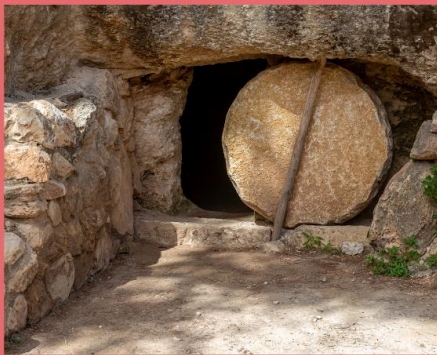


Easter SUNDAY



Welcome to Hope Lutheran Church!

Thank you for your presence today!



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! Happy Easter! Please join us again for worship, on Saturdays at 5:30PM or Sundays at 8:30 or 11:00AM.

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!

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Wayne Puls
Rev. Devin Murphy
Beth Agner

Senior Pastor
Associate Pastor
Lead Director of Christian Education

Easter Sunday

The Resurrection of Our Lord
Festival Service
March 31, 2024 ~ 9:30AM



PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

“Resurrection Medley”

INTROIT

“Christus Resurrexit”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregation turns to face the processional cross.

EASTER GREETING

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

C: **Amen.**

P: The Lord is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: Darkness has been vanquished, and death has been conquered!

C: **The brilliant light of hope has come, and Christ the Lord has won the victory!**

P: Come, let us worship and celebrate the Good News of Easter!

C: **Christ is risen! Christ is alive! Christ is triumphant! Amen.**

Congregation turns toward the altar as the processional cross passes.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today” (LBW151)



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
Now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

EASTER PRAYER

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, you give us the joy of celebrating our Lord's resurrection.

C: Give us also the joys of life in your service, and bring us at last to the full joy of life eternal, through Jesus Christ, our resurrected Lord and Savior. Amen.

✠ *God's Word Gives Life* ✠

Congregation is seated

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ²and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. ³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was

raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep.⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. "Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

EASTER SUNDAY ANTHEM

"Was It a Morning Like This"
Adult Choir

Congregation stands

HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:1-18

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb.² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him."³ So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb.⁴ Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.⁵ And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in.⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there,⁷ and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself.⁸ Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed;⁹ for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead.¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to their homes.¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb.¹² And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet.¹³ They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him."¹⁴ Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus.¹⁵ Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away."¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher).¹⁷ Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.

✠ *New Life in Baptism* ✠

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL FAITH AND VOWS

P: Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

C: **Yes, I renounce them.**

P: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

C: **Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son?

C: **Yes, I believe 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.**

P: Do you believe in God, the Holy Spirit?

C: **Yes, 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.**

P: Do you promise to abide in the faith and in the covenant of your Baptism, and, as members of the church, to be diligent in the use of the means of grace and in prayer?

C: **Yes, by the help of God.**

P: May almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and has forgiven all our sins, strengthen us with his grace unto life everlasting.

C: **Amen.**

SHARING OF PEACE

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

C: **And also with you.**

SONG OF EASTER PRAISE

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. **☐** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was

slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. II Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and



al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. I Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and



al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. II For the Lamb who was



✠ *New Life 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 Lead DCE Beth Agner

EASTER SONG

"In Christ Alone"



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my
2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full-ness of God in help - less
3. There in the ground His bod-y lay, Light of the world by dark - ness
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in



song; This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id Ground, firm through the
babe! This gift of love and right - eous - ness, scorned by the
slain; Then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious Day, up from the
me; From life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com -



fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of
ones He came to save. Till on that cross as Je - sus
grave He rose a - gain! And as He stands in vic - to -
-mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of



peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease. My Com-fort- er, my All in
died, the wrath of God was sat - is - fied. For ev - 'ry sin on Him was
-ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on me; For I am His and He is
man, can ev - er pluck me from His hand; Till He re - turns or calls me



All, here in the love of Christ I stand.
laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.
mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

SERMON

“A Very Personal Easter”
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 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.

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen.

