

WELCOME - HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH - LCMS
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"Sharing Hope In The Joy Of Christ"

Sundays - Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - Bible Study, 8:30 a.m.
4th Sunday in Advent December 24, 2023

HYMNS 341 – 350 – 342 – 357, 352, 333 – 343

ORDER OF SERVICE Hymnal page 203 then proceed to the Kyrie, p. 204

RESPONSE: Sing after the 1st Reading at pg. 205 Psalm 89; ♪ tone C

**I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, for- | ever;
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all
gener- | ations.**

**For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up for- | ever;
in the heavens you will establish your | faithfulness."**

You have said, "I have made a covenant with my | chosen one;

**I have sworn to David my | servant:
'I will establish your offspring for- | ever,
and build your throne for all gener- | ations.'"**

**Let the heavens praise your wonders, | O Lord,
your faithfulness in the assembly of the | holy ones!**

Altar Flowers: Phil & Debbie Lamm - To The Glory of God. **Reader:** Jim Pennekamp. **Assisting:** Phil Lamm. **Crucifer:** Travis Pennekamp. **Altar Guild:** All Guild Members. **Acolyte:** Sebastion Dauble. **Organ:** Elizabeth Meschke. **Last wk:** atnd, 63; offrg, \$2,394.

Greetings to our Guests. We are glad you have joined us in worship. We trust you will draw strength, peace, and hope as together we hear God's Word. It is truly our intent to welcome you and make you feel comfortable here in God's house. Since communion implies unity of faith *we do not practice open communion* but invite those not fully united with us to enter full membership in the Lutheran community first before receiving the Sacrament. Sit-down communion, front left. We are called by God to be disciples of Jesus Christ. Centered in Word and Sacrament, and receiving the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we live the Christian life by faith.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES: **Sundays** – (children, teens, adults); 8:30 – 9:15 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study; **Tuesdays** –10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Bible Study; and Third **Saturday** – Men's Breakfast Fellowship, 8:00 – 9:30 a.m. Bible study and Christian growth opportunities are for everyone all year.

OTHER WAYS WE ARE STAYING IN TOUCH. You can view live or any time later our church services and daily devotions by going to: **HopeLutheranChurch GraniteCity,IL-Posts/Facebook.** We also continue to keep our website current: **www.hopelutherangc.org** with information, upcoming events, and manuscripts of our sermons and bulletins. CD audio recordings of each of our services are also available. Arrangements can be made for private communion or a home visit by contacting Pastor.

THIS WEEK AT HOPE LUTHERAN: After the singing for sunrise, bring your confirmation. Tuesday at 10:00 lab is Bible Study, in that the boyship is halloholies and anonymous. Wednesday from 9:00 to 10:00 p.m. Pastor will be in Prison Ministries. Thursday Pastor will be in Sidewalk Ministry from 10:00, and usually all activities Pastor will be in before 10:00 p.m. daily devotions in Hope Lutheran will be on the board for planning purposes only.

NEED HELP WITH THE HOLIDAYS? The holidays should be a joyous time; but unfortunately, they can be a stressful time. Please know that help is available as needed for a wide range of shopping, home decorating, or just someone to talk to. Please contact shopping, home decorating, or just someone to talk to. (618-304-8662) or Pastor Wushier (618-570-4611), Sandy Townzen (618-304-8692), or Pastor as needs arise.

THEME FOR THE DAY: As already mentioned, our theme today will center on our Christmas pageant and signs of Christmas. Signs of Christmas are all around us. Many will be mentioned in the pageant. But you also, as a child of God, are a sign of Christmas. In our brief homily message to you, please fill out the envelope from the hallway bulletin board and leave your order in the church office.

THEME FOR THE DAY: Today is the fourth Sunday in Advent. that we don't know nor can we understand. Yet God says it is so and so we believe it. Most important is that we believe the Triune God, three persons in one God is always with us. Today we will consider this in a message entitled, "_____"





Keep Them in Your Prayers

Members of Hope

Priscilla Clements
Chris & Terry Collins
Brent & Becky Cook and Jacob

Sister Congregation

Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, Belle, MO
Rev. David Roth, Jr.

