

# THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Rejoice in the Lord Always!

December 15, 2024



**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

***LSB 357 Refrain***

## **Mount Hope Lutheran Church**

Sunday Service - 9:30am

Sunday Bible Study – after Service

Wednesday Bible Study – 10:30am

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### **Welcome! Members and Guests**

We are blessed to have you here today. Please fill out the Guest/Member Attendance Card located in the pew rack in front of you. Guests please include your full address, zip code, and phone number. The cards will be collected by the ushers early in the service. Prayer Requests cards are available in the pew racks and should be handed to the ushers when the attendance cards are collected.

### **Holy Communion**

The Lord's Supper is a sacrament in which Jesus' body and blood are given in and with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26-30). When we receive the Holy Communion at a church, we are making a public statement that we agree with the teachings of that church (1 Corinthians 10:14-18). The Bible cautions us against receiving the body and blood of Christ in a manner that is spiritually harmful (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). Therefore, we invite to the Lord's Supper those who have been instructed and confirmed in the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

### **Large Print Bulletins**

Large print worship guides are available at the ushers' stand.

### **Listening Devices**

Listening devices are available; our ushers will be glad to assist you in signing one out for today's service.

### **Pew Cushions**

Pew cushions are available; our ushers will be glad to get them for you.

### **Wheelchair Accessible Seating**

Wheelchair seating is located in the fifth row from the front of the church on the left and right side of the center aisle.

### **Church Nursery**

Our Nursery is located in the Parlor, which is the first room next to the stained glass doors. The worship service can be heard in this room. The ushers can direct you to this room.

### **Our Divine Service, & Bible Studies**

Our Divine Service is held on Sundays at 09:30 a.m. Bible Study is held on Sundays after Service and Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Our Bible studies are held Sep-May.

***Our Vision Statement: Revitalize Within—Reach Out!***

**PRELUDE**  
**THE RINGING OF THE BELLS**  
**PREPARATION**

Pastor: Are you feeling the joy? At this point in the month of December, studies show that many people are not feeling joy. Many people are feeling overwhelmed as they approach Christmas, feeling stressors that include not having enough money, missing loved ones, and anticipating family conflict. No matter how we come to our time of worship today, even if stressed, distracted, and frazzled, what great timing to hear what God speaks to us in this season and each day. From all our Readings today, we hear of joy! It is a joy not based on our own momentary perspectives of how things should go, but rather a joy from God's eternal perspective for our sake and what has freely been done for us. As our Advent season continues, may our true joy be found in the one for whom we prepare—Christ, who was born for us and who is with us and for us and is today in our midst as He comes to us in the means of grace.

(Please stand)

**+ PREPARATION +**

**INVOCATION**

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

**People: Amen.**

(Please be seated)

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*John 1:5, 9; 15:10–11; Psalm 100:1–5*

Pastor: We light the third Advent candle as we prepare for the arrival of the Savior, who would come to His people in human flesh, and who promises to come again. In a world of darkness, a light shines. Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

**People: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

Pastor: The third, pink Advent candle has been known as the shepherd candle or the candle of joy. The third Sunday of Advent is known also as Gaudete Sunday. *Gaudete* in Latin means “rejoice,” as found in Philippians 4:4. We find our joy in Christ this season and always as we prepare to celebrate His birth. Jesus affirms the joy found only in Him as we remain connected to Him:

*“If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love. These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.”*

**People: The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.**

Pastor: Guided by the light of joy, we respond with the psalmist: ***“Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!***

**People: Know that the LORD, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.**

Pastor: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!

**People: Give thanks to Him; bless His name!**

Pastor: For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever,

**People: and His faithfulness to all generations.”**

*Three Advent candles are lit.*

## **HYMN**

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” LSB 357 vs 5-7

**O, come, Thou Key of David, come  
And open wide our heav'nly home  
Make safe the way that leads on high  
And close the path to misery  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to you, O Israel!**

**O, come Thou Dayspring from on high  
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night  
And death's dark shadows put to flight  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to you, O Israel!**

**O, come, Desire of nations, bind  
In one the hearts of all mankind  
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,  
And be Yourself our King of Peace  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to you, O Israel!**

(Please be seated or kneel, as you are able, for the confession and absolution)

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** *Philippians 4:4–7*

Pastor: As we gather today to hear God’s Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, we come before Him as people who are broken by an imperfect world, burdened by sin, and bearing guilt for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. In the midst of our condition, the Word of God speaks to us. In today’s Epistle, we hear, *“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.”*

**People: We confess we do not rejoice in everything; instead, we let the weight of this world bring us down. Instead of seeing all good things from Your hand, at times we focus on that which does not give You glory nor bring lasting joy to our lives.**

