

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.

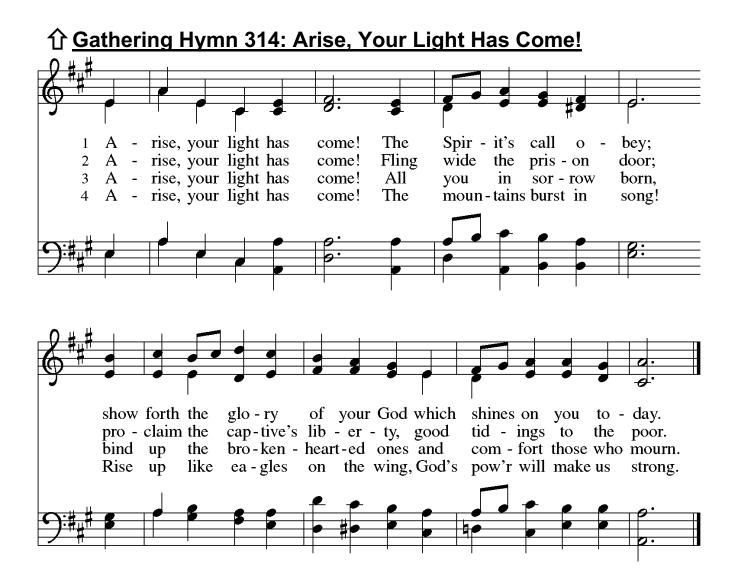
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# Gathering: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

### <u>Welcome</u>



*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:

Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our 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)** 

#### <u>Gospel</u>

<sup>14</sup> Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup> He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

<sup>16</sup> When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup> and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

<sup>18</sup> "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because he has anointed me

to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives

and recovery of sight to the blind,

to let the oppressed go free,

<sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

<sup>20</sup> And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup> Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Repeat after the leader: That's the story of God and God's people. God, thanks for your story.

## <u>Dismissal</u>

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

## Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia (music on page 3)

<sup>12</sup> For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

<sup>14</sup> Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup> If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup> And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup> If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup> But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup> If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup> As it is, there are many members, yet one body.<sup>21</sup> The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." <sup>22</sup> On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup> and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; <sup>24</sup> whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, <sup>25</sup> that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup> If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

<sup>27</sup> Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup> And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup> Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup> Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31a</sup> But strive for the greater gifts.

*Leader*: Word of God, Word of Life. *All*: Thanks be to God.

#### <u>Sermon</u>



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.

As your word is opened in our midst, we give thanks for all who share scripture: for parents, grandparents, and godparents; teachers and mentors; deacons, pastors, bishops, and scholars. Inspire passion for the stories of faith. God of grace,

#### hear our prayer.

As heavens declare your glory and the sky proclaims your work, we lift our voices in awe of quarks and atoms, vast stars and solar systems. Guide us to speak on behalf of your handiwork. God of grace, hear our prayer.

As Jesus proclaimed life and freedom in his community, energize communities and nations to eliminate poverty, engage in prison ministry and transformative justice, and envision new ways of working together for your promised reign. God of grace,

#### hear our prayer.

As your word and presence revive the soul, accompany all experiencing depression, anxiety, or eating disorders; be a source of strength for all affected by memory loss and their caregivers; draw near to all undergoing medical treatment or surgery. God of grace, **hear our prayer.** 

As we are made one body in baptism, strengthen all who serve. Renew and inspire all who use their gifts in this congregation, community, and the world. 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 J, Dolores B, Seamus C (nephew of Rick C), Ron R, Terry and <u>Ned</u> G (friends of Chuck and Liz), Jytte (pronounced YOU-ta) (Karin's grandmother).

[pause]

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

Pastor Beth P, Laura (niece of Linda K), **Rick** S, recovering from surgery, Cindy, Sophia. Patricia. Kathy and Andreas, Heather and Markus as they prepare for marriage, Alissa and Kevin as they prepare for marriage, 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, a community of refugees who worship at Hope. St John Lutheran Church, in Riverdale, discerning and voting on a possible church closure today,

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

Here other intercessions may be offered.

As our faith is strengthened by saints who have gone before us, we remember leaders of the early church, and beloved friends and family who have died. 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.** 

## **八** <u>Announcements</u>

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

### Offering Music

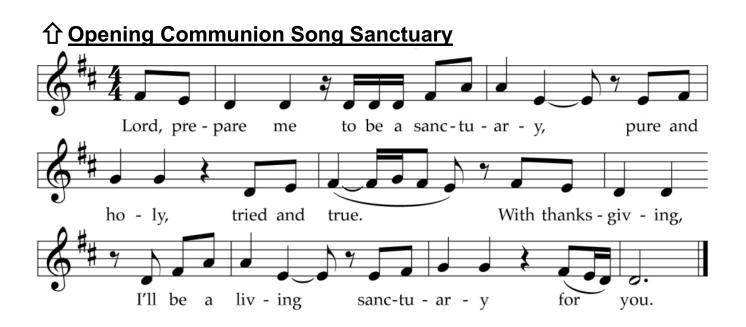
During this time of musical offering:

Those worshiping online may make offerings on Hope's website: (<u>www.hopecp.org</u>) - 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



**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:



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.

