

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH AND STUDENT CENTER

Worship every Sunday at 10:30 am Childcare is available



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Hope Lutheran Church and Student Center is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and a community of growing disciples of Jesus Christ who love our neighbors, both near and far. We affirm that everyone is created in the image of God and is deserving of God's love and grace. We recognize that for many people, "church" has not always felt like a welcoming place. We celebrate our human family's diversity of sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, race, ethnicity, culture, and age. We embrace differences in relationship status, physical and mental ability, education, income, worldview, and political affiliation. We are committed to the full inclusion of all people in our community and invite you to journey with us toward a deeper faith, mutual respect, greater love and understanding, and reconciliation through Jesus Christ.

If you need to leave the sanctuary for any reason, you may view the service from a phone or another device. You are welcome to return to worship for communion, fellowship, or any portion of special interest to you.

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Meeting ID: 840 5599 7546

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

Welcome

☆ Gathering Hymn 240: Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah

During this song, we light four Advent Candles



- 1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si ah: let the light ban-ish dark ness.
- 2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si ah: let the light ban-ish dark ness.
- 3 Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si ah: let the light ban-ish dark ness.
- 4 Light four can-dles to watch for Mes-si ah: let the light ban-ish dark ness.



shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra-el, He God ful - fills the prom - ise. shall feed the flock like a shep-herd, gent - ly lead them home-ward. your heads and lift high the gate-way for the King Lift of glo - ry. is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights shin - ing! He be

Leader: 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.

∪ Opening Prayer

We pray, "Lord, have mercy," with this Russian Kyrie



Passing the Peace

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

You may stay in your seat or walk around to greet others, often saying "peace be with you".

Word: God speaks to us in scripture reading. preaching and song.





Hal-le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah; hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

All: Glory to You, O Lord.

Gospel Luke 21:25-36

[Jesus said:] ²⁵ "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶ People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

²⁹ Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰ as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴ "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵ like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Repeat after the leader:

That's the story of God and God's people. God, thanks for your story.

Dismissal

Children are welcome to stay or are invited downstairs to continue reflecting on this story.

Departing Song: Hallelujah



Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵ In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Leader. Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

1 Hymn of the Day 254: Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus



- 1 Come, thou long-ex pect-ed Je-sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
- 2 Born thy peo-ple to de-liv-er, born a child, and yet a king;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee. born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.



Is -rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art, By thine own e - ter - nal Spir-it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



Service of Healing

Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing—with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing.

Prayers of Intercession

The assisting minister leads a series of prayer petitions. We join in praying together; we end each petition with the close-and-response: "In your great mercy," with the response: "attend to us O God."

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and especially for all who are suffering or are in any affliction.

Silence.

Merciful God, you sent your Son to be our peace. Help all those who suffer any pain or grief, hopelessness or anxiety. In your great mercy, attend to us O God.

Mighty God, mercifully grant strength to the weak and comfort to those who suffer, that their sickness and pain may be turned into health. Receive our prayer for those known particularly to us:

(With the assisting minister, please pray out loud the first name of each person for whom we pray. If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please secure the person's consent, then reach out to Lauren in the office.)

We pray for people who have requested our ongoing prayers:

John Henry,

Dolores,

Seamus (nephew of Rick),

Ron,

Bob,

Terry and Ned (friends of Chuck & Liz),

<u>Liz</u>,

Jytte (pronounced YOU-ta) (Karin's grandmother),

Betsy (Katie's mother).

[pause]

And for those who have requested prayers of support or thanksgiving:

Lauren,

Jimmy, Hope's pen pal who is incarcerated,

Deanna (friend of Debbie),

Shannon (family of Debbie awaiting a kidney transplant),

Pastor Beth,

Lynnda as she undergoes cancer treatment,

Gretta as she prepares for surgery,

Emily and her new baby,

Rick,

Cindy,

The family and friends of Dick as they mourn his death,

Hope's Property Process as we await news from the developer,

Living Water Seventh Day Adventist Community, who uses Hope's

building on Saturdays,

<u>Humble Walk students</u>, especially those preparing to travel to Tanzania in January,

and those we name silently or aloud [...pause...]

