



First Sunday of Advent

Hope Lutheran Church Worship Service

December 1, 2024

10:00 a.m.

Worship Service

Live streaming on Facebook at HopeLutheranChurchCbus

Zoom info:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85155547308?pwd=NFV4WWsvOUpZd1RyT3FINy9sY3FUZz09>

Call-In Number: 1-929-205-6099 Meeting ID: 851 5554 7308. Passcode: 729980

WELCOME

Advent is about the “coming days.” God’s people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a “righteous Branch to spring up for David.” The Thessalonians awaited “the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints.” Jesus’ contemporaries hoped for the time “to stand before the Son of Man.” With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of Christ in word and supper.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, alive in the world, reviving creation, arriving soon.

C: Amen.

A: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

A: God of mercy,

C: We confess that we have sinned. We trust earthly powers and human authority alone. We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts. God of might, we confess that we have sinned. We have turned away from our neighbors. We have trusted false promises. God in our midst, we confess that we have sinned. We plead: come to us. Bring your mercy to birth in us.

P: A righteous branch springs forth: it is Christ the Lord, our Savior, in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy. By the power of the Holy Spirit, receive the grace and forgiveness of God through ☩ Christ Jesus, whose day draws near.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

(ELW 244)



1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
2 The watch-ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride-groom near;
3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ring bore,
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night-ed sphere.



The bride-groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride-groom is at hand.
in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE

(TFF pg. 26)

A: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy

A: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy

A: For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy

A: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy

A: Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

A: Stir up our power, Lord Christ, and come.

C: By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

A: Give glory to the coming King.

C: Oh, come, let us worship him.

A: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

C: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined.

A: As we light the first candle on the Advent wreath, we sing this verse of the hymn.

LIGHT ONE CANDLE TO WATCH FOR MESSIAH

(WOV 630)

Please sing verse one twice.

1 Light one candle to watch for Messiah: Let the light banish darkness.

He shall bring salvation to Israel, God fulfills the promise.

P: Praise to you, O God, our salvation who is near. You hold us in our waiting and keep us awake to the world. You show up in our lives at unexpected times. Bless us as we light this candle to keep vigil for your arrival. We trust that even though we do not know the day or the hour, you hurry to gather all people to your peace.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God

PSALM 25

Read responsively

To you, O LORD,
I lift up my soul.

**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

**Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.**

Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.**

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

**You are gracious and upright, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.

**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love

for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Emmanuel

(TFF 45)

Emmanuel, Emmanuel
His name is called Emmanuel;
God with us, revealed in us;
His name is called Emmanuel.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 21st chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: [Jesus said:] “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. “Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

YOUNG PEOPLE SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

All Earth is Hopeful

(TFF 47)

Please turn to 47 of your TFF hymnal.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day, he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is

seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Receive our prayer.

WE SHARE PEACE

A: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OFFERING

QUIET TIME

Hope Musicians

OFFERTORY

Let The Vineyards

(TFF pg. 36)

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest of seeds that were sown, that we may be fed the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and dreams of all, unite them with the prayers we offer.
Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Creator God,

C: You made the whole world, even the farthest stars, and you draw near to feed us. We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine. Strengthen us with this food that we may live in expectation for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy

(TFF pg. 38)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, Lord God of power and might.
Heaven and Earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, now and forever. Amen

LAMB OF GOD

(TFF pg. 39)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Grant us peace. Grant us peace.

SHARING THE MEAL

COMMUNION HYMNS

He Came Down

(TFF 37)

Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

(ELW 254)

BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

CANTICLE

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

(TFF pg. 41)

Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell everyone what God has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and bear Christ's holy name

Send us with your promises O God;

and lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving, with shouts of thanksgiving,

With shouts of thanksgiving, Alleluia

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Generous God,

C: We thank you for the gift of life, for the bread of salvation. We thank you for coming among us, for leading us into peace. We thank you for showering us with mercy, for sending us into the world. Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us as we feed the hungry in your name. Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: God of endings and beginnings, God in the darkness and the light, God, our hope for the journey, ☩ bless and keep you now and forever.

C: AMEN.

SENDING SONG

Soon and Very Soon

(TFF 38)



1 Soon and ver - y soon
 2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
 3 No more dy - in' there,
 4 Soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon
 no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
 no more dy - in' there,
 soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon
 no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
 no more dy - in' there,
 soon and ver - y soon



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.

C: Thanks be to God.

+++

Liturgy and hymns reprinted from Sundays and Seasons.com. Copyright 2005. Augsburg Fortress. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #44026. Hymns reprinted by permission from OneLicense.net. License number A-720323. All rights reserved.

Worship Participants this Week

Presiding and Preaching: Pastor Julianne Smeck

Ministers: All worshippers

Pianist: Jacob Campbell **Bassist:** Dan Abell **Guitar:** Kurt Keljo **Drummer:** Seth Daily

Reader: Sarah Stone

Worship Assistant: Gay Steele

Acolyte: Arianna Fentress

Usher: Florine Castleman

Worship Leaders Next Week

Reader: Pom Linder

Worship Assistant: Janet Ligon

Acolyte: Deven McDaniel

Usher:

Phone Numbers

Pr. Smeck: cell 734.972.6126

Hope Office: 614.258.6634

PRAYER REQUESTS Susan Leonhart, Doris Nelson, Denise Rector, Morris Scruggs, Danielle Carpenter, Gwyn and Dan Abell, Florine Castleman and Steward family, Alice Ligon, Gloria Jones, Tracy Snow, Rosa Campbell, Margaret Belcher, Monica Price

ANNIVERSARIES: Frank and Doris Nelson (2nd)

THANKS FOR SANCTUARY PREPARATION Thanks to Matt and all who helped prepare the sanctuary for Advent!

FOOD DISTRIBUTION Food Distribution is close! You are invited and called to be part of it!

Pray

Sign up to help:

pick up produce on Friday (13th)

Help bring the produce in on Friday

Help set up. Friday or 8 am Saturday (14th)

Help with sharing the food with our guests.

Take a gift or two home to wrap and bring back to put under the tree.

SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Will be held following worship service Sunday, December 15. The main agenda item will include adopting the 2025 Budget.

PROPERTY CONCERNS Please send emails to office@hopecolumbus.org with concerns. You will be contacted quickly.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL IS BACK
after service.

You are invited to join other members for conversation

CALENDAR

Dec 13: Transporting food from Mid-Ohio Food Bank
Dec 14: Food Distribution December 14 9:00 AM (arrive at 8:00 to help set up)
Dec 15: Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting following worship
Dec 11 and 18: Advent Evening Prayer. 7:00 pm
Dec 21: Set up poinsettias in the sanctuary at 9:00 AM
Dec 24: Christmas Eve Worship at 7:00 pm.

ANGEL TREE As we look toward Advent and Christmas preparations (stores are doing it), the Worship Committee invites you to bring in an angel ornament for a special Angel Tree.

GIVE WITH THE VENMO APP

To give offerings and tithes via Venmo:

- *Download the Venmo app
- *Set up bank account info, or debit card info
- *Touch “Pay” or “Request” at the bottom
- *Enter the church cell phone number. (614) 907-3869
- *Church user name — @HopeLilley-820
- *Enter offering amount

Note: When setting up an account, select “Private: mode for transactions.



General Offerings

Received: \$113,416

Anticipated: \$120,429

Over / (Short): (\$7,013)

Capital Improvements: \$3,493



We welcome all people into our community of faith and invite them to join us as we seek to understand God's love for us and strive to be faithful messengers of that love.