

¹¹ Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

¹² **But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.**

¹³ Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

¹⁴ **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

Epistle Reading: James 3:1-12

Gospel Reading: Mark 8:27-38

Sermon: "Which Jesus?"

Rev. Dr. Brian Jones

Sermon Hymn: "Would I Have Answered When You Called?"

(Sing the Faith #2137/Screen)

***Affirmation of Faith/The Apostles' Creed**

ALL: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Prayers for the People/The Lord's Prayer

Offering/Offertory:

Maggie, Piano

***Doxology**

(Blue #592/Screen)

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn: "Open My Eyes That I May See"**

(Blue #324/Screen)

***Charge/Benediction: "Aaron's Blessing"**

Rev. Dr. Brian Jones/Cong. Echo

Postlude

Maggie

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Sunday, September 15, 2024

9:15 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship

10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary

(On Facebook Live & KGLH Radio 96.9)

**WHO do people
SAY that I AM?**

Mark 8:27-38

As a community of Christ, Hope Presbyterian Church demonstrates the good news of God's love, grace and hope.

- *We build relationships with one another in order that we might strengthen our ability to love God and love others.*
- *Visitors, youth and children are welcome to participate in worship, Bible Study, spiritual development opportunities, prayer, and service.*

God is here and welcomes you! If you are a visitor and are looking for a church home, be assured you are welcome and needed at Hope Presbyterian Church. We are a people who seek to respond to God's love in Christ and we invite you to join us.
Please be advised that our sanctuary worship service is on Facebook Live and taped for television broadcast, aired on Channel 18 (Windstream Cable) and Channel 181 (Charter Cable) on Sundays (2:30 pm), Tuesdays (11:30 am and 8:30 pm), and Thursdays (8:00 am and 5:00 pm).

***(Please stand as you are able)**

Prelude

Maggie Harp

Welcome

Lay Reader: Nancy Birkeland

***Call to Worship**

One: Look at the heavens! They are shouting the glory of God.

ALL: The days and the nights declare the magnificence of God's creative works.

One: Their voice goes through all the earth and their words reach the ends of the world.

ALL: Let our words of praise be acceptable to you, our Lord, our rock, our redeemer.

***Morning Prayer**

One: O God, you created the world through your Word. Your Word is powerful! And so are our words. They can heal, create a smile, be a declaration of love; but they can also hurt and destroy a sense of self-worth. Give us your wisdom, God of the Word, so that as a church and as individuals, we use our words to build up and not to destroy.

ALL: Amen.

***Hymn of Praise:** "Lift High the Cross"

(Blue #371/Screen)

***Prayer of Confession**

ALL: You have called us, O God, and we have refused to listen; you have stretched out your hand and we have not taken it. We have taken what you have given us and used those gifts to hurt others and defy you. We have refused to be tamed by your wisdom. Forgive our inability to recognize you and live out the reality of your gospel. Give us the insight we need to understand your place in our lives so that our words and actions reflect the glory of God in the lives of others. In the name of the Messiah, we pray. Amen.

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

***Gloria Patri**

Glory be-to the Father, Glory be-to the Son, Glo...ry be-to the Holy Ghost. (Repeat)
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, World without end, World without end. A...men. A...men.

***Passing of the Peace** (Let us share Christ's peace by greeting each other)

Announcements

Special Music:

Maggie, Piano

Children's Sermon

Response: "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" (Sing the Faith #2193/Screen)
Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace. (Repeat)

Prayer for Illumination

One: You speak to us, Lord, with tongues of wisdom. Let your Holy Spirit now open us to hear with greater clarity the teachings of today, so that we may hold dear in yet new ways what it is you will for us, in Jesus' name.

All: Amen.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 19

¹ The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

² **Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.**

³ There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

⁴ **yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,**

⁵ which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

⁶ **Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them;
and nothing is hidden from its heat.**

⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;

the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;

⁸ **the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;**

the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;

⁹ the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring for ever;

the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰ **More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.**

HOSPITALITY SERVANTS

Coffee Servers

September 15: Wendy & Bob Barr

September 22: Melissa & Lyle Mangan

Ushers

September 15: Barry & Sarah Sampson, Blake & Shayla

September 22: **Open**

***Please sign up on the sheets in the Fellowship Hall (by the library) to usher or lay read. Thank You!

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Lay Readers

September 15: Nancy Birkeland

September 22: Jeff Wersal

Sound Operators: Pete Bratberg, Duane Taatjes, Daryl Taatjes, Wally Titus

Video Operators: Carter Taatjes, Pete Bratberg, Wally Titus, Daryl Taatjes,
Jerry Leason & Barry Sampson

Screen Operators: Stephanie Bents, Sherry Bratsch, Jerry Bents

Radio Operators: Harold Foreman, Daryl Taatjes, Duane Taatjes

**The Christian Education Youth and Families Committee is encouraging youth to take part in our worship services. Many youth are already involved and that is wonderful! If you would like to be an usher (can include lighting candles and greeting people) sign up on the volunteer board by the office. If you are a 7th grader or older and are interested in helping with the screen in the sound booth, contact Stephanie Bents.

