

Third Sunday in Advent

December 17, 2023 10 am

We don't change the message, the message changes us



Make straight the way of the LORD
John 1:23

Please sign Fellowship Book today.

If you wish to continue to wear a mask during service, we encourage you to do so until you feel comfortable.

Hope Lutheran Chapel

5709 Osage Beach Parkway, Osage Beach, MO 65065
Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

10 a.m. Indoor Communion Worship Service
11:00 a.m. Fellowship
11:20 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study

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WE WELCOME you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. You are invited to open your heart to God's Word in Scripture, Sermon, and Song. Please sign our Record of Fellowship at each end of the open pews. **You are Always welcome here – this is your Father's House!** As we worship, we stand for some parts of the Liturgy. However, please feel free to remain seated if you prefer.

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE.
PLEASE ASK THE USHER IF YOU NEED ONE.**

A cry room is available for fussy babies.

God Bless your worship with us!



Hope Lutheran Chapel Communion Statement: If you are a confirmed member in good standing of a LCMS or an AALC congregation, are repentant of your sins, and believe Jesus gives you His true body and blood for the forgiveness of your sins in the Lord's Supper, you are welcome to commune with us today. (I Cor. 11:17-32) For Lutherans, receiving the Lord's Supper, is an action of the celebrating community, signifying a oneness in faith, life, and worship of the community. (I Cor. 10:14-22, 11:18-19, 26; Eph. 4:2-6) If you are a visitor from another Christian Church body or other faith, we welcome you to our service. As a sad consequence of the divisions in Christianity we cannot extend to you a general invitation to the Lord's Supper. Reception of the Lord's Supper by Christians not fully united with us would imply a oneness which does not yet exist, and for which we must all pray. If you are a visitor and not sure whether or not you should commune, please speak with the Pastor, Elder, or Usher before the service.

Communion Note: For those who need assistance with the cup please hold out your hand and the Elder will hand it to you. Please place cup in buckets at end of rail when finished.

If it is difficult for you to kneel at the rail, please feel free to remain standing.

ORGAN PRELUDE

Special Music - *Chuck Kiel and Joyce Trost*

“The Advent of our God”

Opening Hymn ~ *When All the World Was Cursed*

LSB 346

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| <p>1 When all the world was cursed By Moses' condemnation, Saint John the Baptist came With words of consolation. With true forerunner's zeal The greater One he named, And Him, as yet unknown, As Savior he proclaimed.</p> <p>2 Before he yet was born, He leaped in joyful meeting, Confessing Him as Lord Whose mother he was greeting. By Jordan's rolling stream, A new Elijah bold, He testified of Him Of whom the prophets told:</p> | <p>3 Behold the Lamb of God That bears the world's transgression, Whose sacrifice removes The devil's dread oppression. Behold the Lamb of God, Who takes away our sin, Who for our peace and joy Will full atonement win.</p> <p>4 O grant, dear Lord of love, That we receive, rejoicing, The word proclaimed by John, Our true repentance voicing, That gladly we may walk Upon our Savior's way Until we live with Him In His eternal day.</p> |
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DIVINE SERVICE - Setting Three

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The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Stand

Confession and Absolution

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P 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.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P 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.

Introit

Ps. 85:8-9, 12-13; antiphon: Ps. 85:7

P Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,

C and grant us your salvation.

P Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,

C for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly.

P Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,

C that glory may dwell in our land.

P Yes, the LORD will give what is good,

C and our land will yield its increase.

P Righteousness will go before him

C and make his footsteps a way.

Gloria Patri



C Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

P Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,

C and grant us your salvation.

KYRIE All Sing: Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Hymn of Praise (replaces Gloria in Excelsis)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

LSB 357 vs. 1-3, 6

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,

And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear. Refrain

3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the Law
In cloud and majesty and awe. Refrain

ref Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

Shall come to thee, O Israel!

6 O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Refrain

2 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. Refrain

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

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P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is on Me because the LORD anointed Me to tell good news to those who are suffering. He sends Me to bandage the brokenhearted, to announce liberty to the captives and freedom to the prisoners, to announce a year when the LORD will accept people and a day of vengeance for our God, to comfort all who mourn, to provide for those who mourn in Zion, giving them a crown instead of ashes, oil of joy instead of mourning, a mantle of praise instead of a drooping spirit. They will be called "oaks of righteousness," planted by the LORD to glorify Him. They will rebuild the

ancient ruins, set up the desolated buildings of those who lived here long ago, put up new cities on their ruins, and rebuild the places lying waste for generations.

