



HOPE <sup>IN</sup> CHRIST  
CHURCH

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A Christian Reformed Church

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Glorifying God by Knowing,  
Living and Proclaiming  
our Hope in Christ

**TODAY'S MESSAGE**

*He Will Never Let You Go*

***John 10:27-30***

**APRIL 26, 2026**

Pastor Mitchell Senti

## ***Welcome!***

Welcome to Hope in Christ Church. We are so glad  
you have joined us today!  
May God bless you as you worship with us.

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## ***Order of Worship***

*Holy Forever*

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

*He Will Hold Me Fast*

*In Christ Alone*

**Confession & Assurance**

*Come Let Us Return to the Lord*

**Prayer**

**John 10:27-30, Reader - Mike**

**Sermon: He Will Never Let You Go**

*His Forever*

**Benediction**

*My Friends May You Grow in Grace*

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***Today's Offering*** is for the General Fund.  
There is a collection basket next to the sound booth.

## ***God is Moving Mountains***

Sudan rose one position on the World Watch List. Christians in Sudan live in silence and increasing fear, largely due to the ongoing civil war. By March 2025, the US Commission on International Religious Freedom reported that Sudan's civil war was particularly impacting vulnerable religious populations. There were increased forced conversions to Islam and physical punishment for refusal to convert. The civil war has created a lawless vacuum where militias linked to both sides feel emboldened to persecute Christians without fear of repercussion. Attacks were common in rural areas but are now also taking place in urban areas with more established churches. Military leaders have increased the violence against Christians by painting believers as Western agents amid anti-Western rhetoric. Organized crime is increasing in lawless zones, where Christians are frequently targeted for extortion and violence.

### **How to Pray:**

1. Pray for the future of the church in Sudan and wisdom for her leaders. Even if the warring parties are able to come to a peace resolution, neither are favorable towards the church.
2. Pray that Christians in Sudan could carefully live as salt and light, and show that Jesus' peace is a better way.
3. Pray for God's protection for the believers who suffer from the civil war and have been forced to flee, or who have no choice but to stay and hunker down.

### **For More Information Visit:**

<https://www.opendoorsus.org/en-US/persecution/countries/sudan/>

### ***Hospitality for Sunday, May 3, 2026***

**Provide:** Tanya

**Set-up:** Tanya

**Serve:** Tanya

**Clean-up:** Tanya

### ***Servants for Sunday, May 3, 2026***

**Greeters:** Rachel

**Scripture Reader:** Needed

**Foyer Monitor:** Mike

**Prayer Room:** Jerry

**Communion Prep:** Hildred, Rachel

Sermon Outline

*John 10:27-30*

**He Will Never Let You Go**

1. What is His voice saying?

2. That's an eternal hope, eternal life!

3. Good News: God's love isn't based on our performance but on God's choice to love us!

## ***Announcements***

**ELDER/DEACON NOMINATIONS:** The following members are being presented by Council as candidates for Elder: Brian Koning and Lou Kooistra; and for Deacon: Rockelle Ruiter and Chidubem Uchefuna. On May 3, a vote will be taken to accept or reject the slate of names presented by council. On May 10, we will draw lots and the Holy Spirit will select our next Elders and Deacons. We give thanks to Mark Ruiter for his service as Elder, and to Barb Zylstra and Philip Bergman for their service as Deacons.

**GENESIS TRAINING:** If you see unhealthy or even addictive behavior in yourself or a loved one, come to "Introduction to The Genesis Process" on Saturday, May 2, from 9 a.m. to noon at Second CRC, 710 Front St., Lynden. Learn how to overcome these struggles with biblical and brain-researched tools. The training will be led by Aaron Speyer, who has more than 20 years of experience working with those who struggle. Coffee and snacks are included. For more information, call (360) 392-0289 or e-mail [info@envisionmission.org](mailto:info@envisionmission.org).

**SEEDS OF HOPE:** The "Seeds of Hope" basket has been refilled. If you know someone who is facing challenges in life, the Seeds of Hope packets provide a natural, non-threatening way to show compassion and, at whatever level seems appropriate, to share and demonstrate what our own Hope In Christ is all about.

**WIRE GATE:** Thank you to everyone who helps ensure that the wire gate is opened and closed for our church services and other events! To allow the reflective panels last as long as possible it is requested that the wire is kept taut while moving it and that it is laid down being stretched out flat when not attached to the cement block.

**SANDWICH BOARDS:** There are three HiCC sandwich boards that are set out each Sunday before our service and taken back in as people leave. If you arrive early, please take a moment to set them out. Two go by the sidewalk of our two driveway entrances - one by each. The other is placed near the fenced garbage and recycling area. If you would consistently like to help with this, please let Tanya know.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** The high school and middle school classes will meet at the Koning's home follow the worship service today.

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### ***Council Members and Districts***

**Council President:** Dan Obbink (360-393-5171)

**Elder Chairperson:** David Richards (360-961-0459)

**Deacon Chairperson:** Jenn Boer (360-820-6164)

#### **District - Last name A to C**

Elder: Glen Hendricks (616-581-9055)

Deacon: Barb Zylstra (360-927-3583)

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Elder: Jay Kaemingk (360-319-4671)

Deacon: Darlys Recker (509-833-8357)

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Elder: David Richards (360-961-0459)

Deacon: Philip Bergman (360-201-3873)

#### **District - Last name O to R**

Elder: Mark Ruiten (360-398-0101)

Deacon: Hildred Abee (385-229-2121)

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Elder: Dan Obbink (360-393-5170)

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#### **District - Council Members**

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