

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

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| Rev. Dr. Bill Harmon | President, Southeastern District LCMS |
| Rev. Wayne Puls | Senior Pastor |
| Rev. Devin Murphy | Associate Pastor |
| Beth Agner | Lead Director of Christian Education |

John: The Word Made Flesh

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 21, 2024 ~ 8:30 & 11:00AM

✠ Gathering ✠

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & TIME OF GREETING

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that sometimes our faith is weak, and we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. You call to us to be holy, but we are sinners. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

HYMN

"Beautiful Savior" (LBW518)



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in flow'rs and of bloom - ing spring;
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"This Is The Feast"



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



B Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service.

C: Strengthen us by your Spirit and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

✠ Word ✠

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Congregation is seated

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time, saying, ²“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.” ³So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them. ¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

ANTHEM (11:00AM)

“I Will Arise”
Senior Choir

Congregation stands

ALLELUIA VERSE (8:30AM)

“Alleluia! Alleluia!” (TCH365)



1. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise;



Sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, Sing to God a hymn of praise.



He who on the cross as Sav - ior For the world's sal - va - tion bled,



Je - sus Christ, the King of Glo - ry, Now is ris - en from the dead.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 6:16-24

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷ got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸ The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹ When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were frightened. ²⁰ But he said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.” ²¹ Then they were glad to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land to which they were going. ²² On the next day the crowd that remained on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone. ²³ Other boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. ²⁴ So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus.

APOSTLES' CREED

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.

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 Lead DCE Beth Agner.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand" (WOV731)



1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . near,



I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
when my life is . . . al - most . . gone,
and the day is . . . past and . . gone,



Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.



Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.
Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.
Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

Congregation stands

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

✠ Meal ✠

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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 in 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.

PEACE

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

C: And also with you.

The ministers and congregation greet one another in the name of the Lord.

COMMUNION SONG

“Eat This Bread; Drink This Cup” (WOV706)

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

Congregation is seated

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

"Hark, The Voice of Jesus Calling" (LBW381)



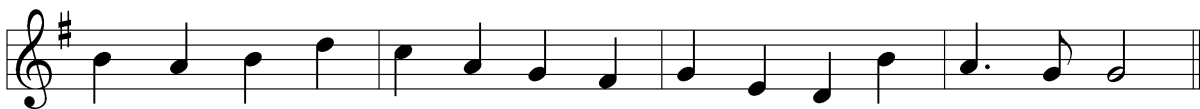
1 Hark, the voice of Je - sus call - ing, "Who will go and work to - day?
2 If you can - not speak like an - gels, if you can - not preach like Paul,
3 If you can - not be a watch - man, stand - ing high on Zi - on's wall,
4 Let none hear you i - dly say - ing, "There is noth - ing I can do,"



Fields are white and har - vests wait - ing, who will bear the sheaves a - way?"
you can tell the love of Je - sus; you can say he died for all.
point - ing out the path to heav - en, of - f'ring life and peace to all,
while the mul - ti - tudes are dy - ing and the mas - ter calls for you.



Loud and long the mas - ter calls you; rich re - ward he of - fers free.
If you can - not rouse the wick - ed with the judg - ment's dread a - larms,
with your prayers and with your boun - ties you can do what God de - mands;
Take the task he gives you glad - ly; let his work your plea - sure be.



Who will an - swer, glad - ly say - ing, "Here am I. Send me, send me?"
you can lead the lit - tle chil - dren to the Sav - ior's wait - ing arms.
you can be like faith - ful Aar - on, hold - ing up the proph - et's hands.
An - swer quick - ly when he calls you, "Here am I. Send me, send me!"



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
 2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
 3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
 4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
 bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
 joy like seed and, all our days, to
 to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
 share a dream and help the blind to see.
 cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
 pow - er'd us; we go in Je - sus' name.

WORDS OF BLESSING

Congregation stands

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for equipping us in this meal as you send us forth from this place into your mission field.

C: Go with us, Lord, so that we may faithfully proclaim your Word and live out your love in our families and communities. In your name we pray and live. Amen.

✠ Sending ✠

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save” (LBW467)

1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the
2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -
3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood up - on the cha - os
4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, all trav - 'lers guard in

The first staff of music is written on a treble clef. It contains a sequence of notes: a quarter note G4, an eighth note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, an eighth note A4, a quarter note G4, a quarter note F#4, a quarter note E4, a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, a quarter note B3, a quarter note A3, a quarter note G3, and a quarter note F3.

rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its
mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and
dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
dan - ger's hour from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: oh, hear us when we
calm a - mid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we
give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: oh, hear us when we
tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

[illegible]

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|------|----|------|------|-------|-----|--------|------|------|-----|------|------|
| cry | to | thee | for | those | in | per | - | il | on | the | sea. |
| cry | to | thee | for | those | in | per | - | il | on | the | sea. |
| cry | to | thee | for | those | in | per | - | il | on | the | sea. |
| rise | to | thee | glad | hymns | and | praise | from | land | and | sea. | |

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 ✠

SUNDAY ADULT EDUCATION: DISTRICT MISSION. Join us this week as we have the special privilege of hearing from our Southeastern District President Bill Harmon, from 9:45-10:45AM in Room 301, 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.

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE. Come join us at 5:30- 7:30 on Wednesday nights through February 7 for dinner and the continuation of a congregational study on the Gospel of John. 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. Questions? dmurphy@hopelutheranwf.org.

MISSION FAIR. Hope will be holding our Mission Fair today, 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!

KID'S MINISTRY: MADE WITH LOVE. Come to Hope's annual *Made with Love* cooking event, on 2/3 from 2-4PM. Cost is \$15 per family. It is important to make time for family always, but in February, we want to share the love and encourage families to come enjoy some homemade love. At this event, families will spend time together preparing a meal to bake at home. Register on the Kid's Ministry page on the Hope website. Questions? bagner@hopelutheranwf.org.

MIDDLE SCHOOL WINTER WONDERLAND PARTY. Come join us today at 3:30PM for a fun afternoon of winter-themed snacks and games. We will have a snowball fight, build igloos, and have fun "walking in a winter wonderland." Cost will be \$5. Sign up on the website. See y'all there. Questions? madamec@hopelutheranwf.org.

BREW COLLEGE AGE. We will be meeting on 1/25. This meeting will take place at Village Deli in The Factory. We will be starting a series over the *Sermon on the Mount* this month. Questions? madamec@hopelutheranwf.org or 832-451-5441.

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. Flowers are just so refreshing and beautiful. To know God has given us so many varieties to choose from is simply divine. The members of this team work in pairs and support each other with flower purchasing, arranging, and substituting during scheduling challenges. If you feel inspired to join this ministry or are simply interested in learning more about the Floral Team, please contact Dottie Reading at dottiereading@yahoo.com. No prior experience or training is required—veteran team members will show you everything you need to know about the process!

EXTENDED CARE PRESCHOOL TEACHER. Hope Lutheran Preschool is a Christ-centered preschool looking for an enthusiastic, energetic Extended Care Teacher who loves working with children ages 2-3 years old. Experience working with children is required. Hours for this position are Monday through Friday, 11:30AM to 5:15PM. The position is available now. Please send your resume or inquire to Regina Fisher, Preschool Director, at rfisher@hopelutheranwf.org.

THE 3 B'S (Bible, Beer, and Bourbon) Men's Small Group will be meeting 1/26 at 7PM at 1617 Heritage Links 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



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's meal is:
Hamburgers,
Hotdogs, Salad, &
Dessert

Adult Ed.

6:30–7:30 PM Room 301

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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