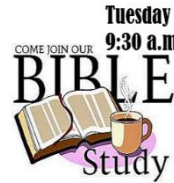




December 3, 2023

- Opening Worship Song.....“Here I Am to Worship”
- Welcome & Invocation.....Jim Loeffler
- Prelude.....“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”.....Linda Morey
- Old Testament Reading (Psalm 34:1-11).....Bobby Scalise
- Praise & Worship.....“Emmanuel Praise Is Rising”
“O Come Be Born Again”
- Lighting the 1st Advent Candle (Hope).....Tuesday Small Group
- Hymn #211.....“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”
- Prayer
- Kids’ Talk.....Mary Kobylinski
- Special Music.....“Light of the World”.....Sue Fuller/Linda Morey
- Offering/Doxology
- Blessing of Gifts
- New Testament Reading (Luke 1:39-45)
- Message.....Pastor Tim
The Four Parents: *Elizabeth*
- Communion
- Communion Song.....“What Feast of Love”
- Responding to God’s Love.....“In Christ Alone”
- Benediction/Blessing
- Exit Song.....“All Over the World”

ATTENDANCE PADS
Please sign the pad and pass it along!



Mary's Story
God gives us faith to do hard things.
Luke 1:26-38

The 9:30 a.m. Tuesday morning Bible Study with Elna Morton meets in the multi-purpose room. Starting Tues., Dec. 5 their study will be “Mary Had a Baby.”

Our Condolences and Sympathy to: The family of Travis Chrispen. Travis passed into the loving arms of the Lord on Mon., November 26.

Dominican Republic Mission Trip: Those going on the Dominican Republic Mission Trip will meet directly after worship today for a brief meeting in the multi-purpose room.

THE LEGEND OF THE CANDY CANE

Today is the last practice until our dress rehearsal on Saturday, Dec. 16 from 10:00 a.m. till 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided that day. Don't forget your pillow.

Please return the gift you purchased TODAY with the name tag attached. *Thank You*

SATB Christmas *Choir Practice*

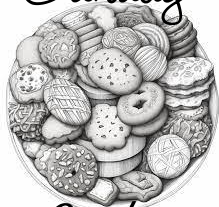
The SATB Christmas Choir will be practicing TODAY after the worship service. Please join us!

Thank you for all of the support and for the Pastor Appreciation gifts. Your thoughtfulness and generosity was such a surprise to us. Even though Nancy helped surprise me, she was really speechless to have been surprised as well. I have been busy checking out the Cabela's catalog for my gift card purchase, and Nancy has placed the Holy Family figurine on our fireplace mantle while debating about which Romolo candy to buy with her gift card. We are blessed to have such a caring and thoughtful congregation. :)
Thanks you for your efforts,
Pastor Tim

Reminder to those who are volunteering to help out at the Second Harvest Food Bank -- we will be there from 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 9.

These are 2 Different Cookie Events:

Cookie Sunday



We usually have Donut Sunday the 2nd Sunday of the month but on **Sunday, December 10 we will have COOKIE SUNDAY!** If you are able to bake a dozen (or two) of your favorite cookies for all to enjoy on Sunday, Dec. 10 it would greatly be appreciated. Feel free to bring them in that morning and leave them in the kitchen.

Cookie Exchange

The WOW Women's group will have a cookie exchange on Sat., Dec. 16 @ 9:30 a.m. in the multi-purpose room. **Please sign up and bring 4 doz. of your favorite "homemade" cookies.** The cookies will not be for sale but swapped for others you'd like to try.



MEN'S MONTHLY THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER

The next Men's Monthly Dinner is Thurs., Dec. 7 at the TA Travel Center at 6:30 p.m.



Nativity Walk

"The Nativity scene is like a living Gospel rising up from the pages of sacred Scripture."
Pope Francis

You are invited to bring your Nativity set to church for a **Nativity Walk!** We will set up the nativities in the narthex for viewing on Thurs., Dec. 7 from 5:30-8:00 pm or on Sat., Dec. 9 from 10 am-noon. In the narthex, you'll find index cards to write your name and a brief story or description of your Nativity so it can placed with your Nativity set

Each Nativity is so unique! We look forward to viewing yours! You can take them home after having some cookies on Cookie Sunday or anytime during office hours during the week (M-F from 9am-2pm).

Hanging of the Greens is traditional. It readies the church, congregation and visitors for the Advent and Christmas season.