In your great mercy, attend to us O God.

God of peace and reconciliation, bring an end to the sickness of the world, especially violence, terrorism, war, and their causes. Protect those who serve in harm's way or need healing for unseen wounds. In your great mercy,

attend to us O God.

Loving God, mend broken relationships and bring peace to our families, our congregation, this community, and the world. Heal creation where it groans in pain. In your great mercy, attend to us O God.

Eternal God, we thank you for all the faithful departed including those whom we remember before you (pause to name people silently or aloud). Heal the pain of all who grieve. In your great mercy, attend to us O God.

O God, we bring these intercessions before you, knowing that you will hear us as you have promised, and will answer according to the mercy shown in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Laying On of Hands

During the music, you may approach the altar to receive the sign of the cross, laying of hands, and healing prayer at the altar rail, similar to how we approach for communion. After administering the rite at the altar rail, the pastor will walk into the pews to offer it if you wish to remain your seat.

Sisters and brothers, siblings in Christ, I invite you to come and receive a sign of healing and wholeness in the name of the triune God.

Music During Rites for Healing

Healing Songs:

263: Savior of the Nations, Come

262: Wait for the Lord 266: All Earth Is Hopeful

After all have returned to their places, the presiding minister continues.

Let us pray. Living God, through the laying on of hands and anointing, grant comfort in suffering to all who are in need of healing. When they are afraid, give them courage; when afflicted, give them patience; when dejected, give them hope; and when alone, assure them of the support of your holy people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Almighty God, who is a strong tower to all, to whom all things in heaven and on earth bow and obey, be now and evermore your sure defense, and help you to know that the name given to us for health and salvation is the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Announcements

Offering Music

During this time of musical offering:

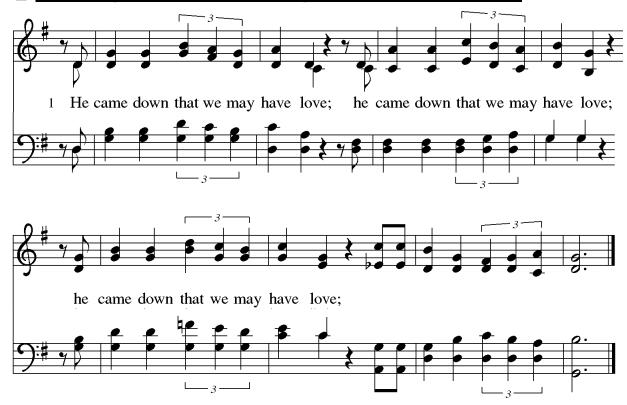
Those worshiping online may make offerings on Hope's website: (www.hopecp.org) - look on the red top bar for the word "Donate." You may also give by text at 844-904-1808.

For those worshiping with us in person, we pass the offering basket. You may also continue giving online or by text.

At this time, children in childcare are invited upstairs for communion.

Kids' Message

☆ Opening Communion Song 253: He Came Down



Children, families and anyone interested are invited forward to stand or kneel at the railing as we bless communion.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

You Are Holy Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer whole. You are ho - ly, you are You are al - ways ev - er more nån - sin kan för - stå, du är än - då. än viпä raev - er un-der - stand. than we You are al hand. ways at sig - nad va - re Väl dи kom - mer hit just som nи, Bless-ed are you com-ing near. Bless - ed are you com-ing here sig - na-de vår blir till på vår väl jord, bröd jord. to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead. Du är lig, dи är hel het, he You are whole ho ly, you are ness, är het he - la dig! dunär kos - mos lo - var you are pres ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord! Ho-si-anho - si na, an na, Sing ho - san in the high est! na ho - si - an - na,

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God!

