

# **HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**Hope Lutheran Church exists to bring people to faith in Jesus Christ,  
and to develop our lives as his disciples.**

## **We Are Waiting For His Arrival December 3, 2023**

### **AS WE GATHER**

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 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 the arrival of that glorious Day, we wait for Him in confident faith, strengthened by His Word and Meal, trusting that He has redeemed us by His cross and resurrection. 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).

### **LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH (*the first Advent Candle is lit*)**

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, let the lighting of this candle signify that You are the light that shines in all the darkness of our lives. As we wait, watch, hope, and pray, guide us all to reflect Your light and let it shine; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**G** Amen.

### **ADVENT HYMN: O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL (LSB 357 v. 1)**

### **WELCOME**

### **OPENING PRAYER**

### **OPENING HYMN: Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates (LSB 341)**

### **INVOCATION**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**G** Amen.

## OPENING SENTENCES

Psalms 33:20–22

**P** Our soul waits for the LORD;

**C** He is our help and our shield.

**P** For our heart is glad in Him,

**C** because we trust in His holy name.

**P** Let Your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,

**C** even as we hope in You.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P** Confident in His steadfast love, let us confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** 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.

**P** “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 ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## PRAISE HYMN: The Advent Of Our King (LSB 331)

### SALUTATION

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

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

**C** as we wait for Your arrival.

**P** Protect us by Your hand that we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins

**C** and saved by Your mighty deliverance;

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

**C** Amen.

**GREETING OF PEACE:** *Please stand and greet one another with the Peace of Christ.*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 64:1–9

<sup>1</sup>Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,  
that the mountains might quake at your presence—  
<sup>2</sup>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!  
<sup>3</sup>When you did awesome things that we did not look for,  
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.  
<sup>4</sup>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.  
<sup>5</sup>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?  
<sup>6</sup>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.  
<sup>7</sup>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.  
<sup>8</sup>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.  
<sup>9</sup>Be not so terribly angry, O LORD,  
and remember not iniquity forever.  
Behold, please look, we are all your people.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 1:3–9

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in  
Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—<sup>6</sup>even  
as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any  
spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup>who will sustain you to the

end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

Mark 11:1–10

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eleventh chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.’” <sup>4</sup>And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. <sup>5</sup>And some of those standing there said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” <sup>6</sup>And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. <sup>7</sup>And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. <sup>9</sup>And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! <sup>10</sup>Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## **SERMON SONG: Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)**

**SERMON: Pastor Paul Kollek**

## **APOSTLES’ CREED**

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

## **OFFERING**

*We do not pass the offering plate here at Hope. If you are a visitor, we don't want you to feel obligated to give an offering, we are just glad that you have joined us for worship this day. Those who would like to give an offering may drop it off in the Offering Basket located in the Narthex. There is also an online option for giving by using the QR code located in the back of the bulletin. Pastor will bless the offerings at this time.*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**C** 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.

## **BENEDICTION**

**P** Let Your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,  
**C** even as we hope in You.  
**P** 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.  
**C** Amen.

## **CLOSING SONG: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (LSB 338)**

## **DISMISSAL**

**P** Go in peace as you serve the risen Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God!

*The Altar Flowers This Week are  
in Celebration of Dale and Sue Ludwig's 59<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

## **UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUTREACH**

**CHRISTMAS EXPRESS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** On December 20<sup>th</sup>, food baskets will be given to Linden families in need. Volunteers are needed to help deliver baskets. If you are interested in helping, please contact Linden Presbyterian Church at (810)735-5755.

## **UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORD AND WORSHIP**

**WORSHIP SERVICES** Worship service is on Sundays at 9:30am. If you are unable to attend in person worship services, the services are recorded, and will be available on our website at [hopelinden.org](http://hopelinden.org).

**LADIES BIBLE STUDY ON TUESDAYS AT 10AM.** Please join Barb Wright in the deep study of the book of Isaiah. Invite your friends and family!

**WEDNESDAY EVENING ADVENT SERVICES AT 7PM.** Join us as we sing the songs of the season and await the coming of our King! A Christmas sing-along will begin at 6:45pm with songs of your choosing from the Christmas carol book provided. Come early for singing and stay afterwards for cookies provided by our church staff!

**SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY AFTER SERVICE.** This is a mixed adult class led by Pastor. This class will be taking a deeper look at the scripture readings for that Sunday...good conversation and the chance to ask Pastor questions!

**NEW BIBLE STUDY COMING IN JANUARY** It only takes 21 days to develop or break a habit, but we all know how hard it is to make it through those first 21 days! ***A Taste for Truth*** helps by offering 30 days of Bible study and hands-on renewing of the mind. The strategies you learn can be used for anything you are tempted by. If you are interested, please look at the books in the narthex and sign up with your preference of day and time. See Christine Schmidt with questions at 810.444.2748

## **UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP**

**GAME NIGHT IS BACK!** Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Mark your calendars now. Sign up in the narthex today! You may choose to bring a snack to share and bring your favorite games too. Contact Lynn or Tom Behr with questions at (810)348-1712.

**LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTIONS** Are available at a reduced rate of \$19.00 per year through the Michigan District. Please contact April in the church office if you are interested by 12/10/23. **If you already have a subscription, please let April know if you wish to renew it.**

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS** If you would like to help adorn the Church for the Christmas season, there are special envelopes located in the Narthex. All sizes of contributions are welcome. Place the envelope in the regular tithe basket. Any questions can be directed to Connie Casselton at 810-869-1438.

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### Weekly Information

#### Attendance

11/26/23 Worship 9:30 ..... 58

11/28/23 Women's Bible Study ..... 6

11/29/23 Adult Bible Study ..... 8

#### Collections and Facility Income

11/26/23 Total Givings ..... 1660.00

Givings Needed Weekly to meet budget .... 3194.00

11/26/23 Holiday Flowers ..... 22.00

#### Financial Update for October 2023

Actual Revenue ..... 12702.09

Actual Expenditures ..... 12593.87

Actual Excess (Shortfall) ..... 108.22

Fiscal YTD Excess (Shortfall) ..... (3117.14)\*

*\*Currently being covered by special donation*



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### NEXT WEEK

#### Office Hours M-Th 9am-Noon

#### Monday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>  
Women's Bible Study  
10am

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**  
**DALE & SUE LUDWIG!**

Wednesday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>  
Choir Rehearsal 5pm  
Chime Rehearsal 6pm  
Christmas Sing-Along  
6:45pm  
Advent Worship Service  
7pm

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
**JEAN BRADY!**

Thursday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>  
Oasis 2-5pm

Friday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>  
Office Closed  
Game Night 6pm

Saturday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>

Sunday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>  
Worship Service 9:30am  
Adult Bible Study  
Afterward  
Christopher in Gym