

# 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.**

## CHRIST THE KING

**November 24 2024**

### AS WE GATHER

The Last Sunday of the Church Year is about the last things, the day of judgment when Jesus Christ “will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,” Christ, “whose kingdom will have no end” (Nicene Creed). The last Sunday is therefore known as the Sunday of fulfillment, when all the plans and promises of God’s salvation break forth in the resurrection of all flesh and eternal life in the new heavens and earth. This year we hear the Readings appointed for what some churches call Christ the King Sunday.

With the vision of the prophet Daniel, we are given a fascinating “apocalyptic” revelation. As such, we are cautioned against overinterpreting the symbolism of the four beasts, fiery flames, burning wheels, and the like. The clear point is that God Himself is Lord, king, and ruler over all the nations of the earth. The four nations of Daniel chapter 7 are progressively more evil than the ones before: Babylon, Medo-Persian, Greek, and Roman empires. Not all earthly kingdoms or nations are evil, of course. Yet evil and the devil’s madness appear here and there everywhere. Christ is the king not only over all the ancient nations of the world but also over our own! With great and glad celebration, therefore, we gather to rejoice over our assurance that Jesus Christ, the King of kings, rules ultimately over all things, always for our good, our healing, our salvation, and our destiny in the day of resurrection.

### WELCOME

### OPENING PRAYER

### OPENING HYMN: Come Ye Thankful People Come (LSB 892)

### INVOCATION

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

**C** Amen.

## OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 93:1; 95:6

- P** The LORD reigns; He is robed in majesty;
- C** **the LORD is robed; He has put on strength as His belt.**

- P** Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
- C** **let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

John 18:37

- P** Jesus said, “Everyone who is of the truth listens to My voice.” Today we kneel humbly before Him, our king, confessing the truth that we have sinned against our creator’s clear commands. Let us make our heartfelt petition for mercy, forgiveness, and salvation.
- C** **Most merciful Lord, whose majesty has been shown to all nations by Your triumph over all sin and death on Your glorious cross, from Your exalted throne at the right hand of the Father You live and reign over all creation. Receive our humble plea for mercy, life, and forgiveness of our sin, and grant to us Your enlivening grace by speaking Your liberating word of truth.**
  
- P** “Everyone who is of the truth listens to My voice.” Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and 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.
- C** **Amen.**

## PRAISE SONG: Give Thanks

### SALUTATION

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray.  
Lord Jesus Christ, so govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your glorious return, we may persevere in both faith and holiness of living; 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

Daniel 7:9–10, 13–14

<sup>9</sup>As I looked,  
thrones were placed,  
and the Ancient of days took his seat;

his clothing was white as snow,  
and the hair of his head like pure wool;  
his throne was fiery flames;  
its wheels were burning fire.

<sup>10</sup>A stream of fire issued  
and came out from before him;  
a thousand thousands served him,  
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him;  
the court sat in judgment,  
and the books were opened. . . .

<sup>13</sup>I saw in the night visions,  
and behold, with the clouds of heaven  
there came one like a son of man,  
and he came to the Ancient of Days  
and was presented before him.

<sup>14</sup>And to him was given dominion  
and glory and a kingdom,  
that all peoples, nations, and languages  
should serve him;  
his dominion is an everlasting dominion,  
which shall not pass away,  
and his kingdom one  
that shall not be destroyed.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE**

Revelation 1:4b–8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood <sup>6</sup>and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. <sup>7</sup>Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

<sup>8</sup>“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

John 18:33–37

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighteenth chapter.

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

<sup>33</sup>Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, “Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?” <sup>35</sup>Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?” <sup>36</sup>Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.” <sup>37</sup>Then Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.”

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

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

## SERMON SONG: Mighty to Save

SERMON: Paul Looker

## NICENE CREED

**C** 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  $\dagger$  of the world to come. 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.

**+ SACRAMENT +**

## PREFACE

LSB 216

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. 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.

