

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2023 10 am

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

"Greetings, you
blessed one. The
Lord is with you."

Luke 1:28



By Rev. Edward Fehskens

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Please sign Fellowship Book today.

Hope Lutheran Chapel

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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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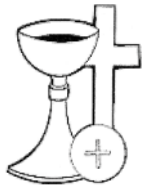


WE WELCOME you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. You are invited to open your heart to God's Word in Scripture, Sermon, and Song. Please sign our Record of Fellowship at each end of the open pews. **You are Always welcome here – this is your Father's House!** As we worship, we stand for some parts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

SANITIZER/WIPES ARE LOCATED AT THE END OF AISLE FOR THE HAND RAILS. Trashcans for wipes are at end of ramp.

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

ORGAN PRELUDE

Opening Hymn ~ *Prepare the Royal Highway*

LSB 343

1 Prepare the royal highway;
The King of kings is near!
Let ev'ry hill and valley
A level road appear!
Then greet the King of Glory
Foretold in sacred story: Refrain

3 Then fling the gates wide open
To greet your promised king!
Your king, yet ev'ry nation
Its tribute too should bring.
All lands, bow down before Him!
All nations, now adore Him! Refrain

ref Hosanna to the Lord,
For He fulfills God's Word!

2 God's people, see Him coming:
Your own eternal king!
Palm branches strew before Him!
Spread garments! Shout and sing!
God's promise will not fail you!
No more shall doubt assail you! Refrain

4 His is no earthly kingdom;
It comes from heav'n above.
His rule is peace and freedom
And justice, truth, and love.
So let your praise be sounding
For kindness so abounding: Refrain

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DIVINE SERVICE - Setting Four

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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 Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

INTROIT

Ps. 19:1, 4c, 5-6; antiphon: Is. 45:8a, b

P Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down righteousness;

C let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may bear fruit.

P The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

C In them he has set a tent for the sun,

P which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,

C and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.

P Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them,

C and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

All: 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.

P Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down righteousness;

C let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may bear fruit.

Kyrie thru Salutation and Collect of the Day

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C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Hymn of Praise (replaces Gloria in Excelsis)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

LSB 357 vs. 1-3, 7

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!

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

7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,
And be Thyself our King of Peace. Refrain

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Collect of the Day

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P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

The Lord Builds a House for David: Jesus Christ Who Comes in the Flesh

2 Samuel 7:1–11, 16 ~ Romans 16:25–27 ~ Luke 1:26–38

When King David *“lived in his house and the LORD had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies,”* he piously supposed that he would build a house for God (2 Sam. 7:1–2). But the Lord would turn it around: He would establish a house for David and an everlasting throne. This He has done not only for David, but also for all His people, in the Son of David, Jesus Christ, *“conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary”* (Apostles' Creed). That holy child, the incarnate *“Son of the Most High,”* receives *“the throne of his father David”* and begins to reign *“over the house of Jacob forever”* (Luke 1:32–33). Having given Himself as a sacrifice for the sins of the world, His body is the true and eternal temple of God in which His people have their own place of peace and rest. That is *“the mystery that was kept secret for long ages”* but is now *“made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God”* in order that we may have faith and life in Christ (Rom. 16:25–26).

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

After the LORD gave the king rest from fighting his enemies all around him and he was settled at home, the king said to the prophet Nathan, *“Look, I'm living in a cedar palace, while God's ark is lodged within the curtains of a tent.”*

“Go,” Nathan told the king, “do everything you have in mind, because the LORD is with you.” But that night the LORD spoke to Nathan, “Go,” He said, “tell My servant David, the LORD says this: ‘Should you build Me a temple to live in? I haven't lived in a temple from the day I took Israel out of Egypt till now, but I moved from place to place in a tent a tabernacle. In any of the places where *I moved with all the Israelites*, did I ever say to anyone of the judges of Israel whom I ordered to shepherd My people Israel: “Why haven't you built Me a cedar temple?” But now, say this to My servant David: “*The LORD of armies says this*: I took you from the pasture where you followed the sheep that you should be *a leader in charge of My people Israel*. I was with you wherever you went and destroyed all your enemies before you, and I will make your name great as the name of the greatest men on earth. I will make a place for My people Israel and plant them so they will live in their own place and not be troubled anymore. The wicked will not oppress them any more as they used to do from the time I appointed judges over My people Israel. But I will give you rest from fighting all your enemies. The LORD also tells you He will build a house for you. Your *royal house will stand firm before Me forever, and your throne will stand firm forever.*”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 16:25-27

