

Third Sunday in Advent

Sunday December 11, 2022



In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus." *Luke 1:26–27, 30–31*

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
Advent Adverbs: Joyfully

Pastor: Advent is a most joyful time and a time for great praise of our God. Today is **the “joyful Sunday”** in Advent. With Mary’s beautiful song, the Magnificat, we exult that God has “done great things” and that “His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation” (*LSB*, pp. 248–49). With Mary, we rejoice that God “has shown strength with His arm” especially to those who are lowly and humbled. In his paraphrase of the Magnificat, hymnwriter Stephen Starke invites us to “Sing the greatness of the Lord” and “With praise and blessing Join in confessing God, who is solely Mighty and holy” (*LSB* 933:1). There is so much joy in Advent—it simply must be shared!

(Please stand)

✠ **PREPARATION** ✠

HYMN

“This Is the Day” TFBF 262 2X

**This is the day
This is the day that the Lord has made
That the Lord has made
We will rejoice
We will rejoice and be glad in it
And be glad in it
This is the day that the Lord has made**

**We will rejoice and be glad in it
This is the day
This is the day that the lord has made**

INVOCATION

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

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 100; 118:24*

Pastor: This is the day that the LORD has made

People: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

**People: Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His
presence with singing!**

Pastor: 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.

**People: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His
courts with praise!**

Pastor: Give thanks to Him; bless His name!

**People: For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures
forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.**

SPOKEN HYMN "In Advent Hope" Sts. 1–3

PASTOR: In Advent hope we gather And worship
trustingly, Assured that Christ is coming To set His
people free. Our Advent-hope hosannas
Expectantly arise To Jesus Christ, the Savior Who
comes from Paradise. With Advent hope our

praises Reecho joyfully To greet our Lord's arrival
In His humility.

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us now make confession of our sins to God,
our heavenly Father.

People: **Merciful Father, our Lord and King, we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have left undone those things we ought to have done; we have done those things we ought not to have done. We have not always made Your kingdom of first importance in our lives. We sincerely repent of our sins and humbly ask Your grace and forgiveness in Jesus Christ. By the renewing work of the Holy Spirit, lead us to change what is sinful in our lives that each day we may grow in righteousness and godly living to the glory of Your holy name.**

Pastor: God is gracious and forgiving. He shows His kingly power in ways that are merciful. To each of us, our Lord says, "Fear not!" and promises pardon, life, and salvation. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I announce to you the forgiveness of all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. As you believe, so may it be.

People: Amen.

(Please stand)

✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT *Psalm 71:14–18; antiphon: Philippians 4:4*

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

Women: I will hope continually and will praise You yet
more and more.

Men: My mouth will tell of Your righteous acts, of Your
deeds of salvation all the day, for their number is
past my knowledge.

Women: With the mighty deeds of the Lord God I will
come; I will remind them of Your righteousness,
Yours alone.

Men: O God, from my youth You have taught me, and I
still proclaim Your wondrous deeds.

People: So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do
not forsake me, until I proclaim Your might to
another generation, Your power to all those to
come. 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.

GLORIA PATRI (we sing)

All: 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.

KYRIE (we sing)

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us
Christ, have mercy upon us
Lord, have mercy upon us**

Advent Adverb # 1: TRUSTINGLY

Advent Adverb # 2: EXPECTANTLY

Advent Adverb # 3: JOYFULLY

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Let All Together Praise Our God” *LSB 389 vs 1 & 2*

**Let all together praise our God
Before his glorious throne
Today He opens heav’n again
To give us His own Song
To give us His own Son**

**He leaves His heav’nly Father’s throne
Is born an infant small
And in a manger, poor and lone
Lies in a humble stall
Lies in a humble stall**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: (spoken) **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, Your kingdom is everlasting and Your promises are sure. Grant us grace to live with unfailing confidence, knowing that You will bring about that time when all of Your

enemies are defeated and all of creation truly is at peace. This we ask for the sake of Jesus, our Savior and our King.

