

Welcome to

# Mt. Hope Lutheran Church

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Third Sunday in Advent Preacher: Rev. Ken Bernthal

## ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

We welcome all who gather here today! We are blessed to celebrate together the mercy, grace, and love we have from God through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Children:** Families with children are *very* welcome here. Having children in church is important so they can begin to learn about their faith in Jesus, and it's good for the whole congregation to see. *Please feel comfortable keeping "squirmy" kids in the service. This is where they belong, too!* 

Pew Cards: Guests and Members, please fill out the Guest/Member card located on the back of the pew in front of you and pass it to the end of the aisle. If you forget you can put it in the offering plate on your way out.

**If standing is difficult:** Please feel free to remain seated during any portion of the service. Please let an Elder or Usher know if you need communion in your pew seat.

**About our celebration of Holy Communion:** We celebrate the Lord's Supper in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood contrary to that which is stated above do so to their great harm, and also because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar. Anyone who is not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with Pastor. Those not communing are still invited to come forward for a blessing from Pastor, and you may indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.

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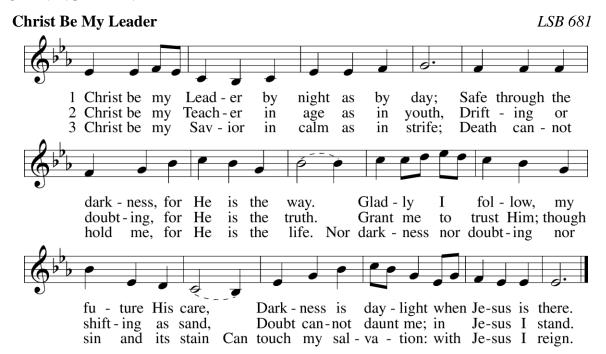
#### **GREETING**

- P Peace be with you.
- C And also with you.

## + ORDER OF SERVICE +

(The liturgy is from Divine Service Setting one LSB pg.151ff)

#### **OPENING HYMN**



Please stand as able

## **CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION**

The sign of the cross + may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

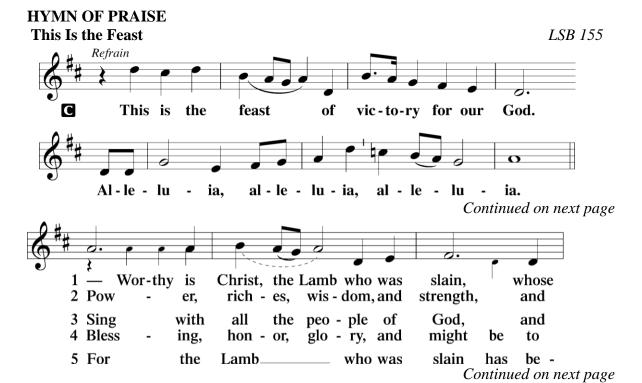
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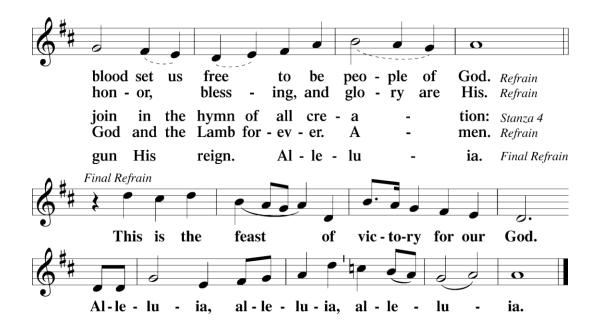
#### **INTROIT**

- P Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.
- C I will hope continually and will praise You yet more and more.
- P My mouth will tell of Your righteous acts, of Your deeds of salvation all the day, for their number is past my knowledge.
- C With the mighty deeds of the Lord GOD I will come; I will remind them of Your righteousness, Yours alone.
- P O God, from my youth You have taught me, and I still proclaim Your wondrous deeds.
- C So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim Your might to another generation, Your power to all those to come.
- A Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- P Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

**KYRIE** *Pg. 152* 

- P In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P 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.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C Amen.





#### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated

#### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 35:1–10

<sup>1</sup>The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; <sup>2</sup>it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the LORD,

the majesty of our God. <sup>3</sup>Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. <sup>4</sup>Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." <sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; <sup>6</sup>then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness. and streams in the desert; <sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. <sup>8</sup>And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray. <sup>9</sup>No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. <sup>10</sup>And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

## "Mary did you know"

EPISTLE James 5:7–11

<sup>7</sup>Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup>You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. <sup>9</sup>Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. <sup>10</sup>As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able



**HOLY GOSPEL** *Matthew 11:2–15* 

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.
- C Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>2</sup>When John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples <sup>3</sup>and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" <sup>4</sup>And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup>the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. <sup>6</sup>And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."

<sup>7</sup>As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>8</sup>What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. <sup>9</sup>What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup>This is he of whom it is written,

"Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.'

<sup>11</sup>Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. <sup>12</sup>From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. <sup>13</sup>For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, <sup>14</sup>and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. <sup>15</sup>He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated

#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

## SERMON HYMN Jerusalem the Golden

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#### **SERMON**

Please stand as able

#### PRAYER of the CHURCH

## **After each Segment:**

- P Lord, in Your Mercy,
- C Hear our Prayer.

## **After Final Segment:**

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## 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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

#### BENEDICTION

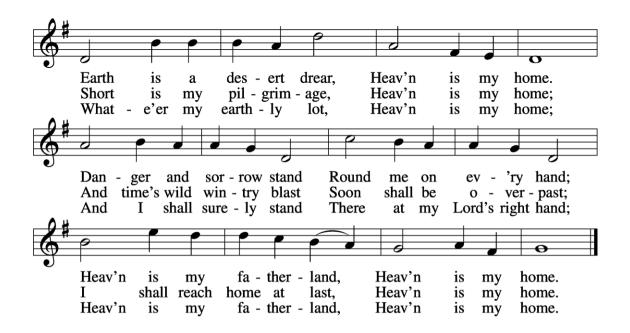
- The Lord bless you and keep you. Ρ The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
- $\mathbf{C}$ Amen.

Please be seated

## CLOSING HYMN

I'm But a Stranger Here 1 I'm strang - er Heav'n is home; but a here, my 2 What though the tem - pest rage, Heav'n is my home; 3 There - fore Heav'n mur - mur not. my home;

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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS and SENDING WORDS

- P We go to live for Jesus!
- C We go to share His love!

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## NEXT WEEK READING

First Reading: Micah 5:2-5a The Epistle: Hebrews 10:5-10 The Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

The December potluck has been changed to Dec. 18-Thanks!

## **Family Fare Receipts**

There is a basket on the table in the narthex for these receipts. We are collecting them for the Day Care. If you have questions, please talk to Terry Tody.

Thank you to the musicians for their contribution to the service.

Noisy Offering this quarter (Oct.-Dec.) will be going to Shawono Center.

Don't forget we will be going to Shawono for caroling today-December 11<sup>th</sup>.



# **In Military Service**

Christopher Dysinger, Kevin Krokosky, Darin Nicholas, Jeremiah Hose, Travis Kulak, Andre' Miller, Keil Clough, Trevor Clough, Todd McCarver, Victoria Doster, Conrad Weissenborn,, Rick Dillenbeck

## Altar

4<sup>th</sup>-Susie Moore 11<sup>th</sup>-Martha Pregler 18<sup>th</sup>-Louise Lazzarino 24<sup>th</sup>-Lousie Lazzarino 25<sup>th</sup>-Kay Vedder

### **Elders**

4th-Frank Moore 11th-Dave Jansen 18th-Jack Owens 24th-Dave Jansen & Frank Moore 25th-TBD-Pastor Paul

## **Healing- Members**

Bill Richmond Judi Riske Ruth Stocker

#### **Friends**

Jan Knoellinger
Dalton Miron
Jan Smith
Sue Pierce
Kendra Daschner
Devon Kacher
Chris McMannamon
Jerry Sandow
Scot Ferguson
Joan Reisch



#### **Cancer-Members**

Lynn Richmond Paul Smith Barb Mauro Steve Koch

#### **Friends**

Sue Rebandt Richard Lovell Donna LaDuke Jim Dugdale Don Kernstock Barb Vidal

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