

All Saints Sunday

November 1, 2026

Hope Lutheran Church in Rossmoor

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The Rev. Andreas Pielhoop, Pastor

Judy Ryken, Director of Music and Cantor

Prelude ***Instrumental Music*** **Carlyn Obringer**

Welcome & Introduction **Pastor Andreas Pielhoop**

All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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

All: Amen.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✢ one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers.

All: Amen.

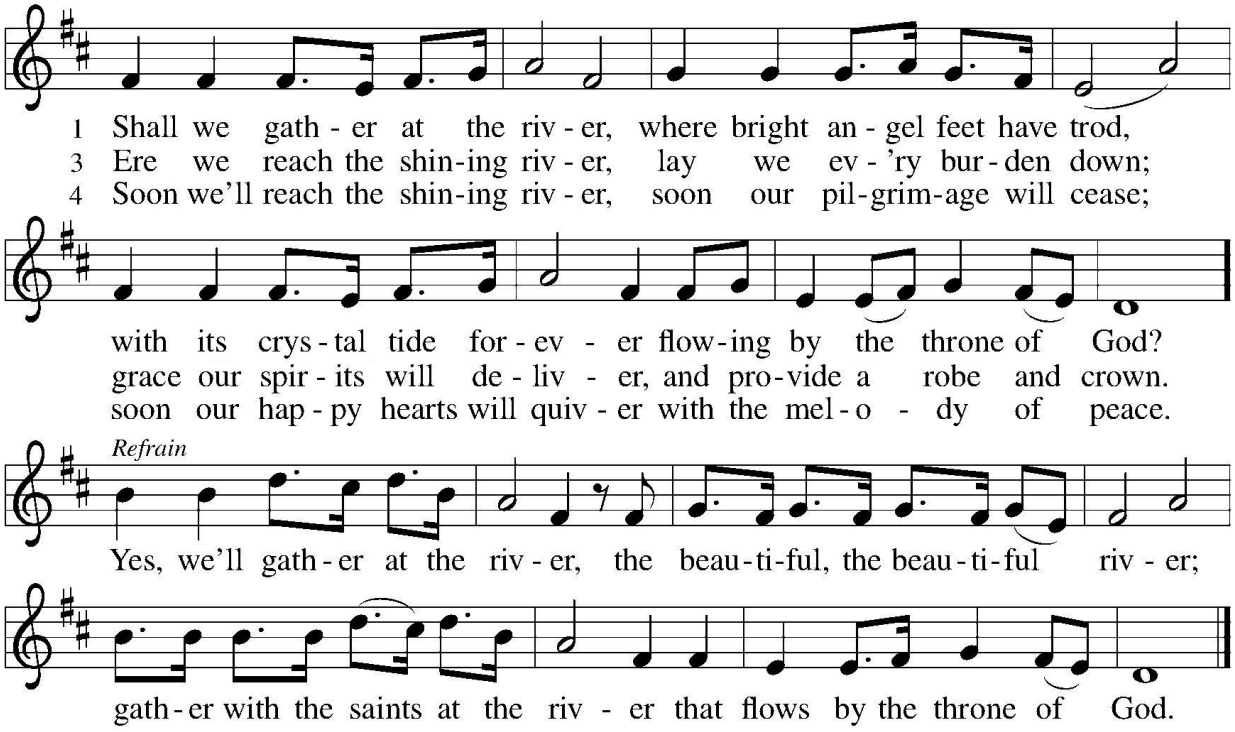
P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *[pause for reflection]* Holy God,

All: we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.

P: Inherit the riches of God's grace. ✢ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you.

All: Amen.

