



# HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

+ ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, November 7, 2021 +  
Sunday School & Adult Bible Study – 9:00 am  
+ Service of Holy Communion - 10:30 am +

Rev. Herbert C. Dolich, Pastor  
One Pastor, Many Ministers  
Lenna Harris- Music Director/Organist  
Tim Warren – Assisting Minister  
Tim Warren - Lector

## Introduction

Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year's All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John's gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah's feast to come.

\*Congregation please stand as able

## + GATHERING +

**Prelude:** "In the Holy Place" J. Southbridge

**Welcome & Announcements** (also see the last page for additional announcements)

Stand as you are able

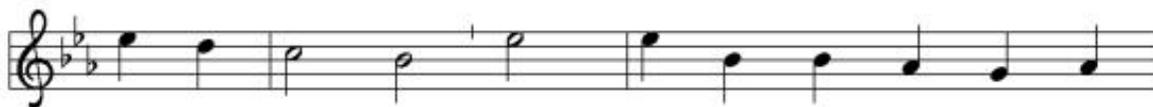
**\*Gathering Hymn:** "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones" ELW 424



1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, bright  
2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, more  
3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, ye  
4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, su -



ser - a - phs, cher - u - bim, and thrones, raise the glad strain:  
glo - rious than the ser - a - phim, lead their prais - es:  
pa - tri - archs and proph - ets blest: "Al - le - lu - ia!  
per - nal an - thems ech - o - ing: "Al - le - lu - ia!



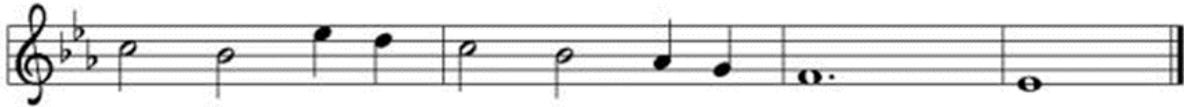
"Al - le - lu - ia!" Cry out, do - min - ions, prince - doms,  
"Al - le - lu - ia!" Thou bear - er of the e - ter - nal  
Al - le - lu - ia!" Ye ho - ly twelve, ye mar - tyrs  
Al - le - lu - ia!" To God the Fa - ther, God the



pow'rs, arch - an - gels, vir - tues, an - gel choirs:  
Word, most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the Lord:  
strong, all saints tri - um - phant, raise the song:  
Son, and God the Spir - it, Three in One:



"Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!" Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

**\*Greeting:**

P For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. (Jeremiah 29:11)

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C And also with you.**

P In the beginning was the Word,

**C and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

P In the Word was life,

**C and the life was the light of all people.**

P The Word became flesh and lived among us,

**C and we have seen His glory, full of grace and truth.**

**\*Kyrie:**



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.  
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.  
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

**\*Gloria:**



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

**\*Prayer of the Day:**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

**P** Almighty God, You have knit Your people together in one communion in the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow Your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys You have prepared for those who love You, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

**C Amen**

Please be seated

**+ WORD +**

**First Reading – Isaiah 25:6-9**

*Isaiah sees a vision of the end of days, when God will gather all people on God's holy mountain and will prepare for them a rich feast. At this banquet God will wipe the tears from all eyes. And there will be no more sorrow, for God will destroy death itself.*

**L The first reading is from the 25<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Isaiah**

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

<sup>7</sup>And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;  
<sup>8</sup>he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.

<sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day,  
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.  
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 24

(Read responsively by full verse)

They shall receive blessing from the God of their salvation. (*Ps. 24:5*)

<sup>1</sup>The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,  
the world and those who dwell therein.

<sup>2</sup>**For the LORD has founded it upon the seas  
and established it upon the rivers.**

<sup>3</sup>Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD,  
and who may stand in God's holy place?

<sup>4</sup>**Those of innocent hands and purity of heart,  
who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by what is false.**

<sup>5</sup>They shall receive blessing from the LORD  
and righteousness from the God of their salvation.

