

+ THE ORDER OF VESPERS +

Midweek Advent Service III Wednesday, December 20, 2023, 7 p.m.

*Welcome to our final, Joint Three Church midweek Advent Service here at Hope. Christmas is only a few days away. There is much anticipation, excitement and yes, busyness. We invite you to “shut out” all the outside voices and focus on Jesus and preparing our hearts to welcome our King. Our order of service is Vespers as found on page 229 in your hymnal. Prior to the service you are invited to use the ribbons in your hymnal to locate both **Psalm 14 and p. 229**. Offerings will be collected at the door.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BELL CHOIR: “O Come, O Come Immanuel”

OPENING HYMN #331 *stand*

LITURGY pg. 229 *stand*

PSALM Psalm 14 *Read responsively, half verse by half verse*

OFFICE HYMN #353 *sit*

SCRIPTURE READINGS *see p. 230 (remain seated until Gospel reading)*

Isaiah 24:1-13

2 Peter 3:7-15

Luke 21:25-33

*After each reading: O Lord, have mercy on us. **Thanks be to God.***

RESPONSORY FOR ADVENT pg. 230

SERMON HYMN #671 *sit*

SERMON *Jesus Comes In The Future – Mankind’s And Ours*

CANTICLE VERSE pg. 231 *stand*

HYMN #940 *in place of Magnificat* *sit*

Kyrie p. 233

LORD’S PRAYER

SALUTATION p. 233

Individual Prayer Petitions *response spoken* **Hear our prayer.**

COLLECT FOR PEACE p. 233

BENEDICAMUS p. 234

BENEDICTION

CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN #384

WELCOME. It is truly our privilege and honor to be the host for this third mid-week joint three church Advent services. The members of Hope cordially welcome our guests. Following the service you are invited for a time of fellowship and refreshments hosted by Hope’s Social Ministry Committee in the fellowship hall.

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING *Lector*, Rev. Brian Feicho of Concordia, *Proclaimer*, Rev. Bill Hale of St. John, and *Presiding*, Rev. Alan Beuster of Hope. Musicians: Hope’s Bell Choir and *Organist*, Elizabeth Meschke. Assisting with the Service: Board of Elders. Treats and gathering after the service: Hope’s Social Ministry Committee.

MARKED OFFERING ENVELOPES will be forwarded to their respective churches; loose plate supports the *Lutheran Council of Granite City*.

MESSAGE THEME TONIGHT. We continue with our overall theme of “The Coming of Jesus ‘*As Time Goes By*’”. In previous weeks we have looked at Jesus coming in the past and present. Tonight we look at Jesus coming in the future. In faith in Christ we look forward to the second coming of our King, which will commerce everlasting life in body and soul upon our bodily resurrection. The title of the message tonight is, “Jesus Comes In The Future – Mankind and Ours.” God’s blessings as God’s Word is proclaimed to us through the sermon message.

YOU ARE INVITED. Certainly each of our three churches will be having special services on Christmas Eve. But Hope will also be having a Divine Worship Service at 9:30 a.m. on Christmas Day. You all are welcome and invited to join us for this Christmas Day service. What better way to welcome our King who has humbled Himself to join humanity and bring to us salvation than to be in His House praising Him. Please join us.

All idols then shall perish. And satan’s lying cease.
And Christ shall raise His scepter. Decreeing endless peace.
Proclaim the Savior’s birth.
To God on high be glory. And peace to all the earth.

THIS YEAR'S ADVENT THEME is *Christmas past, present and future*. Next week we will be at St. John and on Dec. 16 we will be at Concordia. All services begin at 7:00.

FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS. Thanks to Denise Peterson and Sandy Beuster for the preparation of tonight's sandwiches and soup; and for the support provided from Thrivent for food supplies. Thanks also to Hope's Social Ministry Committee for the **refreshments that will be provided following the service**. Please plan to join us for this time of fellowship.

COLLECTION OF OFFERINGS. Properly marked offering envelopes will be forwarded to their respective churches; loose plate supports the *Lutheran Council of Granite City*.

OTHER JOINT CHURCH EVENTS. St. John's Country Breakfast is the second Saturday each month from 8 to 11 a.m. Hope's Men's Breakfast Fellowship and Bible study is the third Saturday each month from 8 to 9 a.m. All men are welcome to attend this. In addition to all the other special Christmas Services each individual church will be having, Hope will also again be having a Christmas Day Service Dec. 25 at 9:30 a.m. that everyone is welcome to attend.

