The Revipe of Christmas



























Welcome to Hope!

We are delighted to have you with us as we gather to worship and prepare our hearts for the season of Christmas. This year, our theme is The Recipe of Christmas—a beautiful reflection on the key ingredients of this holy season: Hope, Joy, Peace, and Love. Together, we explore how each of these gifts points us to the birth of Jesus, the Savior who brings light and life to the world. May your time with us today fill you with the true spirit of Christmas as we celebrate God's love revealed in Christ!

For Your Information

- WORSHIP CHECK-IN. Please take a moment to check in online on the homepage of Hope's website (www.hopelutheranwf.org). A special welcome to guests and visitors today!
- OFFERINGS & TITHES. All are invited to make an offering today, as a worshipful expression of thanksgiving to God, and in support of the ministries of Hope Lutheran Church. You may place your gift in the offering plate next to the sanctuary exit doors as you leave. May God bless our offerings and tithes, and bless the ministry which these gifts enable!

Last Week's Information

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE: 650

This Week's Information

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Devin Murphy Associate Pastor Rev. Preston Wagner Retired Pastor

Rob Varner Director of Worship Arts

Jonathan Froelich Pre-Seminary Intern

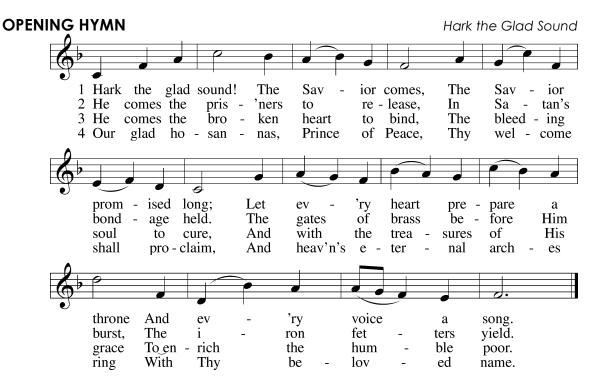
The Recipe For Christmas

Fírst Sunday in Advent December 1, 2024 - 11:00 Services

Gather

PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & TIME OF GREETING



INVOCATION

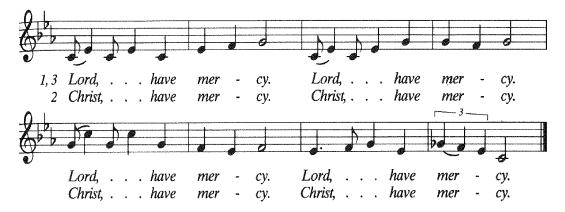
- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.

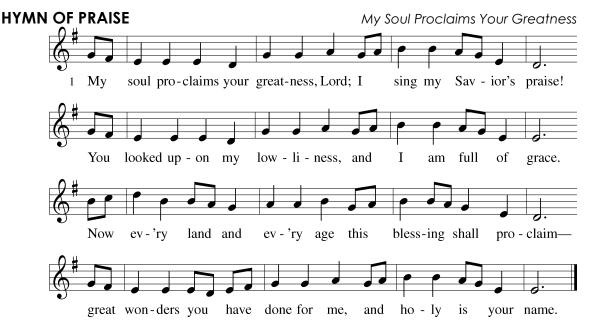
The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

ORDER OF CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

- P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- Amen.



- P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.



LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

ANTHEM

"People Look East"- Adult Choir

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- P Let us pray.
- Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Congregation is seated

₩ Service of Holy Baptism ₩

Julia Ann Berridge

Birthdate: April 15, 2024

Parents: Lauren & Caleb John Berridge

Godparents: Olivia Petritz & Andrew Placzek

BAPTISM HYMN



* Service of the Word *

OLD TESTAMENTJeremiah 33:14–16

¹⁴"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'"

A This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Thessalonians 3:9–13

⁹What thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, ¹⁰as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, ¹²and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, ¹³so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Congregation stands

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia



HOLY GOSPEL Luke 21:25–36

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁵[Jesus said:] "There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

²⁹And he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴"But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life

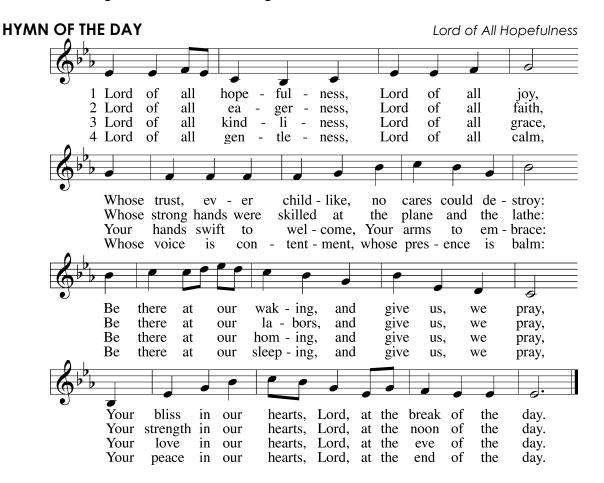
→ everlasting. Amen.

