



HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH AND STUDENT CENTER

Worship every Sunday at 10:30 am

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Evangelical
Lutheran Church
in America

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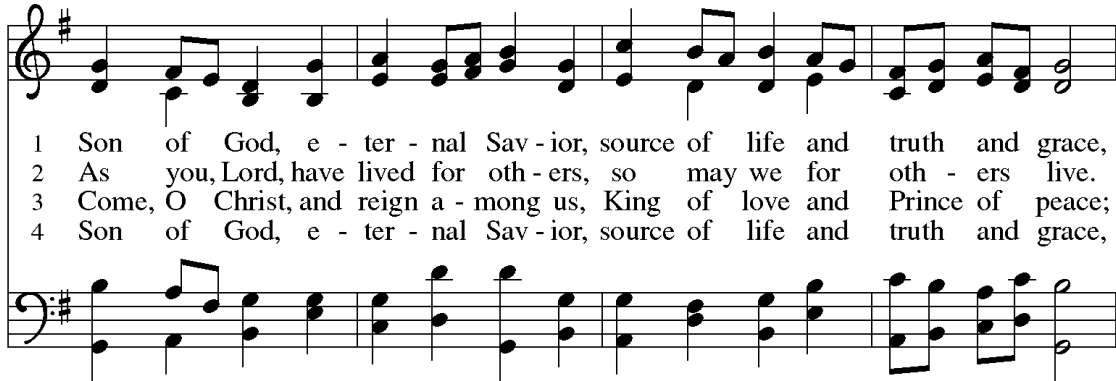
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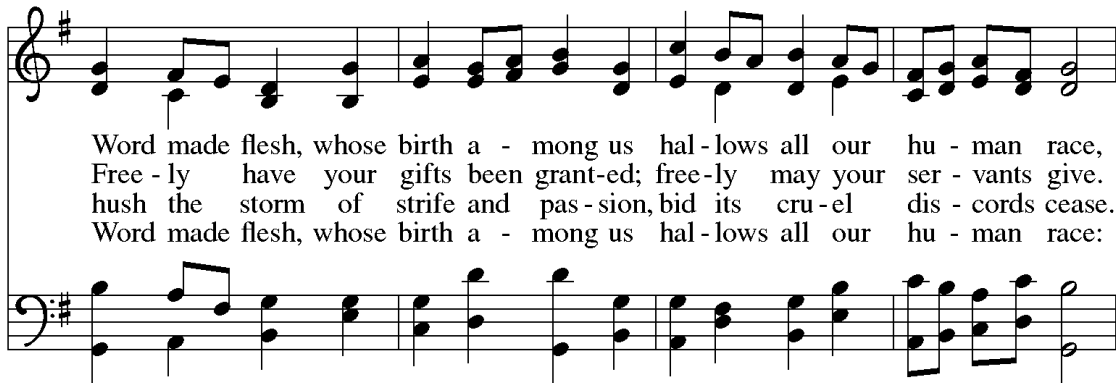
Gathering: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Welcome

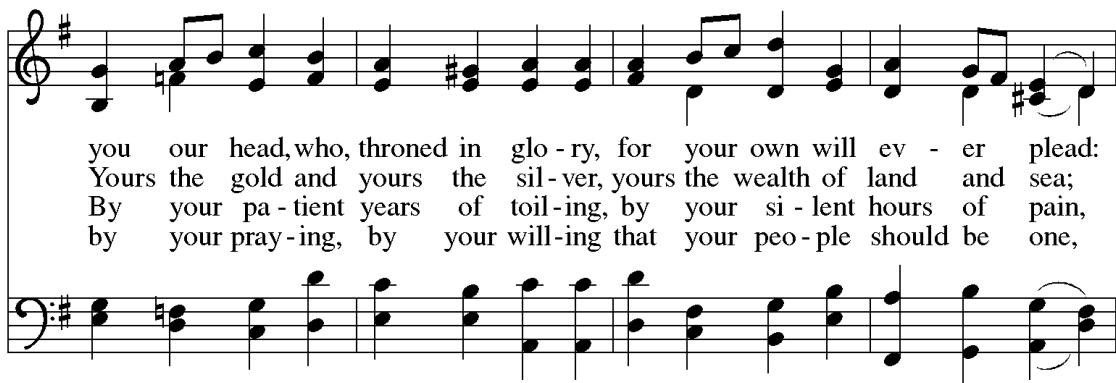
↑ Gathering Hymn 655: Son of God, Eternal Savior (verses 1, 2, & 4)



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,
2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,
Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.
hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.
Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:
Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;
By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,
by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,



fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.
we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.
quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.
grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

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.

