

“This is my beloved Son;
listen to him.”

Mark 9:7

TRANSFIGURATION

WELCOME TO HOPE!

*"Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!"
(Psalm 98:1)*

All who gather in the Lord's house today are part of a beautiful "new song" that we offer up to God. Your praise and thanksgiving, your prayers and adoration, your repentance and devotion are all part of the worship that we collectively give to our great and glorious God. Thank you for being with us at Hope, and for joining our "new song!"

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

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Josh and Beth Agner in honor of Bentley Agner's baptismal birthday.

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Wayne Puls
Margo Adamec

Senior Pastor
DCE Intern

TRANSFIGURATION

Holy Communion: Liturgy of Joy
February 11, 2024 ~ 11:00AM Service

PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & TIME OF GREETING

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

ORDER OF CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

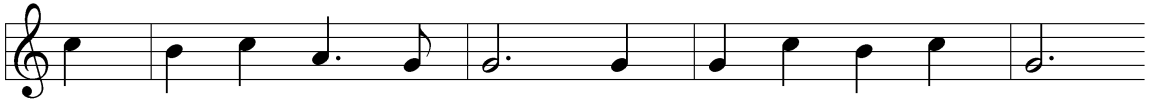
C: Amen.

HYMN

"When Morning Gilds the Skies" (LBW546)



1 When morn-ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries:
 2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:
 3 To him, my highest and best, I sing, when love pos - sessed:
 4 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heav'n is known



may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning shad - ows fall,
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! What - e'er my hands be - gin,
 than "Je - sus Christ be praised!" There to the e - ter - nal Word



this rings my cur - few call: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 has none that can com - pare with "Je - sus Christ be praised!"
 this bless - ing shall break in: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: oh, Je - sus Christ be praised!

5 Let all of humankind
 in this their concord find:
 may Jesus Christ be praised!
 Let all the earth around
 ring joyous with the sound:
 may Jesus Christ be praised!

6 Sing, sun and stars of space,
 sing, all who see his face,
 sing, "Jesus Christ be praised!"
 God's whole creation o'er,
 today and evermore,
 shall Jesus Christ be praised!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts.

C: **Transfigure us by your beloved Son and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

✠ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

Congregation is seated

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 34:29-35

When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰ Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹ But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. ³² Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the Lord had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. ³³ And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face. ³⁴ Whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, ³⁵ the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

EPISTLE LESSON

2 Corinthians 3:12-13; 4:1-6

Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, ¹³ not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end. Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. ² But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. ³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴ In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵ For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

ANTHEM

"My Heart is Steadfast, O God"
Senior Choir

Congregation stands

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 9:2-9

And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³ and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴ And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. ⁵ And Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” ⁶ For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷ And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, “This is my beloved Son; listen to him.” ⁸ And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only. ⁹ And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

** “universal” (original wording of the Creed; portraying God’s perspective that the whole of God’s people on earth are truly one In Christ)*

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 Intern Margo Adamec.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"How Good, Lord, To Be Here" (LBW89)



- 1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;
- 2 How good, Lord, to be here! your beau - ty to be - hold
- 3 Ful - fill - er of the past and hope of things to be,
- 4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;
- 5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;



your face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.
where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.
we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - demp - tion see.
we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.
but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

SERMON

"The Splendor To Come"

Pastor Wayne Puls

Congregation stands

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words.

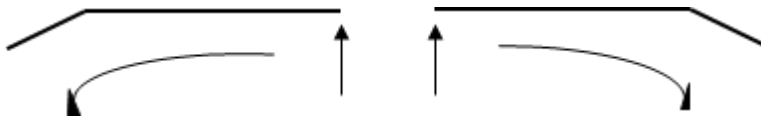
P: Lord, in your mercy...

C: Hear our prayer.