Now, to Him - Who can make you strong by the good news I bring and the preaching of Jesus Christ, by unveiling the mystery veiled in silence for long ages but now brought to light and by the writings of the prophets, as the everlasting God ordered them, shown to all the nations to lead them to believe and obey - to the only wise God through Jesus Christ be glory forever. Amen.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse thru Holy Gospel

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

HOLY GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 1:26-38

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

In the sixth month God sent the angel Gabriel to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man by the name of Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. coming into her home, the angel said, "Greetings, you blessed one. The Lord is with you." Startled by what he said, she tried to figure out what such a greeting might mean. "Don't be afraid, Mary," the angel told her. "God has chosen to bless you. *You see, you will conceive and have a son, and you will call Him JESUS. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High God. And the Lord will give Him the throne of His ancestor David. He will be King over the people of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will never end.*" "How can this be?" Mary asked the angel. "I've had no relations with a husband." "The Holy Spirit will come over you," the angel answered her, "and a power of the Most High God will overshadow you. And for that reason the Holy One to be born will be called the Son of God. Now there is also Elizabeth, your relative. She is old, but she too conceived. People call her childless, but she's now in her sixth month. *There is nothing that God will not be able to do.*" "I am the Lord's servant" Mary answered. "Let it happen to me as you said." Then the angel left her.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ

ATHANASIAN CREED

P Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.

Q Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.

P And the catholic faith is this,

Q that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.

P For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.

Q But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.

P Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:

Q the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;

P the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;

Q the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.

P And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,

Q just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.

P In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;

Q and yet there are not three Almighty, but one Almighty.

P So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;

Q and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.

P So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;

Q and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.

P Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.

Q The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.

P The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.

Q The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.

P Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

C And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;

P but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.

C Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.

P But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.

P He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:

C perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;

P equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.

C Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:

P one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;

C one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.

P For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,

C who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,

P ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

C At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.

P And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.

C This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.

Sit

Hymn of the Day ~ Savior of the Nations, Come

LSB 332 vs 1-4

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| 1 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. | 3 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. |
| 2 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. | 4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all
From His pure and kingly hall;
God of God, yet fully man,
His heroic course began. |

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Sermon

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

Stand

Prayer of the Church

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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 . . . evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus (Sing)

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C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You . . . Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

p209

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.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ . . . in remembrance of Me.”

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei (Sing)

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C O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away; O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.	O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away; Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.
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Distribution Hymns

A Great and Mighty Wonder

LSB 383

1 A great and mighty wonder,
A full and holy cure:
The virgin bears the infant
With virgin honor pure! Refrain

3 While thus they sing your Monarch,
Those bright angelic bands,
Rejoice, O vales and mountains,
And oceans, clap your hands. Refrain

ref Proclaim the Savior's birth:
"To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth!"

4 Since all He comes to ransom,
By all be He adored,
The infant born in Bethl'em,
The Savior and the Lord. Refrain

2 The Word becomes incarnate
And yet remains on high,
And cherubim sing anthems
To shepherds from the sky. Refrain

5 All idols then shall perish
And Satan's lying cease,
And Christ shall raise His scepter,
Decreeing endless peace. Refrain

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Hark the Glad Sound

LSB 349

1 Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,
The Savior promised long;
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne
And ev'ry voice a song.

3 He comes the broken heart to bind,
The bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of His grace
To enrich the humble poor.

2 He comes the pris'ners to release,
In Satan's bondage held.
The gates of brass before Him burst,
The iron fetters yield.

