

John

The Word Made Flesh



Welcome to Hope!

We are delighted to welcome one and all to our church today! We gather from all walks of life, and we are an assembly of many different ages, life experiences, and backgrounds. Yet every one of us has the same inner need. We are God's creatures, and our spirits need to be in unity with our Lord. Today we focus on the Word of God from St. John's Gospel, and we rejoice at the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ. As the Lord's people, we rejoice to be here together with you on this day. Welcome to Hope!

INFORMATION

WORSHIP CHECK-IN. Please take a moment to check in online on the homepage of Hope's website (www.hopelutheranwf.org). A special welcome to guests and visitors today!

OFFERINGS & TITHES. All are invited to make an offering today, as a worshipful expression of thanksgiving to God, and in support of the ministries of Hope Lutheran Church. You may place your gift in the offering plate next to the sanctuary exit doors as you leave. May God bless our offerings and tithes, and bless the ministry which these gifts enable!

SERVICE INFORMATION

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Wayne Puls

Senior Pastor

Wesley Spottiswood

Director of Christian Education

John: The Word Made Flesh

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Jan 14, 2024 ~ 8:30 & 11:00AM

PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & TIME OF GREETING

HYMN

"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" (LBW256)

1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn Un - ac - com - pa - nied by thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;

Sun of righ-teous-ness, a - rise, Tri - umph o'er the shades of night;
Joy-less is the day's re - turn, Till thy mer - cy's beams I see,
Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine, Scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

Day-spring from on high, be near; Day - star, in my heart ap - pear.
Till they in-ward light im - part, Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
More and more thy - self dis - play, Shin - ing to the per - fect day.

✠ *The Service Of The Word* ✠

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

DIALOG OF PRAISE

(Revelation 4:8, 11; 5:9, 10, 12)

P: Holy is the Lord, the Almighty.

C: He was, he is, and he is to come.

P: He is worthy of glory and honor and power.

C: He created all things. By his will they came to be.

P: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain;

C: Worthy to take the scrolls and break its seals.

P: By his blood he purchased for God

C: People of every race and tongue, of every folk and nation.

P: Christ has made of them a kingdom

C: And priests to serve our God.

P: And they shall reign on earth forever.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

P: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God
the Father Almighty.

From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people.

C: Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Congregation is seated

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. ¹³ “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food”—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴ And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. ¹⁵ Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶ Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two will become one flesh.” ¹⁷ But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸ Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. ¹⁹ Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰ for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

Congregation stands

VERSE

“He Is Lord” (TCH 34)



He is Lord, he is Lord, he is ris-en from the dead and he is Lord;



ev-'ry knee shall bow, ev-'ry tongue con-fess that Je - sus Christ is Lord.

GOSPEL LESSON

John 4:1-26

Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John ² (although Jesus himself did not baptize, but only his disciples), ³ he left Judea and departed again for Galilee. ⁴ And he had to pass through Samaria. ⁵ So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. ⁷ A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸ (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹ The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." ¹³ Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." ¹⁵ The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." ¹⁷ The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." ¹⁹ The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." ²¹ Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵ The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." ²⁶ Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

Congregation is seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children may come to the front.

Children ages 3 – Grade 2 may leave for Children's Church immediately following the Children's Message by DCE Wesley Spottiswood.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"In Thee is Gladness" (LBW552)



1 In thee is glad - ness A - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus, sun - shine of my
2 If he is ours, . . . We fear no pow - ers, Not of earth or sin or



heart. By thee are giv - en The gifts of heav - en, Thou the
death. He sees and bless - es In worst dis - tress - es; He can



true re - deem - er art. Our souls thou wak - est; Our bonds thou
change them with a breath. Where - fore the sto - ry Tell of his



break - est. Who trusts thee sure - ly Has built se - cure - ly
glo - ry With heart and voic - es; All heav'n re - joic - es



And stands for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are
In him for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for



pin - ing To see thy shin - ing, Dy - ing or liv - ing,
glad - ness. Tri - umph o'er sad - ness. Love him and praise him



To thee are cleav - ing; Naught us can sev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!
And still shall raise him Glad hymns for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!

ANTHEM (8:30AM)

“I Will Arise”
Senior Choir

Congregation stands

DOXOLOGY

“Praise God From All Whom All Blessings Flow” (LBW565)

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

✠ The Service Of Holy Communion ✠

Communion Participation: As Lutheran Christians, we believe Christ's body and blood are truly present with the bread and wine, offering forgiveness of sins to all who believe in Jesus Christ. We ask those who commune to share this unity of faith in Christ and understanding of the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Since the Scripture teaches that we are to examine ourselves before eating of the bread and drinking of the cup (1 Corinthians 11:28), if you are not certain of the meaning of Holy Communion or have not been baptized or instructed in the Christian faith, please speak with the Pastor before communing.

