

**17 I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the Lord.**

18 The Lord has punished me severely,
but he did not give me over to death.

**19 Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.**

20 This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.

**21 I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.**

22 The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

**23 This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

24 This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 65: 17-25

Gospel Reading: John 20: 1-18

Sermon: "Belief? Trust?"

Rev. Dr. Brian Jones

Prayers for the People/The Lord's Prayer

***Sermon Hymn:** "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" (Blue #123/Screen)

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

Offering/Offertory: "Sweet Music" Adult Choir

***Doxology** (Blue #592/Screen)

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn:** "Christ Arose" (Screen)

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

Postlude Maggie

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**Sunday, April 20, 2025
Easter Sunday**

9:15 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship
10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
(On Facebook Live & KGLH Radio 96.9)



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 (2:15 pm), Tuesdays (11:30 am and 3:00 pm), and Thursdays (8:00 am and 5:00 pm).

*(Please stand as you are able)

Prelude **Maggie Harp**

***Processional** “Lift High the Cross” (Blue #371/Screen)

Welcome

***Call to Worship** **Lay Reader: Deb Ficek**

One: Rejoice and be glad:
ALL: This is the day that the Lord has made!
One: Rejoice and be glad:
ALL Heaven and earth will never be the same!
One: Rejoice and be glad:
ALL: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

***Morning Prayer:**
One: Alleluia! We praise you, O God, for the power of your saving love revealed in the resurrection of our Lord. As you have raised Jesus from the dead, give to us the gift of everlasting life, so that we may worship you forever; through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.
ALL: Amen.

***Hymn of Praise** “The Day of Resurrection” (Blue #118/Screen)

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**
One: Gracious God, we have heard the good news: how on the third day, Christ rose again.
ALL: Still we look for the living among the dead.
One: You rolled away the stone from the tomb.
ALL Still we look for the living among the dead.
One: You sent messengers to proclaim the gospel.

ALL: Still we look for the living among the dead.
One: You were faithful to your promise; you have done wonderful things!
ALL: Still we look for the living among the dead.

[time for silent confession]

One: Forgive us, Lord, we pray. Teach us to trust your promises and to believe the good news of salvation.
ALL: Christ is alive; Jesus is risen from the dead. Amen.

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

***Gloria Patri** (Screen)

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

Announcements/Prayer Concerns/Joys

Special Music: “Joy in the Morning” Adult Choir

Children’s Sermon
Response: “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” (Sing the Faith #2193/Screen)

Prayer for Illumination
One: Living God, by your Holy Spirit, open our eyes to see the new light of this day; open our lips to tell of the empty tomb; open our hearts to believe the good news; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
ALL: Amen.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

¹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures for ever!

² **Let Israel say,**
‘His steadfast love endures for ever.’

¹⁴ The Lord is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.

¹⁵ **There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:**
‘The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;

¹⁶ the right hand of the Lord is exalted;
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.’

HOSPITALITY SERVANTS

Coffee Servers

April 20: Session

April 27: Lyle & Melissa Mangen

Ushers

April 20: Myron Ficek, Elroy Jones, Steve Barney, Greg Swenson

April 27: Pam Sigafos, (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

April 20: Deb Ficek

April 27: Kathy Taatjes

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

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

Screen Operators: Stephanie Bents, Sherry Bratsch, Jerry Bents

Radio Operators: Harold Foreman, Daryl Taatjes, Duane Taatjes

FINANCE REPORT

		Year to Date	Year to Date
	March	03/31/2025	Monthly Average
Income	\$22,423.75	\$58,561.00	\$19,520.33
Expenses	\$21,392.81	\$72,057.00	\$24,019.00
Net Profit (Loss)	\$1,030.94	(\$6,022.11)	
Income Needed to Cover Monthly Budgeted Expenses			\$26,748.96
Per Capita Assessment for 2025			\$7,500.00
Per Capita Paid by Members Through 02/28/2025			\$2,456.00

Kristene Foreman, Treasurer

HOPE HAPPENINGS!

CARE Pantry Challenge: April’s product of the month is.... dish soap! Please leave your donations on the table by the mailboxes. Thank you for your support!

Meatball Supper – save the date!

Please mark your calendars for our annual meatball supper on Friday, May 9th! Tickets are on sale now.

OWL (Older Wiser Learning) Camp 2025

May 5th, 6th, and 7th from 8:30 am to 11:30 am at Faith Lutheran Church in Spicer. If interested, please call 320-796-2522. Please see the bulletin board by the offices for more information on this camp.

