Third Sunday in Advent

December 15, 2024 10 am

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



Please sign Fellowship Book today.

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.

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

ORGAN PRELUDE

Opening Hymn ~ Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

LSB 338

1 Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free; From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in Thee. Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art, Dear desire of ev'ry nation, Joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver;
 Born a child and yet a king!
 Born to reign in us forever,
 Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
 By Thine own eternal Spirit
 Rule in all our hearts alone;
 By Thine all-sufficient merit
 Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

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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.
- **G** 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,
- **©** who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- 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,
- 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.

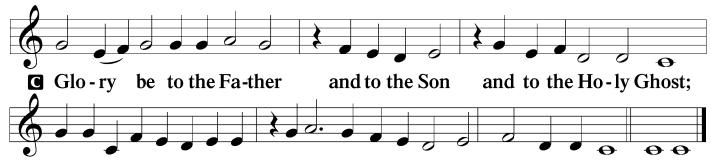
C Amen.

Introit

Ps. 146:5-8; antiphon: Phil. 4:4

- **P** Rejoice in the Lord always;
- again I will say, Rejoice.
- P Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
- whose hope is in the LORD his God,
- P who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,
- who keeps faith forever;
- **P** who executes justice for the oppressed,
- who gives food to the hungry.
- P The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.
- The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

Gloria Patri



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

- P Rejoice in the Lord always;
- again I will say, Rejoice.

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

ref Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

- 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
- 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
- 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

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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. (All Sing)
- 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. (All Sing)

Zephaniah 3:14–20~ Philippians 4:4–7 ~ Luke 7:18–28 (29–35)

The Coming of Jesus Enables Us to Rejoice

The Third Sunday in Advent has traditionally been called by the Latin word *Gaudete*, meaning "Rejoice!" For as you are called to repentance, so also are you urged to rejoice in the coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ. By His own cross, He has accomplished salvation for you; "he has cleared away your enemies," "taken away the judgments against you" and come to reign in your midst. Indeed, He rejoices over you with gladness and song (Zeph. 3:15–17)! Therefore, even from prison St. Paul encourages us to "rejoice in the Lord always," knowing that the peace of God will guard and keep us in Christ Jesus (Phil. 4:4, 7). We find an example and encouragement in the case of John the Baptist. As he languishes in prison, he calls upon Jesus and is strengthened by the Word of the Gospel that he receives. The same good news is preached to you, by which all things are made new and even "the dead are raised up" (Luke 7:22). Do not be offended by the cross, therefore, but let your life be one of prayer and thanksgiving (Luke 7:23; Phil. 4:6).

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sing happily, daughter of Zion! Shout, Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem. The LORD will cancel your punishment. He will drive out your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is among you. You don't need to fear another calamity. On that day Jerusalem will be told, "Don't be afraid. Zion, don't give up!" The Lord your God is among you; He is mighty to save. He will be delighted with you. He will silence you with His love. He will be joyful over you with shouts of joy. "I will gather those who have gone out from you and are weeping, being away from the festivals, carrying the burden of disgrace. At that time I will deal with all who mistreat you. I will rescue the lame and gather those who are driven away. And I will make them a people who are praised, whose name is honored all over the world where they were in disgrace. At that time when I gather you, I will bring you home. You will be famous and praised among all the people of the world when I make you happy again — you will see it yourselves," says the LORD. P This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26, alt.

- P Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.
- Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.
- P Behold, your king is coming to you;
- C righteous and having salvation.
- P Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
- From the house of the Lord we bless you.

EPISTLE LESSON

Philippians 4:4-7

Be happy in the Lord always! I'll say it again: Be happy! Everyone should know how gentle you can be. The Lord is near. Don't worry about anything, but in everything go to God, and pray to let Him know what you want, and give thanks. Then God's peace, better than all our thinking, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you



HOLY GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 7:18-28 (29-35)

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventh chapter.
- Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

