FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Waiting for Christ December 3, 2023



Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our help and our shield. *Psalm 33:20*

Mount Hope Lutheran Church

Sunday Service - 9:30am Sunday Bible Study – after Service Wednesday Bible Study – 10:30am (313) 565- 9445 5323 Southfield Allen Park, MI 48101

Rev. Paul Pollatz

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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 RINGING OF THE BELLS PREPARATION

Pastor: Welcome to the season of waiting! Not only is Advent a period of preparation for Jesus' first coming at Christmas, but this sacred season readies our hearts for Jesus' ultimate coming: when He, as King of kings and Lord of lords, returns in power and glory on the Last Day, when every knee will bow before Him and every eye will see Him as the One who reigns in sovereign majesty over all things. Until His ultimate revealing on that Day, we wait for Him in confident faith, strengthened by His Word and Meal, trusting His promise to make us guiltless in His sight. With the expectant people of old, may our worship together lead us to say: "Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our help and our shield" (Psalm 33:20).

PREPARATION

(Please stand)

HYMN

"The Advent of Our King" LSB 331

The advent of our King
Our prayers must now employ
And we must hymns of welcome sing
In strains of holy joy

The everlasting Son
Incarnate deigns to be,
Himself the servant's form puts on
To set His servants free.

O Zion's daughter, rise
To meet your lowly King,
Nor let your faithless heart despise
The peace He comes to bring.

As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come again And His true members all unite With Him in heav'n to reign.

Before the dawning day Let sins dark deeds be gone The sinful self be put away The new self now put on

All glory to the Son,
Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one
Through all eternity.

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 33:20–22*

Pastor: Our soul waits for the LORD; **People: He is our help and our shield.**

Pastor: For our heart is glad in Him,

People: because we trust in His holy name.

Pastor: Let Your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,

People: even as we hope in You.

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Confident in His steadfast love, let us confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we do and by what we fail to do. Instead of waiting on You and clinging to Your promises, we impatiently go our own way. Instead of loving our neighbors as ourselves, we put our wants first and serve our interests instead of Yours, O God. For the sake of our Savior and King, have mercy on us. Forgive us and restore us. Guide us and renew us. Help us to walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: "You are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 1:7–8). Our faithful God hears our prayers and answers them, taking away our guilt and giving us His righteousness. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, our Savior and King, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the X Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

WORD

INTROIT Psalm 25:1-3; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.

Pastor: Behold, your king is coming to you;

People: righteous and having salvation.

Pastor: To You, O LORD, People: I lift up my soul.

Pastor: O my God, in You I trust; let me not be put to

shame;

People: let not my enemies exult over me.

Pastor: Indeed, none who wait for You shall be put to

shame;

People: they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous. 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.

Pastor: Behold, your king is coming to you; **People: righteous and having salvation.**

KYRIE (sing) p. 186 in hymnal

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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Pastor: Glory be to God on high

People: (sing) and on earth peace, goodwill

toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son Jesus Christ. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come to us

People: as we wait for Your revealing.

Pastor: Protect us by Your hand that we may be

rescued from the guilt of our sins

People: and saved by Your mighty deliverance;

Pastor: for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 64:1–9 ESV

Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Be not so terribly angry, O LORD, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Light One Candle" Sung by Choir

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 1:3–9 ESV

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VERSE Psalm 24:7

Pastor: Alleluia. Lift up your heads, O gates!

People: And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Alleluia.

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

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

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 11:1–10 ESV

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately." And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. And some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!"

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Savior of the Nations, Come" LSB 332 vs 1-3
Savior of the nations come
Virgin's Son make here Your home
Marvel now O heav'n and earth
That the Lord chose such a birth

Not by human flesh and blood
By the Spirit of our God
Was the Word of God made flesh
Woman's offspring pure and fresh

Here a maid was found with child Yet remained a virgin mild In her womb this truth was shown God was there upon His throne

++ **SERMON** ++

WAITING FOR CHRIST Text: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 (gospel)

Theme: God sees us guiltless in Jesus Christ as we wait for him.

Goal: that everyone listening would more eagerly anticipate the coming of Jesus Christ.

