



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). 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 Christine Murphy in memory of Christine's mom, Renate, for her birthday.

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Wayne Puls Senior Pastor
Rev. Devin Murphy Associate Pastor

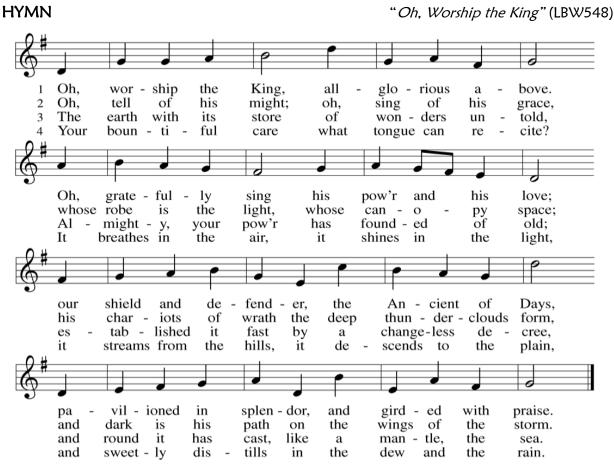
LIVING IN CHRIST'S LOVE

Service of Word and Sacrament

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & TIME OF GREETING



- 5 Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in you do we trust, nor find you to fail; your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end, our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.
 - 6 O measureless Might, ineffable Love, while angels delight to hymn you above, the humbler creation, though feeble their lays, with true adoration shall sing to your praise.

▼ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD ▼

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

EASTER GREETING

P: The Lord is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

DIALOG OF PRAISE

(Colossians 1:15-18; Philippians 2:9-11; Revelation 19:16)

- P: Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.
- C: For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him.
- P: He is King of kings,
- C: And Lord of lords!
- P: He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.
- C: And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.
- P: He is King of kings,
- C: And Lord of lords!
- **P:** Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name.
- C: At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth.
- P: And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
- C: To the glory of God the Father.
- P: He is King of kings,
- C: And Lord of lords!

CONFESSION OF FAITH

- **P:** God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.
- 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- **P:** The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Let us pray. Lord God of our salvation, it is your will that all people might come to you through your Son Jesus Christ.
- C: Inspire our witness to him, that all may know the power of his forgiveness and the hope of his resurrection. We pray in his name. Amen.

Congregation is seated

FIRST LESSON Acts 4:1-12

And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, ² greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³ And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. 4 But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand. 5 On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, 6 with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷ And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" 8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, 9 if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, 10 let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. 11 This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. 12 And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

SECOND LESSON 1 John 3:16-24

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷ But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸ Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. ¹⁹ By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰ for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. ²¹ Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²² and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³ And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴ Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

ANTHEM

(8:30) "Lord of the Dance"

Adult Choir
(11:00) "And Can It Be"

Adult Bells

Congregation stands

GOSPEL LESSON John 21:1-14

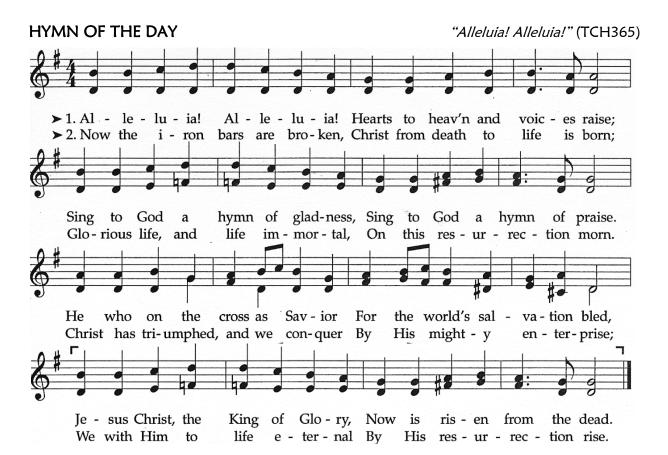
After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. ² Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. ³ Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. 4 Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. 5 Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." 6 He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. 8 The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off. 9 When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. 12 Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. 13 Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. 14 This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

Congregation is seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

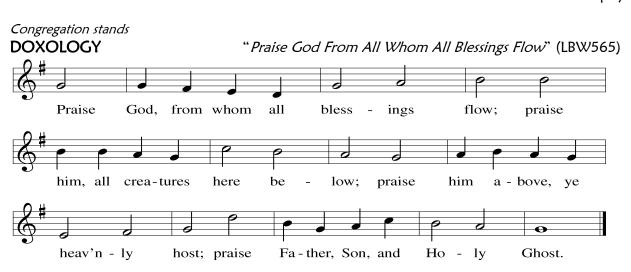
Children may come to the front.