Grant us, Creator God, to put wealth to use in relieving the suffering of others; so that we might hold fast to the love that endures; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. 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): ELW 174

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

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Leader: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

All: Glory to You, O Lord.

Gospel

Luke 16:1-13

¹ Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ² So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ ³ Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴ I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ ⁵ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶ He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ ⁷ Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ ⁸ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

¹⁰ “Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹ If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹² And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³ No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

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 3)*

↓ A Reading from Amos

Amos 8:4-7

⁴ Hear this, you who trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
⁵ saying, “When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain,
and the Sabbath,
so that we may offer wheat for sale?
We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier
and practice deceit with false balances,
⁶ buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals
and selling the sweepings of the wheat.”

⁷ The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Leader: Word of God, Word of Life.

***All:* Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

↑ Hymn of the Day 710: Let Streams of Living Justice



1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;
2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,
3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;



give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.
for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.
your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.



The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,
Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;
Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,



the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.
on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.
our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.



Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;
O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;
In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;



a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.
dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.
your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

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: "receive our prayer."

Prayers of the People

Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

O God, teach your church to act in solidarity with the poor, frustrating the efforts of those who trample on the needy and practicing justice in our own life and community. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Almighty Creator, we pray for an end to the misuse of the earth and its resources, that all people may benefit from your abundant gifts and that our stewardship of creation would be marked by justice and sustainability. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Holy One, embolden elected leaders to pursue policies of economic justice for the benefit of all, especially those who are most vulnerable and marginalized. Persuade them by your example of generosity and compassion. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Compassionate God, we pray for all facing illness, those near death, or those grieving the loss of loved ones. May they find comfort and strength in your love. Prepare us to surround them with your healing care. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

God of love, motivate our congregation to enact economic justice through tangible action, prioritizing the needs of our community and sharing resources generously through our outreach and justice ministries. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

(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*),

Terry and Ned (*friends of Chuck & Liz*),

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

Tasnim (*friend of Naette*).

[pause]

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

Rick, recovering from surgery,

Cindy,

Pastor Beth,

Kathy and Andreas,

David,

Isabella,

Ashley,

Bobby,

Naette,

Becca and Perry,

Jacki and Bridget,

Kenny,

Naason,

Mona and family, for the safety of her family in Haiti,

Janice, for her upcoming knee replacement surgery and recovery,

A friend of the quilters, concerned for family in Iran,

Rosa, Hope's custodian, as she recovers from a broken kneecap,

Auntie D,

Evis, with health challenges,

John, for healing,

Hope's Property Process,

Community of St. Dysmas, a Lutheran congregation inside Maryland prisons,

Living Water, a Seventh Day Adventist Church, who worships at Hope on Saturdays,

Christian Stability Ministry, a community of refugees who worship at
Hope on Sundays,
St. John Lutheran Church in Riverdale, who have voted to close and will
host their final worship service October 12,
Our elected officials,
Our bishops, Elizabeth and Phil and our bishop-elect, Yehiel,

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

when it seems all are done

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Gracious God, we give thanks for the saints who now join the heavenly chorus in praising your name. Lift us up from the dust of grief and remind us of your promise of new life. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

↓ **Announcements**

Financial Update from the Treasurers

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) - 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.

Noisy Offering

Kids' Message

↑ Opening Communion Song 642: Ubi Caritas et Amor

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,
Where true char - i - ty and love a - bide,

u - bi ca - ri - tas, De - us i - bi est.
God is dwell - ing there; God is dwell - ing there.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef for the voice part, and a treble and bass clef for the piano accompaniment. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The tempo is marked with a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The piano accompaniment includes chords and melodic lines. There are triplets in the piano part corresponding to the lyrics 'i - bi est' and 'dwell - ing there'.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

