

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 22, 2024

The Song of Mary



But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for Me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. *Micah 5:2*

Mount Hope Lutheran Church

Sunday Service - 9:30am

Sunday Bible Study – after Service

Wednesday Bible Study – 10:30am

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Welcome! Members and Guests

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

Holy Communion

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

Large Print Bulletins

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

Listening Devices

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

Pew Cushions

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

Wheelchair Accessible Seating

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

Church Nursery

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

Our Divine Service, & Bible Studies

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

Our Bible studies are held Sep-May.

Our Vision Statement: Revitalize Within—Reach Out!

PRELUDE

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

PREPARATION

Pastor: The Advent season of preparing for the promised Savior to be born as one of us, soon reaches its climax. Though in our homes and lives we may be wondering if we have done all we have needed to get ready for our own celebrations, we give thanks that at the center of our coming Christmas observations the Lord has prepared all we need. In this last Sunday of Advent and in the days ahead of anticipated Christmas joy, may we find peace in the preparations done freely for us out of grace, mercy, and perfect love centered on the Savior we soon welcome, who was born for us and all the world.

(Please stand)

OPENING HYMN

“From Heaven Above to Earth I Come” *LSB* 358 vs 1, 3, 5, 6, 7

**From heav’n above to earth I come
To bear good news to ev’ry home
Glad tidings of great joy I bring
Where of I now will say and sing**

**This is the Christ our God Most High
Who hears your sad and bitter cry
He will Himself your Savior be
From all your sins to set you free**

**These are the signs that you shall mark
The swaddling clothes and manger dark
There you will find the infant laid
By whom the heav'ns and earth were made**

**How glad we'll be to find it so
Then with the shepherds let us go
To see what God for us has done
In sending us His own dear Son**

**Come here, my friends, lift up your eyes
And see what in the manger lies
Who is this child, so young and fair?
It is the Christ Child lying there**

+ PREPARATION +

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

(Please be seated)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

John 1:5, 9; 3:16; Psalm 36:5–9

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

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

Pastor: The fourth Advent candle has been known as the angel candle and the candle of love. As our Advent season soon ends, we await the angelic message of the good news of a Savior. We have come to know the love of the one true God this season and always as we have prepared to celebrate His birth. We know God's promises come to fruition in Jesus, who later made known His Father's love in His being born into this world; in His life, ministry, teaching, preaching, healing; and ultimately in His dying and rising. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."

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

Pastor: Guided by the light of love, we respond with the psalmist: "Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, Your faithfulness to the clouds.

People: Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; Your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast You save, O LORD.

Pastor: How precious is Your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.

People: They feast on the abundance of Your house, and You give them drink from the river of Your delights.

Pastor: For with You is the fountain of life;

People: in Your light do we see light."

Four Advent candles are lit.

THE GREAT O ANTIPHONS

Pastor: O King of the nations, the ruler they long for, the
cornerstone uniting all people:

**People: Come and save us all, whom You formed out of
clay.**

HYMN

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

PSALM RESPONSE *Psalms 80:1–7*

Pastor: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead
Joseph like a flock!

**People: You who are enthroned upon the cherubim,
shine forth.**

Pastor: Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,

People: stir up Your might and come to save us!

Pastor: Restore us, O God;

People: let Your face shine, that we may be saved!

Pastor: O LORD God of hosts, how long will You be angry with Your people's prayers?

People: You have fed them with the bread of tears and given them tears to drink in full measure.

Pastor: You make us an object of contention for our neighbors, and our enemies laugh among themselves.

People: Restore us, O God of hosts; let Your face shine, that we may be saved!

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 32:5; 80:7; 124:8

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Pastor: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean.

People: Restore us, O God of hosts; let Your face shine, that we may be saved!

Pastor: We have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed.

**People: Restore us, O God of hosts; let Your face shine,
that we may be saved!**

Pastor: Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People: Restore us, O God of hosts; let Your face shine,
that we may be saved!**

O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to be born in our flesh, to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins.

**People: Restore us, O God of hosts; let Your face shine,
that we may be saved!**

Pastor: As a called and ordained servant of the Word and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and the Holy Spirit. To those who believe on His name He gives the power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. Those that believe and are baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all.

People: Amen.

