

FROM OUR PASTOR



A Christian is a perfectly free lord of all, subject to none.

A Christian is a perfectly dutiful servant of all, subject to all.

These two theses seem to contradict each other. If, however, they should be found to fit together they would serve our purpose beautifully. Both are Paul's own statements, who says in 1 Cor. 9[:19], "For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a slave to all," and in Rom. 13[:8], "Owe no one anything, except to love one another." Love by its very nature is ready to serve and be subject to him who is loved. So Christ, although he was Lord of all, was "born of woman, born under the law" [Gal. 4:4], and therefore was at the same time a free man and a servant, "in the form of God" and "of a servant" [Phil. 2:6–7].¹

One thing, and only one thing, is necessary for Christian life, righteousness, and freedom. That one thing is the most holy Word of God, the gospel of Christ, as Christ says, John 11[:25], "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live"; and John 8[:36], "So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed"; and Matt. 4[:4], "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God." Let us then consider it certain and firmly established that the soul can do without anything except the Word of God and that where the Word of God is missing there is no help at all for the soul. If it has the Word of God it is rich and lacks nothing since it is the Word of life, truth, light, peace, righteousness, salvation, joy, liberty, wisdom, power, grace, glory, and of every incalculable blessing. This is why the prophet in the entire Psalm [119] and in many other places yearns and sighs for the Word of God and uses so many names to describe it.²

¹ Luther, M. (1999). [*Luther's works, vol. 31: Career of the Reformer I.*](#) (J. J. Pelikan, H. C. Oswald, & H. T. Lehmann, Eds.) (Vol. 31, p. 344). Philadelphia: Fortress Press.

² Luther, M. (1999). [*Luther's works, vol. 31: Career of the Reformer I.*](#) (J. J. Pelikan, H. C. Oswald, & H. T. Lehmann, Eds.) (Vol. 31, pp. 345–346). Philadelphia: Fortress Press.

Hence we have these words from Martin Luther in his treatise, "The Freedom of a Christian" which is in volume 31 of Luther's Works which is in our congregation's library.

We hear a lot about freedom as Americans but the freedom we talk about here is not the same as what Luther is talking about. Our freedom as citizens of the USA any man could have (though these have been dwindling my almost 55 years on this planet and in this country). No, this is the freedom of a Christian. This freedom of the Christian exist under democracy, republics, monarchies and dictatorships. Only you can give up this freedom but to do so would be to give up Christ.

This freedom we have in Christ Jesus through the Gospel of Christ frees us from slavery to sin, slavery to the fear of death and from the power of the devil. We, in our inner man are able to fear, love and trust in God above all things. We are free from guilt, from accusation, from shame when we have faith Jesus bore these things for us upon the cross.

Nothing in the Bill of Rights in our Constitution can compare to this freedom we have in Christ Jesus. The freedoms in the Bill of Rights can and have been eroded. People and Governments can take away your freedom of speech, your right to bear arms, your right to privacy and the like. But no one can take away your freedom you have in Christ to be a child of God, a new creation to no longer live as one who is judged and condemned. To preserve this freedom we need to be continually in the Word, gather as God's people around the preaching and teaching of His Word and regularly receive His Sacraments. Where people give up on the Word and the Sacraments they soon lose the freed they have in Christ Jesus.

God Bless!



Pastor Guillaume Williams, Sr.

ELDERS

Greetings from your Board of Elders:

Attending church on Sunday morning and listening to the Pastor's sermon, our prayer of Confession and Absolution as well as other prayers said during the Service, confirming our beliefs by saying the Nicene Creed, receiving Holy Communion, attending bible study, and fellowship with other church members are all essential to our spiritual growth. But outside of church what else can we as Christians do that will provide us with spiritual nourishment and help keep us grounded in our faith the other six days of the week? As it was for Bible reading there are also many Bible verses in the Old and New Testaments that pertain to praying. Scripture leaves no doubt that Bible reading and prayer are important in our daily walk with Christ. In the Old Testament starting with Genesis men begin to call upon the name of the Lord.

Genesis 4:26 - And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enos: then began men to call upon the name of the Lord.