**C** Amen.

## **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**P** 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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  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**

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

**P** 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**

**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.

## **PAX DOMINI**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you, Pastor.

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: Sing to the Lord of Harvest (LSB 893)  
We Praise You O God (LSB 785)**

**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

LSB 640:5; 675:4

- P** Let us pray.  
O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see,  
May what we thirst for soon our portion be:  
To gaze on Thee unveiled and see Thy face,  
The vision of Thy glory, and Thy grace.
- C** **Now let us worship our Lord and our King,  
Joyfully raising our voices to sing:  
Praise to the Father, and praise to the Son,  
Praise to the Spirit, to God, Three in One. Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

- 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: Now Thank We All Our God (LSB 895)**

## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUTREACH

**OASIS FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> 6:30** Volunteers needed for kitchen help, crafting help, set up and clean up, but most of all friendly faces. Contact Connie Casselton at (810) 869-1438 if you are interested in volunteering.

**KIDS HOPE MENTORS DESPARATELY NEEDED!** If you have just one hour a week to spend with an elementary school age child in our community, please contact Kim Colmer at 586-383-6729. You can bless a child with weekly encouragement and mentoring. No special skill needed! **Please prayerfully consider volunteering for this important program!**

## 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).

**ADVENT SERVICES BEGIN WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> AT 7PM. PLEASE JOIN YOUR CHURCH FAMILY IN PREPARING FOR THE COMING OF OUR LORD!**

## BIBLE STUDIES

- **Coffee & Questions with Pastor on Sunday Mornings after Worship,** Upcoming topics include: Jesus as the Son of Man, the Apocrypha, Women Pastors, Purgatory, the Lord's Supper as the True Body and Blood, Psalm 119, Apostasy, Unforgiveable sin, and anything else you want to ask!
- **Women's Bible Study on the book of Isaiah on Tuesdays at 10AM**
- **Women's At Home Bible Study can be done at your convenience. Pick up November's packet in the Narthex.**
- **"The Chosen" Season 4 on Wednesday Mornings at 10AM.**
- **A Taste for Truth Bible Study TBD**

## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP

**CIRCUIT CONVOCATION SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> 6PM TO 8PM** Come fellowship with area churches at Rollhaven in Grand Blanc. Free Admission, Skate Rental and Pizza! Please sign up in the Narthex.

## CHURCH BUSINESS

**LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTIONS** are available through the Michigan District at a reduced rate of \$21.20 per year. Please let April know if you are interested in subscribing by December 8<sup>th</sup>.

**HAVING TROUBLE HEARING THE SERVICE?** We are researching help for the hearing challenged, and we want to talk to you. Please contact either Sue Ludwig or Phyllis Pross.



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**Weekly Information**

**Attendance**

11/17/24 Worship 9:30 ..... 49  
11/17/24 Coffee and Questions ..... 9  
11/19/24 Women’s Bible Study ..... 7

**Collections and Facility Income**

11/17/24 Givings ..... 3245.00  
Givings Needed Weekly to meet budget ..... 3337.52

**Financial Update for October 2024**

Actual Revenue ..... 11009.20  
Actual Expenditures ..... 14298.27  
Actual Shortage ..... 3288.90  
YTD Shortage ..... 1083.20



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**NEXT WEEK**  
**Office Hours**  
**M-Th 9am-Noon**

**Monday, Nov. 25**

**Tuesday, Nov. 26**  
Women’s Bible Study at 10am

**Wednesday, Nov. 27**

The Chosen 10am  
Choir TBD  
Chimes TBD

**Thursday, Nov. 28**

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**  
NO Oasis 2:30 to 5pm

**Friday, Nov. 29**

Office Closed  
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
**CHRISTINE BOYLE!**

**Saturday, Nov.30**

**Sunday, Dec. 1**

**FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT**  
Worship Service at 9:30am  
Coffee and Questions with Pastor  
after service

2024

# ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES



## ***Wednesday Evening Advent Services***

December 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

“Music and Monologues”

## ***December Sunday Worship Services***

December 1 <sup>st</sup>	9:30am
December 8 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am
December 15 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am
December 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9:30am
December 29 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am

## ***Christmas Eve Candlelight Service***

December 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

## ***Christmas Day Worship Service***

December 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am



FOR THE WONDERS THAT  
ASTOUND US.  
FOR THE TRUTHS THAT STILL  
CONFOUND US.  
MOST OF ALL —  
THAT LOVE HAS FOUND US.  
Thanks, be to God!

F. PRATT GREEN

