

Baptism
of our
Lord



WELCOME

Hope Lutheran Church

We are very happy to welcome you today to Hope Lutheran Church. May the Lord bless you in this hour of worship, draw you into the embrace of his love, and guide you by his Spirit in the week ahead.

Peace to you in the name of
Jesus Christ!

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

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!

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE. 665

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Wesley Spottiswood in honor Jillisa's birthday.

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Devin Murphy
Rev. Mike Lutz
Beth Agner
Rob Varner

Associate Pastor
Assistant Pastor
Lead Director of Education
Director of Worship Arts

Baptism of Our Lord

January 12, 2025 - 8 & 11 Services

✠ Gather ✠

PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & TIME OF GREETING

Congregation is Seated

INTROIT

"I've Just Come from the Fountain" - Michael Montgomery, Soloist

Congregation Stands

OPENING HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly
4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -
5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your
reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -
fend you; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall
dore Him! All that has life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His
lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is
dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -
prais - es be - fore Him! Let the A - men Sound from His



tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
need - ful has been Sent by His gra - cious or - dain - ing?
might - y can do As with His love He be - friends you.
peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore Him!

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

ORDER OF CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

- P** Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C** **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

APOSTOLIC GREETING

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God in the Highest



A Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



B Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

C **Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Congregation is seated

CHORAL ANTHEM (11:00AM) *"We are Singing for the Lord is Our Light"- Arr. Hopson*

✠ *Service of the Word* ✠

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 43:1–7

¹But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
"Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
³For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Cush and Seba in exchange for you.
⁴Because you are precious in my eyes,
and honored, and I love you,
I give men in return for you,
peoples in exchange for your life.
⁵Fear not, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you.

⁶I will say to the north, Give up,
and to the south, Do not withhold;
bring my sons from afar
and my daughters from the end of the earth,
⁷everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 6:1-11

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



Congregation stands

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 3:15–22

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹⁵As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

¹⁸So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. ¹⁹But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

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.

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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
 3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.
 I want to look at Je - sus.
 I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world.
 Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on the path,
 When we have run with pa - tience the race,



The star of my life is Je - sus.
 And show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 We shall know the joy of Je - sus.



Refrain

In Him there is no dark - ness at all.



The night and the day are both a - like.



The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.



Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

SERMON

"Saved to Serve" - Pastor Devin Murphy

CALL TEAM INSTALLATION

CALL TO PRAYER

O Light Whose Splendor

1 O Light whose splen - dor thrills and glad - dens
With ra - diance bright - er than the sun,
Pure gleam of God's un - end - ing glo - ry,
O Je - sus, blest A - noint - ed One;

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words.

- P** Lord, in your mercy...
- C** Hear our prayer.

✠Service of Holy Communion✠

COMMUNION INFORMATION

Communion Participation: As Christians of the Lutheran faith, 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 and Children: *Communion is ordinarily offered at Hope to youth after their first communion classes in the 5th grade. Children and youth who have not been instructed may come to the altar to receive a blessing. Children and youth who have not been instructed should fold their arms over their chest to acknowledge they are receiving the blessing.*

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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for at His Baptism Your voice from heaven revealed Him as Your beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit descended on Him, confirming Him to be the Christ. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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."

LORD'S PRAYER

- C** 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 ministers and congregation greet one another in the name of the Lord.

AGNUS DEI



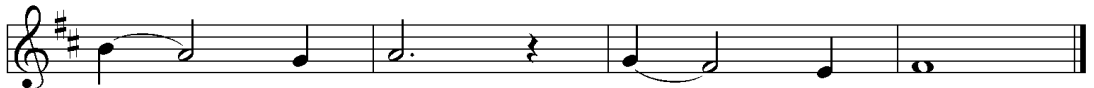
C Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

Congregation is seated

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Dearest Jesus, We Are Here



1 Dear - est Je - sus, we are here, Glad - ly Your com-
2 Your com-mand is clear and plain, And we would o -
3 There-fore we have come to You, In our arms this
4 Gra - cious Head, Your mem - ber own; Shep - herd, take Your
5 Now in - to Your heart we pour Prayers that from our



mand o - bey - ing; With this child we now draw near
bey it du - ly: "You must all be born a - gain,
in - fant bear - ing. Tru - ly here Your grace we view;
lamb and feed it; Prince of Peace, make here Your throne;
hearts pro - ceed - ed. Our pe - ti - tions heav'n - ward soar;





