

First Sunday of Advent

Hope Lutheran Church Worship Service

November 27, 2022

10:00 a.m.

Worship Service

Livestreaming on Facebook at HopeLutheranChurchCbus

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WELCOME

The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.

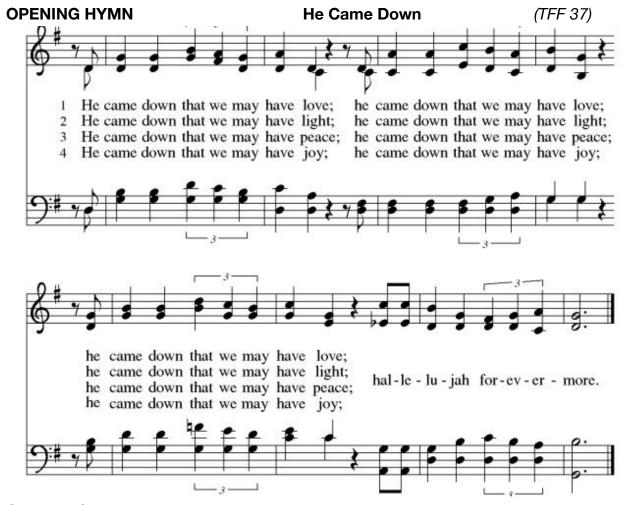
CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

A: Let us confront our sins, and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

C: God of new beginnings, we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign. We have strayed from your paths. We prepare for war instead of peace. We dishonor one another and your creation. Purify us with your refining fire and set us again on your way of love, that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance, and welcome your coming among us. Amen.

P: Rejoice and be glad! God hears the prayers of all who cry out, and restores us to life through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Therefore, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.



GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

KYRIE (TFF pg. 26)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE This is the Feast

(pg. 30 TFF)

This is the Feast, of victory for our God. Alleluia.

¹ Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain.

Whose blood set us free, to be people of God.

Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.

This is the Feast, of victory for our God. Alleluia.

² Sing with all the people of God.

And join in the hymn of all creation.

Blessing, honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the Feast, of victory for our God.

³ For the Lamb, who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

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

C: By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 122

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself;

to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord.

For there are the thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:

"May they prosper who love you.

Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.

For the sake of my kindred and companions, I pray for your prosperity.

Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do you good."

SECOND READING

Romans 13:11-14

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

TFF pg. 32

Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 24th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples,] "About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so

will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON



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

QUIET TIME Hope Musicians

OFFERING

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: Eternal God.

C: You make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground. Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money, and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice. We ask this through Christ our Savior. 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.

EUCHARISTIC 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

Please be seated.

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 You may come forward to receive the bread and wine. For now, we use wafers distributed by Pastor. You may pick up either an empty glass or if you prefer juice, a Communion Kit. If you prefer wine, the assisting minister will fill your glass. The usher will indicate when it is your turn to go forward.

BLESSING

Please stand for the blessing if able.

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

C: Amen.

CANTICLE Th

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: Faithful God,

C: In this meal you have remembered your mercy, bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ. As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: The God of peace, who creates all things and calls them good, who makes us alive in Jesus, and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope, \pm bless you now and forever

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG

Soon and Very Soon

(TFF 38)

The hymn is on the next page.



DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Christ is near.

C: Thanks be to God.

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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: Michel Leonhart

Worship Assistant: Susan Leonhart

Acolyte: Deven McDaniel

Usher: Halima Linder

Worship Leaders Next Week

Reader: Ruthanne Elencovf

Worship Assistant: Gay Steele

Acolyte: Pom Linder

Usher: Barbara McDaniel

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Brandon Talley, Marcia Calhoun, Linda Wright, Monica Price, Margaret Belcher

ANNIVERSARIES: Frank and Doris Nelson (2)

CHRISTMAS AT HOPE Let's decorate the sanctuary with flowers as we celebrate the birth of our Lord. Today is the last day to order poinsettias! Plants are available in red, white, pink, or marble and the cost is \$7.00/plant. Fill out the order form, found in the back of the church, and give it with your payment to Gwyn Abell.

FULL OF WONDER- CAPITAL UNIVERSITY CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL 2022

Capital University is hosting a 2022 Christmas Festival which features the Capital University Chapel Choir, Choral Union, Cantabile, Consort, and a variety of instrumentalists. Tickets are available now and can be purchased online at *capital.edu/christmas-festival*. The performance schedule is...

