



To you
I HAVE
COMMITTED
MY CAUSE
JEREMIAH 11:20

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
SEPTEMBER 18-19, 2021

WELCOME TO HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

We're glad you're here! The pastors and people of Hope Lutheran Church welcome you, and hope you enjoy this hour of worship with us. More important, we pray that you sense a close connection with our Lord Jesus Christ today. We gather as his people, centered on his Word, focused on his mission. May Christ bless you with his love and grace this day!



Altar Flowers

Givent to the glory of God by Nels & Sharon Sandstrom in loving memory of Melissa.

Worship Check-In

Please take a moment to check-in online on the Worship Resource page on Hope's website at www.hopelutheranwf.org.

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Holy Communion: Hymnic Setting ~ September 19, 2021 ~ 8:30 & 11:00 AM Services

✝ GATHERING ✝

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN

“My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less” (LBW293)



- 1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;
- 2 When dark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un - chang-ing grace;
- 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus - tain me in the rag - ing flood;
- 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,



no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
in ev-'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with-in the veil.
when all sup-ports are washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
clothed in his righ-teous - ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

INVOCATION & CONFESSION OF SINS

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

C: Amen.

(Matthew 28:19)

V: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: Who made heaven and earth.

(Psalm 124:8)

V: If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared.

(Psalm 130: 3-4)

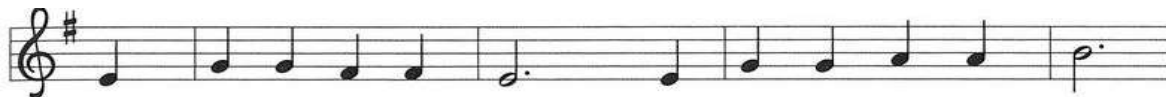
V: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together, as his people, let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking his grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C: Heavenly Father, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

V: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

KYRIE



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

V: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

V: Let us pray. God of love, you know our frailties and failings.

C: Give us your grace to overcome them; keep us from those things that harm us; and guide us in the way of salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+ WORD +

Congregation is seated

OLD TESTAMENT

Jeremiah 11:18-20

¹⁸ The Lord made it known to me and I knew; then you showed me their deeds. ¹⁹ But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. I did not know it was against me they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name be remembered no more." ²⁰ But, O Lord of hosts, who judges righteously, who tests the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause.

EPISTLE

James 3:13-18

¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. ¹⁵ This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶ For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. ¹⁷ But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸ And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

ANTHEM (8:30 AM)

"When In Our Music God Is Glorified" sung by the Senior Choir

Congregation stands

ALLELUIA VERSE (11:00 AM)



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us: speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL

Mark 3:1-12

V: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 3rd chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there with a withered hand. ² And they watched Jesus, to see whether he would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him. ³ And he said to the man with the withered hand, “Come here.” ⁴ And he said to them, “Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to kill?” But they were silent. ⁵ And he looked around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart, and said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. ⁶ The Pharisees went out and immediately held counsel with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

⁷ Jesus withdrew with his disciples to the sea, and a great crowd followed, from Galilee and Judea ⁸ and Jerusalem and Idumea and from beyond the Jordan and from around Tyre and Sidon. When the great crowd heard all that he was doing, they came to him. ⁹ And he told his disciples to have a boat ready for him because of the crowd, lest they crush him, ¹⁰ for he had healed many, so that all who had diseases pressed around him to touch him. ¹¹ And whenever the unclean spirits saw him, they fell down before him and cried out, “You are the Son of God.” ¹² And he strictly ordered them not to make him known.

After the reading:

V: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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**

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 DCE Steve McCarthy.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

“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.

SERMON

“In God’s Hands”
Pastor Wayne Puls

OFFERING OF GIFTS & 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 plates as you leave, next to the sanctuary exit doors. May God bless our offerings and tithes.

Congregation stands

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words.

P: Lord, in your mercy...

C: Hear our prayer.

+ MEAL +

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 one of the Pastors before communing.

Communion Distribution Process: Please form two lines in the main center aisle, proceeding to fill the communion rail from the center to the sides. You may kneel or stand to receive communion. After you have received communion, dismiss yourself from the communion rail and return to your pew via the side aisles. The next person in the center aisle will proceed to take the open space at the communion rail.



You may receive the wine either from the individual glasses or the chalice. White grape juice is provided in the center of the trays. Please assist the communion server when receiving from the chalice. The acolytes will collect the individual cups. Gluten-free bread is available upon request.

Communion and Children: First communion is ordinarily offered at Hope to youth after confirmation in the 6th grade. Children and youth who have not been confirmed may come to the altar to receive a blessing. Children and non-confirmed youth 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.

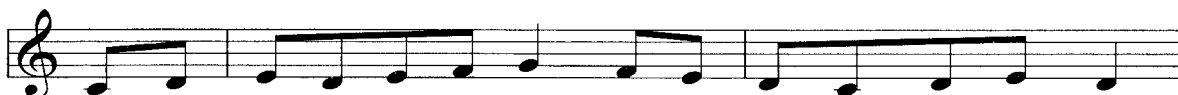
C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for you have had mercy on us and given your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. With all the faithful people of God, we rejoice to sing your eternal praises.