In re - sponse to Your own say - ing That to You it
Heart and life re - new - ing tru - ly, Born of wa - ter
May this child, Your mer - cy shar - ing, In Your arms be
Way of Life, to heav - en lead it; Pre - cious Vine, let
May our hearts' de - sires be heed - ed! Write the name we

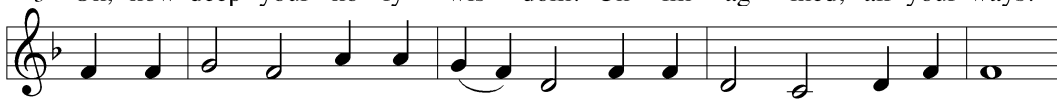


shall be giv - en As a child and heir of heav - en.
and the Spir - it, And My king - dom thus in - her - it."
shield - ed ev - er, Yours on earth and Yours for - ev - er.
noth - ing sev - er From Your side this branch for - ev - er.
now have giv - en; Write it in the book of heav - en!

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters



1 Wash, O God, our sons and daugh - ters, where your cleans - ing wa - ters flow.
2 We who bring them long for nur - ture; by your milk may we be fed.
3 Oh, how deep your ho - ly wis - dom! Un - im - ag - ined, all your ways!



Num - ber them a - mong your peo - ple; bless as Christ blessed long a - go.
Let us join your feast, par - tak - ing cup of bless - ing, liv - ing bread.
To your name be glo - ry, hon - or! With our lives we wor - ship, praise!

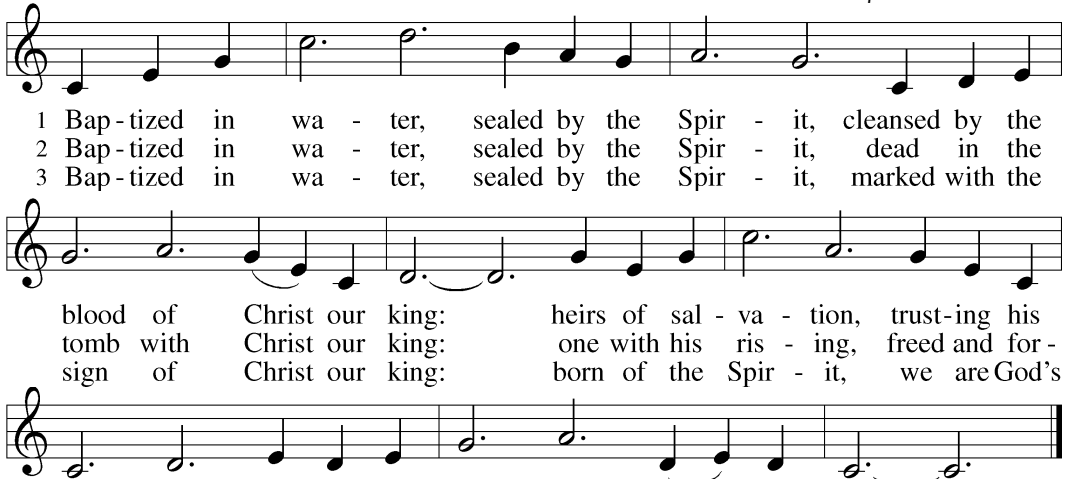


Weave them gar - ments bright and spark - ling; com - pass them with love and light.
God, re - new us, guide our foot - steps; free from sin and all its snares,
We your peo - ple stand be - fore you, wa - ter - washed and Spir - it - born.



Fill, a - noint them; send your Spir - it, ho - ly dove and heart's de - light.
one with Christ in liv - ing, dy - ing, by your Spir - it, chil - dren, heirs.
By your grace, our lives we of - fer. Re - cre - ate us; God, trans - form!

Baptized in Water



1 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
2 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
3 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust-ing his
tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's

prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

Congregation stands

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Laud and Honor to the Father

4. Laud and hon - or to the Fa - ther; Laud and hon - or
to the Son. Laud and hon - or to the Spir - it;
Ev - er Three and ev - er One. One in might and
One in glo - ry While un - end - ing a - ges run.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below each staff. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The second staff continues the melody. The third staff has a repeat sign at the beginning of the phrase 'One in might and'. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

✠ *Sending* ✠

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;
2 Crown Him, ye mar-tyrs of our God, Who from His al - tar call;
3 Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, Ye ran - somed from the fall,
4 Hail Him, ye heirs of Da-vid's line, Whom Da - vid Lord did call,



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all.
Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod And crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.
The God in - car-nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all.



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Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.
The God in - car-nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all.