Gathering Hymn ***Shall We Gather at the River – ELW 423 (vs 1, 3, & 4)***



Greeting

P: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

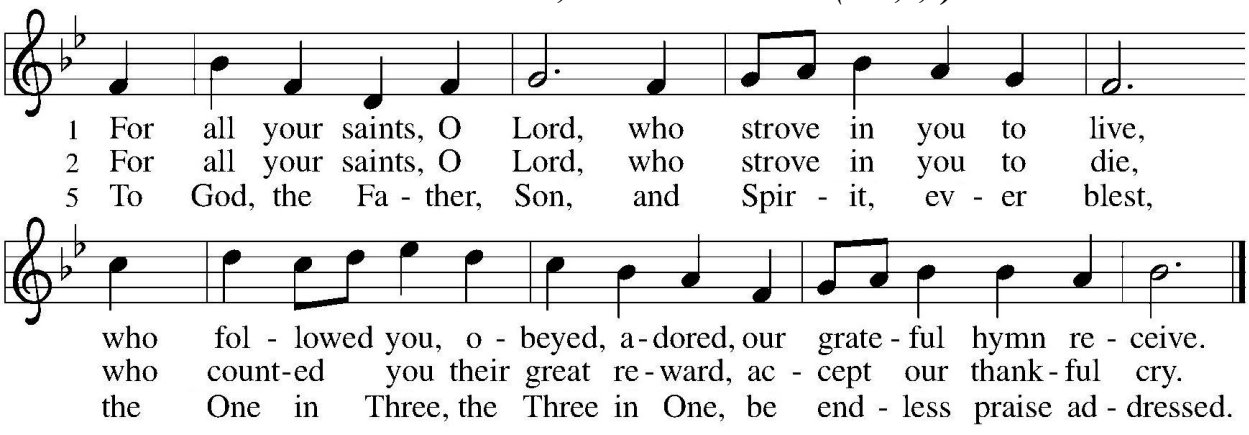
P: For this holy house, and all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

All: Amen.

Hymn of Praise ***For All Your Saints, O Lord – ELW 427 (vs 1,2,5)***



Prayer of the Day **Pastor Andreas Pielhoop**

P: Let us all pray together.

All: Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17 **Karen Krauth**

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes
and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm
branches in their hands. 10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated
on the throne and to the Lamb!" 11 And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the
four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 singing, "Amen!
Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and
ever! Amen." 13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have
they come from?" 14 I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who
have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the
Lamb. 15 For this reason they are before the throne of God and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. 16 They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat, 17 for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their
shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their
eyes."

Psalm 34:1-10, 22 **Karen Krauth & Congregation**

1 I will bless the LORD at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.
2 **I will glory in the LORD; let the lowly hear and rejoice.**
3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; let us exalt God's name together.
4 **I sought the LORD, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors.**
5 Look upon the LORD and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.
6 **I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me and saved me from all my troubles.**
7 The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD and delivers them.
8 **Taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are they who take refuge in God!**
9 Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD, for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.
10 **The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.**
22 O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3 **Karen Krauth**

A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.

1 See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The
reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Beloved, we are God's children now; what we
will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we
will see him as he is. 3 And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th Chapter **Pastor Andreas Pielhoop**
All: Glory to you, O Lord.