“For I, the LORD, love justice; I hate robbery and crime. I will honestly reward your work. I will make an everlasting covenant with you. Your children will be known among the nations and your descendants among the peoples. All who see them will realize they are descendants the LORD has blessed.” I will be very glad in the LORD, I will delight in my God, for He has dressed me in the garments of salvation and wrapped me in a robe of righteousness *as* a bridegroom puts on a priestly turban and *a bride puts on her beautiful* jewels. As the ground produces its sprouts and a garden makes the seed sown in it come up, so the Lord GOD will make righteousness and praise spring up in the sight of all the nations.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Always be happy. Never stop praying. Whatever happens, thank God, because that is what God in Christ Jesus wants you to do. Don't put out the fire of the Spirit. Don't despise God's Word when anyone speaks it. But test everything and cling to what is good. *Keep away from every kind of evil.* The God of peace make you holy in every way and keep your spirit and soul and body sound and without a fault when our Lord Jesus Christ comes. You can depend on Him Who calls you - He will do it.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

C Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight; all flesh shall see the salvation of God.



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL LESSON

John 1:6-8, 19-28

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

C **Glory be to Thee, O Christ.** (*sing*)

A man came - God sent him - his name was John. He came to tell the truth about the Light so that through him everyone might believe. He was not the Light but came to tell the truth about the Light.

When the Jews in Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to John to ask him, "Who are you?" this was John's testimony. He confessed and didn't deny. He confessed: "I'm not the Christ." "Who are you, then?" they asked him. "Are you Elijah?" "I am not," he said. "Are you the Prophet?" "No," he answered. Then they asked him, "Who are you? We want to bring an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said: "I am *a voice calling in the wilderness: 'Make straight the way for the Lord,'* as the prophet Isaiah said." Some who had been sent belonged to the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why, then, do you baptize if you're not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?" "I baptize with water," John answered them. "There is standing among you Someone you don't know, the One Who is coming after me. I'm not good enough to untie His shoe strap." This happened at Bethany on the other side of the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.** (*sing*)

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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 ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Hymn of the Day ~ Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

LSB 345

1 Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding!

“Christ is near,” we hear it say.

“Cast away the works of darkness,

All you children of the day!”

2 Startled at the solemn warning,

Let the earthbound soul arise;

Christ, its sun, all sloth dispelling,

Shines upon the morning skies.

3 See, the Lamb, so long expected,

Comes with pardon down from heav’n.

Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,

One and all, to be forgiv’n;

4 So, when next He comes in glory

And the world is wrapped in fear,

He will shield us with His mercy

And with words of love draw near.

△ 5 Honor, glory, might, dominion

To the Father and the Son

With the ever-living Spirit

While eternal ages run!

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Sermon

Stand

Offertory

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All Sing: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Installation of Officers



The Words of Our Lord

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ . . .
- P** The peace . . . you always.
- C** Amen. (*sing*)

Agnus Dei (*All Sing*)

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- C** 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.

Sit

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Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord

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| <p>1 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.</p> <p>2 What the fathers most desired, What the prophets' heart inspired, What they longed for many_a year, Stands fulfilled in glory here.</p> <p>3 Abram's promised great reward, Zion's helper, Jacob's Lord— Him of twofold race behold— Truly came, as long foretold.</p> | <p>4 As Your coming was in peace, Quiet, full of gentleness, Let the same mind dwell in me Which is Yours eternally.</p> <p>5 Bruise for me the serpent's head That, set free from doubt and dread, I may cling to You in faith, Safely kept through life and death.</p> <p>6 Then when You will come again As the glorious king to reign, I with joy will see Your face, Freely ransomed by Your grace.</p> |
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Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring

LSB 353

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| <p>1 Jesus came, the heav'ns adoring, Came with peace from realms on high;</p> | <p>Jesus came to win redemption, Lowly came on earth to die;</p> |
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Alleluia! Alleluia!
Came in deep humility.

- 2 Jesus comes again in mercy
When our hearts are worn with care;
Jesus comes again in answer
To an earnest, heartfelt prayer;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Comes to save us from despair.
- 3 Jesus comes to hearts rejoicing,
Bringing news of sins forgiv'n;

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Jesus comes with words of gladness,
Leading souls redeemed to heav'n.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Hope to all the world is giv'n.

