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(Did you know you can find each week's service on our website?)

Thank you to EVERYONE who helped make our
holiday open house and basket raffle a HUGE success!

Our Lady of Hope is hosting a Candle service for
those who have lost children and loved ones
tonight at 6:30PM

Food Pantry is open Wednesday 10-NOON



ADVENT III 2025

Announcements

INTROIT "My Soul In Stillness Waits" Insert (Congregation first line only)

***CALL TO WORSHIP-** and **ADVENT CANDLE**

Light One Candle To Wait for Messiah (vss. 1-3, insert)

Out of darkness a light shines.

Out of a desert a river flows.

From a dead stump a shoot grows.

Mourning turns to joy.

Today we continue our Advent journey.

Today we light this candle of joy
in gratitude for the gift of the Christ child,
and in anticipation of Christ's second coming.

[third candle is lit]
Come let us worship and rejoice!
Praise be to God,
our Lord has done great things!
Our Lord will do great things!

*HYMN "When The King Shall Come Again" (WC #337)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of salvation, in Christ you have done great things—
our hearts are filled with joy.
By your power you lifted us out of the wasteland of sin
and brought us with joy and laughter into your kingdom.
Salvation is your gift to us.
But we confess that often we try to replace your gift with our own efforts.
We try to complete what is already perfect;
we try to add to what is already full;
we try to earn what we already have.
Forgive us for our foolishness.
Help us to focus on your grace.
Help us to live grateful lives in return.
For Jesus’ sake alone,
Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel" (WC # 140)

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 41:17–20 Psalm 126 Luke 1:46-55

SERMON

*HYMN "Joy to the World" (WC #146)
*PROFESSION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed

SHARING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY "Waiting" Jay Althouse
*Doxology/Prayer

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND LORD'S PRAYER

*BLESSING

*HYMN "My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout" (Insert)

*POSTLUDE Noel in A minor Louis-Claude Daquin