In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

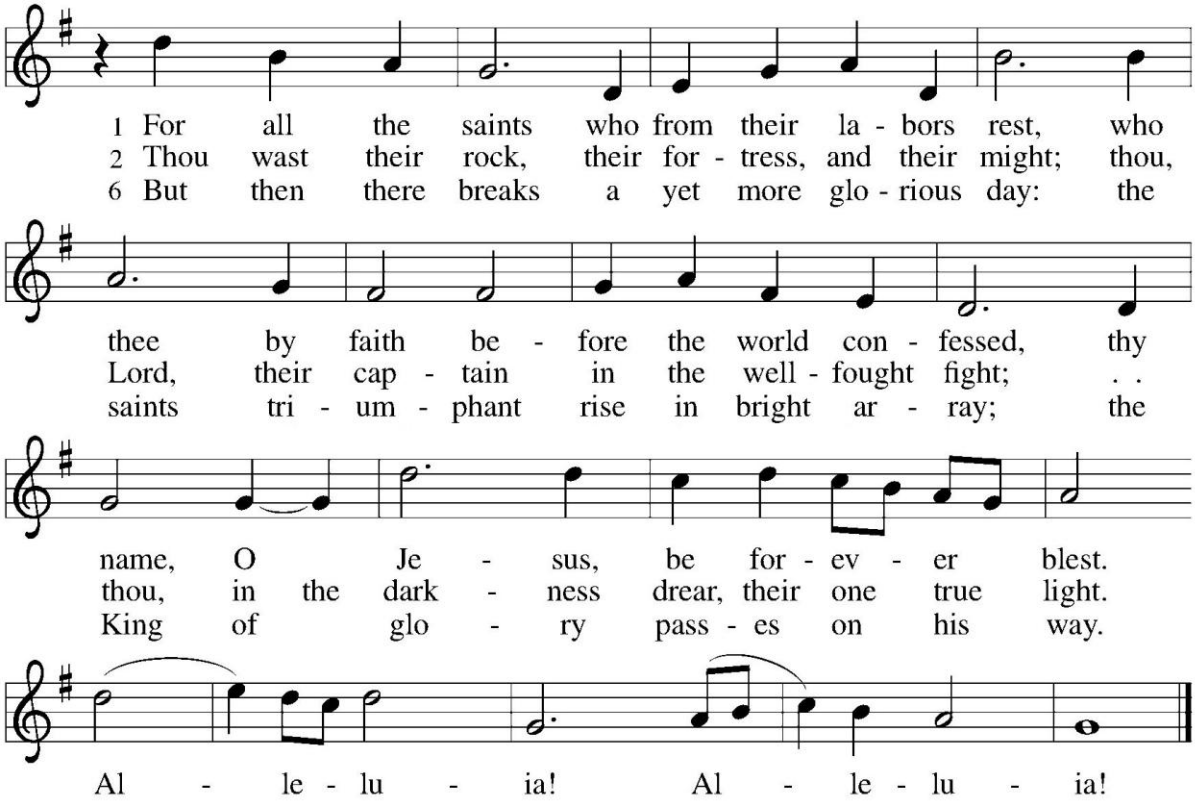
[1] When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.
[2] And he began to speak and taught them, saying:
[3] "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
[4] "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
[5] "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
[6] "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
[7] "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
[8] "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
[9] "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
[10] "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
[11] "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. [12] Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

P: The Gospel of Our Lord
All: Praise to You, O Christ.

Special Music ***Gift of Music*** **Musical Heart Strings**

Message **"Blessed Are Those Who Have Nothing to Show For"** **Pastor Andreas Pielhoop**

Hymn of the Day ***For All the Saints - ELW 422 (vs 1, 2, & 6)***



Apostles' Creed **Pastor Andreas Pielhoop**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Remembering the Saints of Hope **Pastor Andreas Pielhoop**

P: God of the ages, you have provided us with so great a cloud of witnesses, that we, rejoicing in their fellowship may run with patience the race that is set before us, and together with them may receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.

The names of the Saints of Hope who went to their heavenly home during the last church year are read. After each name, a candle is lit and the bowl is struck once.

- Inge Knight 1/13/26
- June Payne 1/14/26
- Doris Johnston 4/4/26
- Sandy Williams 6/7/26
- Linda Farrell 6/14/26
- Sue Puska 9/1/26
- Wayne Anderson 9/3/26

P: God, the generations rise and pass away before you. You are the strength of those who labor; you are the rest of the blessed dead. We rejoice in the company of your saints. We remember all who have lived in faith, all who have peacefully died, and especially those most dear to us who rest in you. Give us in time your portion with those who have trusted in you and striven to do your holy will. To your name, with the Church on earth and the Church in heaven, we ascribe all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession **Pastor Andreas Pielhoop**

