First Sunday after Christmas

December 31, 2023 10 am

We don't change the message, the message changes us



Please sign Fellowship Book today.

If you wish to continue to wear a mask during service, we encourage you to do so until you feel comfortable.

Hope Lutheran Chapel

5709 Osage Beach Parkway, Osage Beach, MO 65065 Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

10 a.m. Indoor Communion Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Fellowship 11:20 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study Rev. Guillaume J.S. Williams, Sr. Church Office ~ 573-348-2108 Alternate Number ~ 573-286-3427 Email: <u>office@HopeLutheranChapel.org</u> Website: <u>www.hopelutheranchapel.org</u> WE WELCOME you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. You are invited to open your heart to God's Word in Scripture, Sermon, and Song. Please sign our Record of Fellowship at each end of the open pews. You are Always welcome here – this is your Father's House! As we worship, we stand for some parts of the Liturgy. However, please feel free to remain seated if you prefer.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE. PLEASE ASK THE USHER IF YOU NEED ONE.

A cry room is available for fussy babies.

God Bless your worship with us!

Hope Lutheran Chapel Communion Statement: If you are a confirmed member in good standing of a LCMS or an AALC congregation, are repentant of your sins, and believe Jesus gives you His true body and blood for the forgiveness of your sins in the Lord's Supper, you are welcome to commune with us today. (I Cor. 11:17-32) For Lutherans, receiving the Lord's Supper, is an action of the celebrating community, signifying a oneness in faith, life, and worship of the community. (I Cor. 10:14-22, 11:18-19, 26; Eph. 4:2-6) If you are a visitor from another Christian Church body or other faith, we welcome you to our service. As a sad consequence of the divisions in Christianity we cannot extend to you a general invitation to the Lord's Supper. Reception of the Lord's Supper by Christians not fully united with us would imply a oneness which does not yet exist, and for which we must all pray. If you are a visitor and not sure whether or not you should commune, please speak with the Pastor, Elder, or Usher before the service.

Communion Note: For those who need assistance with the cup please hold out your hand and the Elder will hand it to you. *Please place cup in buckets at end of rail when finished*.

If it is difficult for you to kneel at the rail, please feel free to remain standing.

ORGAN PRELUDE

Opening Hymn ~ Angels from the Realms of Glory

- Angels from the realms of glory, Wing your flight o'er all the earth; Ye who sang creation's story, Now proclaim Messiah's birth. Refrain
- ref Come and worship, come and worship; Worship Christ, the newborn King.
- Shepherds in the field abiding,
 Watching o'er your flocks by night,
 God with us is now residing,
 Yonder shines the Infant Light. Refrain
- 3 Sages, leave your contemplations, Brighter visions beam afar; Text: Public domain

Seek the great Desire of nations, Ye have seen His natal star. Refrain

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- Saints before the altar bending, Watching long in hope and fear,
 Suddenly the Lord, descending, In His temple shall appear. Refrain
- 5 All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son, Evermore your voices raising To the_eternal Three in One. Refrain

DIVINE SERVICE - Setting Three

The sign of the cross 4 may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism. Stand

Confession and Absolution

▶ In the name of the Father and of the 🕂 Son and of the Holy Spirit.

- C Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **G** who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- **G** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

G I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with

which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the
↑ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

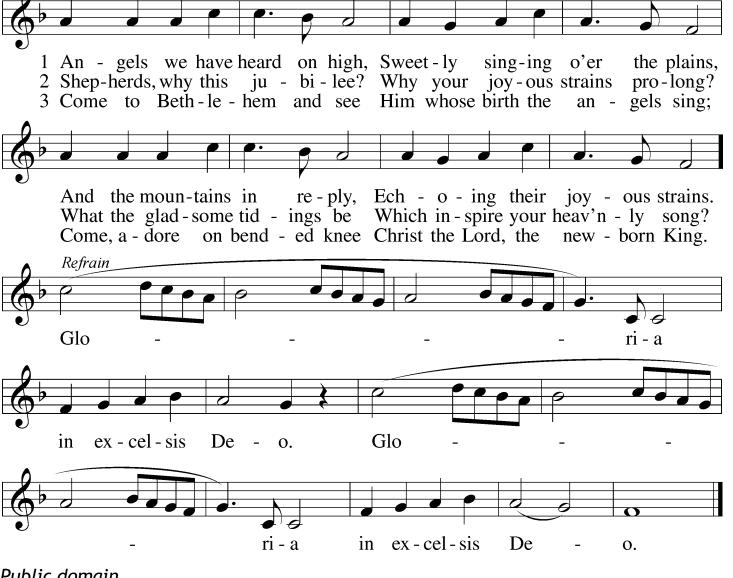
C Amen.