✠ 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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

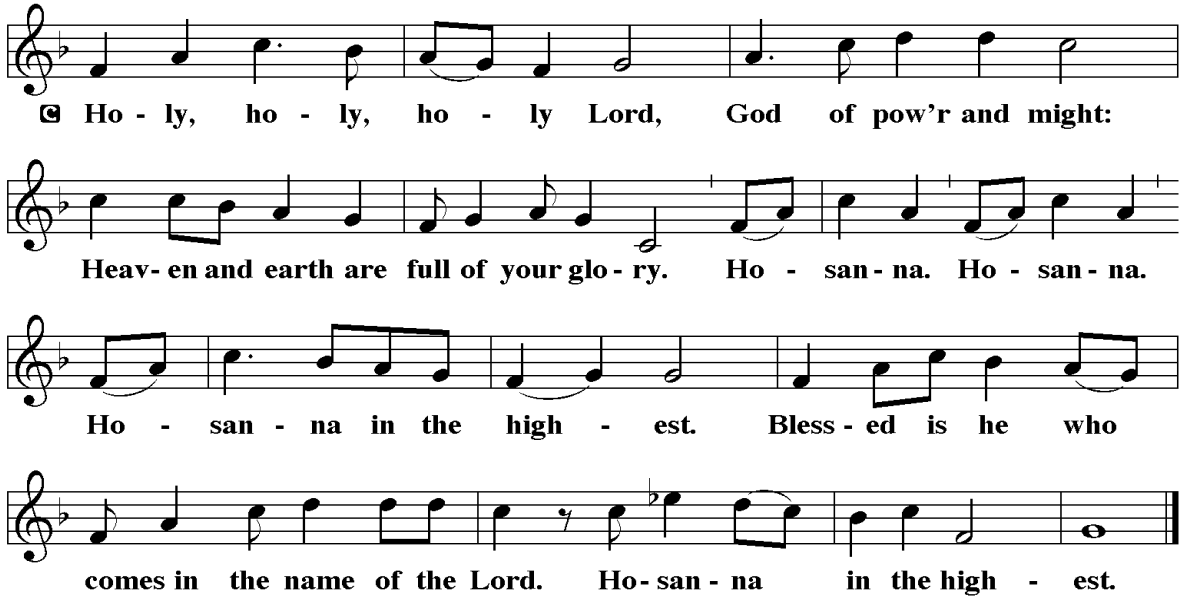
C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

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

P: It is indeed right that we should offer thanks and praise to you, Lord God, eternal Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.
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

**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.

COMMUNION SONG

"Come Share the Lord" (TCH462)

1. We gath - er here in Je - sus' name; His love is burn - ing in our
2. He joins us here; He breaks the bread. The Lord who pours the cup is
3. We'll gath - er soon where an - gels sing; We'll see the glo - ry of our

hearts like liv - ing flame, For thro' the lov - ing Son, The Fa - ther
ris - en from the dead. The one we love the most Is now our
Lord and com - ing King. Now we an - tic - i - pate The feast for

makes us one: Come, take the bread; come, drink the cup; come, share the Lord.
gra - cious host: Come, take the bread; come, drink the cup; come, share the Lord.
which we wait: Come, take the bread; come, drink the cup; come, share the Lord.

Congregation is seated

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION SONGS

"O Happy Day When We Shall Stand" (LBW351)



1 Oh, hap - py day when we shall stand in heav - en with the
2 Oh, bless - ed day when Christ shall come and show him - self as
3 Oh, what a might - y rush - ing flood of joy and love and
4 O Lord, your grace is ev - 'ry - thing; your love has made us



saved; all peo - ples at the Lord's right hand shall
Lord, and thou - sands meet in their new home which
peace will roll down o - ver us with good and
free to stand a - mong the saints and sing the



find their names en - graved, shall find their names en - graved.
Je - sus has pre - pared, which Je - sus has pre - pared.
bless - ed - ness and grace, and bless - ed - ness and grace.
glo - ry that we see, the glo - ry that we see.