Communion Distribution Process: Please form two lines in the main center aisle, proceeding to the altar. After you have received communion, you may return to your pew via the side aisles.



White grape juice is provided in the center of the trays. Individual cups may be placed in the baskets provided by the acolyte. Gluten-free bread is available upon request.

Communion and Children: First communion is ordinarily offered at Hope to youth after instruction classes in the 5th grade. Children and youth who have not been confirmed may come to the altar to receive a blessing. Children and non-confirmed youth should fold their arms over their chest to acknowledge they are receiving the blessing.

CONFESSONAL PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

P: As we prepare to come to your holy table, O Lord,

C: We confess, dear Savior, the sin which separates us from you, the imperfect love which separates us from each other.

P: As we come into your holy presence, sharing in fellowship and unity with you,

C: We rejoice in the forgiveness which comes through your grace and mercy, knowing that pardon comes to us through your body broken and your blood shed for all our sins and offenses.

P: As this bread and wine which we shall eat and drink are consecrated and blessed, O Lord,

C: Prepare our hearts, and bless us to receive this holy meal.

P: As this holy meal is shared, my friends, know that your sins are forgiven and healing and hope are possible through Christ, our Lord, for on the night when he was betrayed....

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: “Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.” Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

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, forever and ever. Amen.

SHARING OF PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

The congregation greets one another with the words, “Peace be with you.”

Congregation remains standing and sings

COMMUNION SONG

“Eat This Bread” (WOV709)

Refrain



Eat this bread, drink this cup. Taste and see the good-ness of God.



Bread of life, cup of love, we re-joice in your pres-ence.

(Repeat twice)

Congregation is seated

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

"Renew Me, O Eternal Light" (LBW511)



1 Re - new me, O e - ter - nal Light, and let my
2 Re - move the pow'r of sin from me and cleanse all
3 Cre - ate in me a new heart, Lord, that glad - ly
4 Grant that I on - ly you may love and seek those



heart and soul be bright, il - lu - mined with the light of
my im - pu - ri - ty, that I may have the strength and
I o - bey your word. Let what you will be my de -
things which are a - bove, till I be - hold you face to



grace that is - sues from your ho - ly face.
will temp - ta - tions of the flesh to still.
sire, and with new life my soul in - spire.
face, O Light e - ter - nal, through your grace.

"O Lord, We Praise You" (LBW215)



1 O Lord, we praise you, bless you, and a - dore you, In thanks -
 2 Your ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en, Life to
 3 May God be - stow on us his grace and fa - vor To please

giv - ing bow be - fore you. Here with your
 win for us in heav - en. No great - er
 him with our be - hav - ior And live to -

bod - y and your blood you nour - ish Our weak souls that
 love than this to you could bind us; May this feast of this
 geth - er here in love and u - nion, Nor re - pent this

they may flour - ish. O Lord, have mer - cy!
 that re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!
 blest com - mu - nion. O Lord, have mer - cy!

May your bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our
 Lord, your kind - ness so much did move you, That your
 Let not your good Spir - it for - sake us, But that

sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And your blood for us plead
 blood now moves us to love you. All our debt you have paid;
 heav'n - ly - mind - ed he make us; Give your Church, Lord, to see

In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 Peace with God once more is made. O Lord, have mer - cy!
 Days of peace and u - ni - ty. O Lord, have mer - cy!

