

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

REFORMATION SUNDAY

Hope Lutheran Church, Aurora, OH

October 25, 2026



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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Bringing people into a life-changing relationship
With Jesus Christ

To All Guests and Visitors:

Welcome to Hope Lutheran Church! The members of Hope extend a warm greeting to you. We ask that you join with the members of Hope in signing the "Fellowship Pad" passed out during the service, using one line for each family member. Next to one family member's name, please include your address and phone number. We invite you to join the people of Hope Lutheran Church in living for Christ as a member of this congregation.

Our Vision: Hope provides a way in our community where all people can connect through worship, interest groups, youth activities and ministries that strengthen faith in Jesus Christ.

Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Belief and Practice

With the universal Christian Church, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod teaches and responds to the love of the Triune God: the Father, creator of all that exists; Jesus Christ, the Son, who became human to suffer and die for the sins of all human beings and to rise to life again in the ultimate victory over death and Satan; and the Holy Spirit, who creates faith through God's Word and Sacraments. The three persons of the Trinity are coequal and coeternal, one God. Being "Lutheran"

Our congregations accept and preach the Bible-based teachings of Martin Luther that inspired the reformation of the Christian Church in the 16th century. The teaching of Luther and the reformers can be summarized in three phrases: Grace alone, Faith alone, Scripture alone.



You have many choices of where to worship on Sunday, thank you for choosing Hope; we welcome you in the name of Jesus!



PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMORY CHALLENGE VERSE FOR OCTOBER **(Say it together)**

**Be kind to one another,
tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as
God in Christ forgave you. Ephesians 4:32**

GREETING OF PEACE *Please greet those to
the left and right, front and behind you in
the peace of the Lord.*

578 THY STRONG WORD

sts. 1, 4-6



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy
4 From the cross Thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth
5 Give us lips to sing Thy glo - ry, Tongues Thy
△ 6 God the Fa - ther, light - cre - a - tor, To Thee



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed
forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -
mer - cy to pro - claim; Throats that shout the
laud and hon - or be. To Thee, Light of



light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.
ev - er beam - eth All Thy bright re - deem - ing light.
hope that fills us, Mouths to speak Thy ho - ly name.
Light be - got - ten, Praise be sung e - ter - nal - ly.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! May the
Ho - ly Spir - it, light - re - veal - er, Glo - ry,



Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
light which Thou dost send Fill our songs with
glo - ry be to Thee. Mor - tals, an - gels,



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
al - le - lu - ias, Al - le - lu - ias with - out end!
now and ev - er Praise the ho - ly Trin - i - ty!

(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)

INVOCATION

Pastor In the name of the Father and of the +
Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation Amen.

((Sit))

HOLY BAPTISM:

(The candidate(s), sponsors, and family gather with the pastor at the entrance of the nave, near the font.)

(When candidates are unable to speak for themselves, the sponsors, parents and congregation answer the questions on their behalf.)

Pastor Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me.

Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." And the apostle Peter has written, "Baptism now saves you."

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own.

Therefore, depart, you unclean spirit, and make room for the Holy Spirit in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

(The pastor makes the sign of the holy cross upon the forehead and heart of the candidate while saying:)

Pastor Receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your + forehead and upon your + heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

Pastor Let us pray:

Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all.

You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold Perry according to Your boundless mercy and bless Perry with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in her, which has been inherited from Adam and which she herself has committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that she be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, she would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Congregation Amen.

Pastor Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

They brought young children to [Jesus] that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them.

But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.

(The pastor places his hands on the head of the candidate, and the congregation joins in praying:)

LORD'S PRAYER

Congregation 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.

Pastor The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even + forevermore.

Congregation Amen.

(The pastor addresses the candidate(s) and asks the following questions:)

Pastor Jacob & Kelsey do you renounce the devil?

Respondent Yes, I renounce him.

Pastor Do you renounce all his works?

Respondent Yes, I renounce them.

Pastor Do you renounce all his ways?

Respondent Yes, I renounce them.

Pastor Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

Respondent Yes, I believe.

Pastor Do you believe 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?

Respondent Yes, I believe.

Pastor Do you 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?

Respondent Yes, I believe.

Pastor [Name], do you desire to be baptized?

Respondent Yes, I do.

(The pastor pours water three times on the head of candidate while saying:)

Pastor Perry, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation Amen.

(The pastor places his hands on the head of the newly baptized while saying:)

Pastor The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life + everlasting.

Congregation Amen.

