



**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH AND STUDENT CENTER**

Worship every Sunday at 10:30 am

Childcare is available



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

**Welcome**

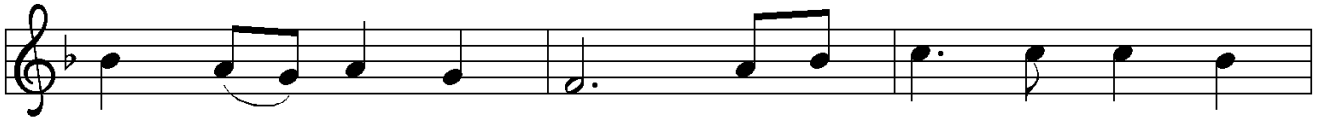
# ↑ Gathering Hymn 641: All Are Welcome



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly  
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and  
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and  
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and  
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how  
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to  
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where  
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and  
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of  
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we  
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in  
 strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an  
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
 claim the faith of Je - sus:  
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,  
 end to fear and dan - ger:  
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

*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.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray together:

**Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

### **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.**

**Gospel Acclamation (All)**

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Leader:* The Holy Gospel according to John.

**All: Glory to You, O Lord.**

**Gospel**

**John 2:1-11**

<sup>1</sup> On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup> Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup> When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." <sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." <sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." <sup>6</sup> Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup> He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. <sup>9</sup> When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup> and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and

then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” <sup>11</sup> Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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.*

### **Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia** *(music on page 6)*

### **↓ Second Reading**

### **1 Corinthians 12:1-11**

<sup>1</sup> Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup> You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. <sup>3</sup> Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says “Let Jesus be cursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup> Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup> and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup> and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup> To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup> To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

*Leader:* Word of God, Word of Life.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

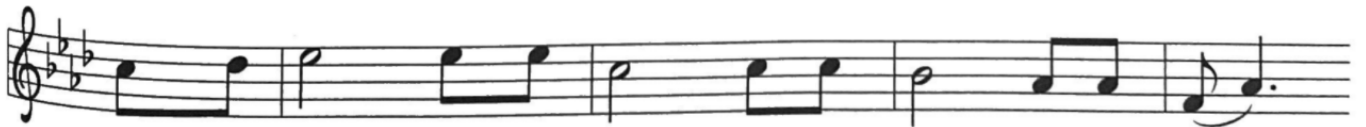
### ↑ Hymn of the Day 733: Precious Lord, Take My Hand



1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,  
2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,  
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . near,



I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
when my life is . . . al - most . . gone,  
and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,



Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.  
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.  
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.



Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.



## **Welcoming New Members**

### **Introduction** *(Pastor Julie)*

*New members are introduced by name: Anne and James G; Mike, Tami, Cru and Kai L; Rev. Nyamugusho L; Michelle M; Jennifer N; Rev. Bob R*

### **Reconnect with Baptism**

Baptism is the ritual recognizing God's Great Love for us, a love that we do nothing to earn or deserve, a love freely and abundantly given. Baptism acknowledges the God of Life, of Living Water, is already at work in all of us and in the world, and this is what we recognize and celebrate.

Nobody, no denomination, owns baptism; some of you were baptized in a Lutheran Church and some in other churches. God was present at your baptism and God is present today as we remember your baptism.

*Each new member is invited to touch the baptismal water.*

### **Reception of New Members** *(Council Member)*

We are a part of a tradition that is both ancient and alive today. Our language of membership honors this dynamic.

Let us confess our faith together with the words of the Apostles' Creed:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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.**

*(Pastor Julie, to those entering into membership)*

In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you:

Sisters, brothers, siblings in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

*Those being welcomed respond:*

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

**Addressing the Assembly:**

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?

**All: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

*Each household is received into membership with individual prayer:*

LET US PRAY.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, wash us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Stir up in \_\_\_\_\_ the gift of your Holy Spirit.

*Names are inserted for personal prayer: Anne, James,  
Mike, Tami, Cru, Kai, Nyamugusho, Michelle, Jennifer, Bob*

Stir up in these your servants the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen.

Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

**All: We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

*New Members may return to their seats. The service continues with the Prayers.*

*The assisting minister leads a series of prayer petitions. We join in praying together; we end each petition with the close-and-response: "God of grace," with the response: "hear our prayer."*

### **Prayers of the People**

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

Giver of gifts, you form each member of the church to serve. Inspire us to boldly use gifts of welcome and healing, service and teaching, leading and preaching, for the sake of your work in the world. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Refuge of creatures, you place all the living under the shadow of your wings. Lead us in ways that tend to the needs of wild and domestic animals, creatures threatened by extinction, and the environment we share. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Voice of the oppressed, you call prophets throughout time. We remember the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a voice for racial and economic justice and for peace. Guide our nation in continuing to heed your prophetic call. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

God of steadfast love, as Jesus celebrated at Cana, nurture marriages and relationships in mutual care; in times of separation or divorce hold tenderly broken hearts and broken dreams. Be present to all who are sick, grieving or in any need. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Spirit of peace, celebrating this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we pray for neighboring congregations and ministry sites. Nurture our shared commitment to embody Jesus' love, justice, and healing. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

*(With the assisting minister, please pray out loud the first name of each person for whom we pray. Each year we start our prayer names fresh. 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,**

**Terry and Ned,**

**Jytte** (*pronounced YOU-ta*) (*Karin's grandmother*).

*[pause]*

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

**Pastor Beth,**

**Laura** (*niece of Linda Kruelle*),

**Rick S,** recovering from surgery,

**Sophia,**

**Patricia,**

**Kathy and Andreas,**

**Heather and Markus** as they prepare for marriage,

**Alissa and Kevin** as they prepare for marriage,

**Cindy,**

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

**Living Water Seventh Day Adventist Community,** who uses Hope's building on Saturdays,

**Humble Walk students**, especially those traveling in Tanzania these weeks,  
**Christian Stability Ministry**, who uses Hope's building on Sunday afternoons,  
**St John Lutheran Church**, in Riverdale, as they discern a possible church closure,

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

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Wellspring of life, in living and dying we trust in you. We give thanks for the saints. Guide us in our living until, at last, we rest in you. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.  
**Amen.**

## ↓ **Announcements**

### **Meal: God feeds us with the presence of Jesus.**

#### **Offering Music**

During this time of musical offering:

*Those worshiping online may make offerings on Hope's website: ([www.hopecp.org](http://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 Sanctuary

Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc-tu - ar - y, pure and  
ho - ly, tried and true. With thanks - giv - ing,  
I'll be a liv - ing sanc-tu - ar - y for you.

The image shows a musical score for a song. It consists of three staves of music in treble clef, with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics 'Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc-tu - ar - y, pure and'. The second staff contains 'ho - ly, tried and true. With thanks - giv - ing,'. The third staff contains 'I'll be a liv - ing sanc-tu - ar - y for you.' The music features various note values, including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests and a double bar line at the end.

## 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.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;  
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son;  
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.

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  
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.  
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,  
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.  
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.



Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,  
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!  
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,  
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.  
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our 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.*

**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.**

### **↓ Our 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 Hymn 798: Will You Come and Follow Me



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't  
 your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?  
 kind and nev - er be the same?  
 free and nev - er be the same?  
 side and nev - er be the same?  
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"  
 pray'r in you and you in me?"  
 mean in you and you in me?"  
 sound in you and you in me?"  
 grow in you and you in me.

## ↑ Blessing

May the Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and fill you with God's love.

**Amen.**

## Sending Blessing and Amen Song (Songs of Zion #147)

As you go from this place:

May God bless you and keep you. (sung AMEN)

May God's face shine on you with grace and mercy. (sung AMEN)

May God look upon you with favor and † give you peace. (sung AMEN AMEN AMEN)

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in a 2/4 time signature with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is primarily in the Treble clef, with accompaniment in the Bass clef. The lyrics are: "A - men, A - men, A - men, Have mer - cy! A - men, A - men, A - men. Sing it o - ver now, men." The score includes first and second endings. The first ending leads to the final "men." of the first phrase, and the second ending leads to the final "men." of the second phrase. The lyrics "Sing it o - ver now, men." are placed below the second ending.