John's disciples told him about all these things. Then John called two of his disciples and sent them to ask the Lord, "Are You the One Who is coming, or should we look for someone else?" The men came to Jesus and said, "John the Baptizer sent us to ask You, 'Are you the One Who is coming, or should we look for someone else?'" Just then He had healed many people of their diseases, ailments, and evil spirits and had given sight to many who were blind. "Go," Jesus answered, "tell John what you've seen and heard; The blind see, the lame walk, lepers are made clean, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor hear the good news - and blessed is anyone who doesn't turn against Me." When John's messengers had left, Jesus talked to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see – a reed shaken by the wind? What, then, did you go out to see – a man dressed in soft robes? Those who wear fine clothes and live in luxury you'll find in the palaces of kings. What, then, did you go out to see – a prophet? Let Me assure you, far more than a prophet. This is the one of whom it is written: 'I will send My messenger ahead of You to prepare Your way before You.' I tell you, no woman's son is greater than John, and yet the least in God's kingdom is greater than he. "By letting John baptize them, all the people who heard him, even the tax collectors, admitted that God was right. But the Pharisees and the learned men of the Law, by not letting John baptize them, rejected what God had planned for them. "How should I picture the people of this generation? What are they like? They're like little children sitting in the marketplace and calling to one another, 'We played a tune on the flute for you, but you didn't dance. We sang a funeral song, but you didn't weep.' John the Baptizer has come; he doesn't eat bread or drink wine, and you say, `There's a demon in him!' The Son of Man has come; He eats and drinks, and you say, `Look at the glutton and drunkard, the friend of tax collectors and sinners!' And yet wisdom is shown to be right by all her children."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise be to Thee, O Christ. (sing)

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 ~ Once He Came in Blessing

LSB 333

Once He came in blessing, All our sins redressing; Came in likeness lowly, Son of God most holy; Bore the cross to save us; Hope and freedom gave us.

- 2 Now He gently leads us; With Himself He feeds us Precious food from heaven, Pledge of peace here given, Manna that will nourish Souls that they may flourish.
- Souls that they may flourish.

 Soon will come that hour
 When with mighty power
 Christ will come in splendor
 And will judgment render,

With the faithful sharing Joy beyond comparing.

4 Come, then, O Lord Jesus, From our sins release us. Keep our hearts believing, That we, grace receiving, Ever may confess You Till in heav'n we bless You.

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Sermon

Stand

Offertory p192

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.

Offering ~ Plates are located in the back to collect as you leave today

Installation of Officers

(Everyone voted in as an officer for the 2025 year, please come forward when Pastor requests you to do so)

Prayer of the Church

Stand

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface thru Agnus Dei

p194 to198

- P The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- **©** We lift them up unto the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.
- C It is meet and right so to do.
- P It is truly meet, right and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer p196

P 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.

All Sing: 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 . . .
- P The peace . . . you always.
- C Amen.

Agnus Dei (All Sing)

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- 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.

DISTRIBUTION LSB 632

O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

1 O Jesus, blessèd Lord, to Thee My heartfelt thanks forever be, Who hast so lovingly bestowed On me Thy body and Thy blood.

2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is come to me this day! My Savior dwells within my heart: How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

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At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to our victorious King, Who has washed us in the tide Flowing from His piercèd side. Alleluia!

- 2 Praise we Him, whose love divine Gives His sacred blood for wine, Gives His body for the feast— Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!
- 3 Where the paschal blood is poured, Death's dread angel sheathes the sword; Israel's hosts triumphant go Through the wave that drowns the foe. Alleluia!
- 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Paschal victim, paschal bread; With sincerity and love Eat we manna from above. Alleluia!

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LSB 633

- 5 Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie; You have conquered in the fight, You have brought us life and light. Alleluia!
- 6 Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall; You have opened paradise, And Your saints in You shall rise. Alleluia!
- 7 Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy; From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, Newborn souls in You to be. Alleluia!
- \triangle 8 Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live, Spirit, guide through all our days: Three in One, Your name we praise. Alleluia!

Nunc Dimittis (All Sing)

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Cord, 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 p200

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

Benediction p202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

C Amen. Amen. (All Sing)

Closing Hymn ~ Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

LSB 849

- 1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness With a liberating light;
 - Praise the One who frees the pris'ners, Turning blindness into sight.
 - Praise the One who preached the Gospel, Healing ev'ry dread disease,
 - Calming storms, and feeding thousands With the very Bread of peace.
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the children With a strong, yet gentle, word; Praise the One who drove out demons

With the piercing, two-edged sword.