God appeared to Solomon after he built the Lord's temple and promised to accept their future repentance. 2 Chronicles 7:14 - If my people, which are called by name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. Referring to the temple Solomon built God said (v15) - now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attend unto the prayer that is made in this place.

The Jewish people were exiled for disobeying God but God still loved them and wanted them to repent and return to Him. Jeremiah 29:12 - Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. (v13) You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

In the New Testament Paul's letter to the Ephesians tells them to put on the full armor of God against the devil's schemes. He also tells them in Ephesians 6:17 - Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. (v18) and pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

In Paul's letter to the Philippians he tells them in Philippians 4:6 - Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. (v7) And that the peace of God,

which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

In Paul's letter to the Colossians he tells them in Colossians 4:2 to Devote yourself to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart. Jesus taught us many things about pray. He showed us just how important prayer was in His own life by His prayerfulness. He prayed to the Father on numerous occasions for many different reasons throughout His ministry. If our sinless Lord and Savior believed prayer was important then we should follow His steadfast example and pray to the Father frequently.

Jesus said in Matthew 21:22 that If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer. Jesus said in Matthew 7:7-8 - Ask and it will be given to you, seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you, (v8) For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

In John Chapter 17 Jesus prayed for Himself, His Disciples, and for all Believers. Throughout the Bible we find numerous people who prayed about a multitude of things such as fear, anger, worry, deliverance, mercy, forgiveness, healing, etc.. Many of us today pray about these same things and more. Pray gives each of us an opportunity to spend personal time with God and in doing so we can open up our hearts and deepen our relationship with Him. God should be our first love and when we love someone we will make time for them and prayer is one of the ways we can do that.

I am fully aware that we are Lutherans and not Catholics and I don't normally quote the Pope but I believe he recently made some valid points in reference to the importance of prayer. He stated "after certain passages in life, we become aware that without faith we could not have made it and that our strength was prayer - not only personal prayer, but also that of our brothers and sisters, and of the community that accompanied and supported us, of the people who know us, of the people we ask to pray for us". The Pope made a number of comments about the importance of prayer but I will only quote one more. "Without faith everything collapses; and without prayer faith is extinguished. Faith and prayer together. There is no other alternative."

The disciples no doubt noticed the prayerfulness of Jesus and asked Him to teach them how to pray. I am so thankful they asked Jesus because He

taught them The Lord's Prayer which is my favorite of all prayers. I would be remiss if I didn't close with 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 for ever and ever. Amen

Yours in Christ,
Mike Merchant
Chairman

Your Board of Elders:
Chuck Kiel (480-5335)
Mike Merchant (573-345-3098)

BIBLE STUDIES



Sunday's Bible Study Classes - The Sunday morning Bible Study for adults is a topical study on Micah. Come and join us! Led by Pastor Williams will meet in the downstairs fellowship hall at 11:20 am.

From Our Seminary Student

Matthew Gerzevske
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April 30, 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Christ, the Lord of the church, is at work! This past Wednesday, at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis' Vicarage and Deaconess Internship Placement Service, Bri and I learned where God is calling us for the next year! I have been placed as vicar at Immanuel Lutheran Church, St. Charles, MO.

God is great! It is very exciting to know where I will be serving and learning for the next year. The past 2 years of residential study have been intellectually edifying, theologically challenging, and spiritually formative. I will be a joy and a challenge to put what I have learned to practice bringing God's word of comfort, the Gospel of Christ Jesus, to a congregation. No doubt I have so much to learn. I have no idea what God has in store and how He will use that for building up His church!

The days leading up to Call Day have been full of nervous excitement. Bri and I now know that we will be staying in the St. Louis area. This is a wonderful blessing that allows Bri to continue the good work she does at the LCMS International Center. We go forth on this journey trusting that God is faithful to His promises.

Certainly, none of this would be possible without your stupendous love and support. God works through people like you to grow His church. Your work helps to continue the advancement and preaching of the Gospel to all people. I am so thankful for your generosity. May the Lord of the church continue to nourish and strengthen you in body and spirit to continue to do the good works He has called you to do.

Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Peace in Christ,



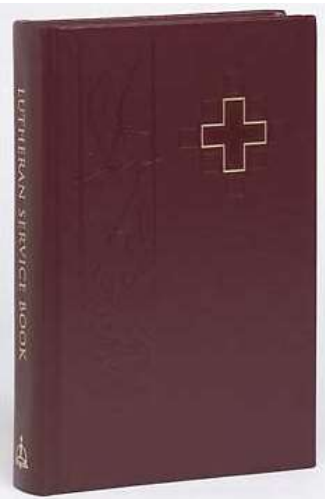
Matthew Gerzevske

LATEST SERVICE/PROCEDURE CHANGES

We have switched back to using our hymnal and only a handful of pews are blocked off for those who wish to continue socially distancing. Communion changes are: no longer spraying rail down between tables with sanitizer and the Elder will be passing out the wine. We will also have a usher to help guide us up to the rail. We will continue to put our communion cups in the buckets

Please remember to sign the fellowship book at the end of the pew if you are taking communion. There is one on each end so you don't have to pass to the person on the other end of your pew. This helps us in many ways. Mainly so we can all worship and not worry about who is or isn't present at worship and why. If you are worried about being "tracked", we do not provide your attendance to anyone. It is strictly for statistics and to help the Elders determine if there is a issue that we can help with. Thank you for your help in this!

THE HYMNAL / SERVICE BOOK



We will be using our hymnal again and I wanted to share with you why I love to use it.

I know many of you like the bulletin but did you know our Lutheran hymnal has so many things of Christian value in it? The beginning begins with "prayers for worship"; which help you to turn to for prayers "before worship", "after worship", "before communion and after" many nice prayers are available.

Then there is a contents section which offers many places to go in your hymnal. Such as the Psalms you can read while waiting for church to begin.

Look at your contents it gives you so much as a Christian to contemplate before service; to prepare yourself for worship.

Did you know the church lectionaries are also in the hymnal? You may find interesting to learn about them.

I love my hymnal. I can't wait to get back to it. It means the world to me that I am a child of God and thirst for all I hear through prayers, songs, and especially God's Word!

Try your hymnal, if you don't have one buy one in our bookstore. It's a wonderful part of your worship.

PRAYER CHAIN

PRAY *for one*
another
James 5:16

Thanks to all of you faithful prayer chain members! You are truly appreciated. Many are so thankful that we have a prayer chain to offer requests and thanksgivings to the Lord. If you have a prayer chain request, call Pastor or Doris Meyer at 346-7681 or 434-6633. If you cannot reach Doris, call the church office at 348-2108. If you would like to offer your prayer support, just call or speak to me or sign the sheet in the Narthex. You can even call Kathy at the church office. We would be most happy to have you.

In His Name we pray,
Doris Meyer , 346-7681
cell: 434-6633

If you CAN NOT reach Doris, call the church office, 348-2108.

2021 FELLOWSHIP

Do you have an idea for an event/activity for us? Just let the church office know and we will put it on the calendar.

We still need someone to chair this committee. This committee is in charge of helping organize all fellowship activities and potluck's at Hope Chapel. They also help get volunteers to pick up donuts and make coffee for Sunday Fellowship. If you are interested in chairing this committee, please let Pastor, Don Hunkeler, or Kathy Heinemann know.

MISSOURI'S 200TH ANNIVERSARY

Come to the Sokoll Building for a Ice Cream Social on Tuesday, July 13, 2021 to celebrate our great state's 200th Anniversary!

The MO State celebration committee is asking everyone to celebrate on the official date of August 10, 2021, by having homemade ice cream socials. We won't have the homemade variety but we will have great ice cream! It will be served after the entertainment of a one hour fast moving concert. The concert is free, however we do pass the hat for a voluntary donation which is given to the orchestra. They are all volunteers but they do have expenses. It is always an enjoyable evening. So ya'all COME!

Missouri 200th Celebration
Ice Cream Social
Tuesday, July 13, 2021
Sokoll Building
7 pm

Entertainment provided by Lake Area Community Orchestra
Free Ice Cream and cake after concert.

