

## THANKSGIVING SERVICE +

Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 22, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

*Welcome to our Thanksgiving Eve Service. It will be centered around the singing of hymns of thanksgiving and praise to our God who has blessed us so richly. Tonight we pause to acknowledge and give emphasis to how God is the source of all our blessings and how He has blessed us so richly in all ways. Our order of service will be as found on page 260, Service of Prayer and Preaching. Prior to the service you are invited to use the handy ribbon markers to locate both Psalm 67 and p. 260.*

OPENING HYMN #892

OPENING VERSICLES pg. 260

HYMN #785 (*instead of the OT Canticle on p. 261*)

READINGS see p. 263 (*remain seated throughout the Scripture readings*)

1. *Deuteronomy 8:1-10, Do Not Forget the Lord.*  
*respond afterwards . . . Thanks be to God.*

**PSALM 67 & Gloria Patri** (*front of hymnal; read responsively half verse by half verse*)

2. *Colossians 3:15-17, Give thanks in the name of Jesus.*  
*respond afterwards . . . Thanks be to God.*

3. *Luke 17:11-19, Healing of the ten lepers.*  
*respond afterwards . . . Thanks be to God.*

RESPONSORY p. 263 *after the readings*

**The Apostles' Creed, pg. 264**

HYMN #894

SERMON *It All Comes From God.*

HYMN #895 (*as offering is collected*)

PRAYERS p. 265 - 266

HYMN #789 (*instead of the NT Canticle on p. 266*)

BLESSING p. 267

DISMISSAL HYMN #806

**MESSAGE THEME TONIGHT:** It is easy to get complacent or take for granted *all* the many blessings we receive. It is also easy to not recognize that *all* these blessings come from God. Tonight we pause to give thanksgiving and praise to our King. We acknowledge not only that all we have is from our Creator; but also our giving thanks is “more than going through the motions.” Our Gospel reading, “The Cleansing of the Ten Lepers” will guide and lead us in this. Tonight we will consider all this in a message entitled, “It All Comes From God.”

**SPECIAL ADVENT/CHRISTMAS OPPORTUNITIES TO WORSHIP:** Midweek Advent Services will be: December 6, December 13, and December 20. Each week we will have an 11:00 a.m. service here at Hope and then be sharing a 7:00 p.m. service with the other two Granite City Lutheran Churches. The theme for the 11:00 a.m. service will be “The Clothing of The King” and the theme for the 7:00 p.m. service is “The Coming of Jesus – As Time Goes By.” The order for the shared services will be St. John, Concordia and Hope. As Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year, we will have three services that day. We will have our regular 9:30 a.m. worship service and then Christmas Eve Candlelight Services at 7:00 and 11:00 p.m. Our Christmas Day Service will be at 9:30 a.m.

**SPECIAL HOLIDAY OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE:** Christmas decorating of the church (inside and out) will be Saturday, December 2 starting at 9:00 a.m. Containers remain out for our annual collection of items for the less fortunate. This includes such things as new hats and mittens, new and gently used coats, and new toys. Tonight also, will be our “first major collection point” of food and monetary donations for the Christmas baskets for those members of Hope who could use a little help at Christmas.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR ADVENT:** Need a suggestion for Advent devotions? Remember, Pastor daily posts a devotion on Hope’s Facebook page. The devotions throughout Advent will follow the theme for our 11:00 a.m. Advent services, “The Clothing of The King.” Also, a one page sheet listing of Bible passages has been made available on the table near the rear church doors. The Scripture reading for each day will be the theme verse(s) for Pastor’s devotion. This is intended to be one of the excellent sources to use to prepare us for the coming of our King. Please join us.

**NEED HELP WITH THE HOLIDAYS?** The holidays should be a joyous time; but, unfortunately they can be stressful. Please know that help is available as needed for either one time or reoccurring needs from our Care Committee. Perhaps help getting to church, shopping, home decorating, or just someone to talk to. Please contact Wanda Wuehler, (618-920-1929), Sandy Townzen (618-304-8692), or Pastor as needs arise.

**INTEREST IN BELL CHOIR.** We are hoping to get our Bell Choir going again, especially with the holiday music. It is not necessary that you be able to read music to be a part of this. A sign-up sheet is on the hallway bulletin board. Questions - see Jackie or Nichol Tieman.

**AN ADVENT WREATH AT HOME?** Consider making an Advent wreath for your home; to help prepare you for the coming of Christ at Christmas. Your Advent wreath can be “kept simple” and candles can be any combination of colors. The intent of the wreath is to help in preparing and anticipating the coming of our King.

**OTHER NOTES:** December 17 at 4:00 p.m. is our Hope Christmas dinner. December 24 during our 9:30 a.m. service will be our Christmas pageant. Many organizational Christmas parties are being planned. As these are finalized, they will be both in our Sunday bulletins and posted on the hallway bulletin board. Caroling anyone? It is also thought to be fun and good to go Christmas caroling. As organized, more will follow on this. As calendars and other holiday items are received in the church office, they will be placed on the table by the rear church doors for taking on a “first come, first serve basis.”

The 2023 altar flower sign up sheet is now posted in the library. As calendars and

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12/7	Matthew 5:17-26	12/26	Acts 7:54-60
12/8	Isaiah 35:1-10	12/27	Numbers 6:22-27
12/9	James 5:7-11	12/28	Matthew 2:13-23
12/10	Matthew 11:2-5	12/29	Galatians 3:23-29
12/11	LSB 345	12/30	Psalm 8
12/12	Genesis 16:1-16	12/31	Luke 2:21
12/13	Galatians 4:21-5:1	1/1	LSB 389
12/14	Luke 3:1-9	1/2	Psalm 72:1-11
12/15	Isaiah 7:10-17	1/3	Isaiah 60:1-6
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