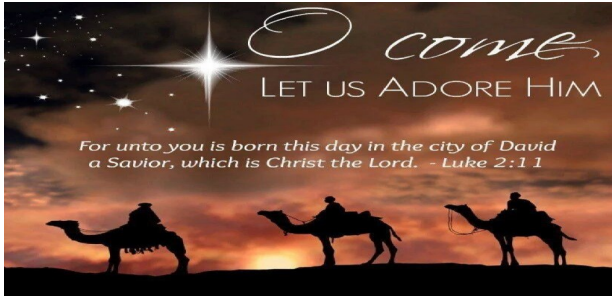


The Anchor

Hope Lutheran Church "Pointing to Christ...Hope for the Home" December 22, 2024

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Tuesday, December 24th @ 4:30PM & 10PM
Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

Wednesday, December 25th @ 10AM
Christmas Day Worship

Sunday December 29th @ 10AM
(Only 1 Worship Service)

This Week at Hope Lutheran

SUNDAY	December 22, 2024
8AM	Holy Communion
9:30AM	Sunday School
	Adult Bible Study
10:45AM	Holy Communion
TUESDAY	Christmas Eve
4:30PM	Holy Communion
10PM	Holy Communion
WEDNESDAY	Christmas
10AM	Holy Communion
THURSDAY	HL Office & HLECC Closed
FRIDAY	HL Office & HLECC Closed
6-9PM	Youth Christmas Light Scavenger Hunt
SUNDAY	December 29, 2024
10AM	Holy Communion

Ushers Needed

Are you willing to serve?

We are looking for a few new ushers to help out during worship in the coming year. All confirmed members of the congregation are able to serve in this simple way.

For the coming year, ushers are needed:

- 1st Sunday of each month, Late Service-1 usher needed
- 2nd Sunday of ea. month, Early Service-1 usher needed
- 2nd Sunday of ea. month, Late Service-1 usher needed
- 5th Sunday, Early Service-1 usher needed (only 4 months of the year)

Just during February & March:

- 1st Sunday of each month, Late Service-1 "fill-in" usher

Contact Alice Lindsey at (314) 420-4602 if you are interested in serving!

Fruits of Our Faith

Week of: December 15, 2024
 Gifts to do His Work— General Fund: \$6,127.88
 Worshipped: 232

Birthdays

December 22nd Christiana Gbeanquoi
 December 22nd Carl Lawson
 December 26th Angelina Iliff
 December 26th Abigail Wagner
 December 26th Darrel Weinstock



Thrivent Choice Deposit to Hope Lutheran Church: \$452.00
 Hope's Thrivent Financial Members directing Choice Dollars:

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| Bonnie Baisch | Ron Baisch |
| Don Boettcher | Kathy Gustavison |
| Ken Gustavison | Dennis Lukefahr |
| Bob Polanc | Darrel Weinstock |
| Dave Westphal | |

If you are a member of Thrivent, you may have some Thrivent Choice Dollars that you can share. Through the Thrivent Choice program, members can make a personal donation or direct Thrivent Choice Dollars to Hope Lutheran Church. If you are a member go to www.thrivent.com/what-we-offer/generosity/thrivent-choice.html



Regular Wednesday Services at 6PM resume on January 8, 2025

**Christmas 2024
Altar Poinsettias**

In Dedication:

Given by:

Mary Clubb

Jean Gray

Ron & Roberta Gray

Brian Koester

Jay, Becky, Jace, &

Grayson Long

Alice Manus & Family

Bob Nelson

Jeff & Beth Nelson

Sandy Weber

Mike & Sheri Welge

In Memory of Mark Clubb

In Memory of Richard Gray

In Memory of Allen Barry, Russell Barry, &
Richard Gray

In Memory of Herman Koester

In Memory of Granny & Grandpa Long,
Grandpa Barry, Grandpa Gray, & Our
Uncles Mark, Russell, & Tom

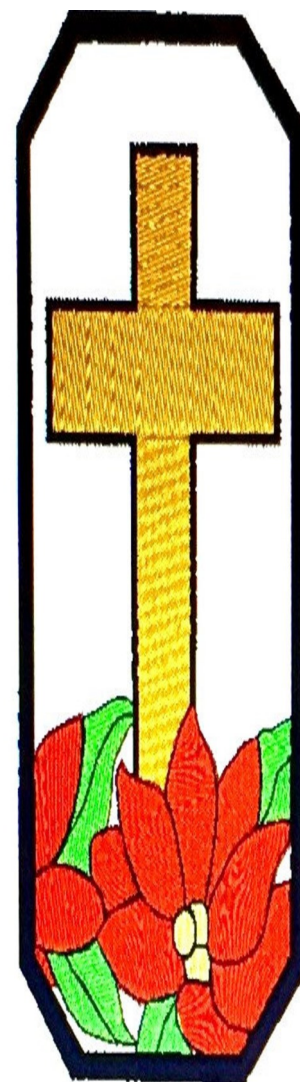
In Memory of Reverend Dr. Richard Manus

In Memory of Marge Nelson

In Memory of Charlotte Smith,
Dawn Smith, & Dave Smith

In Memory of My Dad, Mom, & Brother

In Memory of Our Son Trey & Our Parents



With Thanks to God for His Many Blessings:

Ron & Marcie Gerhardt

Ken & Kathy Gustavison

Alica & Miro Jaderko & Family

Rose Mary Norrid

Jean Redman

The Wagner Family

Doug & Sharon Wagstaff

When winter weather arrives at
the same time as any Hope
Lutheran activity, please check the
following places for information:



Facebook

Channel 5 (KSDK) ksdk.com

www.hopehighridge.org

These are the only places that we will post weather information.

Life Thought in the Church Year

Whether the hamlet of Bethlehem (Micah 5:2) or gestating babies (Luke 1:41-44), the God of Christmas loves to elevate what seems insignificant. Indeed, the heart of the Gospel consists in exalting those of humble estate (Luke 1:52). Rejoicing in the Lord who creates, redeems, and calls regardless of size, skills, or circumstances, the sanctity of life delights to declare nothing less!

**During the week, prepare for worship by
considering the Scriptures for
Sunday, December 29, 2024:**

Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15

Colossians 3:12-17

Luke 2:22-40

The Firstborn Son of God Is Our Redemption from Sin and Death

When the Lord destroyed the firstborn sons of Egypt, He spared the sons of Israel by providing a lamb in their stead. Hence, all the firstborn sons belong to Him. Every firstborn male animal was sacrificed, and every firstborn son of man was redeemed (Ex. 13:12-13). Therefore, the parents of Jesus "brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord" (Luke 2:22). However, He is not redeemed from priestly service but is consecrated for "the redemption of Jerusalem" and "the consolation of Israel" (Luke 2:25, 38). For God the Father did not spare His only begotten Son, but offered Him up as the true Passover Lamb, in order to redeem His people from bondage. His cross has caused many to stumble and fall, but His blood atoned for the sins of the world and delivers us from death. We now depart in the peace of Christ because we are also raised with Him. As we receive His body and blood, we join Simeon and Anna in "giving thanks to God the Father through him," "singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs," including the Nunc Dimittis, with thankfulness in our hearts (Luke 2:28-32, 38; Col. 3:15-17).