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

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us, in any language or translation we know best.

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

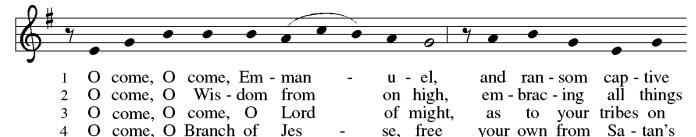
Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu nombre.
Venga tu reino.
Hágase tu voluntad
en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
Perdona nuestras ofensas
como también nosotros
perdonamos a los
que nos ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en tentación
y líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es
el poder y tuya es la gloria,
ahora y siempre. Amén

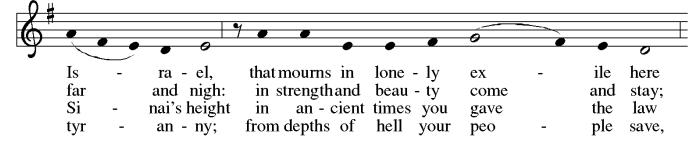
Qur Communion Practices

Everyone is welcome to participate in communion. Today Hope offers bread, white grape juice (colored cup) and white wine (white cup) for dipping, pre-filled juice cups with wafers, and pre-filled juice cups with a gluten-free wafer. You may choose to receive bread only and/or one of the cup options. Any version of communion carries the full power of communion. If you prefer not to receive elements, you may cross your arms over your chest for a no-contact, verbal blessing. You are invited forward to stand or kneel at the railing; after those who wish to come forward receive, servers will bring communion to those who prefer to stay in your seats.



Communion Song 257: O Come, O Come Emmanuel







un - til the Son of God teach us your will and guide in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and give them vic - t'ry o'er

ap - pear. our way. and awe. the grave.

Re-joice! Re-joice!



- 5 O come, O Key of David, come, and open wide our heav'nly home; make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery. *Refrain*
- O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;
 O Sun of justice, now draw near.
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
 and death's dark shadow put to flight. Refrain
- 7 O come, O King of nations, come, O Cornerstone that binds in one: refresh the hearts that long for you; restore the broken, make us new. *Refrain*
- 8 O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*

①Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and fill you with God's Love.

Amen.

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

Benediction

May God who can set Creation free, show us glory.

Glory to God.

May God who knows our groaning and crying, bring about new life.

Now and always.

May God who helps us in our weakness, give us the firstfruits of hope.

The Lord is our hope.

And may the Triune God sprinkle into our hearts the dew of grace and bless us all.

Amen.



<u>Dismissal</u>
Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.
Thanks be to God.

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Today's Worship Leaders

† Preaching and Presiding Minister: Pastor Julie

† Assisting Minister: Mary

† Lector: Mark † Usher: Lois

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Announcements

Sign our guest book and send a message to Pastor Julie here:



Music Notes: As we begin a new church year, our sung liturgy draws from traditions around the world, connecting us in worship to our siblings in faith all over the globe. Rather than choosing one musically cohesive "setting," each piece serves as a small representative of a different musical language or style. The opening Kyrie prayer comes from the Russian Orthodox tradition, and the Gospel Acclamation is based on a song of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, in present-day Oklahoma. The Offertory Response song comes from Cameroon. As we enter communion, the You Are Holy comes from Sweden and the Lamb of God is extracted from the Misa Popular Campesina de Nicaragua. Thanks to Christ Lutheran Church in Washington DC for compiling and sharing this resource.

Gifts of Hope: Gifts of Hope is an alternative gift giving program, supporting local faith-based organizations, organized through our Metro DC ELCA synod. Look for information at Hope about how to give these meaningful gifts now through early January or learn more here: https://metrodcelca.org/gifts-of-hope/

Hope Property Process Prayers: Hope has received updated information relating to our property development process and is awaiting our lawyer's input. In the meantime, we continue to pray that God is with us and guiding this process. Join us in praying:

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your most gracious favor, and extend to us your continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

No Christmas Eve Childcare: After asking our regular team, no childcare staff are available Christmas Eve evening. The childcare room will be open, and children and adults may use the space, but there will be no background-checked adults present. Please accept our apologies.