- 4 Jesus comes in joy and sorrow,
Shares alike our hopes and fears;
Jesus comes, whate'er befalls us,
Cheers our hearts and dries our tears;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Comforts us in failing years.

Stand

Nunc Dimittis (All Sing)

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☩ 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.

Thanksgiving

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- ☩** O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good,
☩ and His mercy endureth forever.
- ☩** Let us pray . . . one God, now and forever.
☩ Amen.
- ☩** The Lord be with you.
☩ And with thy spirit.
- ☩** Bless we the Lord.
☩ Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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- ☩** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.
☩ Amen. Amen. Amen.

Closing Hymn ~ *Comfort, Comfort Ye My People*

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- 1 "Comfort, comfort ye My people,
Speak ye peace," thus saith our God;
"Comfort those who sit in darkness,
Mourning 'neath their sorrows' load.
Speak ye to Jerusalem
Of the peace that waits for them;
Tell her that her sins I cover
And her warfare now is over."
- 2 Yea, her sins our God will pardon,
Blotting out each dark misdeed;
All that well deserved His anger
He no more will see or heed.
She hath suffered many_a day,
Now her griefs have passed away;
God will change her pining sadness
Into ever-springing gladness.
- 3 Hark, the herald's voice is crying
In the desert far and near,
Calling sinners to repentance,
Since the Kingdom now is here.
O that warning cry obey!
Now prepare for God a way;
Let the valleys rise to meet Him
And the hills bow down to greet Him.
- 4 Make ye straight what long was crooked;
Make the rougher places plain.
Let your hearts be true and humble,
As befits His holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord
Now o'er earth is shed abroad,
And all flesh shall see the token
That His Word is never broken.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offering plates are in the back of the sanctuary as you leave.

YOU ARE INVITED to join us in the downstairs fellowship hall for refreshments following service today.



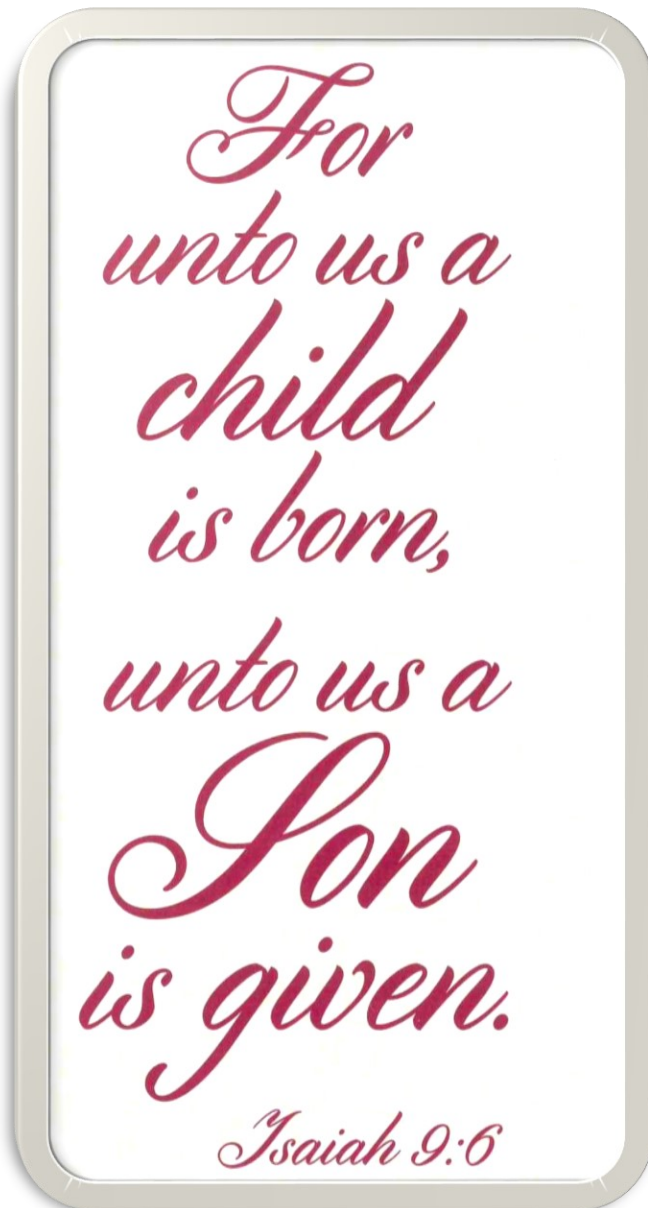
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ADULT SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS OPPORTUNITIES

