



## APPLICATION FOR CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Hope Lutheran Church  
5350 Providence Road  
Virginia Beach, VA 23464

### **It is the duty and privilege as a confirmed member of Hope Lutheran to:**

1. Attend worship regularly.
2. Lead a Christian life while not living in a manner that is offensive to the example and witness of the Christian faith.
3. Develop a pattern of sacrificial tithing to the Lord's work.
4. Grow in knowledge and understanding of the Word of God through regular personal study and by participating in the Christian education programs offered by the congregation.
5. Discover and use your spiritual gifts to extend God's Kingdom.
6. Allow yourself to be corrected and admonished when you have erred within the Body of Christ.
7. Accord honor and love to the Pastor(s) and all professional staff members in their ministry of God's Word, supporting their ministry with diligence and faithful prayers, helping them in the course of their duties, and providing for their needs according to the congregation's ability.

### **The membership of this congregation includes the following:**

- A. Baptized Membership. Baptized members are those who are baptized, with water, in the name of the Triune God and are under the spiritual care of this congregation.
- B. Confirmed Membership. Confirmed membership may be held by those who, following an appropriate course of study:
  1. Are baptized in the name of the Triune God.
  2. Have declared their acceptance of the Holy Scriptures and our Lutheran Confessions.
  3. Have been received into membership through the rite of confirmation, by transfer from a partner congregation, by profession of faith or by reaffirmation of faith.
  4. Lead a Christian life and remain faithful to the responsibilities of membership as contained by the By-Laws of this congregation.

I understand the requirements duties and privileges of membership. With God's help and blessing, and with the help of the Holy Spirit, I pledge to be a faithful member of Hope Lutheran Church.

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete the reverse side of this application and return it to the church office.