SANCTUS (Holy, Holy, Holy)



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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.

SHARING OF 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)

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Congregation is seated

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION SONGS

“I Come, O Savior, To Your Table” (LBW213)



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to your ta - ble, for weak and wea - ry
2 Your bod - y, giv'n for me, O Sav - ior; your blood, which once for
3 With you, Lord, I am now u - nit - ed; you live in me and
4 My heart has now be - come your dwell - ing, O bless - ed, ho - ly



is my soul; you, Bread of life, a - lone are a - ble to
me was shed: these are my life and strength for - ev - er, by
I in you. No sor - row fills my soul; de - light - ed it
Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, your prais - es tell - ing, shall



sat - is - fy and make me whole.
them my hun - gry soul is fed. Lord, may your
finds its deep - est joy in you.
live in joy e - ter - nal - ly.



bod - y and your blood be for my soul the high - est good!

WORDS OF BLESSING

Congregation stands

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Blessed Lord Jesus, you have made yourself known to us in Word and Sacrament. We thank you that you have shared your divine presence here with us this day.

C: Live and work in us, as we go forth in your name to proclaim your story and your love. In your name we pray. Amen.

+ SENDING +

BENEDICTION

P: May the love of God the Father surround you, may the cross of ✠ Jesus Christ direct your way, and may the Holy Spirit fill you with peace and joy.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“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!

DISMISSAL

P: The worship is ended.

C: The service now begins.

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POST-SERVICE MUSIC

EVENTS @ HOPE

*Please mark your calendar for these exciting events
and opportunities to serve our community.*

Sunday Morning Adult Education is held from 9:45-10:45 AM on the Adult Education floor in room 300. This week's topic is "It's a Trap – Jesus and the Adulteress" and the September 26 topic is "The Prodigal Son." Classes are led by Dr. Peter Muller and visitors of Hope are welcome!

Stephen Ministry... Need Someone To Talk To?

If you are going through a challenging time in your life, and could use a listening ear, Hope's Stephen Ministry team is available to help. Stephen Ministers offer confidential, caring conversation to those going through grief, family troubles, and other life difficulties. To learn more, speak to one of Hope's pastors.

Become A Member At Hope. Here at Hope, we are thankful for the many visitors and guests who come to our worship services. As someone who has been visiting our church, you're welcome to join a class designed to help you decide if Hope Lutheran Church is the right church for you. The next 8-week class will begin September 12, and is held on Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45 AM.

Hope Is Hiring! If you enjoy working with elementary age children, the Xplore Track Out Camp is looking for lead teachers and substitute teachers to join our team M-F, from 7:30 AM-12:30 PM. The positions need to be filled ASAP so if you are interested, email Lead DCE Beth Agner at bagner@hopelutheranwf.org.

Pandemic Concerns. Mask restrictions are not currently in place at Hope. However, we encourage those who are not vaccinated to wear masks, and encourage those who are vaccinated to wear masks, also, as a means of reducing the possibility of unknowing transmitting the COVID-19 virus. Your concern and care of your neighbors is appreciated!

Women's Retreat @ Hope. Mark your calendars for the 2021 retreat at Hope on October 22-23. Cost is \$60/person. The registration goes live next week! Re-ignite with Christ and the ladies of Hope. Friends and visitors are welcome to attend.

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W.N.A. WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE

September 8 – October 27
www.hopelutheranwf.org/wna

Dinner

5:30 – 6:15 PM

Menu: Chick-Fil-A sandwich, waffle fries, salad, fruit salad, & dessert. Cost: \$6/adults & youth, \$3/children (5-10), under 5 free (\$22 family max).

Kids & Youth

6:30–7:30 PM

- Kids Ministry Activities (3 years–4th grade)
- 5&6 / 7&8 Grade Youth Groups

WNA is Hope's midweek ministry opportunity for children, youth, and adults of all ages to gather for dinner, Bible study, fellowship, and fun!

Adult Ed.

6:30–7:30 PM

Back To The Basics, led by Pastor Lew & Vicar James

What is Christianity? There are as many answers to this question as there are people who ask. But we don't have to consult public opinion or Christianity for Dummies to answer this question. We have the source, which is God's Word. If you have topics you would like to discuss, send an email to Pastor Lew.

Music

- 6:30–7:30 PM: Adult Handbells
- 7:30–9:15 PM: Senior Choir

HOPE HARVEST FEST



October 2, 2021

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

**Hope Lutheran Church
3525 Rogers Road, Wake Forest**

Kick-off fall with the whole family. Experience a day filled with over 30 vendors, music, a bounce house, dunk tank, obstacle course, petting zoo, games, face painting, JAM ice cream, Charlie Kabob food truck (with expanded menu), blood drive, and more! This event will be the talk of Wake Forest!

Rain Date: October 9, 11-3pm

**Questions? Contact DCE Wesley Spottiswood at
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