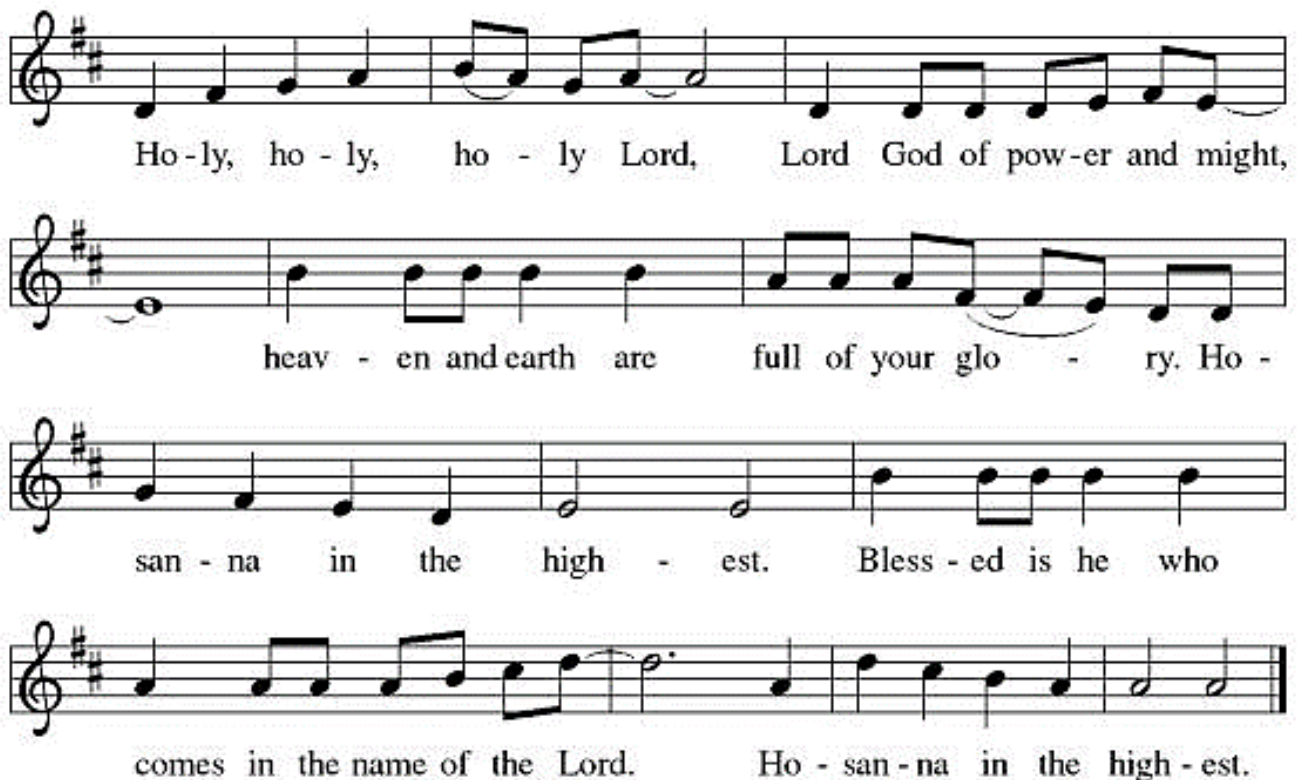
We lift them to the Lord.

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;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
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:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, Lord God of pow-er and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-
san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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

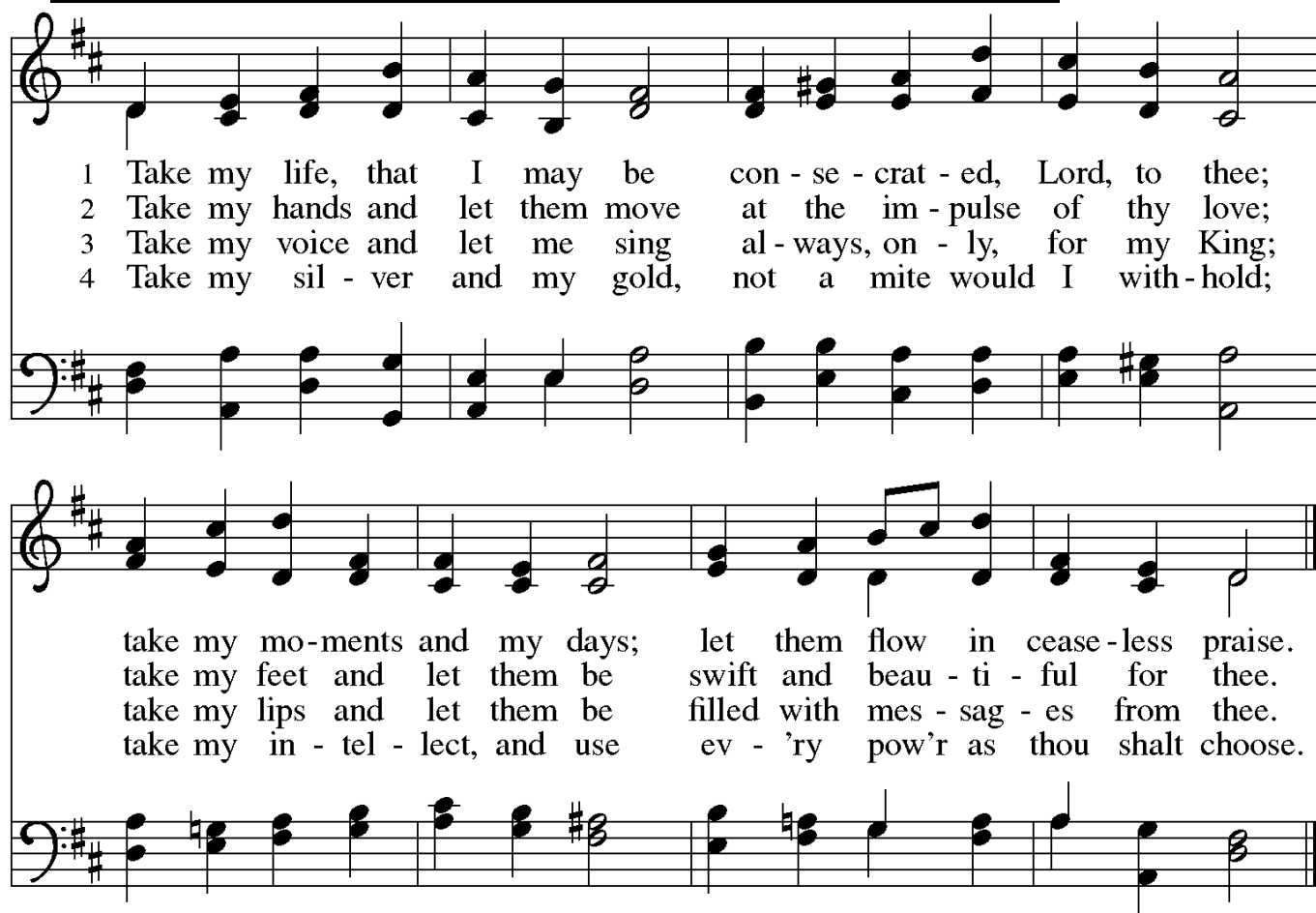
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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 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.