4 Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
Thy welcome shall proclaim,
And heav'n's eternal arches ring
With Thy belovèd name.

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Nunc Dimittis thru Benediction

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Stand

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You . . . now and forever.

C Amen.

A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P 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.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn ~ Savior of the Nations, Come

LSB 332 vs 5-7

5 God the Father was His source,
Back to God He ran His course.
Into hell His road went down,
Back then to His throne and crown.

7 From the manger newborn light
Shines in glory through the night.
Darkness there no more resides;
In this light faith now abides.

6 For You are the Father's Son
Who in flesh the vict'ry won.
By Your mighty pow'r make whole
All our ills of flesh and soul.

△ 8 Glory to the Father sing,
Glory to the Son, our king,
Glory to the Spirit be
Now and through eternity.

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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.



OUR WORSHIP SERVICE can be heard every Sunday (on a week delay basis) from 8:30-9:00 am on **KRMS 1150 AM and 103.3, 97.5 FM Radio**. If you would like to help sponsor this broadcast, place your contribution in a designated gift offering envelope marked "Radio Broadcast". *You can also tune into 89.3 FM at any time to listen to one of our previous services.*

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

Nov. 26	Sunday	Dan. 6:1-28	Rev. 22:1-21
Nov. 27	Monday	Is. 1:1-28	1 Peter 1:1-12
Nov. 28	Tuesday	Is. 2:1-22	1 Peter 1:13-25
Nov. 29	Wednesday	Is. 5:1-25	1 Peter 2:1-12
Nov. 30	Thursday	Is. 6:1-7:9	1 Peter 2:13-25
Dec. 1	Friday	Is. 7:10-8:8	1 Peter 3:1-22
Dec. 2	Saturday	Is. 8:9-9:7	1 Peter 4:1-19
Dec. 3	Sunday	Is. 9:8-10:11	1 Peter 5:1-14



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Thank you to those who helped beautify the altar for Christmas. Flowers may be taken home after service on Saturday January 6th

IN OUR PRAYERS:

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<i>SUNDAY SCHOOL COLLECTION</i>
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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.

<i>MOVING</i>

The Trost’s will be moving. We have a independent care unit reserved at Garden Villas in O’Fallon, MO for February 1, 2024. We have enjoyed living at our lake home for 28 years, but it is time to move. We will miss our friends and our involvement in the church.

God bless all of you!
Roger and Joyce Trost

<i>LCMS Stewardship Ministry</i>
<i>Generosity Thoughts</i>

2 Samuel 7:4-5 - “But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan. “Go and tell my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD: Would you build me a house to dwell in?’” Nathan thought David’s idea was great, so he blessed it with the Lord’s name. But later that night, the Word of the Lord set him straight. The

Word of the Lord, not our own desires or whims, must be the basis for what we think, say and do in God's kingdom.

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

THE ATHANASIAN CREED

Early in the fourth century, a north African pastor named Arius began teaching that Jesus Christ was not truly God. The Church responded decisively in AD 325 with a statement of faith (The Nicene Creed), which confessed that Jesus is, in fact, true God. Toward the end of the fifth century, another creed was written that delved further into the mystery of the Trinity. Though attributed to Athanasius, a fourth century opponent of Arius, this anonymous creed clearly came at a later stage in the debate. The Athanasian Creed declares that its teachings concerning the Holy Trinity and our Lord's incarnation are “the catholic faith.” In other words, this is what the true Church of all times and all places has confessed.



THIS WEEK AT HOPE

Dec 24th	Sunday	10:00 am	Worship with Communion
Newsletter		11:00 am	Fellowship
Deadline		11:20 am	Sunday School for all ages
		6:00 pm	Candlelight Communion Service
Dec 25th	Monday	10:00 am	Worship with Communion
Dec 31st	Sunday	10:00 am	Worship with Communion - <i>Common Cup</i>
		11:00 am	Fellowship
		11:20 am	Sunday School for all ages

Secretary's hours: Tues - Fri ~ 8 am - Noon

Pastor's office hours: On Vacation December 26th till December 30th

Those Who Serve

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