<sup>6</sup>**Such is the generation of those who seek you, O LORD,  
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

<sup>7</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

<sup>8</sup>**Who is this King of glory?  
The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!**

<sup>9</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

<sup>10</sup>**Who is this King of glory?  
Truly, the LORD of hosts is the King of glory.**

## Second Reading – Revelation 21:1-6a

*Here is a vision of the new heaven and new earth in which God resides fully with God's people so that mourning, despair, and pain have been eradicated. These renewing words from the God who spans all of time are trustworthy and true.*

### L The second lesson is from the 21<sup>st</sup> Chapter of Revelation

<sup>1</sup>I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;  
they will be his peoples,  
and God himself will be with them;

<sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;  
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
for the first things have passed away."

<sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said,

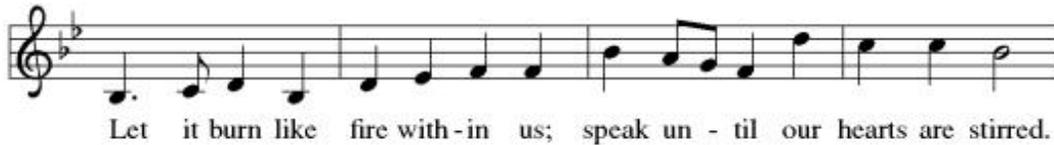
"Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6a</sup>Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able

**\*Gospel Acclamation:**



**\*Holy Gospel – John 11:32-44**

*Through the raising of Lazarus, Jesus offers the world a vision of the life to come, when death and weeping will be no more.*

P The Holy Gospel according to John the 11<sup>th</sup> Chapter

**C Glory to You, O Lord**

<sup>32</sup>When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." <sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup>He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup>Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

<sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." <sup>43</sup>When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup>The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

Please be seated

**Meditation**

Time for reflection

+ RESPONSE TO THE WORD +

\*Please stand as able

\*Hymn of the Day: "Give Thanks for Saints"

ELW 428

1 Give thanks for those whose faith is firm when all a -  
2 Give thanks for those whose hope is clear, be - yond mere  
3 Give thanks for those whose love is pure, a spar - kling  
4 Give thanks for saints of a - ges past and saints a -  
round seems bleak: on God's good prom - ise they re - ly, so  
mor - tal sight: who seek the cit - y God has planned, the  
pre - cious stone: they show by what they say and do an  
live to - day: though of - ten by this world de - spised, their  
while they live and when they die how force - ful -  
true, e - ter - nal prom - ised land, and steer on  
in - ward beau - ty, warm and true, for God's con -  
hearts by God are rich - ly prized. Give thanks that  
ly they speak— the strong, who once were weak!  
toward that light, a bea - con ev - er bright.  
cerns they own— God's love through them is known.  
we may say we share their pil - grim way.

\*Apostles Creed – Confession and Forgiveness

P In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

**C We believe in Him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**

P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

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

P Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

**C Pray in the Holy Spirit.**

P Keep yourselves in the love of God;

**C look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

P If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

**C Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!**

P God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Gracious God,

**C have mercy on us. In Your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by Your Spirit so that we may live and serve You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your holy name through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

P Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**C Amen**

+ PRAYER +

**\*Prayers of Intercession:**

A Eternal God, You hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

*A brief silence.*

A Merciful God, we give thanks for all missionaries who have brought Your message of hope to new communities and wiped tears away (*especially John Christian Frederick Heyer, Bartholomaeus Ziegenbalg, Ludwig Nommensen whom we commemorate today*). Continue to raise up courageous missionaries to share Your gospel of hope. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Creating God, we praise You for abundant harvests and the goodness of creation. Create communities of care for Your earth so that all land, water, and soil will be celebrated and cherished by future generations of saints. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A God of peace, we give You thanks for nations of peace that serve as a refuge for all whose homelands are afflicted with violence. Strengthen those who continue to work for peace and support all veterans who carry the scars of war. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A God of healing, we give You thanks for health care workers who labor around the clock to answer cries for help. Bring wholeness to all who struggle with post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety, depression, addiction, and all who long for healing in any way, *especially those we name before You now*. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A God of justice, we praise You for the feeding ministries and for all meals that bring people together for nourishment and fellowship. Bless chefs, bakers, servers, dishwashers, communion assistants, and meal ministry coordinators. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

A God of the ages, we give You thanks for the saints of this congregation who have inspired, challenged, loved, and taught us: **Barbara Encababian, Harold Zellner, Oscar Steiger, Kathleen Ernst, Jane Mengel, Gwen Lichtenwalner**. Wipe away our tears and lead us by their example until we feast together on Your holy mountain. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P God our protection and strength, we entrust to You all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C Amen.**

**\*Peace:**

P Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

**Please share our Lord's Peace with one another**

Please be seated

**Responding to God's Faithfulness with Giving:**

**"For All the Saints"**

R. V. Williams / Berry

**Anthem: "Good Shepherd of My Soul"**

arr. by L. Larson

**+ MEAL +**

Please stand as able

**\*Offering Prayer:**

A Let us pray.