KYRIE All Sing: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

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Angels We Have Heard on High



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Salutation and Collect of the Day

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- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.
- P Let us pray.

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 61:10—62:3

I will be very glad in the LORD, I will delight in my God, for He has dressed me in the garments of salvation and wrapped me in a robe of righteousness *as* a bridegroom puts on a priestly turban and *a bride puts on* her *beautiful* jewels. As the ground produces its sprouts and a garden makes the seed sown in it come up, so the Lord GOD will make righteousness and praise spring up in the sight of all the nations.

Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest until her righteousness comes out to be seen like a light and her salvation burns as bright as a torch. The nations will see your righteousness and all the kings your glory. You will be given a *new name* that the LORD's mouth will determine. Then you will be a beautiful crown in the LORD's hand, a royal crown in the hand of your God. No more will people call you forsaken or your country a barren waste, but they will call you Hephzibah [I-Delight-in-Her] and your country Beulah [Married], for the LORD delights in you, and your country will have a Husband.

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

Gradual Hymn - It Came upon the Midnight Clear

- It came upon the midnight clear, That glorious song of old,
 From angels bending near the earth To touch their harps of gold:
 "Peace on the earth, goodwill to all, From heav'n's all-gracious king."
 The world in solemn stillness lay To hear the angels sing.
- 2 Still through the cloven skies they come With peaceful wings unfurled, And still their heav'nly music floats O'er all the weary world.
 Above its sad and lowly plains They bend on hov'ring wing,
 And ever o'er its babel sounds The blessèd angels sing.
- night Clear 3 All you, beneath your heavy load, By care and guilt bent low, Who toil along a dreary way With painful steps and slow: Look up, for golden is the hour, Come swiftly on the wing,
 - The Prince was born to bring you peace; Of Him the angels sing.
- For lo, the days have come to pass By prophets seen of old,
 When down into the circling years Came Christ as was foretold.
 His word of peace shall to the earth God's ancient promise bring,
 And all who take this gift will hear The song the angels sing.

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Galatians 4:4–7

But when the right time came, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, to free those under the Law and make us His sons. And because you are sons, God sent into our hearts the Spirit of His Son, Who cries, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a son. And if you are His son, God has made you His heir.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. (sing)

HOLY GOSPEL LESSON

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

Glory be to Thee, O Christ. (sing)

When *the time came* for them *to be purified* according to the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord: *"Every first born boy should be* called *'the Lord's holy one'"*) and to offer a sacrifice according to the Law of the Lord, *a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.*

Now, there was in Jerusalem a man by the name of Simeon. He was a righteous man, fearing God and waiting for the One Who would comfort Israel. The Holy Spirit was on him. The Holy Spirit had told him that before he would die he would see the Christ sent by the Lord.

Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple. When the parents brought in the Child Jesus to do for Him what was customary according to the Law, Simeon took Him in his arms, praised God, and said:

"Lord, now You are letting Your servant go in peace as You promised, because my eyes have *seen Your salvation* that You prepared for all people to see, *a light to shine on the Gentiles,* and the *glory of* Your people *Israel.*"

His mother and Joseph were surprised such things were said about Him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to His mother Mary, "Here is what this Child is appointed for: *Many in Israel will fall* and rise again *because of Him*; and He'll be a sign that many will talk against, to show what they're thinking in their hearts. And a sword will pierce your own soul, too."

Anna, a prophetess, was also there. She was a daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was now very old. When she was a girl, she had married a man and lived

Luke 2:22–40

EPISTLE LESSON

with him seven years.

After that she was a widow until she was 84. She never left the temple but worshiped day and night, fasting and praying. She too came forward just then, thanked God, and talked about the Child to all who were looking for Jerusalem to be set free.

When Joseph and Mary had done everything the Law of the Lord told them to do, they went back to Galilee to their town of Nazareth.

The little Child grew big and strong and full of wisdom, and God's favor was with Him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

O Praise be to Thee, O Christ. (sing)

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C I believe in one God,

the Father Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth

and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God,

begotten of His Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light,

very God of very God,

begotten, not made,

being of one substance with the Father,

by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary

and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Hymn of the Day ~ Let All Together Praise Our God

- Let all together praise our God Before His glorious throne; Today He opens heav'n again To give us His own Son, To give us His own Son.
- He leaves His heav'nly Father's throne, Is born an infant small, And in a manger, poor and lone, Lies in a humble stall, Lies in a humble stall.
- Within an earthborn form He hides His all-creating light;
 To serve us all He humbly cloaks The splendor of His might, The splendor of His might.
- 4 He undertakes a great exchange, Puts on our human frame,

And in return gives us His realm,

His glory, and His name, His glory, and His name.