Ill & Hospitalized

Qiana Bennet	Joe Renolds
Jenny Candler	Mark Robinson
Wendy Bloodworth	Heather Schubert
Kathy Daiber	Millie Schubert
Lynn Ernst	Anita Selley
Diane Fuehne	Kevin Shaffer
Nola Gorrell	Sarah Shems
Joyce Hahn	Jim Smith
Ruth Hochuli	Pam Smith
Sonny Hochuli	Val Sumonia
Mark Hudson	Lee Trame
Michael Loehr Jr.	Becky Turner
Alex Paz	Vicki Vasileff
Ivy Redfield	

Shut-Ins

Joyce Bettorf
JoAnn Dillman
Ruth Hochuli
Sonny Hochuli
Bonita Santagato
Jimmy Taylor

THIS WEEK AT HOPE: Tonight at both 7:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. will be **Christmas Eve Candlelight Services.** Monday at 9:30 a.m. is our **Christmas Day Service.** Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. is **Alcoholic's Anonymous.** All Bible classes, devotions, and meetings have been suspended for this week. Full activities will resume on January 2.

LOOKING AHEAD: Hope's New Year's Eve Party will be next Sunday night beginning at 6:00 p.m. January 2 will be Social Ministry Committee Meeting. There will be no BUNKO in January (resume in February). Board of Elders Meeting is January 9. Taking down of church Christmas decorations will be January 13. We've Been There Group is January 15. Voters' Assembly Meeting is January 23.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR ALL OUR CHRISTMAS SERVICES. Tonight at both 7:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. will be very meaningful and moving Christmas Eve Candlelight Services. What a wonderful way to welcome our King. Christmas Day at 9:30 a.m. will be our Christmas Day Service. What a proper and joyous day to be in God's House, with God's family, in joy and praise to our King.

TODAY WILL BE OUR CHRISTMAS PAGEANT. It will be a major part of our service. It is entitled, "Signs of Christmas." It involves much singing and music and you! At various points you will be invited to sing. The first bulletin insert includes these hymns, as well as the words to the first song that is not in the bulletin. Thank you to all who helped with this pageant, including Sandy Beuster who "put it together" and directed it.

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE. On the table in the Narthex offering envelopes for 2024 have now been placed in alphabetical order. Please take them but please do not begin using them until 2024. To use them early will "mess up" the accounting system for our ladies. If you have any questions or problems with any of this, please see Jean Tindall, Sandy Jessee, or Linda Stearns. Thank you, ladies, for a great job with all this all year long.

PORTALS OF PRAYER FOR JANUARY-MARCH NOW AVAILABLE. We apologize, but with all the holiday activities we are "late" in getting this out. However, they are now available in the stand near the rear church doors. This is another of the excellent sources for devotions and to be in God's Word.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS OF POINSETTIAS (names on the bulletin insert). You have helped beautify our church for Christmas. Following our Christmas services you may take them home. If desiring an additional poinsettia or were unable to sign-up earlier, "extras" are still available to be purchased following the service.

Deck The Halls

Deck the halls with boughs of holly,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
'Tis the Season to be jolly,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
Fill the world with sounds of Christmas,
Fa la la la la la, la la la.
Sing for God Himself is with us!
Fa la la la la, la la la la.

See the Holy Child before us,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
Rise and join the angel chorus,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
God is good beyond all measure!
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
Gave us everlasting treasure!
Fa la la la la, la la la la.



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT HYMNS

Hymn 367, vs. 1-3

Hymn 361, vs. 1-3

Hymn 384, vs. 1-2

Hymn 809, vs. 2-3

Hymn 411, vs. 1-2

Hymn 818

Hymn 350, v. 2

Hymn 387, vs. 1 and 4

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS GRACING THE ALTAR

Linda Stearns – In Loving Memory of Bill Stearns

Donna Lakin – In Loving Memory of Jerry Lakin

Craig & Diane Signall – To the Glory of God

Sandy Cook & Sharon Gibson – In Loving Memory of Fred and Loretta Luebbert

Nichol Tieman – To the Glory of God

Vera Simmons – In Loving Memory of Charlie Simmons

Sandy Cook & Family – In Loving Memory of Harry Cook

Pastor & Sandy Beuster – In Loving Memory of Our Parents and to the Glory of God (2)

Janette Barry – In Loving Memory of Michael

