

***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). 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 Bill and Dee Parsons in memory of their mothers.

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Devin Murphy	Associate Pastor
Rev. Mike Lutz	Retired Pastor
Beth Agner	Lead DCE

LIVING IN CHRIST'S LOVE

Sixth Sunday of Easter
Holy Communion: River of Life Setting
May 5, 2024 ~ 8:30 & 11:00AM Services

✠ GATHERING ✠

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

PRELUDE

INTROIT (11:00AM)

"I'm Gonna Sing"
Children's Bells

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & TIME OF GREETING

EASTER GREETING

P: The Lord is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of love, it is your will that we should love you with heart, soul, mind, strength, and our neighbor as ourselves, but we are not sufficient for these things. We confess that our affections continually turn away from you: from purity to lust, from freedom to slavery, from compassion to indifference, from fullness to emptiness. Have mercy on us. Order our lives by your holy Word, and give us a faith that endures. Conform us to the image of your loving Son, Jesus, that we may shine before the world to your glory. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

HYMN

“Great is Thy Faithfulness” (WOV771)



1 Great is thy faith - ful-ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
2 Sum-mer and win - ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur-eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com -
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful-ness, mer - cy, and love.
hope for to - mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be - side!



Refrain
Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by



morn-ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un - to me.

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, from whom all good things come: Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to think those things which are right,

C: And by your goodness help us to do them; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

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

Congregation is seated

FIRST LESSON

Acts 10:34-38

So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality,³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.³⁶ As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all),³⁷ you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed:³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.”

SECOND LESSON

1 John 5:1-8

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him.² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments.³ For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.⁴ For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.⁵ Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.⁷ For there are three that testify:⁸ the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

Congregation stands

ALLELUIA VERSE

“Celtic Alleluia” (WOV613)



HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:9-17

“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. ¹² “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷ These things I command you, so that you will love one another.”

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**

ANTHEM (11:00AM)

“Come to God with a Grateful Heart”
Children's Choir

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.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

"This Is My Father's World" (LBW554)



1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all
2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the
3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for-get that,



na-ture sings, and round me rings the mu-sic of the spheres.
morn-ing light, the lil-y white, de-clare their mak-er's praise.
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul-er yet.



This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the
This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The



rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won-ders wrought.
rus-tling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev'-ry-where.
Lord is king, let the heav-ens ring; God reigns, let the earth be glad!

"LIVING IN CHRIST'S LOVE" SERMON SERIES

"Better Together."
Pastor Devin Murphy

ANTHEM (8:30AM)

"Come to the Music"
Adult Choir

Congregation stands

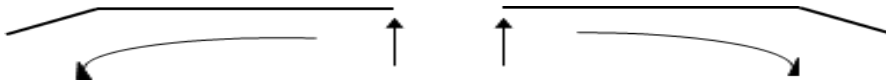
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

✠ 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 5th grade. Children and youth who have not been instructed may come to the altar to receive a blessing. Children and youth who have not been instructed should fold their arms over their chest to acknowledge they are receiving the blessing.

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.

AGNUS DEI (LAMB OF GOD)



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



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



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



grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” (LBW198)



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and
 2 King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on
 3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van - guard
 4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph, cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly mind - ed,
 earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture,
 on the way; as the Light of light, de - scend - ing
 sleep - less eye, veil their fac - es to the pres - ence,



for with bless - ing in his hand Christ our God to earth de -
 in the bod - y and the blood, he will give to all the
 from the realms of end - less day, comes, the pow'rs of hell to
 as with cease - less voice they cry: “Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



scend - ing comes our hom - age to de - mand.
 faith - ful his own self for heav'n - ly food.
 van - quish, as the dark - ness clears a - way.
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!”

"Thy Strong Word" (LBW233)



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark-ness; at thy speak-ing
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark-ness, dark as night and
 3 Thy strong Word be-speaks us righ-teous; bright with thine own
 4 From the cross thy wis-dom shin-ing break-eth forth in



it was done. For cre-at-ed light we thank thee,
 deep as death, broke the light of thy sal-va-tion,
 ho-li-ness, glo-rious now, we press toward glo-ry,
 con-qu'ring might; from the cross for-ev-er beam-eth



while thine or-dered sea-sons run.
 breathed thine own life-giv-ing breath.
 and our lives our hopes con-fess.
 all thy bright re-deem-ing light.



Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Praise to thee who
 Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Praise to thee who
 Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Praise to thee who
 Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Praise to thee who



light dost send! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
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Al-le-lu-ia with-out end!
 Al-le-lu-ia with-out end!
 Al-le-lu-ia with-out end!
 Al-le-lu-ia with-out end!

5 Give us lips to sing thy glory,
 tongues thy mercy to proclaim,
 throats that shout the hope that fills us,
 mouths to speak thy holy name.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 May the light which thou dost send
 fill our songs with alleluias,
 alleluias without end!

