

The Voice of Hope



Welcoming, Worshipping, Serving
March 2021

Holy Week 2021

Sunday, March 28 @ 9:00am— Palm Sunday
Thursday, April 1 @ 6:30pm— Maundy Thursday
Friday, April 2 @ 6:30pm— Good Friday
Saturday, April 3 @ 6:30pm— Easter Vigil



Easter Services

Sunday,
April 4th
-9:00am
-10:30am

In-person, online,
access channel and in
our parking lot
(contact us for parking
reservations)

A poster with a textured brown background. On the left, there is a photograph of a white cloth hanging from a branch, with a pear hanging from it. Two small birds are perched on the branch above. The text is written in a cursive font.

*A journey
through Lent
forgiveness*
A Five Part Series

*Wednesday Evenings
at 6:30 PM*
February 24-March 24



“When Jesus saw their faith...” Mark 2:5

This is one of my favorite verses in all of scripture and yet at the same time it haunts me.

Hello people of Hope, Pastor Matt Cordes, I'm hoping to give you a bit more of me, of what drives me, a bit more of my story per say. The above verse taken from the Gospel of Mark, has been a very powerful word in my life. We often speak about faith. I spend a great deal of time preparing to preach a sermon. I spend a great deal of time writing about faith. In fact, as I sit at my desk this moment, I am doing just that, I am writing about faith. Heck, we even spend a great deal of time singing about faith. And while all of that is good stuff (it really is), Jesus' words speak to something totally different. Think about it for a moment. When was the last time you **saw** faith? We don't say that, or even think about that very often. Apparently, Jesus thinks that faith is something to be **seen**. Not

just believed or talked about, or written about, or sung about. Jesus says that faith can be **seen**.

So why does this verse haunt me? Because if Jesus were to follow me around for a week, would He **see** faith? Or would He just hear or read about it? You see faith is something that should **move** us, lead us to think differently, act differently, do differently. Faith is to affect every aspect of our lives and move us, literally **move** us. Like, get us out of our chair and move us to action. So, the question is; if my faith doesn't move me, if one can't see it, is it really any faith at all?



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Creating space

I wouldn't say I was void of church growing up. I did go. Every Wednesday I went to Religious Release, one year I was Catholic, another Lutheran and the next, Methodist. I'm really not sure if it was about church or a "get out of school free" card. After graduation, I joined the Army. Every Sunday I went to church, it was either that or clean the barracks. Later in life, I didn't really have a "reason" to go to church. Honestly; it's not that I shunned it, I just never really thought about church. Oh, I talked to God, and I prayed. You know, things like "Really God" and "God, please let it be okay", or even "Thank God it worked out!" And then, I had babies! These tiny beautiful little miracles. Life was bigger than me. Bigger than having a husband, a family or even friends. I still didn't go to church, not right away. But, my conversations with God changed. "God, I know you are with me and I know I will be okay," and "God, this isn't what we expected or hoped for, I'm not feeling very strong right now."

We moved a lot, being in the more. We eventually settled brought me to church. I do know that it

was ready for the next step with my relationship with God. It was no longer just about having God but also ABOUT This is good and it has strange, sometimes you don't realize what's been missing until you live it.

I wasn't sure how to finish this, on what I was trying to convey, until this morning when Pastor Matt shared his Daily Dose of Hope 3.1. We invite God in, but have we made space for him. Thanks, Pastor Matt. Wow!! Pause for thought, how often do we invite others in, and it's okay...but when we create space for them, for God, it's amazing! Have you created space? Do you allow for others to create space within you?

Julie Rose, Vice President
Hope Council

Ash Wednesday

We had our own drive thru Ash Wednesday and a great Ash Wednesday evening service.



Thank you to **Kay Graftaas** for all of the masks! We love them and so do our kiddos!





COMMUNION CLASSES!

2ND AND 3RD GRADERS

MARCH 9TH— 5:30PM

MARCH 16TH—5:30PM

Our Spring Schedule is as follows:

March:

3rd: No Class (Optional Worship Lent Week 2)

9th: Creedal Communion Class (2nd & 3rd graders)

10th: 6:30-7:30 (Worship: Lent Week 3)

16th: Creedal Communion Class (2nd & 3rd graders)

17th: 6:30-7:30 (Worship: Lent Week 4)

24th: 6:30-7:30 (Worship: Lent Week 5)

31st: (No Class or Worship - Holy Week)

Holy Week: (No class on Wednesday, March 31)

1st: 6:30 (Maundy Thursday Service)

2nd: 6:30 (Good Friday Service)

3rd: 6:30 (Saturday Easter Vigil)

4th: 9:00am (Easter Sunday Worship)

April:

7th: 6:30-8:30 (Worship & Class)

14th: 6:30-8:30 (Worship & Class)

21st: 6:30-8:30 (Worship & Class)

28th: 6:30-8:30 (Worship & Class: Last Day!)



Thank-you
Mary Carlson!

She has been here
almost everyday
sorting and
organizing our

second basement. Lots of STUFF!!

Amazing job! There is a floor in there!!

Thank you!!



The Sixth graders are not able to help out at the nursing home this year due to COVID, so they help out here by washing the dishes after snack.



They also cut out Valentine's for our younger kids to decorate for the nursing home and assisted living residents.





Pastor Matt and his granddaughter Lola.



Every week Monday-Friday one of these lovely people share a daily devotional called "Daily Dose of Hope" on our Facebook page. Lots of "nuggets"- baby Lola, dogs, jammies, music, crisp winter air, love and soup! Thank you for the daily "feel goods!"



Lee with the story behind the hymns.



Wendy in her jammies.



Sara our youth assistant dog sitting.



Terry with his soup!



The Gospel is the cat's pajamas!