GIFT/CARD SHOP

We are located off the Narthex in the landing area to the lower level.

There is a nice selection of cards for all occasions. They are available by single card or by the box. We also have wedding and anniversary cards. We have a selection of Bibles and adult and children's books. Some cross items are also available.

We are self service, so please record your purchase on the log. All proceeds benefit projects at Hope.

Thanks for stopping by and let us know if I can be of help.

Have a blessed Summer!



Doris Meyer, 346-7681
Hope Lutheran Ladies Guild

STEWARDSHIP



“There are three conversions necessary to every man: the head, the heart, and the purse.” Attributed to Luther, though yet to be located in his vast writings, this statement echoes what Jesus taught about hearts and treasures. He said, “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” (Matthew 6:21; Luke 12:34)

But which conversion comes first? I submit that the order is this: first the head, then the purse, then the heart. Let’s explore this topic.

Our Lord Jesus Christ dwelt among us to save us. He took on our flesh, fulfilled the demands of the law in our place, became sin for us, and suffered torture and death on our behalf. He did this in order that we would be free from sin, death, and hell. He gives us what He accomplished through Baptism, Absolution, and the Lord’s Supper. And so, He doesn’t just do it for us but gives it to us. He makes what He did ours by making us His. Thus, we are called by His name: Christians. We have a new life in Him.

Through the preaching of Law and Gospel, God grants us repentance, a changing of our minds. It is a conversion of the mind. We are called to turn away from our sins and turn toward Him for forgiveness, life, and salvation. For when God calls us away from something, He is, at the same time, calling us to something.

And thus, He calls us to a new life, with new deeds. This is the conversion of the purse. Jesus said that “it is easier for a camel to enter through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.” (Matthew 19:24) “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” Notice that our hearts follow our treasures, not the other way around. As Christians, God calls us to invest our treasures in His Kingdom to ensure that the gospel is preached and the sacraments are administered. He calls us to share all good things with the one who teaches us

the doctrines of Christ. He calls us to be generous in giving to the church, for it is more blessed to give than to receive.

So where is your treasure? If it is not invested in the kingdom of God, then the only response is repentance – a conversion of the heart – and to begin doing just that. And as our Lord promised, where your treasure is there your heart will be also.

This is not to say that you earn your way into heaven. It is simply to say that as Christians, those who have been made to be temples of the Holy Spirit, who have been given a new life in Christ, who are dead to sin and now alive in Him, we are actually to live – think (conversion of the mind), do (conversion of the purse), and be (conversion of the heart) – a new life in Him. And when you fail, know that God in Christ loves and forgives you and still calls you away from that and to Himself.

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BUDGET INFORMATION

FYI – to keep in mind our 2021 Budgeted weekly amount is \$3,558.71.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service Type</u>	<u>Total Offerings</u>	<u>Total Attend.</u>
April 4, 2021	Sunday	\$ 3,269.00	43
April 11, 2021	Sunday	\$ 2,201.25	47
April 18, 2021	Sunday	\$ 1,160.00	52
April 25, 2021	Sunday	\$ 2,074.57	36

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Service Projects

Please place your offerings in the jar or basket during the Sunday School hour and Thank you for your donations!

<u>Month</u>	<u>Beneficiary</u>	<u>Amount Collected</u>
May	Radio Program	TBD
June	Radio Program	TBD
July	Heit's Point	TBD

YOU ARE INVITED!

Remember the California Wildfires the year before last? We collected for Our Saviour Lutheran Church in Paradise CA as they had lost their entire building to it. Well we are invited to their Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Saturday, June 26th at 10 am and the Service of Dedication on Sunday, June 27th at 4 pm. RSVP by Monday June 14th. The postcard is posted in the narthex.

LWML Ladies Guild News



All of the Ladies of Hope Chapel are invited to join us for our meeting on Tuesday, June 1st at 11 am in the meeting room.