Additional Note: Hope's Anthony "Tony" Centerino died on Sunday, Nov. 29. Visitation is at Irwin Chapel, Maryville Rd., Thursday 5-8 p.m. and the funeral will be on Friday at Hope, 11 a.m., with viewing from 10-11 a.m. Committal will be in St. Ann, MO. ; with a luncheon following back at Hope around 1:15 p.m.

Welcome **HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH** LCMS

3715 Wabash Avenue, Granite City, Illinois 62040-3977 (876-7568)
Sunday Worship, 9:30 a.m. www.hopelutherangc.org The Rev. Alan Beuster, Pastor

+ **ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE FOR ASH WEDNESDAY** +

Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion, Midweek Lent I, Feb. 21, 2007, 12 & 7 pm

Prayers for worship are inside front cover of hymnal (LSB). Ribbon markers are helpful for keeping your place. Liturgical changes reflect Ash Wednesday and/or the season of Lent. Liturgy and responses are spoken except for the Psalm, Gospel Verse, and p. 163. Communicants may use the chalice, individual cup, or intinction (dipping). Ashes are a sign urging penitent living, and a symbol of our mortality. Anyone desiring ashes, even for infants, may file informally at the center aisle to the next nearest available station. Please carry hymnals along to maintain continuity of singing. Recipients may stand, pass in silence, kneel, bow, cross themselves, say Amen or Thanks be to God, or whatever...

PSALM / RESPONSE 🎵 (*Psalm 51:1-2, 10-12, 17; tone G*)

**Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my trans- | gressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my in- | iquity,
and cleanse me | from my sin!
Create in me a clean heart, | O God,
and renew a right spirit with- | in me.
Cast me not away from your | presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit | from me.
Restore to me the joy of your sal- | vation,
and uphold me with a willing | spirit.
The sacrifices of God are a broken | spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will | not despise.**

SECOND READING AND RESPONSE see p. 156 ...**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL VERSE 🎵 p. 157 **Return to the Lord...**

HOLY GOSPEL WITH SPOKEN ACCLAMATIONS p. 157 **Glory to... / Praise to...**

HYMN OF THE DAY / SERMON HYMN #

SERMON / THE WORD FOR TODAY

IMPOSITION OF ASHES & HYMN #570 (*noonday service*)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH ...**hear our prayer.** or ...**Lord, have mercy.** or...

GREETING / SIGN OF PEACE AND RECONCILIATION see p. 159 (*7 pm only*)

OFFERING (*at noon, use offering plate at entrance*)

OFFERTORY PRAYER (*presider*)

PREFACE, SANCTUS, PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING pp. 160-161

WORDS OF INSTITUTION, PROCLAMATION, LORD'S PRAYER p. 162 left column

THE PEACE AND PRAYER TO THE LAMB OF GOD p. 163

- **Christmas Poinsettias** -

(donors may take theirs after tonight)

Michael & Janette

Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;

unite them with the prayers *live in faith and bring forth the fruit of your Spirit; through
Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.*

Read today's church bulletin, and then consult it during the week.

- JOINT MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES 2005 -

- Feb 9 12 Noon – at Hope (ashes and communion)
7 p.m. – at Concordia (ashes and communion)
16 7 p.m. – at Concordia
- Feb 23 7 p.m. – at Hope (lenten soup supper, 6 p.m.; communion)
Mar 2 7 p.m. – at Hope (lenten soup supper, 6 p.m.)
- Mar 9 7 p.m. – at St. John
16 7 p.m. – at St. John

- HOLY WEEK’S “THREE DAYS” AT HOPE LUTHERAN -

No service on Wednesday of Holy Week

- Mar 24 12 Noon – Holy Thursday Communion
7 p.m. – Holy Thursday Communion
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– Come to Sunday School –

- Worship Schedule at Hope Lutheran -

- 9:30 AM** **Sunday Divine Service – Christian Education, 8:30 AM**
(Sunday School, Library Bible Class, Junior Confirmation Class)
9:30 PM **Christmas Eve – Candlelight Communion**
7:00 PM **Evening Services – Wednesdays (including Advent and Lent),**
Thanksgiving Eve, Ash Wednesday, and “The Three Days”
of Holy Week (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil)
12:00 PM **Noonday Services – Ash Wednesday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday**
- Communion – Sundays, last Wednesdays, and Christmas Eve, Ash Wed., Holy Thurs.*
Any changes are always publicized.