Children ages 3 – Grade 2 may leave for Children's Church immediately following the Children's Message by Pastor Devin Murphy.



"LIVING IN CHRIST'S LOVE" SERMON SERIES

"Greater Than Our Heart"
Pastor Devin Murphy



▼ 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.

PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

P: Dearly beloved, since it is our intention to come to the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ, it is proper that we diligently examine ourselves, as St. Paul tells us to do. This Sacrament brings comfort and forgiveness to those who humbly confess their sins, and trust in Christ's salvation.

(silence for reflection and self-examination)

- **P:** I ask you, before God: Are you sorry for your sins, seeking forgiveness through the precious Lamb of God who gave himself on Calvary's cross?
- C: Yes, I am!
- **P:** God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.
- C: Amen.
- P: In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ♥ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen. Thanks be to God!

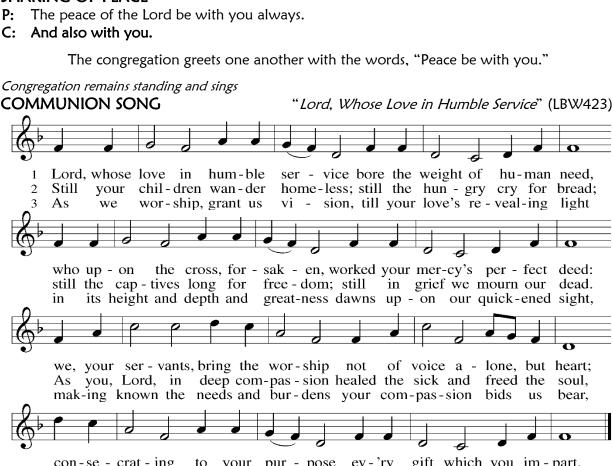
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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."

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.

SHARING OF PEACE



ev-'ry gift which you im-part. con-se - crat - ing to your pur - pose by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole. ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share. stir-ring us to

Congregation is seated

DISTRIBUTION SONG

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" (LBW370)



We share bur - dens bear. 3 our mu tual woes, our mu tual From sor - row, toil, sin shall free; and pain, and we be



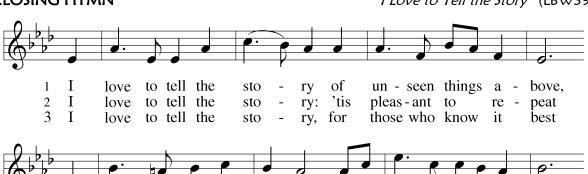
of u - ni heart and mind is like that a - bove. the ty to hopes, our our fears, our aims com-forts and our cares. are one, our and of - ten flows the for each oth - er sym - pa - thiz - ing tear. and per - fect and friend-ship reign through all love e - ter - ni - tv.

Congregation stands

LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER

- P: Let us pray together:
- C: We give thanks unto you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept us this night from all harm and danger; and we pray that you would keep us this day also from sin and every evil, that all our doings and life may please you. For into your hands we commend ourselves, our bodies and souls, and all things. Let your holy angel be with us that the wicked foe may have no power over us. Amen.

BENEDICTION



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love. what seems, each time I tell it, won-der-ful - ly more sweet! seem hun - ger-ing and thirst-ing hear it like the rest. to



I love to tell the sto-ry, be-cause I know it's true, I love to tell the sto-ry, for some have nev-er heard And when, in scenes of glo-ry, I sing the new, new song,



noth - ing else would do. sat - is - fies my long-ings it as mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word. the the old, old sto - ry 'twill be that Ι have loved so long.



to tell the old, old sto-ry of Je-sus and his 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 "Word & Sacrament." We will study how the Scriptures and our confessions define and explain the learn. Learn what this word tells us about the means of grace, pastoral ministry, and our Sunday morning liturgy.

