
January 9<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-7:00pm,  
in the Fireside Room.  
The first session will be  
"Pizza and Planning".**
  
- ⇒ **RESTORING THE FALLEN**  
**Bible Study on the Book of  
Hosea - For everyone!  
Wednesdays, beginning  
January 16<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 pm.  
Bible Study books are available  
in the Church office.**



**Prayer  
Requests**

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**

Lydia Wahlstrom  
Drew Wahlstrom  
BJ Jalowiec  
Jesse Pederson  
Bruce Pearson  
Orland Aspen  
Paisley Straub  
Patti Niko  
Mike Murray  
Malia Halvorson  
Ilene Sistad  
Sara Friesen  
Paul Nelson  
Lois Storey  
Margaret Rustad  
Marion Larson  
Karen Bolme  
Hilma Stadstad  
Janelle Knott  
Colette Hogg  
Keith & Kiki Caskey  
Denise Monson  
Marvedene Aakhus  
Tim Jallen  
Gladys Josephson  
Trina Rodgers  
Chase Mastell  
Sally Hanson  
Angie Olson  
Sandy Schultz  
Mike Knutson  
Marion Farnworth  
Elizabeth Barrineau  
Tubby Solsten  
Kenny Rose  
Christina Anderson  
Polly Simonson  
Al Heide  
Don Miller  
LeRoy Johnson  
Ruth Cumming Family  
Veryl Bakken Family

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**CUSTODIAN:** Steven Sovick  
**PHONE:** 435-6765

## 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](mailto: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!**



THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
**FINANCIAL  
SUPPORT**

### 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](mailto: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.**