Pastor: *“Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand.”*

**People: We confess we have at times been unreasonable in our relationships with others and in our relationship with You. Our witness to Your grace has faltered.**

Pastor: *“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.”*

**People: We confess we have been anxious about our sin and our circumstances of life. Create in us a clean heart and renew in us a right spirit that we may abide in Your love and that Your joy may be in us, and our joy may be full.**

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 the Word, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**People: Amen.**

(Please stand)

**+ WORD +**

**INTROIT** *Psalm 146:5–8; antiphon: Philippians 4:4*

**People: *Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.***

Pastor: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

**People: *Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.***

**KYRIE** (sing) p. 186 in hymnal

**People: Lord, have mercy upon us**

**Christ, have mercy upon us**

**Lord, have mercy upon us**

## **HYMN OF PRAISE**

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” LSB 380 vs 1

**Hark the herald angels sing**

**Glory to the newborn King**

**Peace on earth and mercy mild**

**God and sinners reconciled**

**Joyful all you nations rise**

**Join the triumph of the skies**

**With the angelic hosts proclaim**

**Christ is born in Bethlehem**

**Hark the herald angels sing**

**Glory to the newborn King**

## **SALUTATION**

**Pastor: The Lord be with you.**

**People: And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Pastor: Let us pray.**

Into the darkness, You bring light, and into  
our lives, You bring lasting joy.

**People: Fill us with Your Spirit that we may  
rightly prepare and welcome the Savior  
promised and born for us, that in Him,  
Your joy may be known, and our joy may  
be complete;**



Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,  
 who lives and reigns with You and the Holy  
 Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

(Please be seated)

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Zephaniah 3:14–20*

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of  
 Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments  
 against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King  
 of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall never again  
 fear evil. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: “Fear  
 not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak.

The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who  
 will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will  
 quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud  
 singing. I will gather those of you who mourn for the  
 festival, so that you will no longer suffer reproach.

Behold, at that time I will deal with all your oppressors.

And I will save the lame and gather the outcast,  
 and I will change their shame into praise and renown in  
 all the earth. At that time I will bring you in, at the time  
 when I gather you together;

for I will make you renowned and praised among all the  
 peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes  
 before your eyes,” says the Lord.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## SPECIAL MUSIC

“Do You Hear What I Hear?”

Sung by Ken Kosmalski

### EPISTLE *Philippians 4:4–7*

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. <sup>5</sup> Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand)

### VERSE *Matthew 11:10b*

Pastor: Alleluia. Behold, I send My messenger  
before Your face,

**People: who will prepare Your way before You.  
Alleluia.**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the  
seventh chapter.

**People: (sing) Glory to You, O Lord.**

### HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 7:18-35*

The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John, calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” And when the men had come to him, they said, “John the Baptist has sent us to

you, saying, 'Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?'" In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight. And he answered them, "Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is the one who is not offended by me." When John's messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who are dressed in splendid clothing and live in luxury are in kings' courts. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is he of whom it is written, "'Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.' I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he." (When all the people heard this, and the tax collectors too, they declared God just, having been baptized with the baptism of John, but the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected the purpose of God for themselves, not having been baptized by him.) "To what then shall I compare the people of this generation, and what are they like? They are like children sitting in the marketplace and calling to one another, "'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not weep.' For John the Baptist has

come eating no bread and drinking no wine, and you say, 'He has a demon.' The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, 'Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is justified by all her children."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** (sing) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **HYMN**

"Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding" *LSB 345 vs 1 & 5*

**Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding  
Christ is near, we hear it say.  
Cast away the works of darkness,  
All you children of the day!**

**Honor, glory, might, dominion  
To the Father and the Son  
With the ever living Spirit  
While eternal ages run!**

(Please be seated)

## **PRAYER REQUESTS & ATTENDANCE CARDS**

Please pass your prayer requests and yellow attendance cards to the individual sitting nearest the aisle and the usher will collect them during the singing of the hymn of the day.

**++ SERMON ++**

The Song of Elizabeth

Text: Luke 1:39–45

## Sermon Outline

1. Mary essentially walks into her cousin's bridal shower, grabs the microphone, and sings that her baby is more important than Elizabeth's.
2. But instead of being jealous, Elizabeth sings *with* Mary because she believes Mary's baby is her glory too.
3. Unlike Elizabeth, we think glory is a zero-sum game in which others' glory or Jesus' glory costs us ours.
4. Instead, Christ made you a sinner no more and wrapped you in his glory.

Elizabeth Sings That You Have a God Who Has Given  
You His Glory.