Congregation turns and faces the processional cross during the recessional hymn

HYMN OF EASTER TRIUMPH

“Thine is the Glory” (LBW145)



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - qu'ring Son;
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb!
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life;



end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!
Lov - ing - ly he greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom;
life is nought with - out thee; aid us in our strife;

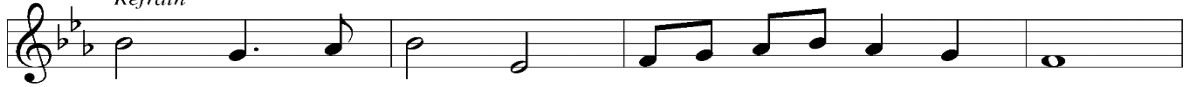


An - gels in bright rai - ment rolled the stone a - way,
let his church with glad - ness hymns of tri - umph sing,
make us more than con - qu'rors, through thy death-less love;



kept the fold - ed grave - clothes where thy bod - y lay.
for the Lord now liv - eth; death hath lost its sting!
bring us safe through Jor - dan to thy home a - bove.

Refrain



Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - qu'ring Son;



end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

EASTER DISMISSAL

P: The Lord is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

POST-SERVICE MUSIC

“La Rejouissance”



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THE EASTER LILIES adorning the church today are given by:

Josh & Beth Agner in memory of Lauren Hugelmaier

Mike & Pam Montgomery in memory of Richard Yarger

Mike & Pam Montgomery in memory of George Montgomery

Margaret Carlson in memory of Roy Carlson

Andy & Nancy Hoh in memory of Patti Babij

Ronald Tanciar in memory of Betty J. Tanciar

Paul & Rene Hieter in memory of their loved ones

Bill & Sue Seaman in memory of Luke Edwards

Bill & Sue Seaman in memory of their loved ones

Larry & Marlene Lineberger in memory of Tony Lineberger

William & Dee Parsons in memory of Muriel Feldman

Jennifer Lurner in memory of Harry & Dolores Lurner

Familia Godoy-Morales in honor of the people of Hope who welcomed them with open arms a
year ago

Christine Moran in memory of Jeremy Moran

Jerry & Connie Hedberg in memory of their parents

Bob & Vickie Herring in memory of their loved ones

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Mitchell & Barbara Lance in memory of all the saints who have come before them

Erin Ames in memory of Jean Ames

Lyle & Camellia Berglund in memory of Gaye Thomas; & her oldest son, Jim Thomas

Jill Schaefer in memory of Melvin Valerius; and Walter & Angeline Schaefer

Dennis & Linda Hutson in memory of Helen Hutson & Ilga Rady-Pentek

Kathleen Jarchow in memory of Kenneth Jarchow

George Olson in memory of Susan Olson

Wesley & Jillisa Spottiswood in memory of John Spottiswood

Wesley & Jillisa Spottiswood in memory of Shirley Lee

Wesley & Jillisa Spottiswood in memory of Carol Fendor

Wesley & Jillisa Spottiswood in memory of Betty Rowe

Jonathan & Lana Kriebs in memory of Linda Hughart

Jonathan & Lana Kriebs in memory of Harry Wells

Jonathan & Lana Kriebs in memory of John Kriebs

Neil & Helen Turner in memory of Kathleen

Neil & Helen Turner in memory of their parents

Glenn & Caryl Ott in memory of their loved ones

Chris & Karra Athey in memory of Gramps, Dr. Michael Soranno

Chris & Karra Athey in memory of Granddad Athey

Jerry & Liz Garlington in memory of their parents

Thomas Pearson in memory of his wife, Jacqueline

Karen Taylor in memory of her mother, Evelyn Ann Ringler

Keith & Sandy Cochran in memory of Brad Eargle

Jim & Karen Peterson in memory of Charles & Norma Grover

Jim & Karen Peterson in memory of James Peterson Sr.

Michael & Lisa Marchetta in memory of Helene Cozine

Preston & Lana Wagner in memory of their parents, Arthur & Thelma Wagner;