A member of a church, who previously had been attending services regularly, stopped going. After a few weeks, the pastor decided to visit him.

It was a chilly evening. The pastor found the man at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire. Guessing the reason for his pastor's visit, the man welcomed him, led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace and waited.

The pastor made himself at home but said nothing. In the grave silence, he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs. After some minutes, the pastor took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth all alone then he sat back in his chair, still silent.

The host watched all this in quiet contemplation. As the one lone ember's flame flickered and diminished, there was a mo-

mentary glow and then its fire was no more. Soon it was cold and dead.

Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. The pastor glanced at his watch and realized it was time to leave. He slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately it began to glow, once more with the light and warmth of the burning coals around it.

As the pastor reached the door to leave, his host said with a tear running down his cheek, "Thank you so much for your visit and especially for the fiery sermon. I will be back in church next Sunday."

We live in a world today, which tries to say too much with too little. Consequently, few listen. Sometimes the best sermons are the ones left unspoken.

The Lord is my Shepherd ---- that's a Relationship!
I shall not want ---- that's Supply!
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures ---
that's Rest!
He leadeth me beside the still waters ----that's Refreshment!
He restoreth my soul ---- that's Healing!
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness --
that's Guidance!
For His name sake ---- that's Purpose!
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death--that's Testing!
I will fear no evil ---- that's Protection!
For Thou art with me ---- that's Faithfulness!
Thy rod and Thy staff comfort me ----that's Discipline!
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies----that's Hope!
Thou annointest my head with oil ----that's Consecration!
My cup runneth over ---- that's Abundance!
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life---that's Blessing!
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord ----that's Security!
Forever ---- that's Eternity!
Face it, God loves you!
What is most valuable is not what we have in our lives, but WHO we have in our lives!



Prayer Concerns

Braxton Battaglia -granddaughter of Dave & Judy Paulson
 Pam Dragseth -friend of Carma Coon
 Scott Besser
 Carol Liupakka
 Steve Storebo - son of Rolly & Imy Johnson
 Ken Dahlberg
 Roy Evgen
 Lyle Almquist
 Tom Garcia- brother of Kay Graftaas



Besides those named on this page, please remember

those not named suffering from chronic pain, or any other physical or mental issues. Especially remember those from our church family in assisted living or nursing homes, though not listed above unless health conditions deteriorate. They are: Lyle and Patti Almquist, Jan Ecklund, Carol Carlson, Helen Maltby, Annette Dahlmeier, Andi Carlson, Mary Lu Carlson, and Punky and Bette Weske. Pray for those that are home-bound: Gordy Paulson. There are also many who prefer not to be listed individually, but have requested private prayers.

Military Service

Brian Erola	Joey Whited
Robert Dedrowski	Jeremy Hill
Daniel Conley	Jeremy Johnson
Anthony Mandt	Scott Eckman
Jason Johnson	Gage Mohelsky
Mike Tolerico	Alexis Babcock
John Kachinske	Danny Whited

Mary Carlson	1	India Johnson	19
John Peura	1	Kristoffer Ludvigsen	19
Haley Pietz	1	Sara Nichols	19
Bette Skelton	1	Keith Carlson	22
Doug Skelton	1	Gil Gamst	22
Candy Gamst	2	Patricia Mooney	22
Kelly Goeb	2	Blaine Rudebeck	22
Ike Miller	2	Cathy Troskey	22
Matthew Borchardt	3	Ron Zuk	23
Sharon Goetzinger	3	Shanna Dahlberg	24
Beverly Manty	3	Janet Deering	24
Alicia Miller	3	Gordon Overland Sr.	24
Anne Linkart-Korhonen	4	Richard Dee	25
Maren Mesojedec	4	Raymond Graftaas	25
Eric Nielsen	5	Gail Lundgren	25
Audene Anderson	6	Shelby Cadotte	26
Gloria Johnson	6	Marvin Schuerman	27
Hillary Peterson	8	Ted Shaw	28
Val Rogosheske	8	Sandy Kenney	29
Dawn Marie Schatz	8	Jon Lower	29
Gwen Leaf	11	Ken Halverson	30
Delaney Danelski	13	Ken Dahlberg	31
Randy Booker	14	Dyann Hendrickson	31
Barb Michalski	15		
Paige Nordstrom	17		
Britta Cadotte	18		
Lacey Jurek	18		
DeAhanna Nordstrom	18		
Peyton Nordstrom	18		



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ANNIVERSARY

Bruce & Bev Manty	1
Rob & Julie Rose	6
Wayne and Pat Olson	13
Jeff & Lisa Danelski	28
Ray & Donna Arnold	29

From the Office

Happy March! This means spring is right around the corner!

Every week I try to call a special member of our congregation, just to check in. This week when I called her I got to hear a wonderful story, I wanted to share it with all of you.

It had been a few weeks since I had gotten ahold of her, but this week we connected! She told me about her grandson who is getting transferred up to Duluth for his job. Both her and her daughter are ecstatic. He will be closer to family!

For the last couple of weeks she has been going down to his house in North Branch with her daughter to help get the home ready for sale. They had plans on redoing a bathroom and tearing up carpet, just to give the place an update.

Out of the blue, her grandson gets a call from the realtor who sold him the house in the first place. He was calling to see if he would ever be interested in selling his house! The grandson told him yes, as a matter of fact he was planning on putting it on the market this spring so he can move to Duluth.

It turns out the realtor had a buyer who was interested in his house. They came and looked at it then offered \$20,000 more than he was planning on listing it for!

So, no renovations or updates needed, no showings, no haggling between realtors just a clear open path to Duluth and family!

He gets to move up in his position at work, be closer to family and no headache of selling a home.

Sometimes that Holy Spirit just pops in and makes a difference!



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Save the Date!
July 26-30,
2021!!