If you have any questions, call 573-348-2108 or email office@hopelutheranchapel.org

Rummage Sale will be announced - more information to follow as soon as we have it. Sonja Howard and Joyce Trost will host it, please let one of them know if you have items you wish to donate. Clothes are ok, but they really do not sell as well as other items.

CANS FOR CHARITY

We wish to thank everyone who participated in the program. Your donations not only helped the needy, both locally and worldwide, but also helped keep the environment clean. If anyone would like to get involved or has questions, they can contact Kathy Heinemann at Hope Chapel (573) 348-2108 or collection coordinator Gene Scheiter (573-346-2442). Thanks again for your help.

HELP WANTED!!

Sound Technician – Talk to a Trustee or call the church office. Training is available! We could use 2-3 volunteers to familiarize themselves with the sound system and do sound checks before services.

Fellowship Host(s) – Signup sheet is on the credenza. Pick up donuts for fellowship time and make sure coffee is made and cleaned up (AND POT TURNED OFF) afterwards.

Fellowship Chair – Call Don Hunkeler or Kathy Heinemann

Duties include: help recruit volunteers to take care of Sunday morning fellowship (donuts and coffee) and help develop a series of events to provide opportunities for us to get to know each other better. Work with secretary on pulling together flyer's and event information in bulletin.

Public Relations Chair – Call Don Hunkeler or Kathy Heinemann

Duties include: Work with Pastor and secretary on pulling together flyer's and event information and arranging for them to be put on social media or in a paper. You don't need to know social media to do this. Just be able to remind Pastor or the church secretary to post something :)

THRIVENT

It is a new year – so new chances to use your 2 - \$250 Action Teams!! Not sure what is needed to do one? Just ask Gene Scheiter, Jerol Laughlin or Kathy Heinemann and they can point you in the right direction. Kathy has been keeping a list of possible projects. Just ask!

HELP WANTED!!

Want to share your gifts? Have a chat with your Elder, Don Hunkeler, Pastor, or church secretary! Many roles/opportunities are available.

VBS

The Board of Education is looking for a volunteer to coordinate VBS this year. Don't worry, you will have help! Please contact Debbie Thompson or the church office if you are interested.



THOSE WHO HOPE
in the Lord
WILL RENEW THEIR
strength.
THEY WILL
SOAR
ON WINGS LIKE
EAGLES:
they will run
AND NOT GROW WEARY.
THEY WILL WALK
AND NOT BE FAINT.

-ISAIAH 40:31-

FROM THE CHURCH SECRETARY

Office Secretary Hours for June

Monday thru Friday - 8 am to 12 pm.



New Article/Bulletin Deadlines:

Newsletter Articles – 2nd to last Sunday of the Month

Bulletin Notes – Wednesdays at 9 am

WARNING: Articles not received by their deadline will not be included.

Articles for the church newsletter, “The Anchor,” or notices for the bulletins, may be put in the in-box on the church secretary’s desk or sent by e-mail to:

office@hopelutheranchapel.org

Collections requested:

“infant items” – for Swaddling Clothes mission

“Cancelled stamps” – for missions (LWML)

“Money-off coupons – no expiration date” - for Concordia Seminary Food Bank (LWML)

“Portals of Prayer” – Prison Ministries (LWML)

“Empty Inkjet Cartridges” – Offset office supplies & Habitat for Humanity

***“2 liter Soda Bottles”* – Pastor is working on a planting project and could use a few.**

Daily Devotions

Our Pastor publishes daily devotions on our website, facebook, twitter, and linkedin.

Visit our website: www.hopelutheranchapel.org

Follow us on Twitter - @hopelutheranmo / And Facebook -

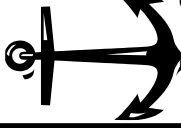
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OUR WORSHIP SERVICE can be heard every Sunday (on a week delay basis) from 8:30-9:00 am on KRMS 1150 AM and 97.5 FM Radio. If you would like to help sponsor this broadcast, place your contribution in a designated gift offering envelope



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Service Schedule

11 a.m. Fellowship
11:20 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
10 a.m. Communion Worship Service
Sunday Communion Worship Services (Ind.
Communion 5th Sunday (Common Cup only)

June 2021