Praise the One who brings cool water
To the desert's burning sand;

From this Well comes living water,
Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

3 Let us praise the Word Incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place. Jesus died and rose victorious That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and gladness, Seeing what our God has done; Praise the One who makes us one.

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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 study in Luther's Small Catechism explained in questions and answer by Dr. J. C. Dietrich led by Pastor will meet in the downstairs fellowship hall following service today.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Dec. 15	Sunday	ls. 30:27-31:9	Rev. 3:1-22
Dec. 16	Monday	ls. 32:1-20	Rev. 4:1-11
Dec. 17	Tuesday	ls. 33:1-24	Rev. 5:1-14
Dec. 18	Wednesday	ls. 34:1-2,8-35:10	Rev. 6:1-17
Dec. 19	Thursday	ls. 40:1-17	Rev. 7:1-17
Dec. 20	Friday	ls. 40:18-41:10	Rev. 8:1-13
Dec. 21	Saturday	ls. 42:1-25	Rev. 9:1-12
Dec. 22	Sunday	ls. 43:1-24	Rev. 9:13-10:11

IN OUR PRAYERS:

Steve Bauer Pauline Kibler Cody Myers
Donna Beeman Chris Kiel Jackie Onstott

Emma Beeman Karen Kiel Ken and Sandra Pohlmann

Ron Beeman Jennifer Klann Dorothy Roloff
Stella Cardin John Kretzschmar Joanne Scanlon
Kinsly Coonce Charles Kropp Gene Scheiter
Tre Conner Barbara Laughlin Marta Szabo

Kellie Diaz Jerol Laughlin Debbie Thompson

Jane HaleIrene MerchantKathy WieseDonovan HillBetty MerliMary YoungDylan HillDoris MeyerJeff ZelmsJean HillemanBetty MorrisonRichard

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.

HELP WANTED

Communion / Altar setup – Call Church office or Debbie Thompson **Candle filler** – Call Church office or Debbie Thompson

FROM OUR LAST VOTER'S MEETING

2025 Hope Chapel Budget total is \$209,590.09

Officers of the Congregation - 2025

President	
Vice-President	Gui Williams
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	Chuck Kiel ProTem for Jeff Zelms

Giving Envelopes for 2025

Giving envelopes for 2025 are on the table in the narthex. Be sure to pick yours up, but **DO NOT** use them until January 2025. *Please be aware that envelope numbers may have changed again this year*. If you don't find your name on a box of envelopes, please notify someone on the finance committee or the church office

IF you have a habit of forgetting yours, just let the secretary know and she can put it with other's that forget:)

LCMS Stewardship Ministry Generosity Thoughts

Phil. 4:5b-6 — "The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." Wouldn't you like to be free from worry and anxiety? Isn't it worry and anxiety that often keep us from living the generous life God has called us to? St. Paul contrasts anxiety with prayer, supplication, and thanksgiving in making our requests known to God. In other words, when you are tempted to anxiety and worry, pray to the Lord with a thankful heart and pour out your supplications before Him.

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

THE POINTSETTIA PLANTS

ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY

Pete and Christal Hill
Chuck and Karen Kiel
Bob & Shelia Mantyck
Mike and Irene Merchant
Doris Meyer
Jackie Onstott
Dorla Pennekamp
Gene Scheiter
Alan and Kathy Wiese
Jeff and Carol Zelms

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

	TH	IS	WEEK AT HOPE
Dec 15th S	unday 10:00	am	Worship with Communion
Installation	of 11:00	am	Fellowship
2025 Offic	ers 11:20	am	Sunday School for all ages
Dec 18 th We	dnesday 6:00	pm	Advent Service
Dec 22 nd S	unday 10:00	am	Worship with Communion
Newslette	er 11:00	am	Fellowship
Deadline	11:20	am	Sunday School for all ages

Secretary's hours: Mon - Fri ~ 8 am - Noon Pastor's office hours: Mon - Thurs 9 am - Noon

Those Who Serve

	<u>I oday</u>	December 22 nd
Elder	Mike Merchant	Mike Merchant
Preparing the Altar	Debbie Thompson	Carol Zelms
Preparing the Candles	Debbie Thompson	Chuck Kiel
Counters	Chuck and Karen Kiel	Alan and Kathy Wiese