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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HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS WWW.HOPELUTHERANWF.ORG

SUNDAY ADULT EDUCATION: The ACTS OF THE APOSTLES. Join us this week, from 9:45-10:45AM in Room 301, as we spend time looking at some of the major stories and highlights in the book of Acts.

PUZZLING PIECES. Join us for our Wednesday Night Alive education hour where we will explore the parables and difficult sayings Jesus teaches us in the four Gospels. Come learn how to interpret, think through, and contextualize Jesus' words so we can better apply them and teach them in our lives.

Wednesday Night Alive (WNA). Get ready for a night of friendly competition at Wednesday Night Alive's "Bingo Night." Dinner is served at 5:30PM, featuring hearty meatloaf and sides to fuel your fun. At 6:30PM, children and youth dive into interactive lessons, while adults engage in enriching Bible studies. Families are invited to play family-friendly bingo together in the Narthex, with laughter and prizes to go around. Don't miss this chance to connect with others and possibly shout "Bingo!" this Wednesday.

BE IN THE WORD EVERY DAY. If you are interested in a short email devotion every day, send your email to Pastor Mike Lutz at lutzmichaelj04@gmail.com and you will be added to the mailing list. **Some comments on these devotions are:** "Thank you for your inspiration daily." (Bev) "Thank you....for all your email messages. For me, no matter how many times I hear the Word of God, I still need it to be repeated and be reminded of His love. You do that for me and countless others. Thank you!" (Barbara) "Today's devotion is based on one of my favorite Bible Verses. I forwarded it to my cousin Miriam, whose daughter just lost the sight in her right eye. Miriam said that it was just what her family needed." (Paul)

ALTAR FLOWERS. The 2025 Flower Chart is now available. You may sign up to donate flowers in memory or in honor of loved ones or to observe special occasions. Flowers are \$55.00 and are payable online. To register go to hopelutheranwf.org/flowers. Questions? Contact Briana at bevans@hopelutheranwf.org.

CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY. Hope members, join us on Sunday, 1/26 at 1:30PM in the Sanctuary. Stay informed and vote on key issues that shape our ministry. Child care will be provided. We look forward to your participation!

VISION CASTING. Hope has invited Dr. Travis Guse from our Southeastern District to come and lead an envisioning event at Hope on Saturday, February 1st from 8:00AM-4:30PM in the Sanctuary. All are invited to this crucial event that will help set our priorities for our senior pastor call process and give us an opportunity to unite together in a shared mission as the church of our Lord, Jesus in Wake Forest. Come learn, share your feedback, and help shape our goals and vision as we move forward together as members of Hope. Childcare and lunch will be provided. RSVP on Hope's website. Questions? Contact Pastor Devin at dmurphy@hopelutheranwf.org

BEGINNING HANDBELL TRAINING WORKSHOP. On Sundays, 1/19 and 1/26, there will be a handbell workshop for interested adults from 9:45- 10:15AM in the Sanctuary. This is open to both new ringers and those seeking a refresher. Questions? Contact Rob at rvarner@hopelutheranwf.org or Karen at kjmail@aol.com.

K1 CREW SNOW MUCH FUN. Join us on today from 12:30PM to 2:00PM in the Children's Center! Enjoy a pizza lunch, an exciting snowball fight, ice skating, and fun snow-themed crafts. Don't miss this winter adventure! Cost: \$5.00 Questions? Contact Beth Agner at bagner@hopelutheranwf.org

LEVEL 23 FROZEN MOVIE NIGHT. Get ready for a magical evening with Level 23 on 1/17 from 6:30PM to 8:30PM! Enjoy a screening of Disney's *Frozen 2*, a delicious pizza dinner, and tasty snacks. Don't let it go—mark your calendars for this fun-filled night! Cost: \$5.00 Questions? Contact Beth Agner at bagner@hopelutheranwf.org

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE MUSEUM DAY-TRIP. Attention all High School Youth! Join us on 1/18 as we travel to the Bible Museum in Washington, D.C. for a day of exploration and discovery! We'll meet at the church at 8:00AM and return around 9:00PM, with stops for lunch and dinner (bring cash). The cost is \$30 for this incredible, faith-filled experience. Parents who wish to attend as drivers are invited.

BROWN BAG – STARTING OFF 2025. Begin the new year by joining Brown Bag on 1/18 at 11:00AM at Hope to make lunches. After packing and blessing them, we will head out for distribution. For easy sign-up, please visit Hope's mission page. In January, we are collecting zipper sandwich bags. Please place the bags in the wooden Brown Bag bin.