People: Amen.

(Please be seated)

During the singing of the hymn, three candles on the Advent wreath are lighted—one being pink symbolizing our joy!

HYMN

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” *LSB 357 vs 1,2,5*

**O, come, o, come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel!**

**O, come Thou Wisdom from on high
Who ord'rest all things mightily
To us the path of knowledge show
And teach us in her ways to go
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel!**

**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!**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 35:1–10 ESV*

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who have an anxious heart, “Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.” Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Do you hear what I hear?”

Sung by Ken Kosmalski

EPISTLE *James 5:7–11 ESV*

Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand)

GRADUAL AND VERSE

Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26, alt.; Matthew 11:10b

People: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion. Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.

Women: Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation.

Men: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless You.

**People: Alleluia. Behold, I send My messenger before
Your face, who will prepare Your way before
You. Alleluia.**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the
eleventh chapter.

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

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 11:2–15 ESV*

Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.” As they went away, 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 wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. 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.’ Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. For all the Prophets and the

Law prophesied until John, and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

(Please remain standing)

PRAYER REQUESTS—please pass your requests to the person nearest the aisle and the ushers will pick them up during the singing of the hymn of the day. Thank you!!

HYMN OF THE DAY

“I’ve Got the Joy, Joy, Joy” *TFBF 257*

I’ve got the joy, joy joy joy

Down in my heart

Down in my heart

Down in my heart

I’ve got the joy joy joy joy

Down in my heart

Down in my heart to stay

I’ve got the peace that passes understanding

Down in my heart

Down in my heart

Down in my heart

I’ve got the peace that passes understanding

Down in my heart

Down in my heart to stay

I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus
Down in my heart
Down in my heart
Down in my heart
I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus
Down in my heart
Down in my heart to stay

++ SERMON ++

The Angel Gabriel Brings a Message of Hope in the Midst of the Seemingly Impossible

Text: Luke 1:26–38

Sermon Outline

Gabriel Comes Again as God's Special Messenger, This Time to Mary, Announcing a True Message of Hope Even in the Midst of the Seemingly Impossible.

- I. Gabriel appears to a shocked and amazed Mary to announce a great miracle.
- II. He comes with a message of hope: Nothing is impossible with God.
- III. The message of hope is repeated to us in the miracle of the incarnation and inspires our hope for all things.

(Please stand as we prepare to confess our faith)

CREED *The Third Article*

Pastor: The Third Sunday in Advent is a joy-filled Sunday in which we can thank God for His gracious plan for our salvation and for the Holy Spirit, who guides our lives of faith and joins us together in the community of the Church. We speak the words of

the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed with joyful confidence:

People: 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.

Pastor: What does this mean?

People: I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Almighty God, we give thanks for all Your goodness and bless You for the love that sustains us from day to day. We praise You for the gift of Your Son, our Savior, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. We thank You for the Holy Spirit, the Comforter; for Your Holy