Communion Hymn 685: Take My Life, That I May Be



1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

↑ Post Communion Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and let you know how much you are always kept in God's grace.

Amen.

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

Benediction

The Blessing of Grace originally from The Rev. William Sloane Coffin

May God give you the grace never to sell yourself short;
Grace to risk something big for something good; and
Grace to remember the world is now
too dangerous for anything but the truth and
too small for anything but love.

Amen.

Sending Hymn 669: Rise Up, O Saints of God!

1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulfs earth's frame;
3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;
4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;

Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.
as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.
re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.
stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.
and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

↓ Postlude

Today's Worship Leaders

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

† **Assisting Minister:** Bob

† **Lector:** Joan

† **Usher:** Mary

† **Offering Counter:** Lois and an onsite volunteer

† **Communion Set-Up:** Paulette

† **Childcare Staff:** Carolyn and Sophie

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Announcements

Sunday Childcare During Service: Childcare is available for children during worship. Two cleared background checked students will care for the children and lead activities during worship services.

Sabbatical Sharing: Today after worship, Pastor Julie will be sharing stories and reflections from her recent sabbatical. Join the conversation. This session will be in place of the regular Resilience Check in and will especially reflect on themes of justice and community.

Quilters of Hope: Join us on Tuesday, **September 23** from 10am-noon. 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. Anyone can join this group on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 10am-noon at Hope. No experience necessary. Contact Arlene for more information: WV1958@hotmail.com

Choir Rehearsal on Thursdays: Hope's choir is restarting from a summer break. Join rehearsal every Thursday at 7:30pm at Hope. Contact Chewon for more information.

Season of Creation: Throughout September, many churches celebrate a Season of Creation. Look for special music, prayers and opportunities reflecting on this year's theme, "Peace with Creation". Learn more here: https://drive.google.com/file/d/10Oorr0z_GrFfYaqVpQ1nS_knnTe9nzrv/view

Witness for Creation: On Monday, **September 29** at 11am at Upper Senate Park, 200 New Jersey Ave, NW DC, join others for the event, which is the last in a series of Season of Creation faith gatherings highlighting urgent environmental concerns through ritual, testimony and prayer. The event will feature a diverse panel of speakers—faith leaders, theologians, community members, and public officials—speaking to the sacred duty to protect Creation. Learn more about this event at creationjustice.org/witnessforcreation or contact Mark D at docken.mark@gmail.com.

