

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Sunday December 18, 2022



As Advent hope-filled people, We resolutely pray,
“Amen, O longed-for Savior! Come, Lord, with us
to stay!”

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
This Present Sign

Pastor: One of the pleasures of walking through medieval towns and cities in Europe is seeing the signs that hang above the doorways of various stores and craftwork locations. Without a word of written language, you can tell where the town's cobbler, blacksmith, baker, and glove maker have set up their shops. The signs indicate that the masters are at work in their various locations. For Christians, Advent is a time for looking to the signs of the presence of God as found in Word and Sacrament. There are signs around us right now! The cross over the altar or in front of church wordlessly attests to the fulfilling of the work by the Master of all creation through the coming of Jesus as the babe of Bethlehem, who would be our crucified and resurrected Lord. The candles on the Advent wreath burn brightly today! The signs of the season are all around us.

(Please stand)

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” *LSB* 341 vs 1 & 2

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates

Behold the King of glory waits

The King of kings is drawing near

The Savior of the world is here

Life and salvation He doth bring

Therefore rejoice and gladly sing

To God the Father raise

Your joyful songs of praise

A righteous Helper comes to thee

His chariot is humility

His kingly crown is holiness

His scepter pity in distress

The end of all our woe He brings

Therefore the earth is glad and sings

To Christ the Savior raise

Your grateful hymns of praise

INVOCATION

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

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Isaiah 45:8a; Psalm 19:1, 4–6; 112:1b*

Pastor: Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the
clouds rain down righteousness;

People: **let the earth open, that salvation and
righteousness may bear fruit; let the earth cause
them both to sprout.**

Pastor: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims His handiwork.

People: Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

Pastor: In them He has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.

People: Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

Pastor: Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who greatly delights in His commandments!

People: His heart is firm, trusting in the LORD. Praise the LORD!

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

People: Eternal God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and that sin is ever-present in our lives. O God, in Your mercy, forgive our sin. Redirect and renew us, that we may joyfully follow Your will and gladly obey Your commandments. Graciously forgive our sins and, by the leading of the Holy Spirit, guide us in ways of compassion and love.

Pastor: In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul,

and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in ✠ peace.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

(Please stand)

✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT *Psalm 130:5–8; antiphon: Isaiah 64:1*

People: Oh that You would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at Your presence.

Women: I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.

Men: O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with Him is plentiful redemption. And He will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

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.

Oh that You would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at Your presence.

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**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come among us with Your abiding presence. By the power of Your Spirit, direct our lives to expressions of repentant joy. Bless our devotion and our prayers, and lead us in ways of faithfulness as we await Your final coming in glory; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

During the singing of the hymn, four candles on the Advent wreath are lighted.

HYMN

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” *LSB 357 vs 1,6, & 7*

**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 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!

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 7:10–17 ESV*

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz: “Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. The LORD will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father's house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah the king of Assyria!”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Hallelujah, Christmas”

Sung by the Men of Choir

EPISTLE *Romans 1:1–7 ESV*

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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 1:23a*

**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, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call His name Immanuel. Alleluia.

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

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

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 1:18–25 ESV*

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

(Please be seated)

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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” *LSB* 341

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates

Behold the King of glory waits

The King of kings is drawing near

The Savior of the world is here

Life and salvation He doth bring

Therefore rejoice and gladly sing

To God the Father raise

Your joyful songs of praise

A righteous Helper comes to thee

His chariot is humility

His kingly crown is holiness

His scepter pity in distress

The end of all our woe He brings

Therefore the earth is glad and sings

To Christ the Savior raise

Your grateful hymns of praise

How blest the land the city blest

Where Christ the ruler is confessed

O peaceful hearts and happy homes

To whom this King triumph comes

The cloudless sun of joy is He

Who comes to set His people free

To God the Spirit raise

Your happy shouts of praise

**Fling wide the portals of your heart
 Make it a temple set apart
 From earthly use for heav'n's employ
 Adorned with prayer and love and joy
 So shall your Sov'reign enter in
 And new and nobler life begin
 To God alone be praise
 For word and deed and grace**

**Redeemer come and open wide
 My heart to Thee her Lord abide
 O enter with Thy grace divine
 Thy face of mercy on me shine
 Thy Holy Spirit guide us on
 Until our glorious goal is won
 Eternal praise and fame
 We offer to Thy name**

++ SERMON ++

This Present Sign

Text: Isaiah 7:10–17

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

Goal: That everyone listening would be present and active in the ministry of their congregations.

Sermon 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.