HOPE HAPPENINGS!

CARE Pantry Challenge:

September is...Baby Wash, Baby Lotion, Baby Wipes, Diapers and Pull-ups
Please leave your donations on the table by the mailboxes. Thanks!

Serve at Ridgewater September 25th

Please add your name to the sign-up sheet to help serve lunch for the Ridgewater students on Wednesday, September 25th, at 10:30 am. Donations of bars, cookies or plain chips are also needed. Please add your name to that list too!

Fall Harvest Festival/Home Décor

Our Fall Harvest Festival/Home Decor Sale will be held on Saturday, October 12th 8 am-1 pm. We will have morning coffee & rolls and a noon soup & sandwich lunch. Areas to donate items for includes: Accessory Sisters (jewelry), Garden Produce & Plants, Books/Puzzles/CD's, Crafts, Décor, material and sewing supplies and the bake sale. A sign-up sheet will be up soon to sign up to work that day or donate bars or dessert.

Adult Bible Study

Adult Bible Study will begin in October. If interested in teaching, please contact Tyann.

Wellness Expo 2024

A Wellness Expo will be held at the Atwater Community Center on Tuesday, September 17th, 9-11:30 am, with a light lunch 11-11:30. Many vendors and a wealth of information! Flu vaccinations 9-11 am. Pre-register by calling 974-8737.

Camp GK Bear (Grief Camp for children)

Camp GK Bear is a free one-day camp for children, grades K-6, who have experienced the death of a significant person in their life. Register by Friday, September 20th for the event on Saturday, September 28th 10 am-3 pm at the Rice Memorial Hospital in the Lakeland Auditorium.

Fall Festival at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church

The Fall Festival at Our lady of the Lakes Catholic Church will be held on Saturday, September 21st from 8:30 am-noon. Baked Goods, Bucket Raffle, Cookie Walk, Farmer's Market, Holiday Shoppe, Kids Corner, Silent Auction, Sweepstakes and Thrift Shoppe. Pastries & Coffee served at 8:30 am; lunch served 10:30 am-noon.

THIS WEEK AT HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 15 (Sunday) 8:50 a.m. Handbells Practice
9:15 a.m. Coffee
10:00 a.m. Worship (Also Facebook Live and Radio)
7:00 p.m. Light of the World Prayer Service
Eagle Lake Lutheran Church, Willmar

September 16 (Monday) ****Hope Scope Deadline****
10:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation
5:45 p.m. Deacons

September 17 (Tuesday) 12:00 p.m. CARE Pantry Devotion, Lunch, Distribution
6:00 p.m. Tuesday's Table at Faith Lutheran Church, Spicer
6:30 p.m. Christian Education & Families Committee

September 18 (Wednesday) 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation
6:15 p.m. WOW
6:30 p.m. TAG
7:15 p.m. Choir Practice

September 19 (Thursday)

September 20 (Friday) Office Closed
Clearwater Work Weekend

September 21 (Saturday) 7:00 p.m. AA

September 22 (Sunday) 8:50 a.m. Handbells Practice
9:15 a.m. Coffee
10:00 a.m. Worship (Also Facebook Live and Radio)

PRAYER REQUESTS

***Denotes New**

Members with Health Concerns:

Isaac Taatjes, Charlotte DeLong, Kathryn Frazee, John Williamson, Sandy Wersal

Family and Friends with Health Concerns:

Verna Patrick Harper(child of co-worker at Taatjes Landscaping)
Jack Tatge Mother of Lance Baumann (from Clearwater Forest Camp)
(Isaiah) Johanna Jergenson & baby Esther (Foreman's nephew)
Dick Bratsch (Larry's brother) Danny Poe (Sandy Wersal's brother)
Hudson (Brooke Appleby's relative) Paul Barney (Steve's brother)

Grieving:

Family of Matt Hass, Family of Gail Krossman, Family and friends of Susan Johnson

Care Facilities:

Jerry Gault (Prairie Senior Cottages, 1705 19th Ave. SW-Willmar), Shar Williams (Carris Health Care Center, 1801 Willmar Ave. SW), Kathy Jansen (Bethesda Grand, 901 Willmar Ave. SE, Room 103), David Carlson (Bethesda North Pointe), Jeanette Gault (GlenOaks), Betty Harder (Bethesda North Pointe), Arlos Jones (GlenOaks Apts.), Barb Morris (Copperleaf in Willmar), Mary Lou Swart (Bethesda North Pointe)

Other Concerns:

For those dealing with mental health issues and who struggle with addiction
For those deeply wounded by domestic violence
For those grieving the death and injury of a loved one due to violence and war
For those affected by natural disasters, COVID-19

Please Note** If you have a prayer request, please fill out the prayer request card from the ushers and return it to them, which will be given to Pastor Brian.

September Deacons of the Month: Jeff Wersal & Kathy Taatjes