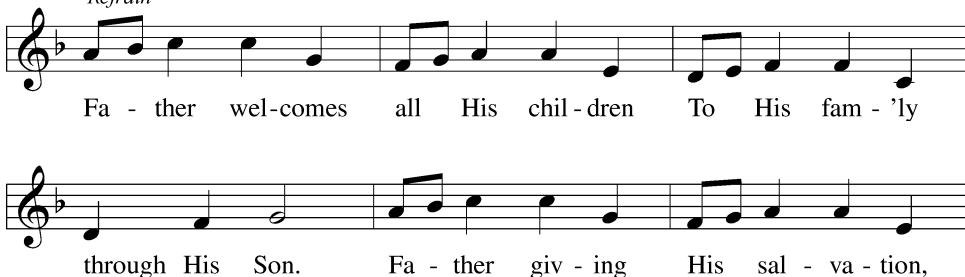
Pastor Peace + be with you.

Congregation Amen.

PRESENTATION OF THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

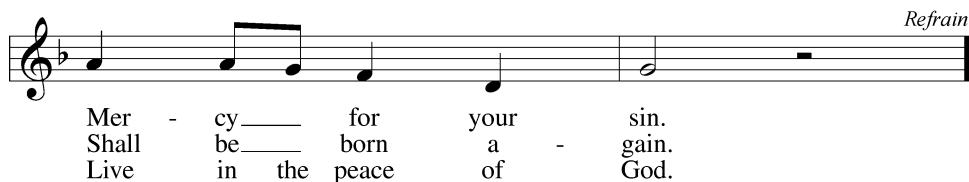
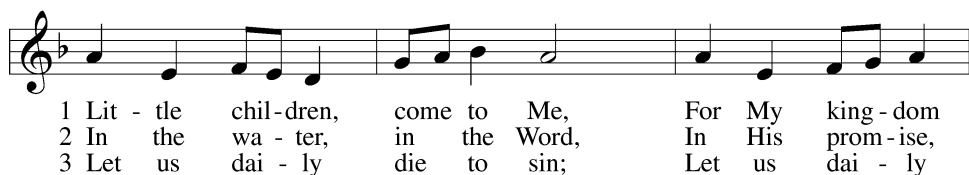
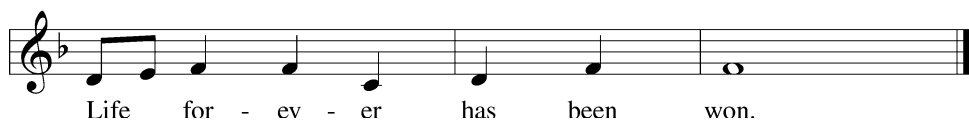
605 FATHER WELCOMES

Refrain



The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Fa - ther wel-comes all His chil - dren To His fam - 'ly
through His Son. Fa - ther giv - ing His sal - va - tion,



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((Stand))

EXHORTATION

LSB 151

Pastor If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

Congregation But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

CONFESSION OF SINS

LSB 151

Pastor Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

Congregation Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

LSB 151

Pastor Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation Amen.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor The Lord be with you.

Congregation And also with you.

Pastor Let us pray.

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation Amen.

(Sit)

Sit – The children are invited to come forward during the singing of the hymn:

725 CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER

sts. 1-2

1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly;
2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His

in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in
ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He

heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.

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CHILDRENS CHAT

FIRST READING

Revelation 14:6–7

⁶Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

Assistant This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 46; antiphon: v. 7

¹God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

²Therefore we will not fear though the earth
gives way,

**though the mountains be moved into the
heart of the sea,**

³though its waters roar and foam,
**though the mountains tremble at its
swelling.**

⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the
city of God,

the holy habitation of the Most High.

⁵God is in the midst of her; she shall not be
moved;

God will help her when morning dawns.

⁶The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;

he utters his voice, the earth melts.

⁷The LORD of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our fortress.

⁸Come, behold the works of the LORD,

**how he has brought desolations on the
earth.**

⁹He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
**he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the chariots with fire.**

¹⁰“Be still, and know that I am God.
**I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!”**

¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

EPISTLE

Romans 3:19–28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. ²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction:

²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

Assistant This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 156

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 8:31–36

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St.
John, the eighth chapter.

Congregation Glory to You, O Lord.

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin.

³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation Praise to You, O Christ.

657 A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD *sts. 1-4*



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land All threat'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, No thanks to foes, who



to - rious; He breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod And wins sal -
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, Whom God Him -
 vour us, We trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; They can - not
 fear it; For God Him - self fights by our side With weap - ons



va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe Has sworn to
 self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be? The Lord of
 o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage; In bat - tle
 of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house, Goods, hon - or,



work us woe. With craft and dread - ful might He
 hosts is He, Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord, God's
 we'll en - gage. His might is doomed to fail; God's
 child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched a - way, They



arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 can - not win the day. The King - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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SERMON

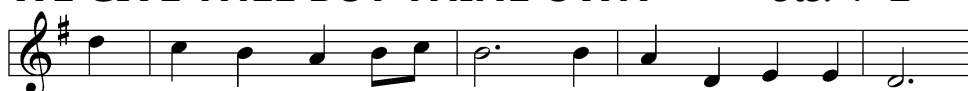
Pastor Dan Esala

OFFERING

((Stand and sing))

WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN

sts. 1-2



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we Thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive



All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition:

Pastor Lord, in Your mercy,

Congregation hear our prayer.

