



HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ

What Would The Lord Say?

Worship · Witness · Teach · Love · Serve

September 23, 2018

18th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE OF THE WEEK:

**“Humble yourself before the lord,
and He will lift you up.”**

James 4:10, 1 Pet. 5:6 & Prov. 3:34

“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**

Today we will be using the blue Celebration hymnals.

#622 “HUMBLE THYSELF IN THE SIGHT OF THE LORD”
(Repeat)

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, You call us to work in Your vineyard and leave
no one standing idle. Set us to our tasks in the work of
Your kingdom, and help us to order our lives by Your
wisdom; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

HOPE FAMILY PRAYERS

Norma Erickson Family

Richard & Keni Evje Family

Doug & Denise Fjerstad Family

Sid & Diane Fjerstad Family

Steven Fjerstad Family

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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#451 “A CHRISTIAN HOME”

1ST LESSON: JEREMIAH 11:18-20

Because the LORD revealed their plot to me, I knew it,
for at that time He showed me what they were doing. ¹⁹ I
had been like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter; I did not
realize that they had plotted against me, saying,

“Let us destroy the tree and its fruit; let us cut him off
from the land of the living, that his name be
remembered no more.”

²⁰ But You, LORD Almighty, Who judge righteously and
test the heart and mind, let me see Your vengeance
on them, for to You I have committed my cause.

2ND LESSON: JAMES 3:13-4:10

Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them
show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility
that comes from wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you harbor bitter envy
and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it
or deny the truth. ¹⁵ Such “wisdom” does not come down
from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶ For
where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find
disorder and every evil practice.

¹⁷ But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all
pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of
mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.

¹⁸ Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of
righteousness.

4:1 What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't
they come from your desires that battle within you? ² You
desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you

cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. ³When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

⁴You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. ⁵Or do you think Scripture says without reason that He jealously longs for the spirit He has caused to dwell in us? ⁶But He gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says:

“God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.”

⁷Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Come near to God and He will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom.

¹⁰**Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up.**

“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: MARK 9:30-37

They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, ³¹because He was teaching His disciples. He said to them, **“The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill Him, and after three days He will rise.”** ³²But they did not understand what He meant and were afraid to ask Him about it.

³³They came to Capernaum. When He was in the house, He asked them, **“What were you arguing about on the road?”** ³⁴But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest.

³⁵Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, **“Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.”**

³⁶He took a little child whom He placed among them. Taking the child in His arms, He said to them, ³⁷**“Whoever welcomes one of these little children in My name welcomes Me; and whoever welcomes Me does not welcome Me but the One Who sent Me.”**

“THY WORD”

SERMON: **“WELCOME THE CHILDREN -WE ARE ALL CHILDREN”**

#574 “A CHILD OF THE KING”

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: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

#450 “LIFT HIGH THE CROSS”

POSTLUDE

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK/
DAILY BIBLE READINGS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

9:30 am Worship
10:30 am Sunday School/Coffee Hour
11:15 am Worship

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Bible Reading: Romans 12
8:30 am Quilting - Everyone is welcome!

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Bible Reading: Romans 13

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Bible Reading: Romans 14
8:00 am See You At The Pole
3:30 pm Kids Time!
5:30 pm Bible Study in Fireside Room
6:30 pm Choir Practice
6:30 pm See You At The Pole Rally

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Bible Reading: Romans 15
7:40 am FCA Breakfast

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Bible Reading: 1 Corinthians 1
8:30 am Friday School for Grades 1-6

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Bible Reading: 1 Corinthians 2

GIDEON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

9:30 am Worship
10:30 am Sunday School/Coffee Hour
11:15 am Worship

INTERIM PASTOR: Jane Ekholm

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Thanks to Mary Hanson and Tamra Ragan
for today's special music!

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7th-9th Grade Confirmation Students:

Sermon note forms are available in the back of the  
Sanctuary and in the hall outside the Side Chapel.

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SEE YOU AT THE POLE

On Wednesday, September 26th, at 8:00 am, youth will
gather together at the school flag pole to pray.

Later that day, Eric Samuel Timm will be at Fosston High
School to present **PAINTING HOPE: THE POWER OF WORDS**
lyceum, which is an anti-bullying program.

Eric will be back at the High School at 6:30 pm to present
THE HOPE MOSAIC.
The public is invited to attend this live art performance.

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**KIDS TIME IS BACK!** Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30  
All kids in grades K-6 are welcome!

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Bible Study

Join us, Wednesdays at 5:30 pm, in the Fireside Room!

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FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES BREAKFAST

Every Thursday, 7:40-8:10 am, when there is school.  
All students are welcome - you don't have to be an athlete!

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GIDEON SUNDAY

Tim Johnson will be at Hope next Sunday with a presentation
for The Gideons International and special music.

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

Paper Towels

Toilet Paper

Cleaning Supplies

Plastic Grocery Bags

Baby Diapers

Kleenex

Baby Wipes

**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

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.**