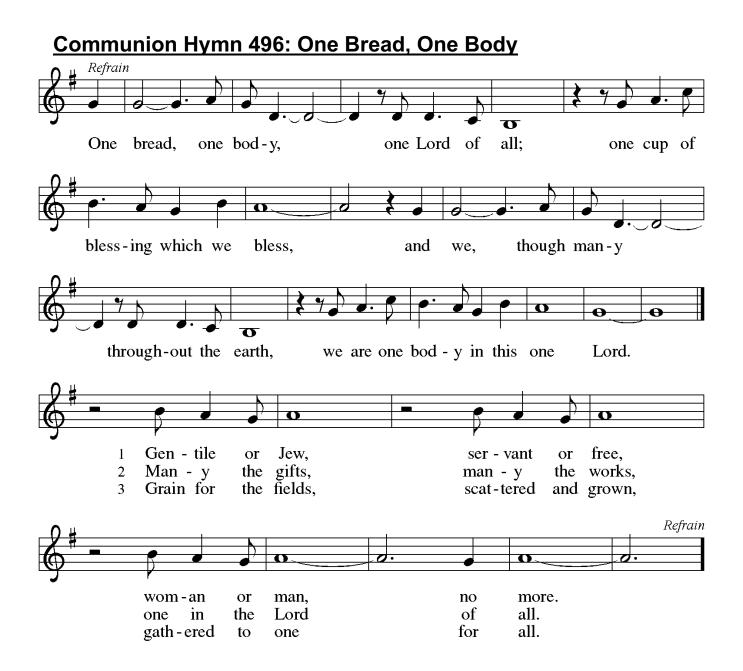
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and forever.

Amen.

# **₽**<u>Our Communion Practices</u>

Everyone is welcome to participate in communion. Today Hope offers bread, white grape juice and white wine for dipping/intinction, 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 any 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.



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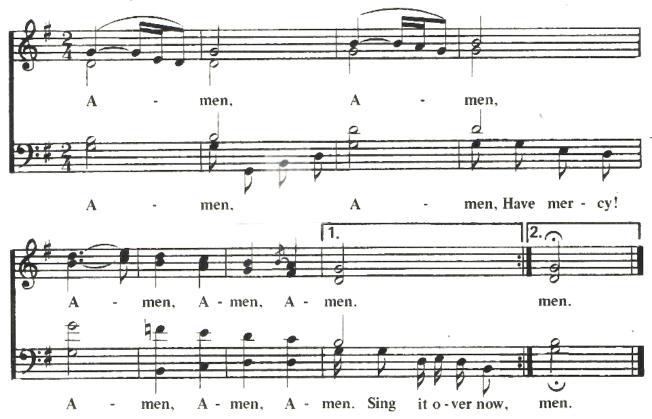
May the Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and fill you with God's love. **Amen.** 

# 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)





## <u>Dismissal</u>

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

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Today's Worship Leaders † Preaching Minister: Pastor Nyamugusha L † Presiding Minister: Pastor Julie B † Assisting Minister: Paul T † Lector: Paulette T † Usher: Mary C † Offering Counter: Lois D and an onsite volunteer

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#### **Announcements**

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



**Creation Care Team:** After worship today, Hope's Creation Care Team will meet briefly in the back of the sanctuary to discuss possible practices for the Lenten season. Talk to Mark D for more information.

**Resilience Check In:** After worship today, a group gathers for the first time, to check in about the state of our nation, our world, and our own selves. This may become a semi-regular conversation. Mark B will facilitate this conversation, downstairs in the fellowship hall.

**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.

**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.

**Church Retreat at Mar Lu Ridge:** Join others from Hope (and neighboring Epiphany Lutheran Church) for a weekend retreat at Mar Lu Ridge, our closest summer camp. Similar to last year, we'll host an overnight retreat (with day-only options) to grow in faith, enjoy the outdoors, and build community together. Look for registration information soon.

**Congregational Meeting and potluck lunch:** Join us next week, 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.

Hope Provides Campus Ministry Meal: Today 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.

**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.

**Book Discussion Group:** A group is gathering to discuss images and understandings of God, through the book "America's Four Gods". Talk to Jennifer N (<u>ipnewlin@protonmail.com</u>) for more information, or just plan to join the group, Tuesdays (starting February 4), 6:45-8pm at Hope. If you get the book, feel free to read the introduction, but don't take the quiz yet.

**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: <u>WV1958@hotmail.com</u>

**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: <u>vze27t5t@verizon.net</u>

**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

### <u>Today</u>

9:30am: Choir rehearsal

10:30am: Worship at Hope and online

- 4:30-7:30pm: Hope provides meal for Humble Walk students and is invited to stay for worship
- 5-7pm: Humble Walk meal and worship service for students

## <u>This Week</u>

Tuesday, January 28, 10am-noon: Quilters of Hope at Hope Sunday, February 2, before worship: elementary aged Sunday School; following worship: Potluck lunch and congregational meeting at Hope and by zoom

## Looking Ahead

Tuesday, February 4, 6:45-8pm: Americas Four Gods discussion at Hope Friday, Februray7, 7:30pm: movies@hope presents film and facilitates discussion at Hope

Sunday, February 9, 10:30am: morning worship includes dedication of quilts for Lutheran World Relief; quilting groups hosts working session after worship

Sunday, February 16, 9:30am: Elementary aged Sunday School

- Tuesday, February 18, noon-3pm: Hope prepares and serves lunch at PG Plaza Day Center
- Saturday, February 22, 11am: Ordination of Katie E at Memorial Chapel; lunch following the service at Hope
- Saturday-Sunday, March 1-2, all day: Church retreat at Mar Lu Ridge Camp

# Our Core Values: We are...

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

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