

Welcome to our guests! Please sign our guest register & join us after the service for coffee in the fellowship hall.

Thank you to all who are leading us in worship today: Musician, Diane Boucher; Songmaster, Tom Kleinwachter; Reader, Roy Dufault & Lector, Steve Ekholm.

Smart Money; Smart Kids will Sept. 19th—Oct. 24th immediately following the 9:30 service.

Youth Group—Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Choir—Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) Thursdays at 7:40 a.m. in our Fellowship Hall. All students in grades 7-12 are invited—come join the 65 students who participated last week!!

Befrienders will meet Thursday Oct. 14th at 7 p.m. in the Heritage Room.

Bible study—Thursdays at 1:30 at Rustad's.

Freedom From Worry—"Overcoming Anxiety by Defeating Fear with God's Love, Purpose, and Power" discussion group meets Sundays immediately following the service in the Fireside Room for 6 weeks. Coffee will be provided.

Women of Hope Board meets Oct. 4th at 10 a.m.

Quilting begins October 11th at 9 a.m. with set-up followed by a luncheon. All interested are invited to come and check it out! Regular quilting will begin on October 18th at 8:30 a.m., and continue each Monday.

Meatball supper (Takeout of meatballs and gravy only—you supply the rest!) will be held on October 20th—watch for details!!

Confirmation will be held on October 31st.

Teachers Needed! If you have a heart for teaching our children, contact Michelle Olson (435-6627) or the church office (435-6765).

Announcements

CELEBRATION OF LIFE WITH THE FAMILY OF PASTOR PAUL MAGELSSON WILL BE HELD AT THE FOSSTON BASEBALL FIELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH AT 6 P.M. PLEASE COME AS YOU ARE OR WEAR SPORTS GEAR TO HONOR PAUL'S LOVE OF SPORTS.



Thank you to all who either donated or purchased items at our auction last week! Approximately \$10,000 was raised for our church grounds/cement work.

Special thanks to all who helped make the auction so successful: the Trustees (and families), the Women of Hope,

Upcoming Servers

Acolytes for 10/03/2021:

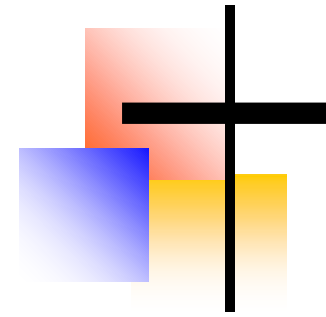
Kyra Quam & Myla Quam

Reader for 10/03/2021

Joan Dufault

Ushers for October:

Kyle Djernes, Richard Evje, Wayne Larson, Mike Norland, David Olson, Travis Quam



HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lutheran Congregations In Mission for Christ

The Purpose of Hope Church is to Glorify God by Worshipping, Witnessing, Teaching, Loving and Serving our Lord, Jesus Christ.

September 26th, 2021 9:30 am
18th Sunday in Pentecost

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Prelude-Diane Boucher

Welcome & Announcements.

Invocation/Prayer of Confession (*Green hymnal, p.56*)

Absolution: Jesus' Words of Comfort & Forgiveness

Hymn of Praise: (*Green hymnal #518*) "Beautiful Savior"

Prayer of the Day: Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

Forgiven and renewed, you are invited to join in the Prayers of the Church:

L: Made alive with God in Christ, we pray for your Holy Apostolic church, the Communion of Saints, those in a particular need, and all of God's creation. (brief silence)

"Lord in your mercy," **C: Hear our prayer.**

Hymn in preparation to hear the Word: (*Blue hymnal, # 713*)

"Seek Ye First"

Psalm of the Day: (*Please read responsively*)
Psalm 19:7-14 (*Green hymnal, p.223-224*)

First Lesson: Esther 7: 1-6, 9-10

7So the king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. 2On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, “What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.” 3Then Queen Esther answered, “If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me—that is my petition—and the lives of my people—that is my request. 4For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king.” 5Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, “Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?” 6Esther said, “A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!” Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen. 9Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, “Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman’s house, fifty cubits high.” And the king said, “Hang him on that.” 10So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated.

Second Lesson: James 5:13-20

13Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. 14Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. 15The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. 16Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed.

The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. 17Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. 18Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. 19My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, 20you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner’s soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Please Stand

*“Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.” (Psalm 119: 105)
(Blue Hymnal, #184. Refrain only.)*

Gospel: Mark 9:38-50

38John said to him, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” 39But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. 40Whoever is not against us is for us. 41For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

42“‘If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. 43If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. 45And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. 47And if your eye causes you to

stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, 48where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

49“‘For everyone will be salted with fire. 50Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

“Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.”

Children’s Sermon/Sermon:

Luke 16:19-31 The Rich Man and Lazarus

19“‘There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. 20And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, 21who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. 22The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. 23The rich man also died and was buried, 23and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. 24And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ 25But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. 26And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass

from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ 27And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house— 28for I have five brothers— so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ 29But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ 30And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ 31He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

Hymn of Faith: *(Blue hymnal, #143)*
“This is My Father’s World”

Apostles’ Creed *(Green Hymnal, p. 65)*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

The Lord’s Prayer

Benediction

P: God goes with Us!

C: **And that makes all the difference!**

Closing Hymn: *(Blue Hymnal, #329)*
“There is Power in the Blood”

P: Go in Peace, serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude— Diane Boucher