Each petition ends with: God, in your mercy, **Response: *Hear our prayer*.**

Offering

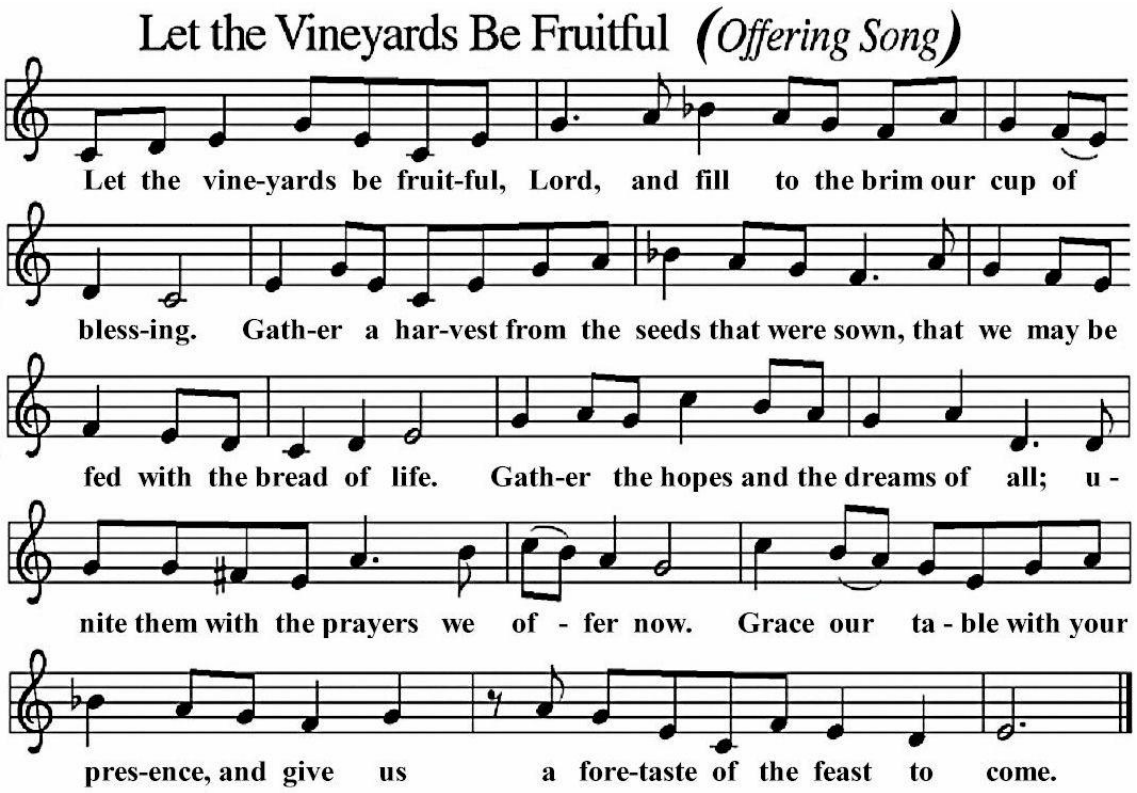
*We invite you to place your **Offering** in the offering plate as it is passed.*

Special Music ***Gift of Music*** **Musical Heart Strings**

Offering Prayer

P**:** As we lift up our offerings to the Lord, let us pray.

All: Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



Holy Communion: Words of Institution **Pastor Andreas Pielhoop**

P: For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes again. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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.

At Hope we practice Open Communion. We believe the invitation to the table comes from Jesus Christ himself. Therefore, you do not need to be a member of this or any other congregation to join in the meal. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please let the pastor know you prefer one when your turn comes. To preserve the solemnity as guests at Christ's table, please return silently to your seat and refrain from talking while others receive Holy Communion. There will be plenty of opportunities afterwards at our coffee hour.

Instrumental Music **Carlyn Obringer**

Prayer after Communion

P: Let us pray.

All: Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever. Amen.

Blessing (Please stand as you are able)

P: The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always.

All: Amen.

Peace I Leave With You

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you. Not as the world giveth,
give I unto you; Not as the world giveth, give I unto you.
Let not your heart be troubled; Neither let it be afraid.
Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you. Amen.

P: Go in peace. Encourage one another.
All: Thanks be to God.

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Announcements

A warm welcome to all who are here for the first time! We are delighted to have you join us for worship.

Pastoral Needs - For any pastoral need, you can call or text Pastor Andreas Pielhoop at 415-577-5461 or via email at pielhoop77@earthlink.net.

