# Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 22, 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 Rev. Guillaume J.S. Williams, Sr. Church Office ~ 573-348-2108 Alternate Number ~ 573-286-3427 Email: <u>office@HopeLutheranChapel.org</u> Website: www.hopelutheranchapel.org **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

<b>Opening Hymn</b> ~ <i>The Angel Gabriel from</i> 1 The angel Gabriel from heaven came, With wings as drifted snow, with eyes as flame: "All hail to thee, O lowly maiden Mary, Most highly favored lady." Gloria!	n Heaven Came LSB 356 3 Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head; "To me be as it pleaseth God," she said. "My soul shall laud and magnify God's holy name." Most highly favored lady, Gloria!
<ul> <li>2 "For know a blessèd mother thou shalt be,</li> <li>All generations laud and honor thee;</li> <li>Thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,</li> <li>Most highly favored lady."</li> <li>Gloria!</li> </ul>	4 Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born In Bethlehem all on a Christmas morn, And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say: "Most highly favored lady."
Text: Public domain	Gloria!

# **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**

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

#### **G** who made heaven and earth.

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

#### **G** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Image 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

1 Samuel 2:1b, 2, 5b-7; antiphon: Luke 1:46b- 47

- **P** My soul magnifies the Lord,
- **C** and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
- **P** My mouth derides my enemies,
- **C** because I rejoice in your salvation.
- **P** There is none holy like the LORD;
- C there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God.
- **P** The barren has borne seven,
- **C** but she who has many children is forlorn.
- **P** The LORD kills and brings to life;
- C he brings down to Sheol and raises up.
- **P** The LORD makes poor and makes rich;
- C he brings low and he exalts.
- 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 My soul magnifies the Lord,
- **C** and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

# Kyrie (Sing)

- Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.
- Hymn of Praise (replaces Gloria in Excelsis) O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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 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
- 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, 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 Text: Public domain

# Salutation and 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

Micah 5:2–5a ~ Hebrews 10:5–10 ~ Luke 1:39–45 (46–56) *The Lord Comes to Visit Us in Peace* 

The Fourth Sunday in Advent turns our attention toward the nativity of our Lord. With Mary, we await the coming of the Christ, her Son, conceived in her womb by the Spirit of God. As the Lord dealt graciously with her and did great things for her (Luke 1:48–49), so also He manifests Himself and His glory to us in mercy and gentleness. He comes to rule His people in peace, to *"shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD."* He comes forth not from the great capital city of Rome or Jerusalem, but from

# Old Testament Lesson

"You, Bethlehem Ephrathah, too small to be one of Judah's clans, from you there will come out for Me, One Who is to rule Israel Who comes from eternity." So He will give Israel up until the time when a mother will have her Child. Then the rest of Israel's relatives will return to her. He will stand as the Shepherd Who rules with the LORD's power, with the majesty of the name of the LORD His God. They will live securely because His majesty will then reach to the most distant parts of the world. And He will be their Peace.

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

# EPISTLE LESSON

That is why He says when He comes into the world: You didn't want sacrifice and offering, but You prepared a body for Me. Burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin didn't please You. Then I said: Look! I have come (the writing in the scroll of the book tells about Me). I'm here to do what You want, O God. First He says: "You didn't want and weren't pleased with sacrifices, offerings, burnt offerings, and sacrifices for sin which are offered according to the Law." Then He says: "Look! I have come and am here to do what You want." He takes away the first to set up the second. Doing God's will, Jesus Christ sacrificed His body only once and so made us holy.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

# Stand

Alleluia and Verse thru Holy Gospel p205 and 206 - Rom. 6:9; John 20:29b Sing C Alleluia, alleluia.