BLESSING

LSB 166

Pastor The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Congregation Amen.

HYMN 661 THE SON OF GOD GOES FORTH TO WAR



1 The Son of God goes forth to war A king - ly crown to gain.
 2 The mar - tyr first, whose ea - gle eye Could pierce be - yond the grave,
 3 A glo - rious band, the cho - sen few, On whom the Spir - it came,
 4 A no - ble ar - my, men and boys, The ma - tron and the maid,



His blood - red ban - ner streams a - far; Who fol - lows in His train?
 Who saw his mas - ter in the sky And called on Him to save.
 Twelve val - iant saints—their hope they knew And mocked the cross and flame.
 A - round the Sav - ior's throne re-joyce, In robes of light ar-rayed.



Who best can drink His cup of woe, Tri - um-phant o - ver pain,
 Like Him, with par - don on His tongue In midst of mor - tal pain,
 They met the ty - rant's bran-dished steel, The li - on's gor - y mane;
 They climbed the steep as - cent of heav'n Through per - il, toil, and pain.



Who pa - tient bears his cross be - low— He fol - lows in His train.
 He prayed for those who did the wrong— Who fol - lows in his train?
 They bowed their necks their death to feel— Who fol - lows in their train?
 O God, to us may grace be giv'n To fol - low in their train!

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BENEDICAMUS

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Pastor Go in peace; serve the Lord.

Congregation Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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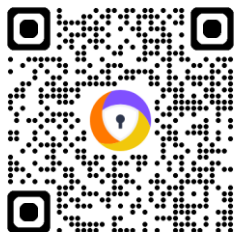
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How to Become a Member of Hope

Letter of transfer: Make arrangements to have a letter sent from your former Lutheran congregation.

Confirmation: We invite those adults new to the Lutheran faith to participate in our Adult Information Class.

Baptism: We believe in our Lord's command to baptize all people and therefore, we extend to all – infants, children, youth and adults who have not been baptized the sacrament of the Holy Baptism.

If you are interested in any of the above, please contact (330) 562-9660.

Email: hope@hopelcaurora.org

Office hours Mondays from 8:30 AM-2:00 PM

Pastor Dan Esala (440) 668-0795

Nursery School Jennifer Lynagh (330)562-8260

Bible Studies

**The Adult Bible Study
Topic is Discipleship.
Sundays 8:45-9:30**

**"In the Word Bible Study"
The bi-weekly Bible study is on
The book "Jesus Said What?"
on Saturday, Nov. 7th
At 9:15am**

Hope Lutheran Prayer List

Ocotber 25, 2026

***Gail Kohler's brother, Mark Meadows for healing from oral cancer.**

***For Al Cate (Esala) with pancreatic cancer.**

***For Wyatt Mullins dealing with pain and severe intestinal problems.**

***For Jim Zarlino (Kosinar) with a severe infection**

**For prayer changes to be included in the insert, email
Dawn at her new email dghlc456@hopelcaurora.org**

Thanksgiving Meal Bags

For at least 10 years, Hope has provided Thanksgiving Meal Bags for Aurora families through the Volunteers of America. Hope started with providing 20 bags, increasing over time and need. This year the goal is 40 bags. Check out the Welcome Table to sign up to provide a turkey and pumpkin pie (total of \$30), Stove Top stuffing, instant mashed potatoes, packet of turkey gravy, a large or small can of sweet potatoes, or cranberry sauce. Donations will be gathered starting Sunday, October 18th in a bin by the welcome table. Don't want to shop? See Dave B. or email him at dvdbell@roadrunner.com to make a donation for canned goods.

The new roadside sign for the church was recently approved by the city of Aurora. Stewart Signs submitted the sign into manufacturing production and Hope is awaiting a completion date.

Many thanks to all who donated to upgrade this fixture for the church.

FIVE DOLLAR FRIDAY

NOVEMBER 6

5:30 PM

Special Performance :
Aspen Glow

At Hope Lutheran Church

A casual meal consisting of sandwiches, sides and dessert

- Bring a friend
- Sign up
- \$5 to benefit Center of Hope



WOMEN IN HISTORY - BETTY FORD

Wife of Gerald Ford, 38th President of the United States

Third @ 3

November 15
3 PM



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Betty Ford started out as a dancer and model, but became First Lady when her husband, became president after the resignation of Richard Nixon.

Sounds of the Season

JESSIE BARR & JASON BURDETT

December 13, 2026
3 PM

THIRD @ 3

Note this is the SECOND
Sunday in December