Meet with Pastor Andreas – Pastor Andreas will have office hours on November 5 & 19 from 1pm-3pm in Card Room 1 upstairs at Stanley Dollar Clubhouse. You can make an appointment but walk-ins are welcome too.

Birthday Blessings go out to **Barbara Quan** who celebrates her birthday on Nov 1; **Don Kinunen** who celebrates his birthday on Nov 2.

Thank you to **Musical Heart Strings** for providing special music for today's worship!

Today is All Saints Sunday. We remember the Saints of Hope who made the journey to their heavenly home since last All Saints. The seven candles on our altar remember **Inge Knight, June Payne, Sandy Williams, Linda Farrell, Doris Johnston, Sue Puska, Wayne Anderson.**
They continue to live in the merciful arms of our loving God and in the hearts of those of us who loved them.

Our **Hope Choir** rehearses AND sings at worship on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month. Join us on **Nov 8 & 22** at 9:15am for rehearsal and then singing at worship. All are welcome.

Women of Hope – The women's Bible study group will be meeting on Saturday, November 14, at 10:00-11:30am in the Mulligan Room at Creekside. We'll be covering the third session of the fall series in *Gather Magazine* on Mary Magdalene, who is told by Jesus at the tomb to inform the other disciples of his resurrection. All are welcome to join us for interesting discussion and snacks. Please see Priscilla Mah if you have any questions.

SOCK-tober - Here we are at the end of our SOCK-tober campaign. If you would still like to participate, envelopes are available on the welcome table. Checks should be made out to Hope Lutheran Church with "SOCKTOBER" in the memo line and placed in the collection basket. Thank you for caring and sharing!

Anchor Newsletter – If you are not currently receiving Hope's Anchor newsletter and would like to, please give Robin your email address so you can be added to the distribution list.

Helpers & Worship Assistants for:

Today – November 1	**Next Sunday – November 8**
Altar Priscilla, Sara	**Altar** Priscilla, Sara
Greeters Barrie Christensen, Yolanda Campo, Robin	**Greeters** Deanna Thomas, Ingrid Wood, Robin
Lay Reader Karen Krauth	**Lay Reader** Todd Thaning
Communion Assistants Mark & Karen Krauth	**Communion Assistants** Gerda Peterson, Robin
Ushers Nancy Conrad, John Odne	**Ushers** Mark & Karen Krauth
Livestream Chase	**Livestream** Alyssa
Special Music Musical Heart Strings	**Special Music** Hope Choir

Readings for next Sunday, Nov 8: Amos 5:18-24; Psalm 70; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matt 25:1-13

Fellowship – Immediately following worship, please join us for a time of sharing coffee, goodies and great fellowship. Thank you to those helping with the set-up and clean-up. We ask one person from each table to bring their tray up to the counter at 12:15pm. This helps the clean-up tremendously. You are welcome to stay, socialize and drink coffee beyond that but we must have the clean-up completed by 1pm.

Rides to Church – Our volunteer drivers to worship are Sally Lionetti, Nancy Conrad (3rd, 4th, 5th Sundays only). If you need a ride to church, please contact them for the possibility of a ride.

Our Worship Service is available to live-stream and view online each week on our website. The link to the live-stream worship service is https://bit.ly/3v6JTXm The bulletin is available on the Hope website under the tab "Worship". Select "Worship Bulletin" and click on the desired week.

Your Offering – If you would like to mail us your offering (including QCDs), please send it to: Hope Lutheran Church, 399 Wiget Lane, Walnut Creek CA 94598 (This is Hope's mailing address, not our worship location).

Please remember in prayer: Lina & Wally Hale, Brent Granado (Padley's son-in-law), Thom Faulkner (Jacqui Ewing's son), Carol Guillebeaux, Cheryl Murphy (Everett Arnold's sister), Sigrid Beach, Jason Niemi, Sharon Lubkeman, Michael Bess (Barrie's son-in-law), Steve Peterson, Alexandra & Adrienne Fraser (Marilyn's daughters)



"We have this Hope of Christ's promises as an Anchor for our lives"
Hebrews 6:19