These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

# HOLY GOSPEL LESSON

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

Glory to You, O Lord

Luke 1:39-56

#### Hebrews 10:5-10

#### Micah 5:2-5a

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Then Mary hurried away to the hill country to a town of Judah. There she went into the home of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb. Then Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she shouted, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the Child in your womb. But how does this happen to me that the mother of my Lord comes to me? The moment I heard your greeting, the baby leaped with delight in my womb. And blessed is she who believed that the Lord will accomplish what He promised to do for her." Mary said: "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit delights in God, my Savior, because He has looked kindly at His humble servant. Yes, from now on the people in all generations will call me blessed. He has done great things to me — He Who is mighty and Whose name is holy and Who is always merciful to those who fear Him. Mighty are the deeds He has done with His arm. He has scattered those who think so proudly in their hearts. He has pushed strong rulers down from their thrones and lifted up lowly people. Those who were hungry He has filled with good things, and the rich He has sent away emptyhanded. He has come to help His servant Israel, because He wants to remember His mercy (as He promised our fathers), the mercy he has for Abraham and his descendants forever." Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home.

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **G** Praise to You, O Christ.

#### NICENE CREED

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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.

#### Sit

#### Hymn of the Day ~ Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord

- 1 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord! Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice; Tender to me the promise of His Word; In God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.
- Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His name!
   Make known His might, the deeds His arm has done;
   His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
   His holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.
- Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His might!
   Pow'rs and dominions lay their glory by.
   Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
   The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.
- 4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of His Word! Firm is His promise, and His mercy sure. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord To children's children and forevermore!

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#### Sermon

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

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### C Amen.

Organ Interlude as Pastor unveils sacraments Stand

# 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

# SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### Preface thru Agnus Dei

**P** The Lord be with you.

### **C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

### **G** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

## **G** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

#### **Sanctus** (Sing)

G 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

**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,

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#### 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)

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.

## Distribution

The Infant Priest Was Holy Born

- The infant Priest was holy born For us unholy and forlorn; From fleshly temple forth came He, Anointed from eternity.
- 2 This great High Priest in human flesh
   Was icon of God's righteousness.
   His hallowed touch brought sanctity;
   His hand removed impurity.
- The holy Lamb undaunted came
   To God's own altar lit with flame;
   While weeping angels hid their eyes,
   This Priest became a sacrifice.
- 4 But death would not the victor be Of Him who hung upon the tree.

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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He leads us to the Holy Place Within the veil, before God's face.

- 5 The veil is torn, our Priest we see, As at the rail on bended knee Our hungry mouths from Him receive The bread of immortality.
- 6 The body of God's Lamb we eat,A priestly food and priestly meat;On sin-parched lips the chalice poursHis quenching blood that life restores.
- With cherubim and seraphim
   Our voices join the endless hymn,
   And "Holy, holy, holy" sing
   To Christ, God's Lamb, our Priest and King.

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#### Wide Open Stand the Gates

1 Wide open stand the gates adorned with pearl,

While round God's golden throne The choirs of saints in endless circles curl, And joyous praise the Son! They watch Him now descending To visit waiting earth. The Lord of Life unending Brings dying hope new birth!

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2 He speaks the Word the bread and wine to bless:

"This is My flesh and blood!" He bids us eat and drink with thankfulness This gift of holy food. All human thought must falter— Our God stoops low to heal, Now present on the altar, For us both host and meal!  The cherubim, their faces veiled from light, While saints in wonder kneel,
 Sing praise to Him whose face with glory bright

No earthly masks conceal. This sacrament God gives us Binds us in unity, Joins earth with heav'n beyond us, Time with eternity!

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### Nunc Dimittis thru Benediction

C1 O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace, For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace: A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill, The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.

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- 2 All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son, All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One; For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be, God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.

#### Stand

A Let us pray.

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

### C Amen.

A Let us bless the Lord.

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,

#### 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 ~ When All the World Was Cursed

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And Him, as yet unknown, As Savior he proclaimed.

 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:

Behold the Lamb of God 3 That bears the world's transgression, Whose sacrifice removes The devil's dread oppression. Behold the Lamb of God, Who takes away our sin, Text: © 1941 Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110003440

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Who for our peace and joy Will full atonement win.

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.

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) <sup>11</sup> 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".

