



HOPE  
LOWERTOWN  
ST. PAUL



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**HEY!  
I HAVE A  
QUESTION!**

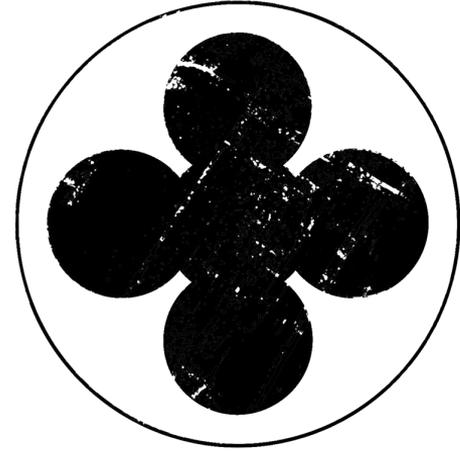
Summer Sermon Series

This week's question:  
*"What is the purpose of the church?"*

The church was born by the word of promise through faith, and by this same word is nourished and preserved. That is to say, it is the promises of God that make the church, and not the church that makes the promise of God. For the Word of God is incomparably superior to the church, and in this Word the church, being a Creature, has nothing to decree, ordain, or make, but only to be decreed, ordained, and made. For who begets his own parent?

Martin Luther, *Three Treatises Paper*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. (Philadelphia, PA: Augsburg Fortress Publishers, 1990), 238.

The purpose of the church is for those who have been called by God (Jeremiah 32:40-41, 1 Corinthians 1:23-24) and have repented (Acts 14:27), and believed in Jesus as their Savior through faith alone (Ephesians 2:8,9; Romans 3:27-28; 5:2,11; 10:9,10), and are now living stones (1 Peter 2:9-10), being built up into one body for the equipping of the ministry and edifying of the saints through the teaching of His Word (Ephesians 4:2-12), both Old and New Testaments (Luke 24:25-27), for the purpose of fulfilling the great gospel commission in making disciples and obeying all that Christ has commanded (Matt. 28:16-20), thereby creating a global community centered on Christ and participating in local gatherings fulfilling the ultimate purpose of glorifying God (John 1:1; Hebrews 1:3, Isaiah 42:1; 43:6-7 1 Cor. 10:31, Habakkuk 2:14), for the joy of all peoples (Hebrews 11:6, John 6:63, Philippians 4:4).



HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH  
**LOWERTOWN**

**499 Wacouta St, St.  
Paul, MN**

**Service Time: 8:45 am**

Party with the pastor!

*8/25 after the morning service 11-2*



Ways you can serve:

- Volunteer to teach Sunday School or serve in the nursery
- Donate gently used toys or games
- Pray for the kids and volunteers

If you are interested in serving with Hope Kids contact-  
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BAPTISM  
& PICNIC

# KICKOFF!

COME FOR THE BAPTISM

STAY FOR THE  
FRIENDS

SEPT. 8<sup>TH</sup>

yo!

Bella + Canvas Jersey T-shirt – Deep Heather



What's the Bible say about the Church?

## Ephesians 3:1-12

For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles –

<sup>2</sup> Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, <sup>3</sup> that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. <sup>4</sup> In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, <sup>5</sup> which was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. <sup>6</sup> This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.

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<sup>7</sup> I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. <sup>8</sup> Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup> and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. <sup>10</sup> His intent was that now, through \_\_\_\_\_, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, <sup>11</sup> according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. <sup>12</sup> In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

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Elder led

Elder led  
Governance team supported

Elder led  
Governance team supported  
Staff run

Elder led  
Governance team supported  
Staff run  
Member Mobilized

Join the Prayer Team

Help families and littles

Join a hospitality team

Join our AV team

Bake/buy some goodies



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Unity

## Ephesians 4:1-16

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. <sup>2</sup> Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. <sup>3</sup> Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup> There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; <sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism; <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.



# Works of Service

## Ephesians 4:1-16

<sup>7</sup> But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. <sup>8</sup> This is why it says:

“When he ascended on high,  
he took many captives

and gave gifts to his people.” <sup>9</sup> (What does “he ascended” mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? <sup>10</sup> He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) <sup>11</sup> So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up <sup>13</sup> until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

One Body

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<sup>14</sup> Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. <sup>15</sup> Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. <sup>16</sup> From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

# Gospel Application:

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*Get involved – not out of guilt*