(Please stand)

## NICENE CREED

**People: I believe in one God, the Father**

**Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come**

**again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.**

(Please be seated or kneel, as you are able, for the Prayers of the Church)

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** *Philippians 4:4*

Pastor: Let us pray for the church, for the people of God, and for all people according to their needs. We praise You, O Lord, for the joys You have given us in this life. For each day You grant us in this life, we rejoice in You always,

**People: again I will say, Rejoice.**

Pastor: For the opportunities You give us to share Your Word to children, family, friends, neighbors, and communities, and for the privilege we carry to model Your love and to give a reason for the hope that we have, we rejoice in You always,

**People: again I will say, Rejoice.**

Pastor: For those who face their days with struggle and sorrows, especially those who ask for our prayers, .....that even though in this world we have trouble, we take heart that Christ has overcome the world. We rejoice in You always,

**People: again I will say, Rejoice.**

Pastor: For those who serve our nation here and across the world in the armed forces, for those who keep our community safe through law and order, for those You use to make people well in times of physical and mental distress, and for all vocations in which the gifts and abilities You have given are used on behalf of others, we rejoice in You always,

**People: again I will say, Rejoice.**

Pastor: For the uniqueness of the season of this wintertime, for the blessing of this Advent season of the Church Year as we prepare to welcome again the Savior sent and born for us, and for Your presence and blessings freely given to Your people each and every season, we rejoice in You always,

**People: again I will say, Rejoice.**

Pastor: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

(Please be seated)

## **OFFERING**

## **OFFERTORY HYMN**

*“God Loves Me Dearly” LSB 392 vs 1-3*

**God loves me dearly,  
Grants me salvation,  
God loves me dearly,  
Loves even me.**

Therefore I'll say again:  
 God loves me dearly,  
 God loves me dearly,  
 Loves even me.

I was in slav'ry,  
 Sin death, and darkness;  
 God's love was working  
 To make me free.

Therefore I'll say again:  
 God loves me dearly,  
 God loves me dearly,  
 Loves even me.

He sent forth Jesus,  
 My dear Redeemer,  
 He sent forth Jesus  
 And set me free

Therefore I'll say again:  
 God loves me dearly,  
 God loves me dearly,  
 Loves even me.

**+ SACRAMENT +**

**PREFACE** *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**



(Please stand)

## **PROPER PREFACE**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

**SANCTUS** *(we sing) LSB 195*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth  
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory**

**Hosanna, Hosanna**

**Hosanna in the highest**

**Blessed is He, Blessed is He**

**Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord**

**Hosanna, Hosanna**

**Hosanna in the highest**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** *Hebrews 12:2, adapt.*

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and out of perfect love sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin

and be our Savior who we look to, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Instill in us the joy of receiving Your healing grace through Christ's body and blood given and shed for us.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”  
 In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

*1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

**People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**LORD'S PRAYER** *Matthew 6:9–13*

**People:** 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.

**PAX DOMINI**

**Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People:** Amen.

**AGNUS DEI** (Sung) *LSB 198*

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God that takest away the sin of  
the world have mercy upon us**  
**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of  
the world, have mercy upon us**  
**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of  
the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

**“Joy to the World”** *LSB 387 vs 1 & 4*  
**Joy to the world, the Lord is come**  
**Let earth receive its King**  
**Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room**  
**And heav'n and nature sing**  
**And heav'n and nature sing**  
**And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing**

**He rules the world with truth and grace  
 And makes the nations prove  
 The glories of His righteousness  
 And wonders of His love  
 And wonders of His love  
 And wonders wonders of His love**

(Please stand)

## **THE POST-DISTRIBUTION BLESSING**

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus  
 strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to  
 life everlasting.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen**

## **THE NUNC DIMITTIS** (we sing) TLH p. 29-30

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant  
 depart in peace according to Thy word,  
 for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
 which Thou hast prepared before the face  
 of all people, a light to lighten the  
 Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
 Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
 and to the Holy Ghost;  
 as it was in the beginning, is now,  
 and ever shall be, world without end. Amen**

## **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,

**People: for His steadfast love endures forever.**

Pastor: We thank You for the true body and blood shed  
 for us for the forgiveness of sins and nourishment  
 of faith.

**People: Enable us to depart in peace and in joy  
to serve You and others to the glory of  
Your name. Amen.**

**CLOSING SENTENCES** *John 1:5, 9*

Pastor: The light shines in the darkness, and the  
darkness has not overcome it.