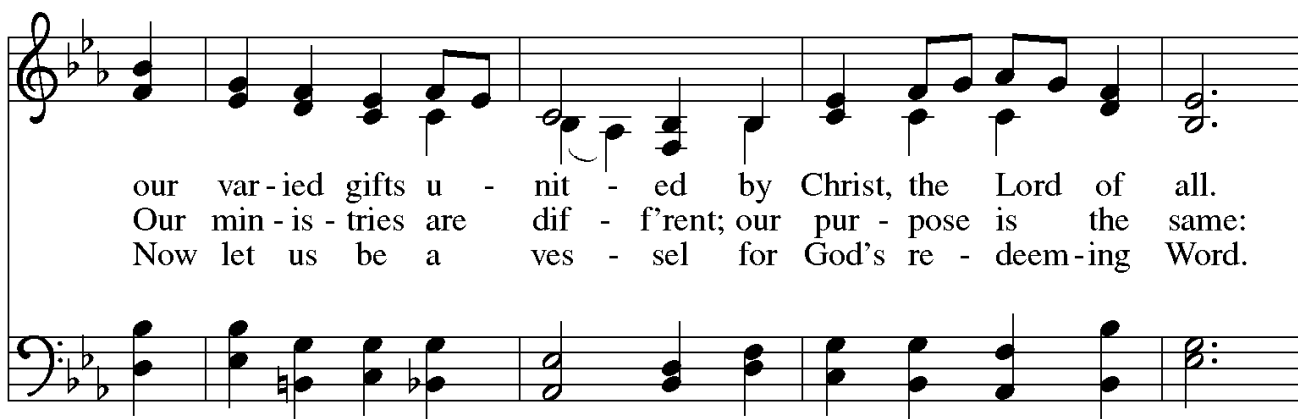
A - men, A - men, A - men, Have mer - cy!

A - men, A - men, A - men. Sing it o - ver now, men.

## Sending Hymn 576: We All Are One in Mission



1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,  
2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.  
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.  
Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:  
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove  
to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,  
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.  
so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.  
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Live in hope.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **↓ Postlude**

## **Today's Worship Leaders**

† **Preaching and Presiding Minister:** Pastor Julie B

† **Assisting Minister:** Mary C

† **Lector:** Debbie M

† **Usher:** Joan A

† **Offering Counter:** Pat N and an onsite volunteer

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## **Announcements**

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



**Nametag Sundays:** In these early weeks of 2025, we recommit to building community, by calling each other by name. Please use a nametag in the coming weeks. Along with your name, feel free to write a phrase, “Ask me about...” inviting conversation that moves beyond small talk.

**New Members Mini-Retreat:** Today Hope welcomes many new members. Next weekend, Saturday **January 25, 3-5:30pm**, our community gathers to get to know each other and grow in faith together. We’ll spend time sharing our faith stories and reading scripture together. Sign up if you’re planning to attend.

**Updating Hope’s Photo Directory:** With Hope's growing community, now is a great time to make a new photo and communication directory. Karin B has offered to take pictures and Jennifer N will help compile them into a photo directory. Look for Karin after worship to have a simple photo taken of your household. Look for a clipboard with a past directory and extra pages to update or add any contact information. Hope will collect all this into an updated directory, so we can all keep getting to know each other. For privacy reasons, this will not be posted online, but printed copies will be available at Hope.

**Humble Walk Students in Tanzania:** Pastor Ray, Hope's office staff Lauren, and many Humble Walk students have made it to Tanzania. They're traveling around, meeting people, learning plenty, and have even had recent home-stays with local families. Read about their travels on the blog here: <https://thehumblewalk.wordpress.com/>

**Updated Prayer List:** Each January, Hope re-sets the names on the prayer list, so you may notice some changes today. If you would like to add names, please secure the person's consent and email Hope's office.

**Hope Provides Campus Ministry Meal:** On Sunday, **January 26** Humble Walk Lutheran Campus Ministry Students return for dinner and worship. Hope will provide the meal and is invited to stay for worship. Look for a sign-up sheet in the entryway to bring food to share or be a part of the event.

**Congregational Meeting and potluck lunch:** Join us Sunday February 2 after worship for a potluck lunch (bring food to share if you are able) and a congregational meeting. We'll look back at ministry in 2024, and look ahead to 2025 together. Pick up your official invitation letter today, or watch for it in the mail this week.

**Book Discussion Group:** A group is gathering in January to discuss images and understandings of God, through the book "America's Four Gods". Talk to Jennifer N ([jnewlin@protonmail.com](mailto:jnewlin@protonmail.com)) for more information, or to suggest best meeting times.

