

First Sunday In Advent

Sunday November 27, 2022



“And there appeared to him [Zechariah] an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. And Zechariah was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him. But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John.” *Luke 1:11–13*

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!

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PRELUDE

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

PREPARATION

Advent Adverbs: Trustingly

Pastor: “In God We Trust” is a familiar statement. It has been the official motto of the United States of America since 1956 and has appeared on American coins dating back to 1864. As God’s people, we trust that God will keep His promises. Centuries ago, the psalmist confidently stated, “In God I trust; I shall not be afraid” (Psalm 56:11). Today we begin a new Church Year—another year of God’s grace. We can celebrate that God has brought us to this time and place and together can look trustingly to blessings and surprises yet to come.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

(Please stand)

HYMN

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” *LSB* 380 vs 1 & 2

**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**

**Christ by highest heav'n adored
Christ the everlasting Lord
Late in time behold Him come
Offspring of a virgin's womb
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see
Hail incarnate deity
Pleased as Man with man to dwell
Jesus our Immanuel
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King**

INVOCATION

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

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 25:1–2a, 4–5, 21; Proverbs 3:5–6

Pastor: To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in
You I trust; let me not be put to shame.

**People: Make me to know Your ways, O LORD; teach me
Your paths.**

Pastor: Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are
the God of my salvation; for You I wait all the day
long.

**People: May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for
I wait for You.**

Pastor: Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.

People: In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths.

Pastor: In Advent hope we gather And worship
trusting, Assured that Christ is coming To set His
people free.

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

Pastor: Confident of receiving God's great mercy, let us confess together that we by nature are sinful and that through our thoughts, words, and deeds we have sinned against our God and deserve His punishment now and eternally.

People: Almighty God, we repent of our sins and ask for Your forgiving grace in our lives. Be merciful to us and for the sake of Jesus grant us remission of our sins so that, as Your redeemed people, we may greet you in Advent hope and with trusting hearts serve You in time and in eternity.

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.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

(Please stand)

✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT *Psalm 118:25–28*

Pastor: BEHOLD, YOUR KING IS COMING TO YOU;
RIGHTEOUS AND HAVING SALVATION.

***Women: Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray,
give us success!***

**People: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the
LORD! We bless You from the house of the LORD.**

***Men: The LORD is God, and He has made His light to
shine upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with
cords, up to the horns of the altar!***

**People: You are my God, and I will give thanks to You;
You are my God; I will extol You.**

Pastor: BEHOLD, YOUR KING IS COMING TO YOU;
RIGHTEOUS AND HAVING SALVATION.

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

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Beautiful Saviour” *LSB 537 vs 1 & 4*

**Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee,
Truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**

**Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
Praise adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine!**

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, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and be saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

During the singing of the hymn, the first candle on the Advent wreath is lighted.

HYMN

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” LSB 357 vs 1 & 2

**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!**

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 2:1–5 ESV*

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, and many peoples shall come, and say: “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.” For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for

many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Light one Candle”

Sung by the Choir

EPISTLE *Romans 13:8–14*

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

GRADUAL AND VERSE

Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 24:7; 118:26, alt.

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. Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Alleluia.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fourth chapter.

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

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 24:36–44 ESV*

“But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know

this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

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. Thank you!!

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Savior of the Nations, Come” *LSB 332 vs 1-4*

**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**

**Then stepped forth the Lord of all
From His pure and kingly hall
God of God yet fully man
His heroic course began**

++ SERMON ++

ADVENT WEEK 1

Text: Luke 1:5–25

The Angel Gabriel Brings a Message of Hope
in the Midst of Unbelieving Doubt

Outline

1. Gabriel delivers a promise of hope, the birth of a son, but is met by Zechariah's doubt.
2. We sometimes struggle to hope under doubt in the face of disappointment.
3. But when hope is anchored in Christ, we can fight those doubts and look to the grand plans God has for us.

Gabriel's Message of Hope to Zechariah, Even in the Midst of His Doubt, Has Brought Us Life-Chang-ing and Doubt-Delivering Hope Too.

(Please stand as we prepare to confess our faith)

CREED *The First Article*

Pastor: As we begin a new Church Year and reflect on how Jesus' coming fulfilled the Father's plan for our salvation, we speak the First Article of the Apostles' Creed and its meaning. It relates the loving work of God the Father for us. He has created and still preserves us, and in His grace, He has brought us to the beginning of a new Church Year.

People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Pastor: What does this mean?

People: I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. 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: 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, the community of God's forgiven people, asking that God's messengers continue to speak with power among us and that the Word may come to us today with its message of forgiveness and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) hear our prayer and grant our petition.