### ADULT SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS OPPORTUNITIES

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

Dec. 22	Sunday	ls. 43:1-24	Rev. 9:13-10:11
Dec. 23	Monday	ls. 43:25-44:20	Rev. 11:1-19
Dec. 24	Tuesday	ls. 44:21-45:13,20-25	Rev. 12:1-17
Dec. 25	Wednesday	ls. 49:1-18	Matt. 1:1-17
Dec. 26	Thursday	ls. 49:22-26;50:4-51:8,12-16	Matt. 1:18-25
Dec. 27	Friday	ls. 51:17-52:12	Matt. 2:1-12
Dec. 28	Saturday	ls. 52:13-54:10	Matt. 2:13-23
Dec. 29	Sunday	ls. 55:1-13	Luke 1:1-25

### DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

### HOPE WEEKLY ANCHOR

#### IN OUR PRAYERS:

Steve Bauer Donna Beeman Emma Beeman Ron Beeman Stella Cardin Kinsly Coonce Tre Conner Kellie Diaz Jane Hale Donovan Hill Dylan Hill Jean Hilleman Pauline Kibler

Chris Kiel Karen Kiel Jennifer Klann John Kretzschmar Charles Kropp Barbara Laughlin Jerol Laughlin Irene Merchant Betty Merli Doris Meyer Betty Morrison Cody Myers Jackie Onstott Ken and Sandra Pohlmann Dorothy Roloff Joanne Scanlon Gene Scheiter Marta Szabo Debbie Thompson Kathy Wiese Marcia Williams Mary Young Jeff Zelms Richard

### 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	Pete Hill
Vice-President	Gui Williams
Secretary	
Treasurer	
Financial Secretary	Debbie Thompson
Board of Finance	David Heckman, Pete Hill, Mike Merchant
Board of Education	Irene Merchant, Debbie Thompson
Board of Trustees	Dave Heckman, Jack Weisaar, Alan Wiese
Board of Elders	Don Hunkeler, Mike Merchant, Jeff Zelms -
	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

Luke 1:45 – "And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord." The Lord always fulfills what He promises. We can be certain of that, and He has proven it over and over again. This faith in the Lord's own faithfulness is what gives us the courage to follow the Lord's commands in the face of the world's anger and resistance. Mary's faith also gave her the courage to carry on in her seemingly embarrassed circumstances.



### **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

# ALTAR FLOWERS:

A New 2025 Flower chart is up in the narthex.

Find your special date to donate flowers for the Altar. Sign up early and often.



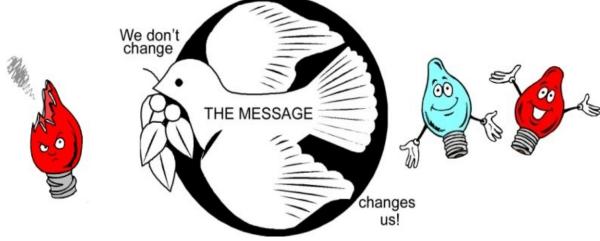
The cost of flowers is \$26 per Sunday. Please be sure to put your payment in the offering plate in an envelope marked "Altar Flowers" and your number.

# THE POINTSETTIA PLANTS



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 5<sup>th</sup>



THIS WEEK AT HOPE						
Dec	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Sunday	10:00	am	Worship with Communion	
		sletter Idline	11:00	am	Fellowship	
Dec	24 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	11:20 6:00	am pm	Sunday School for all ages Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service	
Dec	25 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	9:00	am	Christmas Day Communion Service	
Dec	29 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	10:00 11:00 11:20	am am am	Worship with Communion Fellowship Sunday School for all ages	
	Secretary's hours: Mon <i>Tues, Thurs, Friday</i> ~ 8 am - Noon Pastor's office hours: Mon - <i>Tues</i> 9 am - Noon					

#### Those Who Serve

	Today	December 29 <sup>th</sup>
Elder	Mike Merchant	Mike Merchant
Preparing the Altar	Carol Zelms	
Preparing the Candles	Chuck Kiel	Debbie Thompson
Counters	Alan and Kathy Wiese	Alan and Kathy Wiese



We will be taking a special door offering for a family in need this Christmas. Please place in the silver offering tube as you leave.