**Quilters of Hope:** Twice a month, a group meets together at Hope to cut, sew, tie and make quilts for neighbors around the world in need of some comfort and care. In the past year, this group of volunteers have completed 11 quilts. Anyone can join this group, the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, 10am-noon at Hope. No experience necessary. Contact Arlene for more information: [WV1958@hotmail.com](mailto:WV1958@hotmail.com)

**Supporting Neighbors in Need:** The third Tuesday of each month, Hope volunteers prepare and serve lunch at the PG Plaza Day Center, just a few miles from Hope. This is a meaningful time to be in relationship with each other and our wider community. Talk to Joan for more information: [vze27t5t@verizon.net](mailto:vze27t5t@verizon.net)

**Hope Property Process Prayers:** Hope is awaiting updated information relating to our property development process. 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.*

## **What's Happening at Hope**

### **Today**

9:30am: Choir rehearsal

10:30am: Worship; Welcoming New Members at Hope within morning worship at Hope and online

1:30pm: Christian Stability Church worships at Hope

### **This Week**

Tuesday, January 21, noon-3pm: Hope Serves Lunch at PG Day Center

Wednesday, January 22, 7:30pm: Hope Council Meeting

Saturday, January 25, 3:00-5:30pm: New Members Mini-Retreat

### **Looking Ahead**

Sunday, January 26, 10:30am: Pastor Lolo preaching at morning worship, Creation Care team to meet after worship

Sunday, January 26, 4:30-7:30pm: Hope provides meal for Humble Walk students and is invited to stay for worship

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.*



**Today Hope welcomes new members. Read a bit about these people, formally joining our church:**

**Anne and James G:** Anne grew up in Central Pennsylvania and James in the Rochester, New York area. The snow this winter has made us feel right at home! We met while working at the Lutheran summer camp of the Upper Susquehanna Synod in PA called Camp Mount Luther, and got married there about two and a half years ago. After getting married we lived in State College, PA while James pursued a Master's degree at Penn State, and now starting his Doctorate degree in Wind Band Conducting at the University of Maryland is what has led us here to College Park. While here Anne is teaching high school biology, forensic science, and marine biology in the Anne Arundel County Schools. When we are not teaching, we can often be found on a walk with our film cameras or playing board games and card games. We are so glad we found a Lutheran church that feels like home.

**Mike, Tami, Cru and Kai L:** We are the Lee family and are happy to have found such a family friendly church right in our own city of College Park. Tami works at the UMD in fitness & wellness and Mike works in finance. Cru is a Kindergartener, Kai is a preschooler and they love all things sports, movement, and outdoors.

**Rev. Nyamugusha L:** Born and raised in the East of the Democratic Republic of Congo/ Kinshasa, lived in South Africa/ Johannesburg about decade and a half. I now reside in Maryland, USA. I hold a degree in social development, which I have had the chance to utilize while working with several NGO. The heart to reach out and bless lives has translated to ministry. As I am in the USA, I continue to serve God and serve my community.

**Michelle M:** I was born and grew up in Madison, Wisconsin and have ancestors from Norway and Germany who came to America at the turn of the 20th Century. I was baptized at Calvary Lutheran Chapel in Madison, which is a Missouri Synod church. I was later confirmed at age 14, but my family left that denomination during my senior year of high school. I became deeply active with the ELCA when I was working as a librarian at Lenoir-Rhyne University, an ELCA school in North

Carolina. I was drawn to the ELCA because of its emphasis on social justice, racial reconciliation and inclusiveness for women. I moved to Maryland about a year ago, bought a home and came to Hope in part because it is a Reconciling in Christ congregation and I am a member of the LGBTQ community. I feel at home at Hope and like I can be myself here. I continue to work as a librarian, have a cat I adore and am a classically trained musician. I enjoy reading, listening to music and spending time catching up with friends over coffee.

**Jennifer N:** I am originally from Sharon Center, Ohio—west of Akron, south of Cleveland. I attended the University of Akron and am still a supporter of their Women’s basketball team (Go Zips!). I moved to Baltimore 35 or so years ago; fortunately, my sister allowed me to live with her and we remain close. That sister prayed Thom into my living room, where we met on our way to a Pink Floyd concert. In my work career I did IT support for the publishing industry and nonprofits, edited grant proposals and newsletters, did a LOT of purchasing and supported a previous head of NSF with PowerPoint and speech preparation. In retirement I swim, drive friends to doctors, watch women’s basketball and read. I think about adulting issues like housekeeping and cooking, but mostly that’s as far as I get.

**Rev Bob R:** After taking 3 degrees and deciding I didn't really want to be a doctor, I took a small congregation in California, spent 8 years in Papua New Guinea as a missionary/seminary professor, and three congregations back in Florida, retiring a bit more than a year ago. I actually miss working! I moved here from Florida to be closer to my youngest son, Jonathan and his family. While I grew up in New York and Connecticut, since 1975 I have been mostly in pretty warm places, and am trying to get used again to the cooler weather here. I am trying to get to know people in the area, and have been delighted by those I have met at Hope.