**People: The true light, which enlightens everyone, was  
coming into the world.**

**BENEDICTION** *Philippians 4:4, 6–7*

Pastor: Rejoice! . . . Do not be anxious about anything,  
but in everything by prayer and supplication with  
thanksgiving let your requests be made known to  
God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all  
understanding, will guard your hearts and your  
minds in Christ Jesus. The blessing of almighty  
God—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—be  
with you.

**People: Amen.**

**HYMN**

“Go Tell It on the Mountain” *LSB 388*

**Go tell it on the mountain  
Over the hills and ev'ry where  
Go tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born**

**While shepherds kept their watching  
O'er silent flocks by night  
Behold throughout the heavens  
There shone a holy light**

**Go tell it on the mountain  
Over the hills and ev'ry where  
Go tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born**

**The shepherds feared and trembled  
When lo above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus  
That hailed our Savior's birth**

**Go tell it on the mountain  
Over the hills and ev'ry where  
Go tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born**

**Down in a lonely manger  
The humble Christ was born  
And God sent us salvation  
That blessed Christmas morn**

**Go tell it on the mountain  
Over the hills and ev'ry where  
Go tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE**

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor

Marie Brown, Organist

Frank Pignanelli, Elder

Laurie Pignanelli, Reader

Bill Switter, Dave Brown & Kathy King, Ushers

# GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Wednesday Bible Study

Will reconvene on January 8<sup>th</sup>. We will begin studying Paul's Epistles to the Thessalonians. Study copies have already been distributed. Ken Kosmalski has more copies if you wish to join us.

## Thank you to the following people

For decorating the church for the advent/Christmas season. Christ Thompson, Linda Hurst, Dave & Marie Brown, Jim Bumgarner, Frank Pignanelli & Scott & Keri Driscoll.

The Glory Belongs to the Lord!  
Ken Kosmalski

## Undecorating the Church

Sunday January 5<sup>th</sup> immediately following worship service

## Senior Luncheon THIS TUESDAY

When: Tuesday December 17<sup>th</sup> @ 1pm  
Where: Logan's Steak House in Westland  
Call Ruth to confirm

## A blessed Christmas to one and all from the quilting ladies, with their love and thanks.

They want you to know that all the great small items on the Quilters table in the narthex—great stocking stuffers and items for a special person—all items are Free Will offering,

EXCEPT THE QUILTS:

Mediums are 25.00, Large are 40.00;



All proceeds go towards supplies, needed for making more quilts.

The Quilters voted to send 300.00 to the Missionary, Salam Ayagri for the holidays also.

## Community Service Opportunity

Donations of Cereal Boxes for Blessed Hope.

Please place cereal in grey box by the mailboxes.

### BINGO!

December 18<sup>th</sup> 6pm to 8pm

Bring a friend

### Quilting

Every Thursday from 10am to 2pm

### Attendance

Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm 6

Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am 27

### Prayer List

**If sudden illness or the need for immediate prayers occurs, please feel free to contact Nancy Dajos at 313-254-2437.** Prayer requests will remain on the list for two weeks.

### Anniversary

Kim & Paul Jones – December 21<sup>st</sup>

### Birthdays

Alaric Aubrey – December 19<sup>th</sup>

LaTosha Wells – December 21<sup>st</sup>

### For the Shut-Ins

*Louis Bigliardi, Assistant Living*

*Joan Hafkesbrink, at Beaumont Commons*

*Dorothy MacTavish, at home*

*Camell Faulk, at home*

*Phyllis Witte, at Aeries Health Center*

*Melvin Kimbrough, at home*

*Lynn Mayfield, at home*

**For Those Who Are Sick or Healing**

**For the family of Andrew Pignanelli**, called to glory

**For the family of Calvin Hodges**, called to glory

**For our youth and adults** as they prepare for, the 2025  
LCMS Youth Gathering.

**Bill Switter**, in his recuperating from surgery;

**Dominic Walker**, Lori Wilson's neighbor, he is suffering  
from cancer

**Marion Pollatz**, Pastor's sister-in-law, critical condition  
at Grand Rapids hospital

**The Family of Ralph Aiello**, Marilyn Hieber's husband,  
called to glory this past week at the age of 91½  
(Marilyn is our substitute organist).

**Mary Newton, friend of Pollatz**, inoperable cancer

**Megan & Nathan**, daughter & son in law to Cheryl  
Smith, health and employment issues.

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT MOUNT HOPE

Sunday December 15	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent 9:30am – Worship w/HC Bible Study after Service
Wednesday December 18	NO Bible Study Returns January 8 <sup>th</sup>
Thursday December 19	10am Quilting
Friday December 20	Office Closed
Saturday December 21	5pm Saturday Service
Sunday December 22	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent 9:30am – Worship w/HC Bible Study after Service