Congregation stands

LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER

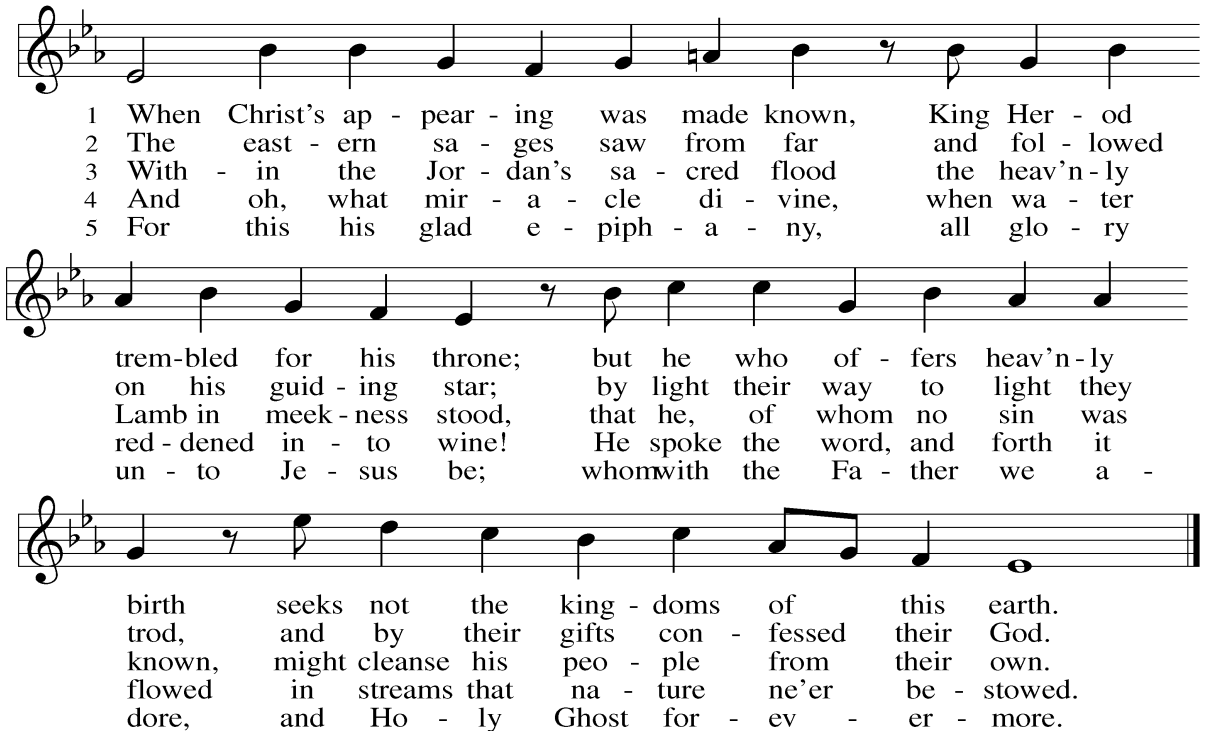
P: Let us pray together:

C: We give thanks unto you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept us this night from all harm and danger; and we pray that you would keep us this day also from sin and every evil, that all our doings and life may please you. For into your hands we commend ourselves, our bodies and souls, and all things. Let your holy angel be with us that the wicked foe may have no power over us. Amen.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

"When Christ's Appearing Was Made Known" (LBW85)



1 When Christ's ap - pear - ing was made known, King Her - od
2 The east - ern sa - ges saw from far and fol - lowed
3 With - in the Jor - dan's sa - cred flood the heav'n - ly
4 And oh, what mir - a - cle di - vine, when wa - ter
5 For this his glad e - piph - a - ny, all glo - ry

trem-bled for his throne; but he who of - fers heav'n - ly
on his guid - ing star; by light their way to light they
Lamb in meek - ness stood, that he, of whom no sin was
red - dened in - to wine! He spoke the word, and forth it
un - to Je - sus be; whom with the Fa - ther we a -

birth seeks not the king - doms of this earth.
trod, and by their gifts con - fessed their God.
known, might cleanse his peo - ple from their own.
flowed in streams that na - ture ne'er be - stowed.
dore, and Ho - ly Ghost for - ev - er - more.

DISMISSAL

P: The worship is ended.

C: The service now begins.

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



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✠ *News & Events* ✠

CONGREGATIONAL STUDY. Continuing through February 7 the congregation is invited to explore the first 12 chapters of John's Gospel. Our sermons, Sunday morning Bible studies, WNA evening studies, and home studies will walk verse-by-verse to help us see how the Logos descended from heaven, became a human being named Jesus, and brought us true knowledge of his Father in heaven. Hear the last testimony of the last of the Apostles as he shares what we need to strengthen our faith in Christ. Home study materials will be available at www.hopelutheranwf.org/adulted each week. Don't miss this opportunity to dive into John's powerful Gospel of Jesus.

SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:45-10:45AM)

- **KIDS:** See signs in the Narthex and Children's Center Foyer.
- **MIDDLE SCHOOL:** John in Room 102
- **HIGH SCHOOL:** John in Room 101
- **ADULT:** John: the Word Made Flesh in room 301

CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY. Hope members, join us on Sunday, January 21 at 1:30 PM in the Sanctuary. Stay informed and vote on key issues.