CREED

"We All Believe in One True God" LSB 953

We all believe in one true God

Father, Son and Holy Ghost

Ever present help in need

Praised by all the heav'nly host

All He made His love enfolds

All creation He upholds

We all believe in Jesus Christ
Son of God and Mary's son
Who descended from His throne
And for us salvation won
By whose cross and death are we
Rescued from all misery

We all confess the Holy Ghost
Who from both in truth proceeds
Who sustains and comforts us
In all trials, fears, and needs
Blest and holy Trinity
Praise forever be to Thee

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: As we wait in hope for the coming of our Lord, let us together, as His Advent people, bring our prayers before Him.

Gracious Father, we give You thanks and praise for Your goodness and mercy that follow us all the days of our lives. You are our God; we are Your people. You have purchased and won us from sin and death by the sacrifice of Your Son upon the cross and by His rising from the grave. As He now sits at Your right hand, exalted over all things, we wait expectantly for the Day of His revealing. We wait in hope for the Lord!

People: He is our help and our shield.

Pastor: Mighty King and loving Savior, we thank You for the authority You have over all things in heaven and on earth. To a world in disarray and for a people filled with despair, You alone offer hope, peace, and certainty that all things are in Your hands. Help us to trust in You, Lord Jesus, even as we wait for the redemption You will provide on the Day You come again to judge the living and the dead. Bless the land in which we live and all those who serve for the benefit of us all. Be present in our homes, our schools, and our workplaces that Your provision be known to all.

We wait in hope for the Lord!

People: He is our help and our shield.

Pastor: Healer of the broken and sustainer of the weary, grant the comfort of Your Holy Spirit to all who are suffering in heart, body, mind, and spirit. Remind those who are downtrodden that they are never alone, and use us as Your people to reach out in care and compassion to those in our family, our community, and within this congregation who need Your healing mercies, We wait in hope for the Lord!

People: He is our help and our shield.

Pastor: Lord Jesus, we are Your waiting, expectant, hope-filled people. We anticipate the Day of Your revealing when Your saving work will be fully complete and when You renew and restore all things in heaven and on earth. Until that glorious Day, help us to rely upon Your grace alone, which declares us guiltless in Your sight through faith in

Your promises. Stir up our hearts to make known to all the wonders You have done, so that more souls may be brought to saving faith and many would join with us in saying, "We wait in hope for the Lord!"

People: He is our help and our shield.

Pastor: Confident in our coming King and Savior, we entrust our prayers into Your merciful hands, for You, O Father, live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OFFERING

HYMN

"Take My Life and Let It Be" LSB 783 vs 1-4

Take my life and let it be

Consecrated Lord to Thee

Take my moments and my days

Let them flow in ceaseless praise

Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy Love
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee

Take my voice and let me sing
Always only for my King
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee

Take my silver and my gold Not a mite would I withhold Take my intellect and use Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose

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.**

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, for whose glorious revealing we now wait. With the crowds who cry, "Hosanna!" we humble ourselves before Him as the King who comes to save us from sin and declare us guiltless in Your sight. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

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 Psalm 33:21

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, for the mercy You show us in Jesus Christ, Your Son and our King.

People: You have rescued us from the guilt of our sins and revealed Your mercy to us in the cross and resurrection of our Savior.

Pastor: As we await His final coming, we gather before You to remember His sacrifice for us. Prepare our hearts to receive the redemption He provides through His body and blood. Hear us as we pray in His holy name and in the timeless words He has taught us:

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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."

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith: People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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)

"Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come" LSB 350 vs 1 & 2

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Come Thou precious Ransom come
Only hope for sinful mortals
Come O Savior of the world
Open are to Thee all portals
Come Thy beauty let us see
Anxiously we wait for Thee
Enter now my waiting heart
Glorious King and Lord most holy
Dwell in me and ne'er depart

THE POST-DISTRIBUTION BLESSING

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

Though I am but poor and lowly
Ah what riches will be mine
When Thou art my guest divine

THE NUNC DIMITTIS (sung) 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.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood.

People: Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of waiting that, on the Day of His coming, we may rejoice forever as those You have made guiltless in Your sight;

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.

BENEDICTION Psalm 33:22; Numbers 6:24–26

Pastor: Let Your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,

People: even as we hope in You.