and Byron & Hazel Waite
 Matthew & Karen Noon in memory of Patricia Stasicky
 David & Lisa Rummel in honor of their children; Bryce, Stephanie, & Connor
 Ken & JoAnn Kempel in memory of their parents, Walter & Dottie Tricker; Fred & Dot Kempel
 Tom & Barbara Readling in memory of their parents
 Michael & Sue Meehan in honor of the Schindler & Meehan families
 Rosie Miller in memory of Dave Carte & Bill Miller
 Dick & Trudy Rogers in memory of their parents & grandson
 Don & Bonnie Yakopcic in memory of Tom Sonia Pullar
 Don & Bonnie Yakopcic in memory of Frank & Ann Yakopcic
 David & Claudia Van Hook in honor of our resurrected Savior
 David & Claudia Van Hook in memory of their parents
 Ken & Barb Newcomer in memory of Ted Fleagle
 Ken & Barb Newcomer in memory of Esther Fleagle
 Robert & Mary Owens in honor of granddaughter Lindsay Owens graduating from UGA
 Robert & Mary Owens in honor of grandson Ethan Bau graduating from Lafayette Univ.
 The Repak family in memory of Edward, Mary, & June Galusha; John & Josie Repak
 Rosie Miller in memory of Dave Carte & Bill Miller
 Pastor Mike & Liz Lutz in memory of their parents
 Alex & Amanda Schandert in memory of Maureen Schandert & Clint Hulbert
 The Bowling Family in memory of Joe & Shirley Bowling
 The Bowling Family in memory of Sam Harvey, Jr.
 Bob Naegeli & Kellie Spurlock in memory of Don Spurlock, Ron & Carolyn Naegeli
 Shanon Ryals in memory of Janice Faucher, Gene Ryals, and our parents
 Cyndy Wolf in memory of her mother, Carol Jefferys
 Bryan & Heather Weitzel in memory of Heidi Christine Ziegler & their grandparents
 Todd & Kathryn Marker in honor of KC & Kenan Credle
 Eric & Lisa Lugo in memory of Hanna Lugo
 Hank & Anita Rivera in memory of Alfred Probsdorfer; and loved ones
 Anita Rivera in honor and thanksgiving of the GALS group
 James & Kara Lockhart in memory of James B. Lockhart
 James & Kara Lockhart in memory of Paula Marie Lockhart
 Brian & Tracy Gentry in memory of Roxanne Gartland
 Rocky & Kathy Piscineri in memory of Roxanne Gartland
 Lynda & Conrad Watson in memory of their parents
 E. Philip Sebastian in memory of Linda Sebastian
 Keith & Heather Marine in memory of April May Marine
 Jim & Sandee Kosmar in memory of their parents.

Weekends at Hope

Hope is a place to worship God and to grow in faith. We have three worship service times to fit your needs. During our education hour, all age groups can find classes in which to engage in a meaningful way.

Worship Services

Saturdays at 5:30PM; Sundays at 8:30 & 11:00AM

Adult Education

9:45-10:45AM

VOCABULARY OF FAITH. Have you ever felt confused by the terminology we use in church like "justification," "confession," or "incarnation?" Would you like to delve a little deeper or have a better understanding of them? On Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights during April, we will be exploring eight different words that define and guide our faith. In addition to studying how the Scriptures help us understand these words, we will look at a corresponding article from the Augsburg Confession to help explain and define them. Come gain a fresh appreciation and approachable way towards understanding important words of your faith.

Sunday School

9:45-10:45AM

Ages 2 & under- Nursery

Preschool Jam- Preschool Room 1

K1 Crew- Lower Level Children Center Room 1

Level 23- Lower Level Children's Center Room 2

Club 45- Room 219- across from Nursery

Confirmation - designated area based on the schedule

Middle School- Youth Center

High School- Youth Center

Nursery Care

Ages 4 and under are welcome to join our nursery team for a fun and safe place to play while you are in church services or Adult Education.

Children's Church

Ages 4 through Grade 3 are able to join Children's Church following the Children's Message.

Wednesday Night Alive

April 10–May 1

This spring, you're invited to Hope for Wednesday Night Alive. There is something for everyone – dinner, adult education, youth & kid activities, and choir rehearsals – in a fun, relaxed atmosphere. Visit www.hopelutheranwf.org/WNA for more information and the weekly menu.

Dinner

5:30-6:15 PM

The Men of Hope Small Group provides a delicious meal, dessert, and drinks each week. 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.

Adult Education

6:30-7:30 PM

VOCABULARY OF FAITH. Have you ever felt confused by the terminology we use in church like "justification," "confession," or "incarnation?" Join us on Wednesday nights as we to continue our study exploring these important words of faith using the Scriptures and the Augsburg Confession. Come gain a fresh appreciation and an approachable way to understand important words of your faith.