Church, for the Means of Grace, for the lives of all faithful and just people, and for the hope of the life to come. Help us to treasure in our hearts all that You have done for us, and enable us to show our thankfulness in lives that are wholly given to Your service. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Save and defend Your whole Church, purchased with the precious blood of Christ. Strengthen Your faithful people through the Word and the Holy Sacraments, making them perfect in love and in all good works, and establishing in them the faith once delivered to the saints. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Grant Your wisdom and heavenly grace to all pastors and to those who hold office in Your Church that, by their devoted service, faith may abound and Your kingdom increase. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Send the light of Your truth into all the earth. Raise up faithful servants of Christ to advance the Gospel both at home and in distant lands. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: In Your mercy, strengthen newly established congregations, and support them in challenging times. Make them steadfast, abounding in the work of the Lord, and let their faith and zeal for the Gospel refresh and renew the witness of Your people everywhere. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Preserve our nation in justice and honor that we may lead a peaceable life with integrity. Grant health and favor to all who bear office in our land, especially the president and congress of the United States, the governor and legislature of this state, and to all those who make, administer, and judge our laws. Help them to serve this people according to Your holy will. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Take from us all hatred and prejudice, give us the spirit of love, and order our days in Your peace. Prosper the labor of those who work to bring peace and justice to the nations of the world that mutual understanding and common endeavor may be increased among all peoples. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Bless the schools of the Church and all colleges, universities, and centers of research and those who teach and work in them. Grant Your wisdom in such measure that people may serve You honorably in Church and state, and that our common life may be conformed to the ways of Your truth. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Sanctify our homes with Your presence, and bless them with joy. Keep our children in the covenant of their Baptism, and enable their parents to bring them up in lives of faith and devotion. Unite the members of all families in a spirit of affection and service that they may show Your praise in our land and in all the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Let Your blessing remain upon the seedtime and harvest, the commerce and industry, the leisure and rest, the arts and culture of our people. Take under Your special protection those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and be with all who put their hands to any useful task. Give them the just rewards for their labor and the knowledge that their work is a blessing in Your sight. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: By Your Word and Holy Spirit comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity,..... Be with those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those to whom death draws near, [*especially . . .*]. Bring consolation to those in sorrow, and grant to all a measure of Your love, taking them into Your tender care. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served You in Your Church on earth, who now rest from their labors, [*especially . . .*]. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints, and bring us at

last to the joys of Your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in
Your mercy,

People: (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: All these things and whatever else You know that
we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who
died and rose again and now lives and reigns with
You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

(Please be seated as the offering is being received and Hymn 806
is sung)

OFFERING

HYMN

“Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart” *LSB* 806

Give thanks with a grateful heart

Give thanks to the Holy One

Give thanks because He’s given

Jesus Christ

His Son

Give thanks with a grateful heart

Give thanks to the Holy One

Give thanks because He’s given

Jesus Christ

His Son

And now let the weak say

I am strong

Let the poor say

I am rich

Because of what the Lord has done for us

**And now let the weak say
I am strong
Let the poor say
I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us
Give thanks give thanks**

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: (spoken) **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: (spoken) **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and proper that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, King of the universe and Lord of our lives. Mercifully grant that we ever trust in the graciousness of Your plan for our lives and await with hope our eternity to come in Your glorious presence. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, forevermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS *(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

Pastor: We give thanks to You, O Lord, our God, for You have delivered us from the power of sin, death, and the devil and have kept us for Your kingdom, which is forever. Grant that we with true thanksgiving receive the bread and wine, that is, the true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, as a guarantee of the salvation that He purchased for us through His innocent suffering and death. Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us that we may live joyfully as Your faithful servants, sharing the Good News of God's love and strengthening those who need our encouragement. Receive our prayers and thanksgivings and grant us Your abiding peace. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and praise, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

"I Come, of Saviour, to Thy Table" LSB 618 VS 1 - 3

**I Come O Savior to Thy table
For weak and weary is my soul
Thou Bread of Life alone art able
To satisfy and make me whole**

**Lord may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good**

**Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning
That sinners may salvation see
Who Lord to Thee in faith are turning
So I a sinner come to Thee**

**Lord may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good**

**Unworthy though I am O Savior
Because I have a sinful heart
Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never
For Thou my faithful shepherd art**

**Lord may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good**

(Please stand at the conclusion of the distribution for the blessing
followed by the Post-Communion Canticule)

THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

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: Let us pray.

O Lord God, heavenly Father, ruler of all things,
You have promised to return in Your appointed
time to right all wrongs and defeat the power of
sin, death, and Satan. Send Your Holy Spirit that,
having now received this Holy Sacrament, we may
joyfully continue our earthly pilgrimage until that
time when we are gathered into Your heavenly
kingdom to share in Your blessings for all eternity.
This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

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.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN

“Hark the Glad Sound” *LSB 349 vs 1 & 4*

**Hark the glad sound
The Savior comes
The Savior promised long
Let ev’ry heart prepare a throne
And ev’ry voice a song**

**Our glad hosannas Prince of Peace
Thy welcome shall proclaim
And heav’n’s eternal arches ring
With Thy beloved name**

(Please be seated)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Thanks be to God!**

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor

Marie Brown, Organist

Dave Hamilton, Elder & Reader

Gary Mason, Glenn Cairns & Kim Armstrong, Ushers

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Toys for Tots

THIS Wednesday LAST Day

Please bring unwrapped toys and place in box in
narthex.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

To all who helped to make last Sunday an exciting time for members, preschool staff, and children.