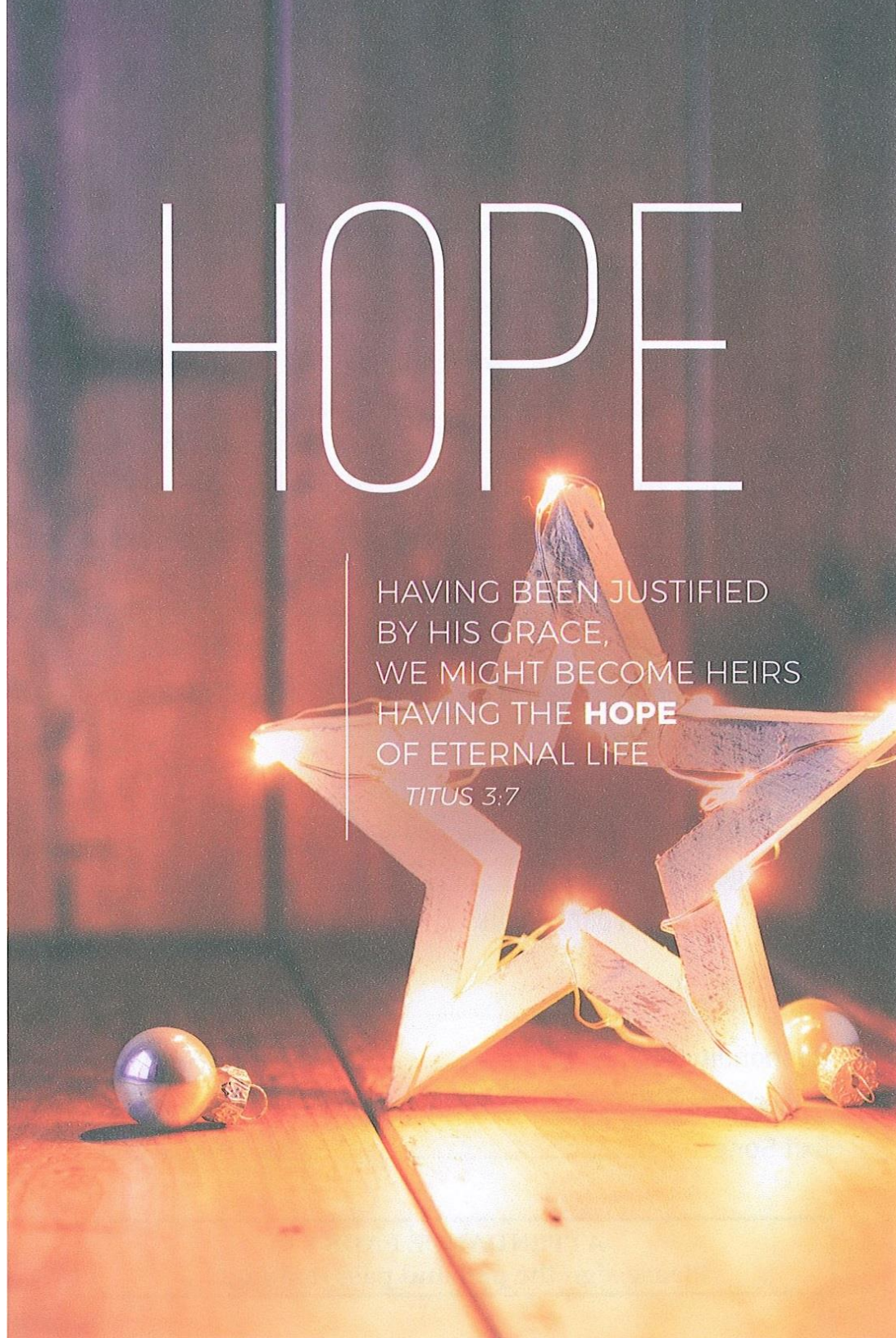
The decorations that we put up inside the church are meant to give glory to God and make the celebration of Jesus' birth a special occasion.

Our church looks beautiful and welcoming to all our visitors and congregation thanks to all the volunteers who came out on Saturday, November 25 to help decorate the church! A big thank you to Kim Peters, and Ken and Mary Kobylinski who coordinated it all.

HOPE

HAVING BEEN JUSTIFIED
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TITUS 3:7



COMMUNION
Great Thanksgiving for Advent

The Lord be with you,

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets, who looked for that day when Justice shall roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy , holy 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.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ, whom you sent in the fullness of time to be a light to the nations.

You scatter the proud in the imagination of their hearts and have mercy on those who fear you from generation to generation. You put down the mighty from their thrones and exalt those of low degree. You fill the hungry with good things, and the rich you send empty away. Your own Son came among us as a servant, to be Emmanuel, your presence with us.

He humbled himself in obedience to your will and freely accepted death on a cross.

By the baptism of his suffering, death and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said; "Drink from this all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, and with each other and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father now and forever. **Amen.**

Lighting of the first Advent Candle

Hope

(Tuesday Small Group)

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