



***LIVING IN  
CHRIST'S  
LOVE***

# WELCOME TO HOPE



Welcome to Hope Lutheran Church! We are happy to greet you in the name of Jesus, our loving Savior. We pray that God's Spirit will be at work in your heart and mind, as you hear the Word today and remember the story of God's sacrificial love for you in Christ. If you are visiting Hope today, please introduce yourself to one of the pastors God's blessings on your hour of worship today!



**WORSHIP CHECK-IN.** Please take a moment to check in online on the homepage of Hope's website ([www.hopelutheranwf.org](http://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!

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Rachel Raynor in memory of Jeremy Moran.

## LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Wayne Puls

Senior Pastor

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Holy Communion: River of Life Setting

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

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## **✠ *GATHERING* ✠**

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

### **PRELUDE**

### **WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & TIME OF GREETING**

### **EASTER GREETING**

**P:** The Lord is risen!

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

### **INVOCATION**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Father in heaven, we thank you for the freedom you have given us through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. You have welcomed us into your holy family, and given us a new identity through Christ. But we confess today that we often live like slaves. Instead of rejoicing in your love for us, we avoid you in shame and guilt. Instead of receiving your favor as a gift, we try to earn it with our efforts. Instead of accepting your freedom, we prefer our chains. Instead of pursuing your purposes, we cling to our short-sighted agendas. Forgive us. Embrace us. Cleanse us. Heal us. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

### **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

## HYMN

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives" (LBW352)



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort  
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who  
ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!  
throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;  
he lives, and I shall conquer death;  
he lives my mansion to prepare;  
he lives to bring me safely there.

8 He lives, all glory to his name!  
He lives, my Savior, still the same;  
what joy this blest assurance gives:  
I know that my Redeemer lives!

## 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. O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world, rescuing us from the hopelessness of death.

**C:** Grant your faithful people a share in the joys that are eternal; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Congregation is seated*

## ✠ BAPTISM ✠

God's cleansing waters bring grace on a personal level.

(11:00AM)

## TROY DANIEL MCALISTER

Birthdate: 12/15/2023

Parents: Taylor & Josephine McAlister

Sponsors: Sean & Caylen McAlister

## BAPTISM HYMN

*"See This Wonder in the Making" (vs. 1-2)*



1 See this won - der in the mak - ing: God him -  
2 Mir - a - cle each time it hap - pens As the  
self this child is tak - ing As a lamb safe in his  
door to heav - en o - pens And the Fa - ther beams, "Be -  
keep - ing, His to be, a - wake or sleep - ing.  
lov - ed, Heir of gifts a king would cov - et!"

## ✠ WORD ✠

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

### FIRST LESSON

Acts 3:11-16

While he clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's. <sup>12</sup> And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? <sup>13</sup> The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup> But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, <sup>15</sup> and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup> And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all."

### SECOND LESSON

1 John 3:1-7

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup> Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup> And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. <sup>4</sup> Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup> You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup> No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup> Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

*Congregation stands*

### ALLELUIA VERSE



## **HOLY GOSPEL**

**Luke 24:36-49**

As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!”<sup>37</sup> But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit.<sup>38</sup> And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?”<sup>39</sup> See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.”<sup>40</sup> And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.<sup>41</sup> And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?”<sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish,<sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate before them.<sup>44</sup> Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,<sup>46</sup> and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead,<sup>47</sup> and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.<sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things.<sup>49</sup> And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

## **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 Pastor Wayne Puls.*



## HYMN OF THE DAY

"Children of the Heavenly Father" (LBW474)



- 1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
- 2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour-ish.
- 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil-dren sev - er;
- 4 Though he giv - eth or he tak-eth, God his chil-dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



nest-ling bird or star in heav - en such a ref - uge ne'er was giv - en.  
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.  
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.  
his the lov - ing pur-pose sole - ly to pre-serve them pure and ho - ly.

## "LIVING IN CHRIST'S LOVE" SERMON

"Seeing Clearly"

Pastor Wayne Puls

## ANTHEM (11:00AM)

"Lord of the Dance"

Adult Choir

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 5<sup>th</sup> 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” (WOV709)

*Refrain*



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



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

*repeat twice*

Congregation is seated

## DISTRIBUTION SONGS

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!” (LBW144)



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the  
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; bring flow'rs of  
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that  
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -



tri - umph of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:  
song to strew his way; let all the world re - joice and say:  
life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
day with one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



"The Day of Resurrection" (ELW361)



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,  
2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right  
3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,  
4 Then praise we God the Fa - ther, and praise we Christ his Son,



the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.  
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,  
let all the world keep tri - umph and all that is there - in.  
with them the Ho - ly Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One;



From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,  
and lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend;  
till all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,



our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.  
for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end!  
and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry, as - cribe to God a - lone!