6 God the Father, light-creator,
 to thee laud and honor be.
 To thee, light of light begotten,
 praise be sung eternally.
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
 glory, glory be to thee.
 Mortals, angels, now and ever
 praise the holy Trinity!

WORDS OF BLESSING

Congregation stands

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: O God, our strength, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

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

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

“Be Still, My Soul” (TCH712)

1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.
2 Be still, my soul: your God will un - der - take
3 Be still, my soul: the hour is has - t'ning on

Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain;
to guide the fu - ture, as in a - ges past.
when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord,

leave to your God to or - der and pro - vide;
Your hope, your con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;
when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,

in ev - 'ry change God faith - ful will re - main.
all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.
sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.

Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'n - ly friend
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,

through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
the Christ who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.
all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

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: WALKING WITH ABRAHAM. Join Pastor Devin this week, from 9:45-10:45AM in Room 301, for our first study, "The Call," where Abraham is called by God to leave his home and follow to a different country. Learn more about the formative moments of Abraham's early years in Genesis 12-14 and how they prepared him for the covenant God would make with Abraham and his descendants forever.

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. College Age 18-22 Young Professionals 23-35 There will be Donuts and Specialty Coffee for all who come! Questions? madamec@hopelutheranwf.org

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, 5-6:00PM 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.

VBS DONATIONS NEEDED. 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. Check back regularly for updates. Items needed are 2 liter bottles, pool noodles, egg cartoons, plastic colored table cloths, any size plastic bottle caps, clear fishing line, ribbon, packing peanuts, colored tissue paper. Questions? vbs@hopelutheranwf.org

STUFFIE DRIVE. Looking to spread a smile to children who need some comfort this Spring? We will be collecting stuffed animals to give to Duke's Children's Hospital. These stuffed animals will comfort kids as they get the help they need to heal. All stuffed animal donations must be new and around 15-20 inches long. Please bring them in by May 26. Questions? madamec@hopelutheranwf.org.

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

MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER TRIP This year we are going to Jacksonville, NC to lead a VBS at Calvary Lutheran Church. July 21-26, 2024. It will be a week of fun while leading, serving and going on local adventures. Last day to sign up by May 20. Cost \$350. Sign up to secure your spot. Questions? wspottiswood@hopelutheranwf.org.

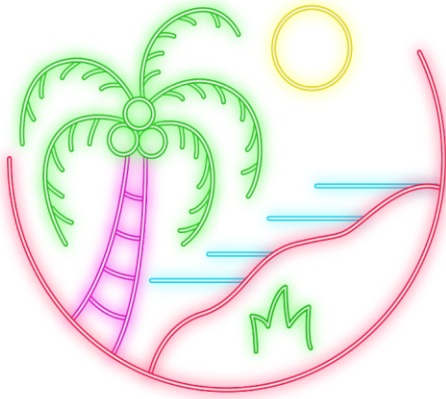
HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH CAMPING. Meet at Wesley's house, 108 Kent St. Youngsville, on May 17 at 6PM with a tent, chair, fishing supplies (if you have some), and sleeping supplies. We will be sending youth home at 9AM. We will be having dinner and breakfast. We will play games, fish in the pond, worship by the campfire, watch a movie outside, and more! Youth will sleep outside in the yard. Cost: \$10. Sign-up on youth page to secure your spot!

COLLEGE AGE BIBLE STUDY. This month we will be meeting on 5/9 at Wake Forest Coffee Company, and 5/23 at Margo's apartment (both at 6:30PM). We will be continuing our series on Faith and Hope in the Hard Times. We look forward to seeing you there. Questions? madamec@hopelutheranwf.org.

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS BIBLE STUDY. We will be meeting on 5/16 at Norse Brewing 7 PM. If you've never come or come all the time we would love to have you. Reach out to Margo if you are interested. madamec@hopelutheranwf.org.

CALLING ALL MEN 18 AND UP! Meet at Strike and Barrel Saturday May 18, 3-4PM for Axe Throwing. No experience, no problem. That is what the waiver is for. Sign-up today! Questions? wspottiswood@hopelutheranwf.org.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL. Summer time is approaching! As we had so much fun this year in Sunday School, our awesome teachers are taking some time to have fun in the sun and taking the summer off. We would love some help teaching this summer Sundays from the dates of 6/16-9/1. If you would like to volunteer please sign up on the Kid's Ministry page. Questions? bagner@hopelutheranwf.org.



EARLY CARE 7:30AM-8AM
MONDAY - FRIDAY 8AM-5PM
HALF-DAY OPTIONS AVAILABLE
LATE CARE 5PM -5:30PM

Xplore

Track Out Camp

May 27-31 Under the Big Top

June 10-14 Anything Goes

June 17-21 Weather

June 24-28 VBS- Scuba

July 1-5 (Closed 7/4) American Celebration

July 8-12 Soak up the Sun

July 15-19 Olympics

July 22-26 Decoding Detectives

July 29 - Aug 2 Scales & Tails

Open All Summer

May 2024

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

MISSION MOMENTS

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