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

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" LSB 338
Come, Thou long-expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free
From our fears and sins release us
Let us find our rest in Thee
Israel's strength and consolation
Hope of all the earth Thou art
Dear desire of ev'ry nation
Joy of ev'ry longing heart

Born Thy people to deliver
Born a child and yet a king
Born to reign in us forever
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone
By Thine all sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor Marie Brown, Organist Glenn Cairns, Elder & Reader Jim Bumgarner & Frank Pignanelli, Ushers

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



Now until December 12th
Accepting new, unwrapped toys & games for all ages.
Please place them in box under the coat rack.

ADVENT CHRISTMAS PARTY

TODAY AFTER SERVICE

Mt. Hope Preschool will be singing

Louis Bigliardi's

New Address: 7700 Nemco Way Apt 14 Brighton, MI 48116 Phone Number: 810-360-0567

Ladies Christmas Goodies

The lades group is again accepting gently used or new items for the gift table in the narthex. There are many new items this year. Please browse & find that extra Christmas gift. One table has a suggested \$3-\$5 and the rest of the items are free will offering.

Large Quilts - \$45, Small Quilts - \$25.

The proceeds are used to replenish battings for the quilts. Some of the proceeds go to LWML Mite Box and also to Mt. Hope Lutheran.

Any questions, please speak to Bev or Ruth, or Sally. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by the ladies of Mt. Hope and all goes for the Glory of God.

BINGO!

December 20th

Quilting

Every Thursday from 10am to 2pm

Attendance

Sunday November 26th

9:30 am 35

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

Cheryl & Jim Smith – November 14th

Birthdays

Ronald Ladach III – December 4th
Pam Brophy – December 5th
Christopher Ladach – December 7th

For the Shut-Ins

Judy Ohannasian, at home
Dorothy MacTavish, at home
Camell Faulk, at home
Phyllis Witte, at rehab
Melvin Kimbrough, at home
Lynn Mayfield, at home

For Those Who Are Sick or Healing

Bill Switter, Home recovery Joan Hafkesbrink, in rehab recovering from pneumonia

The Family of Fred Roberts, friend of Hagelstein's, called to glory. Former president of E.M.U Alumni Associated.

The Family of Sandro Ferrali, Pignanelli's Nephew, called to eternal life.

Phyllis Witte, COVID

Melvin Kimbrough, hospitalized but transferred to Vibra for rehab, improving

The Family of Troy Assemany, called to glory

Denis Glueck, recovering from surgery

Delores Kucharczyk, friend of Pam Benford, healing from hip replacement

A.C Roche, Glenn Cairns Co-worker, recovering from Treatments

Friend of The Pignanelli's, Pancreatic cancer Amanda Mardigean, friend of Pignanelli's, back surgery John Maceroni, Nephew of Frank & Laurie, Heart Attack

Important Dates

December 3rd – Advent Christmas Party with Mt. Hope Preschool luncheon after Service December 24th- Sunday Service 9:30am

- Christmas Eve Service 7:00pm

December 25th – No Service on Christmas Day

January 7th – (Epiphany Sunday) Church
Un-decorating after church or possibly after
Sunday morning bible study.

Bible Studies:

Wednesday Morning

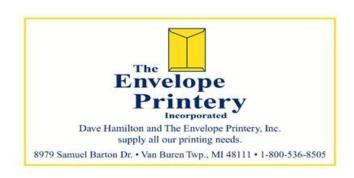
No Classes –Dec. 20, Dec. 27

Sunday Morning

No Classes Dec. 3

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT MOUNT HOPE

Sunday	9:30am – Worship w/HC
December 3	11am Advent Christmas Party
Wednesday December 6	10am Bible Study
Thursday December 7	10am Quilting
Friday December 8	Office Closed
Saturday December 9	5:00pm Church Service
Sunday	9:30am – Worship w/HC
December 10	Bible Study after service





Dates:

October 16 to December 15, 2023

Contact:

Lori @ 734-326-4979 OR lew@wowway.com Donna @ 313-739-3616 OR sidgridyoung@yahoo.com Help us raise funds just by donating gently worn, used and new shoes! Be sure to ask, friends, family, neighbors and co-workers to donate too!

Collected shoes not only help support us, but they will be reused and given a second life by those in need through #microenterprise. It's a WIN-WIN!

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