A Blessed are You, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day You shower us with blessings. As You have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise You and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

**\*Great Thanksgiving:**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**\*Preface:**

P It is indeed right, ... we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:



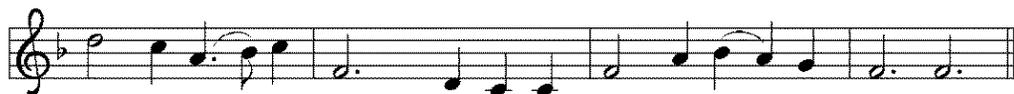
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

#### \*Thanksgiving at the table:

In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
We proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.



Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come a - gain.

To You, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in Your holy church, now and forever.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

#### \*Lord's Prayer:

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C 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;**



Their faith in ac - quir - ing the hab - it of prayer,  
 some car - ry the gos - pel through fire and through flood:  
 they share our com - plain - ing, our com - forts, our cares:  
 In lov - ing, in liv - ing, they prove it is true:

their depth of a - dor - ing, Lord, help us to share.  
 our world is their par - ish, their pur - pose is God.  
 what pa - tience in car - ing, what cour - age is theirs!  
 their way of self - giv - ing, Lord, leads us to you.

**Extinguishing of candles**

**\*Dismissal:**

**A** Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude: "The Saints Victorious"**

**G. Blake**

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**Welcome to All Visitors** who worship with us this morning. Jesus came to make God’s love known to our world. May your worship with us make God’s love known in your heart and in your life this day and always. We invite you to sign our Guest Register and introduce yourselves to the pastor after worship.

**Flowers and Bulletins** are given to the Glory of God in Memory of John Baboski, Sherwood Steward, and Charles Correll, and in Honor of Kenneth Steward on Veterans Day by Charlet Baboski and Bernice Correll.

**Please keep the following people in your daily prayers**

Richard Spangler, Rosie Lichner, Rhonda (Millheim) Fries, Tyrone Klump, Sr. (Tracy Riedinger’s father)

**Please, take a few minutes to read through the prayer list and let the pastor know if any names should be added or removed.**

## **This Week at Hope**

**Today - 11/07**

**All Saints Sunday**

**Service of Holy Communion - 10:30 AM**

**11/08 – Monday** Al-A-Non group 11:00 AM - Social Hall

**11/09 - Tuesday - WELCA – Thank Offering Service – 10:00 AM**

AA 8:00 PM Social Hall

**11/10 – Wednesday Music & Worship Committee – 9:30 AM**

**Sr. Choir – 7:00 PM**

**11/11 – Thursday - Veterans Day**

AA 10:00 AM-Social Hall

AA Tatamy Women's Group 6:30 PM

**11/12 – Friday - AA, Al-A-Non 7:30 PM**

**11/13 – Saturday**

**11/14 – Sunday -**

**Pentecost 23 – Veterans Day Sunday**

**Service of Holy Communion 10:30 AM**

**“Welcome New Members” & Reception**

### **Birthdays this week**

11/07 Gloria Kachline  
11/08 Adam Vough, Sara Vough  
11/12 Ginny Siegfried  
11/14 Dave Gleason, Matthew Mengel

### **Anniversaries this week**

11/13 Clarence & Gloria Riegel

*“Hope – An Anchor for the Soul”* Hebrews 6:19

**November 7, 2021**

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

**Tears Are Holy**

“Jesus wept” (John 11:35). It’s the shortest verse in the Bible (in many non-NRSV versions), popular among Sunday school children trying to pad their stats in Bible memorization games. Only two words, three short syllables: “Jesus wept.” It is also a profound theological statement. Death hurts. Even for Jesus. Even with prophecies and promises to wipe away every tear.