A topical study in Deuteronomy led by Pastor Williams will meet in the downstairs fellowship hall following service today.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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| Dec. 17 | Sunday | Is. 33:1-24 | Rev. 5:1-14 |
| Dec. 18 | Monday | Is. 34:1-2,8-35:10 | Rev. 6:1-17 |
| Dec. 19 | Tuesday | Is. 40:1-17 | Rev. 7:1-17 |
| Dec. 20 | Wednesday | Is. 40:18-41:10 | Rev. 8:1-13 |
| Dec. 21 | Thursday | Is. 42:1-25 | Rev. 9:1-12 |
| Dec. 22 | Friday | Is. 43:1-24 | Rev. 9:13-10:11 |
| Dec. 23 | Saturday | Is. 43:25-44:20 | Rev. 11:1-19 |
| Dec. 24 | Sunday | Is. 44:21-45:13,20-25 | Rev. 12:1-17 |



IN OUR PRAYERS:

Steve Bauer
 Donna Beeman
 Emma Beeman
 Stella Cardin
 Donna Carlson
 Kinsly Coonce
 Tre Conner
 Kellie Diaz
 Donna Duschene
 Len Grawe
 Jane Hale
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 John Kretzschmar
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 Jerol Laughlin
 Irene Merchant
 Doris Meyer
 Cody Myer
 Jackie Onstott
 Sandra Pohlmann
 Joanne Scanlon
 Gene Scheiter
 Marta Szabo
 Debbie Thompson

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today’s altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Mike and Irene Merchant.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

12/20 Matthew Cardin
 12/21 Landyn Martin

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO

12/19 Michael and Irene Merchant

SUNDAY SCHOOL COLLECTION

DURING DECEMBER our Sunday School offerings will benefit the Benevolence Fund. Please place your offerings in the jar or basket during the Sunday School hour.

LCMS Stewardship Ministry

Generosity Thoughts

1 Thessalonians 5:18 - "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." Christians express their thanks to God in many ways: in prayer, in giving to the Lord's work, in acts of service to others, in faithful living in their daily callings. Everything we do to honor God in our lives is a means of returning thanks for the Lord's many gifts to us.

Life Quotes from Lutherans for Life:

"I don't know what exactly you expect this Christmas. But I can tell you to set your expectations high as you listen to God's Advent call. Listen to His promises. Look in the manger. And you'll find hope and unity now and into eternity." Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

SOUP SUPPERS



We will be having Soup Suppers before advent services this year. They are being hosted by Alan and Kathy Wiese and a sign up sheet is on the credenza for each week. They will start about 5 pm in the large fellowship hall.

GIFT/CARD SHOP



Send Christian Christmas cards this year! They are on display in the card shop, in the coat room off the narthex, at the top of the stairs. We are self service so please note your purchase. If you need any help, just contact Doris.


Doris Meyer, 346-7681

From our December Voter's Meeting:

Officers of the Congregation - 2024

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Adopted 2024 Budget Total \$199,522.39

|  <i>THIS WEEK AT HOPE</i> | | | | |
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| Dec 17 th | Sunday | 10:00 | am | Worship with Communion |
| | | 11:00 | am | Fellowship |
| | | 11:20 | am | Sunday School for all ages |
| Dec 20 th | Wednesday | 10:00 | am | Prayer Service |
| | | 5:00 | pm | Soup Supper - <i>fellowship hall</i> |
| | | 6:00 | pm | Advent Service |
| Dec 24 th | Sunday | 10:00 | am | Worship with Communion |
| | | 11:00 | am | Fellowship |
| | | 11:20 | am | Sunday School for all ages |
| | | 6:00 | pm | Candlelight Communion Service |
| Secretary's hours: Mon - Fri ~ 8 am - Noon Pastor's office hours: Mon - Thurs ~ 9 am - 11 am | | | | |

Those Who Serve

| | <i>Today</i> | <i>December 31st</i> |
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| <i>Elder</i> | Mike Merchant | Mike Merchant |
| <i>Preparing the Altar</i> | Debbie Thompson | Joyce Trost |
| <i>Preparing the Candles</i> | Debbie Thompson | Chuck Kiel |
| <i>Counters</i> | Alan and Kathy Wiese | Jerol Laughlin and Anita Topel |