Thursday, December 1: 7:30 p.m. Friday, December 2: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, December 3: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, December 4: 3:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$35 each, or \$20 for students and seniors (age 62 or older).

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW We're going into the seasons of Advent & Christmas and it's time to decorate the church. We'll be doing so on Saturday, December 3 at 9:30 a.m. Come enjoy fellowship while preparing for Advent & Christmas!

ATTENTION CHOIR MEMBERS (AND ANYONE WHO WANTS TO SING)

We are planning to have special music during the Advent and Christmas seasons and need YOUR voice to help make it special. Please join us for rehearsals immediately after church on December 4 and December 18. You don't have to join the choir! Just lend your voice to something special!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 Hope will be conducting its December semi-annual congregational meeting immediately after worship service. The primary agenda item will be to review and approve the proposed 2023 Operating Budget. Please plan to attend!

HAVE YOU NOTICED THE NICE, NEW RAMP OUTSIDE OF THE KITCHEN DOOR?

Thanks to a small group of students from Adam Viney's class, we have been graced with a professionally done and much-needed ramp. They were also helpful during the church office updating project earlier this year. To thank them, we are hosting a light lunch on Friday, January 13. We look forward to meeting the students and welcoming them. Please see Sarah Stone for details.

LWR UPDATE The quilters of Hope continue to meet the second Wednesday of the month from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. This year 68 quilts along with 27 personal care kits, and 1 fleece-tied blanket are being shipped. All of our quilts are made from repurposed materials, so donations of fabric, sheets, and blankets are needed. Our faithful quilters are Doris Nelson, Susan Keljo, Shirley Huber, Elizabeth Washington, Tammy Carraher, and Nancy Cofer. Thank you to our helpers, Frank Nelson, Don Huber, the Linders, Matt Hazzard, Michel Leonhart, and all church members for supporting our service and making personal care kits. We welcome all to come see what the second Wednesday morning looks and feels like. There is music, conversation, laughter support, etc., no sewing skills required. Our group may be small but we are mighty. We look forward to being able to continue our mission! Thanks again for your support! A donation of \$150 is also being made by WELCA and Ruth Circle to assist in the cost of shipping to LWR

ANGEL TREE The Eastside Fellowship Churches are participating in the Angel Tree Project, in which Christmas gifts are purchased for children who have an incarcerated parent. Hope will be given eleven names. There is a sign-up sheet located in the Fellowship Hall.

HOPE CENTENNIAL VIDEO If you have not yet recorded, please speak with Matt to schedule a time!

- Name(s); may be done individually or as a family
- When did you join Hope and why?
- What are your favorite memories? (no more than 3)
- How does Hope's legacy resonate with your life?
- What is your vision for Hope's future in Driving Park?

COOKBOOKS WELCA has updated and reissued their cookbook! You can buy one for \$10 — all proceeds go to the Centennial. There is a bonus - there are places where you could color, so some of the cookbooks come with colored pencils! See Sarah or Janet to buy your special edition!

CONFIRMATION CLASS We will meet on November 27, following worship.

HISTORICAL MARKER COMMEMORATING CENTENNIAL To commemorate Hope's presence in the Driving Park Community it has been suggested that Hope applies for a historical marker through the Ohio Historical Society. The process for approval includes the submission of an application. If approved, however, the church would also be responsible for the cost of approximately \$3400 although grants are available. The Centennial Celebration committee is seeking someone to shepherd the process in collaboration with the committee. For more information contact Gay Steele, at 614.563.9245. Information is also available online through the Ohio Historical Society website.

COVID PROTOCOLS Masks are now optional in the building. We invite people to come forward to receive Holy Communion. The distribution happens in a continuous fashion. You may also, of course, receive Communion at your seat. Please let the usher know if you prefer this. We will continue to share peace from our seats. We will make that protocol shift after flu season.

BIBLE STUDY IS BACK! Wednesday at 6:30, we are studying the Gospel of John. It is such rich time to be together. If you've never been part, we hope you will give it a try.

Topic: Bible Study **Join Zoom Meeting**

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81986608447?pwd=cGNSUVZUZVl4UTNSNmQyVzNKYWdtQT09

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CENTENNIAL UPDATES can be found on the church website.

GIVE WITH THE VENMO APP (you don't HAVE to give your offering this way!!)

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.