"Arise, Your Light Has Come" (WOV652)

1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun-tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap-tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart-ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

WORDS OF BLESSING

Congregation stands

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Grant that we who have received the sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.**
Amen.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

"Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise" (WOV801)



1 Thine the a - men thine the praise al - le - lu - ias an - gels raise
 2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly thine the prom - ise let there be
 3 Thine the tru - ly thine the yes thine the ta - ble we the guest
 4 Thine the king - dom thine the prize thine the won - der full sur - prise
 5 Thine the glo - ry in the night no more dy - ing on - ly light



thine the ev - er - last - ing head thine the break - ing of the bread
 thine the vi - sion thine the tree all the earth on bend - ed knee
 thine the mer - cy all from thee thine the glo - ry yet to be
 thine the ban - quet then the praise then the jus - tice of thy ways
 thine the riv - er thine the tree then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly



thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry thine the har - vest then the cup
 gone the nail - ing gone the rail - ing gone the plead - ing gone the cry
 then the ring - ing and the sing - ing then the end of all the war
 thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry then the wel - come to the least
 then the ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee



thine the vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
 gone the sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
 thine the liv - ing thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
 then the won - der all in - creas - ing at thy feast at thy feast.
 thine the splen - dor thine the bright - ness on - ly thee on - ly thee.

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



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: Holy Communion Setting One and Hymns from Lutheran Book of Worship, © 1978. Used by permission of Augsburg Fortress license 2570-L. Selected hymns from Lutheran Book of Worship, © 1978 by Augsburg Fortress, Used by permission. Selected hymns from With One Voice © 1995 by Augsburg Fortress, Used by permission. Onelicense.net#A701721. Selected hymns from The Celebration Hymnal, © 1997 by Word/Integrity. Used with permission. CCLI License #1223330.

✠ NEWS & EVENTS ✠

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

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

ASH WEDNESDAY. Join us this Wednesday, 7:00-8:00PM, as we receive the imposition of ashes and start our mid-week Lenten services leading up to Easter.

NEW MEMBER CLASS. If you have been worshipping at Hope, it's time to consider officially joining our congregation! Making a commitment to become a church member is a big step, but it is a great way to solidify your spiritual beliefs and to invest in a spiritual home for your life. Learn more about Lutheran teachings and practices, and about the ministries and mission of Hope Lutheran Church, at our eight-week Spring New Member Class. The class meets on Sunday mornings, March 3- April 28 (except Easter) 9:45-10:45AM, Room 300. Contact Pastor Wayne or Pastor Devin for details.

PINE STRAW SALE. Are your landscape beds in need of a freshening up? Hope youth attending the summer mission trip are selling bales of fresh, premium pine straw for \$6/bale, with free delivery for orders of more than 20 bales. You can order at the table after services February 4 and 11 or online on Hope's website. Bales will be delivered or available for pick-up Saturday, March 2. Questions? wspottiswood@hopelutheranwv.org.

SUPER BOWL CHILI SALE. The Men of Hope are back again with their famous Chili Sale. Come by today before and after services. The group will be selling three types of chili: a mild beef, vegetable, and white chicken. The cost is \$8 a quart. The Men of Hope prepare and cook the chili Saturday morning using the freshest ingredients, yielding a hearty and healthy meal. Please plan to buy a couple of quarts and have something great for your Super Bowl viewing (or freeze for a later meal). All proceeds go towards the Men of Hope's funding to support various church and community needs.

LENTEN SOUP AND SANDWICH. Beginning February 21, Men of Hope will be serving soup and sandwich before each of the midweek Lent services on Wednesdays, from 5:30-6:15PM each Wednesday. A free-will donation supports Men of Hope's service projects.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER. Come out on February 13, from 5:30-7PM, and get all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, and bacon. Men of Hope will be cooking plain, chocolate chip, and blueberry pancakes. Gluten-free pancakes are available on request. The cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children and youth, and children under 5 are free. There is a maximum charge of \$24 per family. All proceeds go towards the Men of Hope's funding to support various church and community needs.

BLOOD DRIVE. Hope will be hosting a blood drive on 2/17, from 11:30AM- 4:30PM. The Blood Connection bus will be parked outside the Youth Center. Along with the lifesaving gift of blood that your donation will provide, you will receive a \$25 gift card as well as a \$25 donation made to TWOLA, a mental health organization, in honor of Jeremy Moran. Please come out if you can and pass the word to your friends and family.