- 5 He is a servant, I a lord: How great a mystery! How strong the tender Christ Child's love! No truer friend than He, No truer friend than He.
- 6 He is the key and He the door To blessèd paradise;
 The angel bars the way no more. To God our praises rise, To God our praises rise.
- 7 Your grace in lowliness revealed, Lord Jesus, we adore
 And praise to God the Father yield And Spirit evermore; We praise You evermore.

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Sermon

Stand

Offertory

All Sing: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

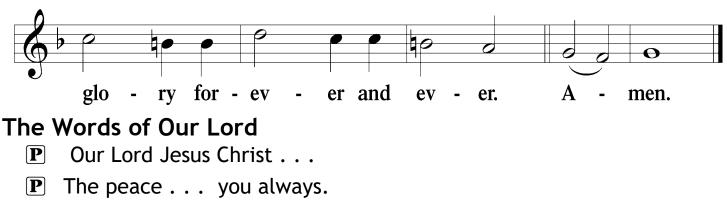
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SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface thru Agnus Dei p194 to198 **P** The Lord be with you. **C** And with thy spirit. **P** Lift up your hearts. **G** We lift them up unto the Lord. **P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God. **G** It is meet and right so to do. ■ It is truly meet, right and salutary . . .evermore praising You and saying: **Sanctus** (All Sing) p195 G Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Lord's Prayer p196 Our Father who art in heaven, P 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. Ο Ο For Thine the kingdom is and the the C and power



C Amen. (sing)

Agnus Dei (All Sing)

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Sit

Distribution Hymns

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

- Gentle Mary laid her child Lowly in a manger;
 There He lay, the Undefiled, To the world a stranger.
 Such a babe in such a place, Can He be the Savior?
 Ask the saved of all the race Who have found His favor.
- 2 Angels sang about His birth, Wise Men sought and found Him; Heaven's star shone brightly forth Glory all around Him. Text: Public domain

O Come, All Ye Faithful

 O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant!
 O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; LSB 374

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Shepherds saw the wondrous sight, Heard the angels singing;All the plains were lit that night, All the hills were ringing.

Gentle Mary laid her child Lowly in a manger;
He is still the Undefiled But no more a stranger.
Son of God of humble birth, Beautiful the story;
Praise His name in all the earth; Hail the King of glory!

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Come and behold Him Born the king of angels: Refrain ref O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

2 Highest, most holy, Light of Light eternal, Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes; Son of the Father Now in flesh appearing! Refrain

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Stand

Nunc Dimittis (All Sing)

- 3 Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation, Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God In the highest: Refrain
- 4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning; Jesus, to Thee be glory giv'n! Word of the Father Now in flesh appearing! Refrain

p199 C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Thanksgiving

- **P** O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good,
- **G** and His mercy endureth forever.
- **P** Let us pray . . . one God, now and forever.
- **C** Amen.
- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **G** And with thy spirit.
- **P** Bless we the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.

G Amen, Amen, Amen,

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Closing Hymn ~ Joy to the World

- Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

 Let earth receive her King;
 Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room
 And heav'n and nature sing,
 And heav'n and nature sing,
 And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing,
- 2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
 Let men their songs employ,
 While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains

Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

- 3 No more let sins and sorrows grow Nor thorns infest the ground;
 He comes to make His blessings flow Far as the curse is found,
 Far as the curse is found,
 Far as, far as the curse is found.
- 4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the nations prove
 The glories of His righteousness And wonders of His love,
 And wonders of His love,
 And wonders, wonders of His love.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offering plates are in the back of the sanctuary as you leave. YOU ARE INVITED to join us in the downstairs fellowship hall for refreshments following service today.

OUR WORSHIP SERVICE can be heard every Sunday (on a week delay basis) from 8:30-9:00 am on **KRMS 1150 AM and 103.3, 97.5 FM Radio**. If you would like to help sponsor this broadcast, place your contribution in a designated gift offering envelope marked "Radio Broadcast". *You can also tune into 89.3 FM at any time to listen to one of our previous services*.

ADULT SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS OPPORTUNITIES

A topical study in Deuteronomy led by Pastor Williams will meet in the downstairs fellowship hall following service today.