(Please stand)

+ WORD +

INTROIT

1 Samuel 2:1b, 2, 5b–7; antiphon: Luke 1:46b–47

**People: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit
rejoices in God my Savior.**

Pastor: My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice
in Your salvation. There is none holy like the LORD;
there is none besides You; there is no rock like our
God. The barren has borne seven, but she who
has many children is forlorn. The LORD kills and
brings to life; He brings down to Sheol and raises
up. The LORD makes poor and makes rich; He
brings low and He exalts.

**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. My soul magnifies the
Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.**

KYRIE (sing) p. 186 in hymnal

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

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Into the darkness, You bring light, and into our lives, You make known Your perfect and everlasting love.

People: Make us ready for the celebration of our Savior's birth, that we receive Him as He comes to us as a humble infant, bringing to fruition the new covenant of Your love;

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

People: Amen.

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Micah 5:2–5a*

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. And he shall be their peace. When the Assyrian comes into our land and treads in our palaces, then we will raise against him seven shepherds and eight princes of men;

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“What child is this?”

Sung by Jim Bumgarner

EPISTLE *Hebrews 10:5–10*

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, “Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’” When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), then he added, “Behold, I have come to do your will.” He does away with the first in order to establish the second. And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

VERSE *Matthew 1:23a*

Pastor: Alleluia. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and
bear a son,

People: and they shall call His name Immanuel.

Alleluia.

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

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

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 1:39–56*

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.” And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”

And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN

“My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord” *LSB 934*

My soul now magnifies the Lord

My spirit leaps for joy in Him

He keeps me in His kind regard

And I am blest for time to come

For He alone who shows such might

Has done amazing things to me

His mercy flows His name like light

Remains in time perpetually

His arm is strong His strength is great

He scatters those of proud intent

And casts them down from high estate

Then gives the low His nourishment

He feeds the hungry as His own

The wealthy leave with empty hands

He gives His help to Israel

His gracious promise always stands

(Please be seated)

++ SERMON ++

The Song of Mary

Text: Luke 1:46–56

Outline

Why Would Mary Choose to Sing Her Song from the Song of Hannah?

- I. Hannah's song of praise is deeply personal, arising from the very feelings Mary and you and I often feel—feeling poor or worthless or sinful.
- II. So Mary sings her version of Hannah's song so that you can expect God to come near to save you personally through the child he put in her womb.

(Please stand)

NICENE CREED

People: I believe in one God, the Father

Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who

with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the church, for the people of God, and for all people according to their needs.

HYMN

“Let Us All With Gladsome Voice” LSB 390 vs 1

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

Pastor: We await to celebrate our King, who has come, promised to be born among the small clan of Judah in Bethlehem, fulfiller of the old covenant promise, and bringer of life and grace in the new covenant in which we now live. We await our King, who promises to return, to restore and renew what was broken, and to bring life and light everlasting. Be with us as we soon close this Advent season of anticipation and preparation, rejoicing in the everlasting King who has come and will come again.

HYMN

“Let Us All With Gladsome Voice” LSB 390 vs 2

**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**

Pastor: Almighty King, Your ways are not our ways nor are Your thoughts our thoughts. In days of doubts and despair that arise, in cases of confusion, and in times of trial and tribulation, remind us of Your kingdom in which we have been called and Your eternal kingdom to come. Be with those who struggle, Help us to see Your mighty work even among our wayward world of sin and sorrow and the perfect plan of salvation imparted through the Savior we await.

HYMN

“Let Us All With Gladsome Voice” LSB 390 vs 3

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

Pastor: Ever-present King, we lift up those who have been placed in authority over us in our community, state, nation, and world. Guide and direct their decisions that they be pleasing to You and for the benefit of all, including the marginalized, the voiceless, and the outcast. Where there is violence and warfare, grant peace.

Where there is distress, bring stability. Where there is terror, bring comfort. Where there are opportunities for us to bring compassion and concern through our voices and actions, compel us to do so faithfully.