Year End Giving: Hope's final worship service of 2024 is online only. For people who wish to make a year-end gift, you may always give online at www.hopecp.org. If you prefer to write a paper check, you may mail it to Hope. Any check dated December 31, 2024 will be recognized on the 2024 giving statements. Mail will be opened, checks processed and deposited on Thursday, January 2, 2025.

New Members at Hope: In January, Hope will receive new people into formal membership. Talk to Pastor Julie if you would like more information.

Book Discussion Group: A group is gathering to discuss images and understandings of God through the book "America's Four Gods." Talk to Jennifer for more information, or to suggest best meeting times.

Kids Book Giveaway: Hope has Christmas books to give to each household with children today. Look for Pastor Julie to receive your book. Thanks to Thrivent for supporting this project of generosity.

Advent, Christmas and Epiphany at Hope including a few new invitations from St. Andrews's Episcopal Church:

- Today at 10:30am: Advent 4 Worship with Longest Night themes. This service will include special prayers for healing and an acknowledgement that holiday times may be difficult for many.
- Today, following worship: Christmas Decorating. Stay after morning worship to decorate the church for the coming celebrations.
- All People's Christmas Eve Worship at Hope: On Tuesday,
 December 24 at 6pm with candles and holy communion. This year
 Hope tries a new time for a Christmas service for All People. There
 will be stories for young children, spoken prayers and a sermon for
 adults, lots of music, candles and communion for everyone. Join us
 for this new experiment in sharing the Christmas story together.
- St Andrew's Late Night Christmas Eve Worship: On Tuesday, December 24 at 9:30pm carols, 10pm worship with candles and holy communion.
- St Andrew's Christmas Day Worship: On Wednesday, December 25 at 10:30am: Traditional Christmas Day worship with holy communion, followed by a community lunch (bring food to share if you are able; RSVP if you are able, but come no matter what).
- Holiday Zoom Only Worship: On Sunday, December 29 at 10:30am. Stay home, maybe in your pajamas or with coffee. We'll all worship online this morning, giving us the rare chance to be one community, all seeing each other on screen (rather than partially in person and partially online).
- Lively Epiphany Worship, with a No-Rehearsal Christmas Pageant: On Sunday, January 5 at 10:30am with lively music, balloons, and the bubble machine.

What's Happening at Hope

Today

9:30am: Choir rehearsal; Elementary Aged Sunday School at Hope 10:30am: Advent 4 Worship with Longest Night themes at Hope and online; following worship: Christmas Decorating at Hope

This Week

Tuesday, December 24, 6pm: All People's Christmas Eve worship at Hope and online

Tuesday, December 24: Late Night Christmas Eve Worship 9:30pm: Carols, 10pm: worship with candles and holy communion at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Wednesday, December 25, 10:30am: Traditional Christmas Day worship followed by a community lunch at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Sunday, December 29, 10:30am: Holiday Zoom Only Worship online

Looking Ahead

Sunday, January 5, 10:30am: Lively Epiphany Worship, with a no-rehearsal Christmas Pageant at Hope and online Tuesday, January 14, 10am-noon: Quilters of Hope at Hope Sunday, January 19 (tentative): Welcoming New Members at Hope within morning worship

Tuesday, January 21, noon-3pm: Hope Serves Lunch at PG Day Center Wednesday, January 22, 7:30pm: Hope Council Meeting Tuesday, January 28, 10am-noon: Quilters of Hope at Hope Sunday, February 2, following worship: Potluck lunch and congregational meeting at Hope and by zoom

Our Core Values: We are...

Welcoming, Growing Disciples who Lead, Loving our Neighbors, Near and Far.