DISTRICT MISSION. Listen in on January 21 as we have the special privilege of hearing from our Southeastern District President Bill Harmon. President Harmon will be sharing some of the vision, mission, and resources he and his team have planned for churches in the Southeastern District. Come learn how we can help support and participate in that mission and what resources are available to us here at Hope.

MISSION FAIR. Hope will be holding our Mission Fair on January 21, after each service, in the children's center, leaders from Hope's many ministries that serve in our local community will be available to share information and answer questions. Come learn all the ways you can be involved in proclaiming and living the word and love of Christ in our local community and beyond. There are opportunities for all to serve!

BREW YOUNG PROFESSIONALS. We will be meeting on 1/18 this month. Join us at Norse Brewing in downtown Wake Forest at 7PM for a night of fellowship and Bible study. We will be starting a series over *Jonah* this month.

KID'S & YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS. Check out Hope's website for sign-up and more information.

- **PRESCHOOL JAM: SNOW PARTY.** 1/20 from 10:00-11:30AM.
- **LEVEL 23: BALLOON BASH.** 1/19 from 6:00-8:00PM.
- **MIDDLE SCHOOL WINTER WONDERLAND PARTY.** 1/21 at 3:30PM.

MEN'S SUMMIT. Calling all men 18 and over. Hope's Men's Ministry is excited to host a multi-congregational Men's Summit on 1/20, 10AM-Noon. The Southeastern District's President, Bill Harmon will present on *What it means to be a Wise Man*. Along with presenting amazing opportunities within our district as well as highlighting how your church synod is serving the eastern states of Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Washington D.C, Delaware, and both of the Carolinas. A brunch will be served during this presentation as well as opportunities for discussion, break out, and questions about our church district body. Sign up on Hope's website. The cost of this event is \$10 per person. Please bring cash or a check on the day of the event.

FLORAL TEAM. Members of the floral team create the altar flower arrangements seen in the sanctuary every week, and in doing so, give back a gift of beauty to the One who created us. The members of this team work in pairs and support each other with flower purchasing, arranging, and substituting during scheduling challenges. Please contact Dottie Reading at dottiereading@yahoo.com if you are interested. No prior experience or training is required!

THE 3 B'S (Bible, Beer, and Bourbon) Men's Small Group will be meeting 1/26 at 7PM at 1617 Heritage Linkis Drive, Wake Forest. This small group is a place where men 21 and over can gather for devotions, discussions, and drinks. If you can make it, please text (818)642-7570 to let us know.

Volunteers

NIGHT *to Shine*
SPONSORED BY THE **TIM TEBOW**
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We are thrilled to announce that Hope will once again be hosting the Tim Tebow Foundation Night to Shine on Friday, February 9. If you've never experienced it, it's a magical night of celebration for our special needs community.

Volunteers will be needed to help with a myriad of fun tasks, such as:

Host/Hostess: Buddy with a guest (most needed)

Food Crew (7-8 Graders)

Special Projects (ahead of time)

Set Up/Decorate: February 8

Set Up/Decorate: February 9 (daytime)

Clean Up Crew (after the event)

Please sign up before February 1 at hopelutheranwf.org/NTS.

Please note a background check is required to be a volunteer for Night to Shine.

Contact Paula Reeves at nighttoshine@hopelutheranwf.org for more information.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE



January 10 – February 7
www.hopelutheranwf.org/wna

WNA is Hope's
midweek
ministry
opportunity for
all ages to
gather for dinner,
Bible study,
fellowship, and
fun!



Dinner

5:30 – 6:15 PM

The cost is \$6 for adults & youth, \$3 for children ages 5–10, and kids 5 and under are free. There is a \$22 family maximum.


This week the meal will be:
Taco Wednesday,
Salad and Dessert

Adult Ed.

6:30–7:30 PM Room 301

JOHN: THE WORD MADE FLESH.

Come join us as we continue a congregational study on the Gospel of John that will extend through the Epiphany season in January. Our WNA studies will pick up our verse-by-verse coverage of John that coordinates with our sermons, Sunday morning Bible studies, and home studies. Listen in as we explore the beautiful vistas of John's Gospel and learn more about Jesus, the Word made flesh.



Kids & Youth

6:30–7:30 PM

- 3–5 years – Nursery
- K1 Crew– Preschool Room 1
- Level 23– Children's Center
- Club 45– Club 45 Room
- Middle School – Youth Center

Music

- 5:00pm Children's Choir
- 5:45pm Children's Handbells
- 6:15pm Adult Handbells
- 7:30pm Senior Choir Practice