ACOLYTE TRAINING. Being an acolyte is a great way for Hope's youth to get involved with worship life. A training class will be held on Wednesday, 5/8, 5:00-6:00PM in the Sanctuary. If you are in grade 5 or above and have a desire to help with services and be involved, then plan to attend this class. Talk to Pastor Devin for any further details or if you have any questions, dmurphy@hopelutheranwf.org.

MOTHER-DAUGHTER DINNER. The Men of Hope are bringing back an original tradition, the Mother Daughter Dinner. Ladies of any age, dress up and have dinner while the men and youth serve and entertain you. The cost is \$15 per person with a \$50 family maximum. Cash is due at the door. Dinner is at 5:30PM, on Sunday, May 5. Sign up online or in the café on April 21 & 28. Childcare is provided if desired. Please contact Rick Hall, rwhall57@gmail.com, with questions.

TRASH AND TACOS. You heard right, we said Trash and Tacos! Join all of the Kid's Ministry as we clean up trash on the greenway trail and head to the park to play games and eat tacos on 5/5, Cinco De Mayo! Meet in the Children's Center at 12:15PM to walk down the greenway trail. Questions? bagner@hopelutheranwf.org.

HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER MISSION TRIP. This year our current 9-12 graders will be traveling to Greenville, SC and collaborating with Good Shepherd Lutheran Church to plan and run a Vacation Bible School Program. Participants will gain a broader perspective on serving Christ, valuable leadership skills, and lasting memories. In addition, we will get to bond together through hikes, a zoo trip, free time and other local adventures. Registration is open until May 1 or until space fills up as we can only take up to 30 people! Sign up now to secure your spot. Questions? wspottiswood@hopelutheranwf.org.

BREW SPECIAL EVENT. You are invited to a BREW intro meeting on May 5, in Room 300, during the Sunday School hour. Here we will talk about upcoming events, Bible Study dates, and overall interest in our young adult program. This is for all ages of BREW 18-35. There will be donuts and specialty coffee for all who come! Questions? madamec@hopelutheranwf.org.

BREW COLLEGE AGE BIBLE STUDY. We will be meeting on 4/25 (@Margo's Apartment) at 6:30 PM to continue our series on prayer. We would love you to join us! Questions? madamec@hopelutheranwf.org.

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!

BASKETBALL PICK-UP GAMES. A group of people from Hope Lutheran Church play basketball on Saturdays at 9AM on the outdoor court at Hope. We would like to invite anyone interested in playing to email Apexgilmore@yahoo.com and we can add them to our current email list. Ages 16 and up.

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!

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. 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).

HABITAT OF WAKE COUNTY. We need your hearts, hands, enthusiasm, and energy. Join Habitat as we all 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, 26 5/16, and 30. Contact Roger Madariaga (919-608-5273) with questions on how to get involved in loving your neighbors. All skill levels are welcome.

TRI-AREA MINISTRY is the largest food pantry in the Wake Forest, Youngsville, and Rolesville area, serving 1200+ families monthly. They provide food and personal hygiene products to our community members in need. Their donation list always includes these basics: peanut butter, jelly, canned fruit, canned vegetables, spaghetti sauce (no glass jars), canned tuna or chicken, chef Boyardee, cereal, grits, rice, dried beans, oatmeal, mac 'n cheese, pasta/noodles, crackers, canned soup, diapers, diaper wipes, and feminine hygiene products. Donations of cereal are especially requested at this time. They also accept paper products, toothpaste & toothbrushes, soap, dish detergent, etc. Bring your donated items to Hope, and drop them in the collection bins in the Gallery area (near the red doors).

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY HELP. The Stitches of Hope group provides prayer shawls and lap robes in times of illness, loss of a loved one and other emotional times in our lives. We would like to be able to reach more individuals in need and ask for your assistance. If you know of someone that would benefit from a prayer shawl or lap robe please notify one of the ladies listed and we'll arrange to get one to you to give to that person.

- Karen Johnson ksimail@aol.com
- Barbara Readling barbarareadling0514@gmail.com
- Janice Mortensen immortensen2@amail.com
- Lynda Watson watson.lynda@gmail.com



VBS COLLECTING ITEMS

Vacation Bible School is coming soon! We are collecting recyclables. 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.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE

April 10 - May 1 www.hopelutheranwf.org/wna www. 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: spaghetti and meatballs, 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

- 4/24- 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