## WORDS OF BLESSING

*Congregation stands*

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

# ✠ SENDING ✠

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

## BENEDICTION

## CLOSING HYMN

“On Our Way Rejoicing” (LBW260)

1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.  
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;

Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.  
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;

Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;  
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,

who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?  
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

*Refrain*  
On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,

hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

## 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!

## POSTLUDE



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**SUNDAY ADULT EDUCATION: VOCABULARY OF FAITH.** Join us this week, from 9:45-10:45AM in Room 301, as we look at important words of our faith that may need explanation and investigation. This week our word is “justification” We will study how the Scriptures and our confessions define and explain the learn. Learn what this word means for our relationship with God, our state as human beings, and our future with Christ.

**BROWN BAG** will meet 4/20, 11:00AM to make and distribute lunches. Join in the fellowship and fun as we make lunches and distribute them in a local neighborhood. Please sign up on Hope's page. Contact Nancy Repak with any questions kapernan@gmail.com.

**STITCHES OF HOPE** is having a workshop on 4/30 beginning at 9AM in rooms 301. This will be an all-day event and lunch will be provided. We will be assisting with a sewing project of bowties and cummerbunds, as well as sewing mission quilt tops, assembling mission quilt kits and creating baptism quilt kits. Come join the fun and lively conversation!

**BALTIMORE BRIDGE COLLAPSE.** Baltimore-area Lutheran churches are helping provide food and other resources for sailors stranded in the port, for out-of-work dock workers, and for the families of those who lost lives. If you'd like to support the efforts with a financial donation, make your check out to Hope, noted “Baltimore Relief.” Gift cards for food purchases for “Baltimore Relief” may be sent to the Hope church office, as well (Target, Walmart, Harris Teeter). Thanks for caring for our hurting neighbors!

**WOMEN'S SPRING RETREAT.** Join the women of Hope and learn how God can weed out anxiety at the “Growing a Faith Garden” Women's Retreat, on April 26-27 at Hope. Cost: \$75 dinner/lunch and snacks provided. Sign up on the Women's Ministry page. Questions? bagner@hopelutheranwf.org.

**DO YOU LIKE TO TRAVEL?** Consider traveling with Pastor Mike & Liz Lutz to Croatia, Slovenia and the Adriatic Coast October 24 - November 6, 2024 departing Raleigh-Durham Airport. The cost is \$4,599 through April 25 - double occupancy. This is their twenty-sixth group tour. If you are interested, or wish a brochure, please let them know at 586-739-3568 or lutzmichaelj04@gmail.com. They also have a website for more information (<https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1219043>).

**MOTHER-SON GAME NIGHT.** All mothers and sons! Come out on 4/19 for dinner and game night. A fun time from 6-8PM in the Children's Center. Cost is \$10 per person, \$30 family max. Sign up on the Kids Ministry page. Questions? [bagner@hopelutheranwf.org](mailto:bagner@hopelutheranwf.org).

## VBS COLLECTING ITEMS

Vacation Bible School is coming soon! We are collecting recyclable. We would appreciate any of these items that you are willing to give. Donations can be dropped off in the wooden donation bins in the café area, or the church office.



- pool noodles
- egg cartoons
- plastic colored table cloths
- cardboard boxes
- clear fishing line
- ribbon
- packing peanuts
- colored tissue paper



Questions: [VBS@hopelutheranwf.org](mailto:VBS@hopelutheranwf.org).



# HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

## JUNE 24-28, 2024

Guarantee your kid's spot by:

1. Sign up for Xplore Track Out at Hope
2. Volunteer for the full week of VBS
3. Sign up for Evening VBS

**SIGN UP AT [HOPELUTHERANWF.ORG/VBS](https://hopelutheranwf.org/vbs)**  
**QUESTIONS? [VBS@HOPELUTHERANWF.ORG](mailto:VBS@HOPELUTHERANWF.ORG)**



# WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE

April 10 – May 1  
[www.hopelutheranwfb.org/wna](http://www.hopelutheranwfb.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

Take a night off from cooking and join Hope for dinner. At WNA we will come together to eat and have a little fun. Each week will be themed. Dinner is served from 5:30–6:30PM. Cost: \$6/ adults, \$3/ Kids (5–10), under 5 free, \$22 family max.

This Week's Menu:  
pulled pork, baked  
beans, potato salad,  
salad, dessert

## Education

6:30–7:30PM

- 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
- Adults  
Room 301

## Theme Nights

- 4/17– Blah Blah Blah–  
Mad Libs
- 4/24– It's Coronation Day  
(Frozen Fun)
- 5/1– Bingo Night

## Music

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