Although we may put it out of mind at times, we have always been dust. We have always known that to dust we shall return. Before rushing to the reassurance of eternal life with God, we honor the sacred finitude of life by honestly naming and feeling the grief of death.

Even as he embodied resurrection power, Jesus felt the sting of death. When he heard that his friend Lazarus had died, he wept. He didn’t immediately bring him back, and he didn’t explain it away. He wept. This is Jesus at his most human *and* his most divine. Life is holy, and its loss is painful. Your tears, like Jesus’ tears, are holy. You are not alone.

The vision of Revelation promises a time when God will wipe away every tear, when death and mourning and crying and pain will be no more. But as Jesus himself experienced, we must first contend with the heartbreak of death. On All Saints Day we remember the saints who have gone before. We celebrate their lives and the promise of a future with God. And we honor them with our tears and mourning, and our honest and complicated feelings for them.

Stories promise endings, but too often death brings relationships to a stop without the closure of an ending. The promise of resurrection and the rituals of All Saints Day remind us that our stories continue to unfold in mysterious ways—even after death. God shows up in the messiness of loss and mourning, and God’s love carries us through the loneliness and fear. Thanks be to God.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- It’s time to start ordering **Christmas Flowers!** Please see attached order form. Return form to Diane or mail to the office.
- The **Quilters Group** needs quilters. If you can thread a needle, come join us. We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month. If interested, see, or call Charlet Baboski, 610-863-9392. Also, any donations of fabric would be greatly appreciated.

- **Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup> new members** will be welcomed into our congregation. Please join us for a reception with the new members after the service in the social hall.
- **Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup> is Christ the King Sunday / Thanksgiving Service.** Please bring a non-perishable item to place in front of the Altar. All items will be donated to the Nazareth Area Food Bank.
- **The Angel Tree** is in the Narthex. This year's Angel Tree benefits the children of the Nazareth Area Food Bank clients. NAFB is asking for Target Gift cards in the amounts of \$25 or \$15 and plan on giving the clients at least one per child for children's gifts. Gift cards are **due** to Diane in the office by **Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**.
- Council would like to **reinstate the committees**; Evangelism Committee, Parish Life Committee, Stewardship and Nominating Committee. If you are interested in serving on one of these committees, please sign up on the bulletin board.
- Mark your calendar for **November 28<sup>th</sup>** – Advent Sunday – Workshop & Snacks. Please sign up on the bulletin board if attending.
- St. Steven's Lutheran Church in Allentown is looking for volunteers to help with dinner for the homeless on **Thanksgiving Day** from 11 – 1. See Pastor for more information.

## Looking ahead

1. **Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>** will be the **Annual Congregational Budget Meeting** following the church service – as well as **Donut Sunday!** Please show your support of the Churches' financial matters by staying for this important meeting.
2. **Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>** the Sr. Choir and Children's Choir will perform the Cantata, "Follow the Star", during the church service.
3. **Christmas Eve services** will be held on **Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 p.m. – Family Service and 8:30 p.m. will be the Candlelight Service.
4. **Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup>** will be the Lessons & Carols Service at 10:30 a.m. There will be no Sunday School classes this day. Please sign up on the bulletin board to be a reader for Lessons.
5. Attention all council members and committee chairpersons, please submit your **2021-year end reports** by December 26<sup>th</sup> for preparation of the Annual Congregational meeting which will be held on a date to be determined in January. Please hand in your reports to Diane in the office.

## Cards of Thanks

Ginny Siegfried would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers when she was having her health issues.

Thank you to all of the church members who sent me a card to celebrate my 100<sup>th</sup> birthday! Each card was much appreciated and made the day extra special. June Smith

# Christmas Flowers

Let's make our Chancel festive for Christmas! You may order **Red Poinsettias** by dropping this form, with payment, in the offering plate, give it to Diane or mail it to the office.

Deadline for ordering is Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>!

All plants are \$8.00 each.

<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Memorial or Dedication to: (circle one)</i>

----- Total ordered @ \$8.00 each = -----

Name (as you want it to appear in the bulletin)

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Phone number where you can be reached if questions:

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Any questions, please call the office at 610-252-5181

Mail order forms to:  
Hope Lutheran Church  
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Easton, PA 18045-7879