HYMN

“Let Us All With Gladsome Voice” LSB 390 vs 4

Christ, our Lord and Savior dear

Be Thou ever near us

Grant us now a glad new year

Amen Jesus, Hear us

Pastor: King of grace, the one sacrifice needed on our behalf has been given in Jesus, who was born into this world to take upon Himself our sin, burdens, and shame. In the new covenant of grace You have established through Him, help us through Your Spirit to remain faithful to You in Your eternal kingdom. Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

(Please be seated)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN

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

**Hark the herald angels sing
 Glory to the newborn King
 Peace on earth and mercy mild
 God and sinners reconciled
 Joyful all you nations rise
 Join the triumph of the skies
 With the angelic hosts proclaim
 Christ is born in Bethlehem
 Hark the herald angels sing
 Glory to the newborn King**

+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

(Please stand)

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that
 we should at all times and in all places give thanks
 to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting
 God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way
 John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the
 promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who
 takes away the sin of the world, and calling

sinner to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS *(we sing) LSB 195*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory
Hosanna, Hosanna
Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is He, Blessed is He
Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord
Hosanna, Hosanna
Hosanna in the highest**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom,

which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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

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

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

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

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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

final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

People: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

PAX DOMINI

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI (Sung) LSB 198

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God that takest away the sin of the world have mercy upon us

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us

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

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“Away in a Manger” LSB 364 vs 1-3

Away in a manger no crib for a bed

The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head

The stars in the sky looked down where He lay

The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay

**The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes
 But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes
 I love Thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky
 And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.**

**Be near me Lord Jesus I ask Thee to stay
 Close by me forever and love me I pray
 Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care
 And take us to heaven to live with Thee there**

(Please stand)

THE POST-DISTRIBUTION BLESSING

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

People: (spoken) **Amen**

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

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

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

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

People: for His steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: We thank You for the new covenant You
have established, given and shed in the true
body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ for
the forgiveness of sins.

**People: Grant that we live in Your loving
presence, serve You humbly, and love You
by our loving of others in Your grace.
Amen.**

CLOSING SENTENCES *John 1:5, 9*

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

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

BENEDICTION *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: Amen.

HYMN

“Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord” *LSB 352 vs 1, 2, 4, 6*

Let the earth now praise the Lord

Who has truly kept His word

And at last to us did send

Christ the sinner’s help and friend

What the fathers most desired
 What the prophets' heart inspired
 What they longed for many a year
 Stands fulfilled in the glory here

As Your coming was in peace
 Quiet full of gentleness
 Let the same mind dwell in me
 Which is Yours eternally

Then when You will come again
 As the glorious king to reign
 I with joy will see Your face
 Freely ransomed by Your grace

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor

Marie Brown, Organist

Bill Switter, Elder

Jim Bumgarner, Reader

Gary Mason, Glenn Cairns & Kim Armstrong, Ushers

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Bible Study

Will reconvene on January 8th.

Undecorating the Church

Sunday January 5th immediately following worship
 service

Community Service Opportunity

Donations of Cereal Boxes for Blessed Hope.
Please place cereal in grey box by the mailboxes.

BINGO!

December 18th 6pm to 8pm

Bring a friend

Quilting

Every Thursday from 10am to 2pm

Attendance

Saturday December 14th 5:00pm 4

Sunday December 15th 9:30 am 34

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

Birthdays

For the Shut-Ins

Louis Bigliardi, Assistant Living

Joan Hafkesbrink, at Beaumont Commons

Dorothy MacTavish, at home

Camell Faulk, at home

Phyllis Witte, at Aerius Health Center

Melvin Kimbrough, at home

Lynn Mayfield, at home

For Those Who Are Sick or Healing

For the family of Andrew Pignanelli, called to glory

For the family of Calvin Hodges, called to glory
For our youth and adults as they prepare for, the 2025
LCMS Youth Gathering.

Bill Switter, in his recuperating from surgery;
Dominic Walker, Lori Wilson's neighbor, he is suffering
from cancer

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

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

Mary Newton, friend of Pollatz, inoperable cancer
Megan & Nathan, daughter & son in law to Cheryl
Smith, health and employment issues.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT MOUNT HOPE

Sunday December 22	4 th Sunday in Advent 9:30am – Worship w/HC Bible Study after Service
Monday December 23	Office Closed
Tuesday December 24	Office Closed 7pm Christmas Eve Service
Wednesday December 25	Office Closed NO Bible Study Returns January 8 th
Thursday December 26	Office Open 10am Quilting
Friday December 27	Office Open
Saturday December 28	5pm Saturday Service
Sunday December 29	9:30am – Worship w/HC Bible Study after Service