(Please stand as we prepare to confess our faith)

CREED *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 Prayer of the Church)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ
 Jesus and for all people according to their needs:
 We pray for the Church as it awaits the final
 Advent of our Lord, that through it, the message
 of salvation be proclaimed, and the gifts of God be
 shared. And we pray for the nations of the world,
 that we may know times of peace and may with

thankful hearts enjoy the blessings we receive.
With hope we pray:

People: (spoken) **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

Pastor: As we anticipate the joys of Christmastide, we pray for our family of faith and for all Christian people in God's kingdom around the world. Help us to share confidently the blessings that we know in Christ both within our family circles and beyond them. With hope we pray:

People: (spoken) **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

Pastor: We pray for those things needed by us as part of what we know to be our daily bread. And we remember people with special needs and concerns this day, especially the hospitalized, the grieving, the unemployed, and all on our hearts for whom our petitions are desired, Help us to share love without limit and offer forgiveness as we have been loved and forgiven by our gracious Lord. . With hope we pray:

People: (spoken) **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

Pastor: We pray that we will not succumb to the many temptations that surround us in this and every season, and we ask that we be delivered from every evil. Inspired by and thankful for the witness of faithful Christians in times past, grant that we be led in paths of faith and faithfulness. With hope we pray:

People: (spoken) **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

Pastor: With thankfulness, we ask God's blessing on all who brighten these darkening days of the year—the shopworkers and postal clerks, the musicians

and carolers, the delivery people and all those who work long hours in these days. Grant that we be truly appreciative of all those who carry out their vocations for the betterment of our lives, and direct us to bring glory to God in all that we say and do.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Create in Me” *LSB 956*

**Create in me a clean heart O God
And renew a right spirt with in me
Cast me not away from Thy presence
And take not Thy Holy Spirt from me
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation
And uphold me with Thy free spirt.
Amen**

(Please stand)

✠ 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 salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Lord, our God. You call us to be Your people who acknowledge Your gracious presence in all creation. Direct our lives in ways of faithfulness to Jesus and keep us active in ministry and constant in prayer. Grant that we may receive the body and blood of our Lord here given as the guarantee of our salvation and as a foretaste of the feast to come in Your eternal kingdom. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and praise together with the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

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

Pastor: Blessed are You, almighty Lord, for calling us as Your holy people. You have blessed our lives with Your presence and Your fatherly protection. As we gather at Your Table, grant that we be strengthened in faith toward You and in active love for one another as we await the fulfillment of all Your promises. Send Your Holy Spirit upon us to sanctify and renew us in body and soul for the sake of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, in whose name we offer our thanksgiving.

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:

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 (we sing) 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.**

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 Canticle)

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.

Almighty and ever-living God, we thank You for
having fed us with the body and blood of our
Savior Jesus Christ. Continue with Your gracious
presence among us and bless our coming in and
our going out this day and each day of our earthly
lives. Graciously hear our prayers and grant all that
is best for us according to Your loving will. Grant us
Your abiding peace as we await Your eternal
kingdom. In the name of Jesus, our Advent hope,
we pray.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The blessing of almighty God—the Father, the ☩
 Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you, now and
 forever.

People: (spoken) **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**

(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

Ken Kosmalski, Elder & Reader

Jim Bumgarner & Frank Pignanelli, Ushers

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Check your mailboxes!!

Next year's Envelopes, Portals of Prayer for January &
Christmas Cards/letters

Office Hours for the Holidays

Closed: December 26th – 28th

Open: December 29th & 30th

Back to Regular Hours starting January 2nd

Looking for a Prayer Chain Leader

Please talk with Pastor or and Elder

Services this Advent Season:

7:00pm Christmas Eve

9:30am Christmas Day

9:30am New Year's Day

Circuit Youth Christmas Party

Sunday December 18th from 6pm to 8pm

At Trinity Wyandotte

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.

Toys for Tots

Thank you to everyone who donated!

BINGO!

December 28th

Attendance

Sunday December 11th 9:30 am 40

Prayer List

If sudden illness or the need for immediate prayers occurs, please feel free to contact our Office at 313-565-9445. 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

Maxine & Richard, Thanksgiving for the birth of
 Alexandra Lori Lee Aubrey

Dave & Sis Hamilton, at home

Phyllis Witte, underwent two surgeries for injuries sustained
 in a incidents in home and hospital

Paul Utcai, at home, pray for wisdom for the doctors to be
 led to the proper diagnosis

Phyllis Dasher, scheduled for surgery this week on Thursday

Rick Fults, Jackie Fults son, successful surgery

Shirley Ripke, Rehab

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

To help you prepare for Next's week worship and Christmas eve worship:

CHRISTMAS EVE

A Multitude of the Heavenly Host Announces a Peace Which Brings Renewed Hope

Text: Luke 2:13–14

Outline

In the Midst of a World So Often Marred by Violence and Hatred and Hardship, a Veritable Multitude of Angelic Messengers Breaks into the Night to Announce a Living Hope: Peace for Those on Whom God's Favor Rests.

- I. The angelic multitude announces that true peace has come in the birth of the Christ Child—that in Christ we are reconciled to God.
- II. While the world does not understand the true nature of this peace, we know it in Christ through Word and Sacrament.

CHRISTMAS DAY

An Angel Brings Hope with a Sign of God's Presence in the Newly Born Christ Child

Text: Luke 2:8–11

Outline

The Angel Brings Hope in a Sign Telling the Shepherds Where They Might Find the Promised Savior . . . and Where We Might Find God's Enduring Presence among Us.

- I. An angel brings hope by providing the shepherds a sign, a sign of God's presence in the newborn Christ.
- II. We still look for God, for a sign of his presence, and he continues to direct us to his Son, revealed in Word and Sacraments.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT MOUNT HOPE

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

Friday
December 23 Office Closed

Saturday
December 24 7pm Christmas Eve Service

Sunday
December 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!
9:30 am - Worship w/ HC
NO Bible Study



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