Kids & Youth Activities

6:30-7:30 PM

2 & Under- Nursery

Preschool Jam - Preschool Room 1

K1 Crew- Children's Center

Level 23- Children's Center

Club 45- Club 45 Room

Middle School - Youth Center

Music

5:00 Children's Choir (Grades K-5)

5:45 Children's Handbells (Grades 2-5)

6:15-7:30: Adult Handbells in the Sanctuary

7:30-9:15: Senior Choir in the Sanctuary

Local Missions

As a church, we are outward-focused in many ways. We believe Christ's Word and love has made a profound impact on our lives, and we are excited to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community. You are welcome to join in any of the following opportunities listed below or find more opportunities online at www.hopelutheranwf.org/missions.

Habitat of Wake County

We need your hearts, hands, enthusiasm, and energy. Join Habitat as we work to build safe and affordable homes in the Old Poole Place neighborhood in southeast Raleigh. Sign up for workdays using the Habitat website (habitatwake.volunteerhub.com/vv2/). Days with spots still available are 4/4, 4/26, 5/16, and 5/30. Contact Roger Madariaga (919-608-5273) with questions on how to get involved in loving your neighbors. All skill levels are welcome.

Friday Night on White

Hope will be having a booth at Wake Forest's biggest event of the year, Friday Night on White, in 2024. These events happen once a month. To make this work we have volunteers staff these booths to help engage people in the community while passing out free water and merch. This is a great way to meet people in the community and let them know all the ministries Hope has to offer. For more information, and to sign up to help, please contact DCE Wesley Spottiswood at wspottiswood@hopelutheranwf.org.

ESL Classes

Our church offers English as Second Language classes for neighbors who are new to our country. Friendly, warm, welcoming volunteers are needed to serve as teachers, assistant teachers, and substitute teachers. No language skills or teaching experience required. Volunteers serve either on Tuesday or Thursday evenings. Contact Mike Dennen (m.dennen@icloud.com) or Pastor Wayne Puls (wpuls@hopelutheranwf.org) for details.

Stitches of Hope

The women of this small group gather on Tuesday afternoons at 1PM to quilt, knit, and crochet with the intent to learn, teach others, and share the results with missions in our community. Current mission outreach projects include:

- Baptism quilts and banners, prayer shawls and lap robes
- Baby burp cloths for Human Coalition
- Quilts, afghans, and pillow cases for Myra's Angels
- Quilts for Hope & Vine
- Quilts and pillow cases for Durham Rescue Mission

Kids & Youth

Preschool Jam

Preschool Jam is programming for 3, 4, and 5 year olds. The primary focus is building a foundation that allows for children to gain an understanding of who Jesus is, and how he is part of their life. This group participates in family programming to allow for an environment of fellowship and fun.

K1 Crew

K1 Crew is for our Kindergarteners and first graders. This group builds off of the lessons learned in preschool and works on developing their relationship with Jesus as well as with Christian friends. This group participates in a combination of family fellowship activities as well as activities just for them specifically.

Level 23

Level 23 is for our 2nd and 3rd grade kids. This group focuses on Bible literacy. Learning how to navigate and find verses in the Bible as well as starting to connect Bible learnings to their personal lives. This group's milestone is to receive a Bible in their 2nd or 3rd grade year. They participate in a combination of family fellowship activities as well as activities just for them specifically.

Club 45

Club 45 is for 4th and 5th grade kids. This group spends two years going through a Bible Overview as a preparation for Confirmation classes (in 6th and 7th grade). They spend time learning about prayer and how to feel comfortable praying to God within a group. This group's milestone is to receive first communion in the 5th grade after attending classes in January. They participate in a combination of family fellowship activities as well as activities just for them specifically.

Middle School

Here we focus on our Middle Schoolers (6-8 Grade) not only having fun and making friends but also learning about God. Our discussions center around how to live as young people of God, using his Word as our guide. Youth group meets Wednesday nights where we play games and eat snacks all while hearing what God has to say to us.

High School

Hope's youth learn what it means to be a child of God amidst the world we face today. Each month we dive into a hot topic that affects the youth's daily life, all paired up with fun, food, and friends. Youth group meets weekly on Sunday nights with monthly events, and pop-up events. These events can be anything from lock-in's to meeting for lunch at Culvers.