

Good morning, beloved!

"... at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." - Philippians 2:10-11

Dear Friends, as wonderful as this truth is to us as the Lord's beloved, is as terrifying as this truth will one day become for those without Christ. I do not want to imagine bowing before my Creator after a lifetime of rejecting Him, of pushing Jesus out for something else that, in the end, led to nothingness. God forbid!

This should make our hearts ache for the lost, to cause us to pray without ceasing for our friends, family and all others around us who have yet to come to know Him. I will confess to you, brothers and sisters, that it isn't always so with me. Whether I'm caught up in my own life and problems at work, etc. or busy getting my theology/doctrine correct so that I can be the best Lutheran possible, I sometimes lose sight of the mission.

As men and women existing in this fallen and sinful world, we are all subject to turning inward and putting the self before others. But, in Christ we are all able to look outward, to the needs of our neighbor. To offer His love and care to them. May this always be the mission of Hope Lutheran Church of Linda Vista.

*As we faithfully cling to our hope in Christ, Christ faithfully clings to us.
Amen.*

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