Pastor: We pray this day for the fellowship of faith and love that we enjoy as God's holy people, asking that we be enabled to gather for worship throughout the new Church Year with great joy and full anticipation of the blessings of God that come to us in this place. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) **hear our prayer and grant our petition.**

Pastor: We pray for those who serve in leadership positions in our national Synod, our district, and our local congregation, that God work among us through their example and witness, that we be of support and encouragement to them, and that together we grow in devotion and dedication in Jesus' name. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) **hear our prayer and grant our petition.**

Pastor: As a household of faith, we make our petitions for the sick, the shut-in, and all who this day need our prayers,, that their prayers be answered and that they be supported by God's people as they experience His good and gracious will for their lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) **hear our prayer and grant our petition.**

Pastor: We pray for those for whom the season of Advent and Christmas is sad or challenging in some way. Help us to reach out to them with compassion, keeping our focus always on the wonderful action of God on our behalf through the coming of Jesus, the promised Messiah. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) **hear our prayer and grant our petition.**

Pastor: We remember before You those many faithful Christians who have been part of our lives and our fellowship in times past, especially those who have departed this life and now are rejoicing in the glory of Your promised heavenly kingdom. Direct our ways on earth as we complete this life in faith, that we may rejoice with them eternally together with all the saints and angels. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer and grant our petition.

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

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

(Please be seated as the offering is being received and Hymn 783 is sung)

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**

(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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And now we bless You that in Jesus Christ You have shown us complete and limitless love and that even now the peace between God and sinners is sure and certain. Grant us grace to be joyful workers in Your glorious kingdom, remaining steadfast in hope throughout our earthly lives as we await the final advent of our Lord and the

joyous reunion in heaven, where we will join in the eternal chorus of angels and archangels and all of the blessed.

HYMN

“Holy, Holy, Holy” *LSB 507 vs 1*

**Holy, holy, holy
Lord God Almighty!**

**Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, King of all creation, for all You have done for Your people in Jesus Christ, our advent Savior. We thank You for all of creation and for every good gift with which You bless us. Accept our praise, Lord, and grant that all who partake of Christ’s holy body and blood this day here in this house of the Lord be filled with Your heavenly peace and joy. As we receive this blessed food and are strengthened and sustained by it, grant that our faith toward You and our fervent love for one another grow until that longed-for time to come when we are granted our place with all Your saints in glory. This we ask through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you 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

“God Loves Me Dearly” *LSB 392 vs 1-4*

**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.**

(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, assuring us thereby that we are truly members of His Body, the Church. Grant that we live trustingly and victoriously, enlightened by the working of Your Holy Spirit. As we await Your coming, direct us to do the good works that You desire us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, to whom, with You and the same Spirit, be all honor and glory, forever and ever.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

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: (spoken) **Amen.**

HYMN

“Let Us All With Gladsome Voice” *LSB 390*

**Let us all with gladsome voice
Praise the God of heaven
Who to bid our hearts rejoice
His own Son hath given**

**To this vale of tears He comes
Here to serve in sadness
That with him in heav'ns' fair homes
We may reign in gladness**

**We are rich, for He was poor
Is no this a wonder?
Therefore praise God evermore
Here on earth and yonder**

**Christ, our Lord and Savior dear
Be Thou ever near us
Grant us now a glad new year
Amen Jesus, Hear us**

(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

Jim Bumgarner & Frank Pignanelli, Ushers

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Bazaar Tables

The ladies of Quilting and LWML are having a table in the narthex with special Christmas items. 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

until December 14th

Please bring unwrapped toys and place in box in narthex.

Christmas Party

To celebrate the beginning of advent.

NEXT Sunday December 4th at 11am.

Meat & drinks provided.

Please sign up for a dish or dessert to pass.

Music & Prizes.

Bring a friend to lunch and worship next Sunday!!

Mt. Hope Preschool will be joining us for a performance!

BINGO!

December 14th

Quilting

December 1st

Attendance

Sunday November 20th 9:30 am 44

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

Phyllis Dasher – November 29th

For the Shut-Ins

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

Rick Fults, Jackie Fults son, upcoming surgery

Phyllis Dasher, upcoming surgery

Shirley Ripke, Rehab

Tina Keener, discharged from Beaumont behavioral clinic

Paul Utcai

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 WEEK WORSHIP

Matthew 1:18–25

ADVENT WEEK 2

An Angel of the Lord Brings a Message of Hope in the Midst of Fear of the Unknown

Sermon Outline

1. Joseph faces fear of the unknown in Mary's unexpected pregnancy and whether to marry her.
2. God answers that fear with the promise of the birth of Jesus, Immanuel.
3. As we face our fears of the unknown, God answers with the same message of hope in the Savior, God with us.

The Angel's Message of Hope to Joseph in the Midst of His
Fear Gives Us Hope as We Fear Our Unknowns.

Advent Adverb # 1: TRUSTINGLY

Advent Adverb # 2: EXPECTANTLY

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT MOUNT HOPE

Sunday
November 27 9:30 am - Worship w/ HC
Bible Study after Service

Wednesday
November 30 10:30am Bible Study
6pm BINGO

Thursday
December 1 10 am Quilting

Friday
December 2 Office Closed

Sunday
December 4 9:30 am - Worship w/ HC
Bible Study after Service



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