April-May-June Devotionals

These devotionals are available on the table in the Narthex, on the table by the kitchen door, or in the office.

Norwegian Stevne Gathering

The Telelaget Stevne, “The Patchwork of Our Ancestors’ Lives,” is a vibrant three-day celebration of the heritage, history, and culture of those with roots in Norway’s Telemark region and all those with an interest in things Norwegian. Open to all, the event will be Thursday through Saturday, April 24 - 26 at the Little Crow Resort & Conference Center, 15980 MN-23 MN, Spicer, Minnesota. Go to to [TelelagetofAmerica/](#)stevne to register and find more information on accommodations, meals, and event schedule.

Viruses Out, Vaccines In! A Healthy Future Starts Here

Join The Village at their new exhibit on Monday, April 21st from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. at 1312 Lakeland Dr. SE, Willmar. See the poster by the offices for more information.

Nordland Lutheran’s 142nd Annual Mission Fest & Silent Auction

Saturday, April 26th from 10:45 am to 1:00 pm at Nordland Lutheran Church – Paynesville; Free-will donation lunch; Menu: Beef BBQ sandwiches, beans, coleslaw, chips, dessert, and beverage; Silent auction ends at 12:30 pm.

Missing Electric Griddle Heating Cord

The church is missing the heating cord to our Bella Electric Griddle. We do have a heating cord for a Presto electric griddle or crock pot. Please check your cords to see if you accidentally took home the wrong cord if you brought your electric griddle for the pancake supper or your crock pot to one of the soup suppers. The wrong cord is in the kitchen on the island, if you would like to see it.

THIS WEEK AT HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 20 (Sunday)	Easter Sunday 9:15 a.m. Fellowship Time 10:00 a.m. Worship (Also on Facebook Live and Radio) No Bible Study
April 21 (Monday)	Office Closed - NO Coffee & Conversation 5:45 p.m. Deacons meeting 6:30 p.m. Technology meeting
April 22 (Tuesday)	8:30 a.m. Staff meeting 5:15 p.m. Meatball Supper meeting 6:00 p.m. Tuesday's Table at Peace Lutheran Church
April 23 (Wednesday)	10:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation 6:15 p.m. WOW 6:30 p.m. TAG 7:15 p.m. Choir Practice
April 24 (Thursday)	Hope Scope deadline
April 25 (Friday)	
April 26 (Saturday)	7:00 p.m. AA
April 27) (Sunday)	9:15 a.m. Fellowship Time 10:00 a.m. Worship with Communion – Kids sing (Also on Facebook Live and Radio) 11:15 a.m. Bible Study in Fireside Room

Senior Recognition Sunday

Join us next Sunday, April 27th during coffee hour as we recognize our high school graduate Ava O'Malley. Many well wishes to Ava as she finishes high school and heads off to college in Duluth to study Radiology Science in the fall!

PRAYER REQUESTS ***Denotes New**

Members with Health Issues:
*Dee Schurman, *Ruth Birkeland, *Dick Lindahl, *Arlos Jones, Pastor Brian Jones, Savannah Appleby, Mike Carlson, Jackie Wahl, Larry Bratsch, Palmer Norling, Wayne Thompson, Frank & Shelly Peralta, Darlene Thompson, Bob Hinderks

Family and Friends with Health Issues:
*Troy Roloff (Alisa Taatjes' neighbor) *Rick Gerhardson (Greg Swenson's neighbor)
Pete Rembold (friend of Brian & Tyann) Yvette Payne (friend of Belize mission team)
Wilma Jones (Pastor Brian's mom) Linda VanMeter (neighbor/friend of Bents's)
Joanne Ryks (cousin of Bob Hinderks, former member of Hope)
Nathan Verch (friend of Hope) Krista (Brooke Appleby's friend)
Joanna Hanson (Helmstetter's niece)

Grieving:
*Family of Joyce Barber, Family of Sam Chapin (brother of Sue Schiro), Family of Shar Williams

Care Facilities:
David Carlson (Bethesda North Pointe-New London),
Jeanette Gault (GlenOaks-New London),
Betty Harder (Bethesda North Pointe-New London),
Barb Morris (Copperleaf-Willmar),
Mary Lou Swart (Bethesda North Pointe-New London)

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, illnesses

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.

April Deacons of the Month: Kathy Terpstra & Greg Swenson