Just look at how our lord has been blessing mount hope in the recent past and especially last Sunday:

1. God has given us an opportunity to serve in His kingdom
2. To hear the fruits of the Preschool Staff's fruits through the singing of the students
3. To fellowship with 114 individuals in attendance
4. An opportunity serve 6 more new members
5. One more volunteering for quilting
6. And to top it off, our Sunday School has students!

Let's all just praise the lord!!

Rejoice in the lord always and again I say rejoice!!

Christmas Bazaar Tables

All items are free will offering except the quilts. Large \$40 Small \$25. All proceeds go to replenish quilting supplies/ batting & a portion will go to LWML Mite box offerings. Any gently used items are welcome especially

Christmas items. The table will be up until end of December. Any donations can be put on the table or in the church office.

BINGO!

December 14th & 28th

Attendance

Sunday December 4th 9:30 am 39

Prayer List

If sudden illness or the need for immediate prayers occurs, please feel free to contact our Prayer Chain leader, Joan Hafkesbrink, at 313.565.6871. Prayer requests will remain on the list for two weeks.

Anniversary

Birthdays

For the Shut-Ins

Judy Ohannasian, at home

Dorothy MacTavish, at home

Camell Faulk, at home

Phyllis Witte, at home

Melvin Kimbrough, at home

Lynn Mayfield, at home

Albert Glueck, at home

Shirley Ripke, at home

For Those Who Are Sick or Healing

The Trout Haney Families, in their preparations for two weddings in 2024 in all their decision making

Alex & Jayne Haney, in thanksgiving, for the future birth of their baby God has given to them

Dave & Sis Hamilton, hospitalized

Phyllis Witte, fell at home on Wednesday morning and is having two surgeries to repair two bone injuries

Al Hoye, Glenn Cairns' nephew, blood clots

Master Sgt Starlett Waddle Lanning, friend of Kim Armstrong, pneumonia with Upper respiratory complications

Paul Utcai, now home from hospital but very weak

Samantha Planka, niece of Janet Witte, covid

Phyllis Dasher, upcoming surgery in January

Rick Fults, Jackie Fults son, upcoming surgery

Shirley Ripke, Rehab

Mark Ritthuler, Joan from quilting's son, Rehab

Diane Brown, Sandy Cairns' sister

Nena Mullins, Friend of Pam Benford, home and
preparing for chemo treatments

Pat Bates, pray for continued strength and stamina

TO HELP YOU PREPARE FOR Next's WEEK WORSHIP

DECEMBER 18, 2022

This Present Sign

Text: Isaiah 7:10–17

Theme: God promises to be graciously present in his creation
through Jesus.

Outline

1. With a few exceptions, the people of God have often experienced life in a way that makes them think God is absent.
2. Ahaz actually only continued a millennia-old theme of God's people doubting his presence.
3. Despite his and our doubts, Isaiah spoke God's Word that promised his presence. God Promises to Be Graciously Present in His Creation through Jesus.
4. God's presence in Christ is a hidden presence.
5. God's presence in the world today is made known through his people as they love and serve one another.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT MOUNT HOPE

Sunday
December 11 9:30 am - Worship w/ HC
Bible Study after Service

Tuesday
December 13 6:30pm Elder Mtg
7pm Council Mtg

Wednesday
December 14 10:30am Bible Study
6pm to 8pm BINGO

Friday
December 16 Office Closed

Sunday
December 18 9:30 am - Worship w/ HC
NO Bible Study



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