Dec. 31	Sunday	ls. 60:1-22	Luke1:39-56				
Jan. 1	Monday	ls. 61:1-11	Luke 1:57-80				
Jan. 2	Tuesday	ls. 62:1-12	Luke 2:1-20				
Jan. 3	Wednesday	ls. 63:1-14	Luke 2:21-40				
Jan. 4	Thursday	ls. 63:15-65:7	Luke 2:41-52				
Jan. 5	Friday	ls. 65:8-25	Luke 3:1-20				
Jan. 6	Saturday	ls. 66:1-20	Luke 3:21-38				
Jan. 7	Sunday	Ezek. 1:1-14, 22-28	Rom. 1:1-17				

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

THE POINTSETTIA PLANTS



ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY

Pete and Christal Hill Don Hunkeler Bob & Shelia Mantyck Mike and Irene Merchant Jackie Onstott Dorla Pennekamp Gene Scheiter Roger and Joyce Trost Alan and Kathy Wiese Jeff and Carol Zelms



Thank you to those who helped beautify the altar for Christmas. Flowers may be taken home after service on Saturday January 6th

HOPE WEEKLY ANCHOR

IN OUR PRAYERS:

Steve Bauer Donna Beeman Emma Beeman DeDe Bradford Stella Cardin Donna Carlson Kinsly Coonce Tre Conner Kellie Diaz Barbara Dunker Donna Duschene Jane Hale Donovan Hill Dylan Hill Jean Hilleman Karen Kiel Jennifer Klann Vicky Kory John Kretzschmar Charles Kropp Jerol Laughlin Irene Merchant

SUNDAY SCHOOL COLLECTION

DURING DECEMBER our Sunday School offerings will benefit the Benevolance Fund. Please place your offerings in the jar or basket during the Sunday School hour.

MOVING

The Trost's will be moving. We have a independent care unit reserved at Garden Villas in O'Fallon, MO for February 1, 2024. We have enjoyed living at our lake home for 28 years, but it is time to move. We will miss our friends and our involvement in the church.

God bless all of you! Roger and Joyce Trost

LCMS Stewardship Ministry Generosity Thoughts

Luke 2:39 - "And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they

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returned ... to their own town of Nazareth." The Law of God is good. Of course, it always shows us our sins, but that is good, too! We need to be driven back to the forgiveness of Christ. And the Law also shows us the truly blessed way to live. As Mary and Joseph found their joy in a godly life, so should we see the Law as a guide for Christian living and as the roadmap for saying thank you to the Lord for all His grace and mercy to us.

Life Quotes from Lutherans for Life:

"While it is true that we need to be good stewards of God's earthly gifts, it is sinful to think that we are in full control of preserving this world. It is sinful to fret about the destruction of this world before the Last Day. This world will not run out of natural resources. We will not be wiped out by climate change, a worldwide pandemic, or a meteor shower if and when those things happen. God says that as long as this earth endures—until Judgment Day—seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease. God is in control. God will protect, provide, and preserve this world. Trust in God and see His grace and mercy, especially when sin affects this world. Trust that He gives you what you don't deserve and more than you could imagine." Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church. Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Ouote from Lutherans Life For Life lutheransforlife.org

Giving Envelopes for 2024	ALTAR FLOWERS:	
Giving envelopes for 2024 are	New 2024 Flower chart is up	
on the table in the narthex.	the narthex.	
Be sure to pick yours up, but	Ind your special date to	
DO NOT use them until	onate flowers for the Altar.	
January 2024. Please be aware that	gn up early and often.	
envelope numbers may have changed	the cost of flowers is \$26 per Sunday.	
again this year. If you don't find your	lease be sure to put your payment in	
name on a box of envelopes, please	the offering plate in an envelope	
notify someone on the finance	marked "Altar Flowers" and your	

IF you have a habit of forgetting yours, just let the secretary know and she can put it with other's that forget :)

THIS WEEK AT HOPE						
Dec 31 st	Sunday	10:00	am	Worship with Communion		
		11:00	am	Fellowship		
		11:20	am	Sunday School for all ages		
Jan 3 rd	Wednesday	10:00	am	Prayer Service		
Jan 6 th	Saturday	9:00	am	Epiphany communion service		
Jan 7 th	Sunday	10:00	am	Worship with Communion		
		11:00	am	Fellowship		
		11:20	am	Sunday School for all ages		
Secretary's hours: Tues - Fri ~ 8 am - Noon						
Pastor's office hours: Tues - Fri ~ 9 am - Noon						

Those Who Serve

	Today	January 7 th
Elder	Mike Merchant	Mike Merchant
Preparing the Altar		Sonja Howard
Preparing the Candles	Debbie Thompson	Sonja Howard
Counters	Roger and Joyce Trost	Pete and Christal Hill