BREW YOUNG PROFESSIONALS. We will be meet on 2/15 at 7:00PM at Norse Brewing to continue our series on Joseph. Questions? madamec@hopelutheranwf.org.

JOIN BROWN BAG to sow some seeds and spread God's love here in Wake Forest. We will meet 2/17 at 11AM in the foyer outside of the Children's Center. After the bags are packed and blessed, we will head out to distribute them at a local neighborhood. Please sign up on Hope's website. Question? Nancy Repak at kapernan@gmail.com.

LITTLE BLESSINGS. Parent's Morning Out Program (ages 0-2) registration for church members and currently enrolled families is on Monday, February 19, 2024, and will be done online. Any church members interested in enrolling your child for the Little Blessings 2024-2025 session, please contact Tracy Zwickis at littleblessings@hopelutheranwf.org for instructions.

SUMMER EXPRESSIONS is Hope Lutheran Preschool's half day and full day summer program. This year's fun-filled program will be held from May 28 through August 9 for rising 2 year olds through rising kindergarteners (all children must be 2-5 as of August 31, 2024). Class is from 8:30AM to 12:00PM. Early care is available from 7:00-8:15AM, and Extended Enrichment is available from 12:00-5:00PM. Classes are weekly, and you can sign up for as many or as few weeks as you would like. See our website, www.hopelutheranwf.org/preschool, for more information. Registration begins on February 23, 2024. Spaces are on a first come, first serve basis and fill quickly, so register early!

WALK OF FAME FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE. Get your kicks and fits on for Hope's Father-Daughter dance on 4/5. Mark your calendar for 3/1 to get tickets for this amazing night of family fun with dancing, photo booths, desserts, and refreshments. Open to all daughters who want to dance with their first love, their dad! Save the date to register. Questions? bagner@hopelutheranwf.org.

K1 CREW: GROW WITH JESUS. Spring into Spring with K1 Crew! February 25, 12:15-2:00PM. We will paint pots and plant flowers to take home and watch grow. Fun games and lunch are included as well! Sign up on Hope's website. Questions? bagner@hopelutheranwf.org.

MIDDLE SCHOOL & CLUB 45. This month we are going to Galaxy Fun Park. Come join us on 2/23. Drop-off is from 5:30-6:00PM at Galaxy Fun Park. Our jump time starts at 6:00PM. This will be a joint event with Club 45 and Middle School! Cost is \$25. Please fill out the waiver and pay with either cash or check at drop-off. Sign up on the website. Questions? madamec@hopelutheranwf.org.

MIDDLE SCHOOL. You're invited to the 6-8 Grade Southeastern District Youth Gathering (DYG) on April 12-14 in Williamsburg, Virginia! What is the DYG? It's an incredible opportunity for Jr. High Youth to gather in the name of Jesus to worship, pray, play, serve, and learn together with youth from all over the East Coast! Cost is \$230 and includes transportation, SED registration fees, hotel accommodation, meals and a gathering T-Shirt. Last day to sign up is 2/26. Scholarships are available. Not included in the price is Friday dinner. Bring cash for this dinner on the drive to Williamsburg. Questions? madamec@hopelutheranwf.org.

WINTER TREK MARCH. High School youth are invited for a weekend of fellowship and spiritual growth as we trek to Camp Willow Springs. We will do fun activities that the camp has to offer as well as other games and devotions throughout the weekend. Cost is \$125 per person and includes 3 meals on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday. We will depart from Hope on Friday, March 8 and return on Sunday, March 10. Last day to sign up is February 11. Scholarships are available upon request and need. All payments must be made via check or cash. Questions? 818-642-7570.

HIGH SCHOOL SERVICE SUNDAY. High School Youth are invited to come serve at Cadence Assisted Living Wake Forest on Sunday, February 25. Youth will meet in the parking lot at 1:50PM. We will then lead a group bingo and game event for the seniors who live on-site. We will end at 3:30PM. Text DCE Wesley Spottiswood to sign-up (818-642-7570).