Resilience Check In, a Facilitated Conversation: Join us on Sunday, **October 5**. With all that is happening in our country, our world, and our own lives, we need a chance to reflect and share together. About every other Sunday, about 15 people stay after worship to talk together. As all things at church this is non-partisan, though it does reflect our Christian values. We hope this is a safe space to identify our concerns, anxieties, and eventually the ways we could respond and support our community.

movies@hope: On Friday, **October 10** at 7:30pm, movies@hope presents *Minari*. Amid the instability and challenges of their new life as immigrants, this Oscar-winning film from 2020 tells the tale of a Korean-American family struggling to make a life for themselves as farmers in Arkansas. Based on a true story, *Minari* explores the undeniable resilience of an otherwise ordinary family as they settle in a new land.

Collecting Specific Foods: Hope regularly collects food for donation to local organizations. For now, we're collecting food and supplies specifically useful to people at Christian Stability Ministry. For the coming weeks, as you are able, please donate rice, beans, oil, sugar, salt, semolina no. 1 flour, onions, tomatoes, potatoes, cabbage, fruits, Dawn, Clorox, and Lysol. As there is room in Hope's fridge, please label and also offer: beef, eggs, fish, chicken, and milk. Talk to Naette or Pastor Lolo with any questions.

New Address: Pastor Julie and Silas have moved to a new DC neighborhood to be closer to their kids' school, and slightly closer to Hope and Silas's work. Please pray for them at this time of transition. You can find their new address in the updated printed church directory.

St John Lutheran Church Closing Worship: On Sunday, **October 12** at 2pm Hope's neighboring Lutheran church has voted to close and will host their final worship service. Hope is invited to attend. St John Lutheran Church, 5820 Riverdale Rd, Riverdale, MD.

Pupusas Wednesday: On **Wednesdays** throughout the semester the Humble Walk has a new ministry program and they can use volunteers. It is both a feeding program and one that focuses on hunger advocacy and community building. Research shows that 19%+ of college students nationwide are food insecure, a higher percentage than the approx. 11% overall nationwide food insecure population. As part of the program, we will be serving free pupusas to everyone who comes: students, staff, people in the community, the unhoused, etc. If you'd like to volunteer, email Carolyn, the student coordinator, at cconner2@terpmail.umd.edu).

Hope Council at Work: Hope's Council, the leadership team of this congregation, meets every month to support the workings of the church. Their meetings and minutes are public. If you're curious to know what leadership is working on right now, look for the printed minutes on Hope's rotating bulletin board in the entryway or request a copy from the office.

Creation Care Advocacy: Learn about and comment locally on Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) here: <https://www.science.org/content/article/usda-reorganization-will-cut-agricultural-and-forest-research> and see more below by **September 30**. <https://www.usda.gov/about-usda/news/press-releases/2025/08/01/usda-opens-public-comment-period-department-reorganization-plan>

BIG THANK YOU: There is a lot happening at Hope this fall. Thank you to the many people who have been involved with extra efforts for support, community and care. Hope has provided uniforms, backpacks and school supplies for over 20 children from Christian Stability Ministry - thank you to everyone who donated materials. Hope provided the first dinner for Humble Walk students returning to campus ministry for the semester - thank you to everyone who donated food, cooked, and cleaned up. Hope is still collecting money to support local refugee families with other things they may need - thank you to everyone who has given financial support online or by check at Hope.

What's Happening at Hope

Today

10:30am: Worship; following worship: Sabbatical Sharing at Hope

1:30-2:30pm: Christian Stability Ministry worships at Hope

5-7pm: Humble Walk Dinner and Worship at Hope

7pm: College Park Community Food Bank: Mark Hill Benefit Concert at the Gildenhorn Recital Hall at The Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center

This Week

Tuesday, September 23, 10am-12pm: Quilters of Hope at Hope

Wednesday, September 24, lunchtime: Pupusa Wednesday at Hope

Wednesday, September 24, 7:30pm: Hope Council meeting via Zoom

Saturday, September 27, 11am: Living Water worships at Hope

Saturday, September 27, 2:30-4pm: Christian Stability Ministry music practice

Looking Ahead

Sunday, October 5, 10:30am: Lively worship

Sunday, October 5, following worship: Resilience Check-in

Friday, October 10, 7:30pm: movies@hope presents *Minari*

Sunday, October 12, following worship: "God's Work, Our Hands" Service
Projects & Stewardship Fair

Sunday, October 12, 2pm: St John Lutheran Church Closing Worship at St John in Riverdale

Tuesday, October 14, 10am-12pm: Quilters of Hope at Hope

Wednesday October 22, 7:30pm: Hope Council Meeting via Zoom

Tuesday, October 28, 10am-12pm: Quilters of Hope at Hope

Our Core Values: We are...

Welcoming,

Growing Disciples who Lead,

Loving our Neighbors,

Near and Far.