Congregation is seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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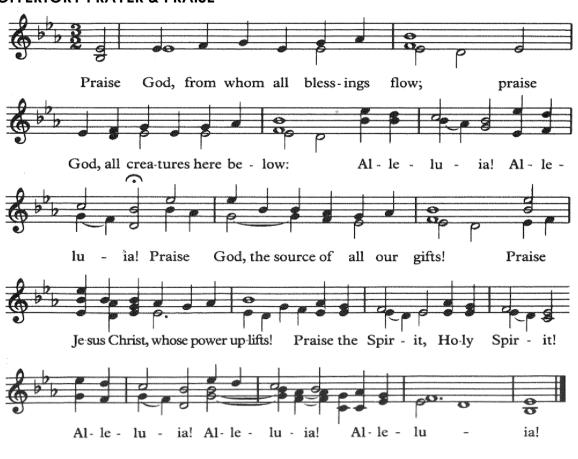
Children ages 3 – Grade 2 may leave for Children's Church immediately following the Children's Message.

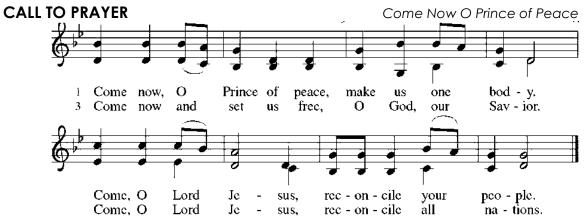


SERMON

The Recipe of Christmas: "Hope!" - Pastor Preston Wager

OFFERTORY PRAYER & PRAISE





PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words.

- P Lord, in your mercy...
- C Hear our prayer.

₩ Service of Holy Communion ₩

COMMUNION INFORMATION

Communion Participation: As Christians of the Lutheran faith, we believe Christ's body and blood are truly present with the bread and wine, offering forgiveness of sins to all who believe in Jesus Christ. We ask those who commune to share this unity of faith in Christ and understanding of the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Since the Scripture teaches that we are to examine ourselves before eating of the bread and drinking of the cup (1 Corinthians 11:28), if you are not certain of the meaning of Holy Communion or have not been baptized or instructed in the Christian faith, please speak with the Pastor before communing.

Communion and Children: Communion is ordinarily offered at Hope to youth after their first communion classes in the 5th grade. Children and youth who have not been instructed may come to the altar to receive a blessing. Children and youth who have not been instructed should fold their arms over their chest to acknowledge they are receiving the blessing.

Communion Distribution Process: Please form two lines in the main center aisle, proceeding to the altar. After you have received communion, you may return to your pew via the side aisles.

White grape juice is provided in the center of the trays. Individual cups may be placed in the baskets provided by the acolyte. Gluten-free bread is available upon request.

PREFACE

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS

Holy Holy (Sung to Hark the Herald Angles Sing)

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of hosts, by all adored!
Heaven and earth cannot contain
All the glory of your name!
Hail, hosanna, God most high!
Blest is he who now draws nigh
In the name of God the King.
Hallelujahs, glad we sing:
Hail, hosanna! Praises due!
Be forever, Lord, to you!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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."

LORD'S PRAYER

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;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

SHARING OF PEACE

- The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- And also with you.

The ministers and congregation greet one another in the name of the Lord.

AGNUS DEI Lamb of God



Q Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

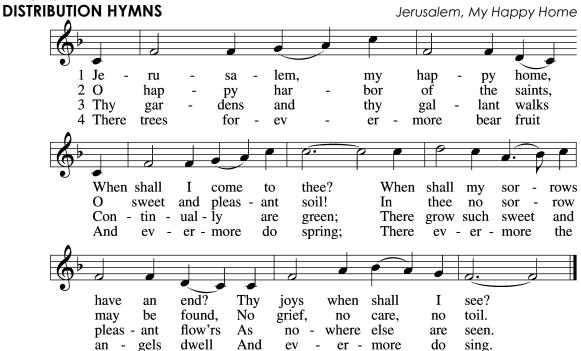


Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

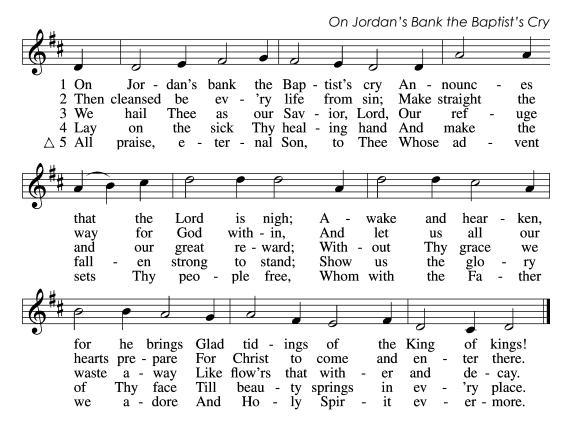




Congregation is seated



- Apostles, martyrs, prophets, there
 Around my Savior stand;
 And soon my friends in Christ below
 Will join the glorious band.
- 6 O Christ, do Thou my soul prepare For that bright home of love That I may see Thee and adore With all Thy saints above.



WORDS OF BLESSING

Congregation stands

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

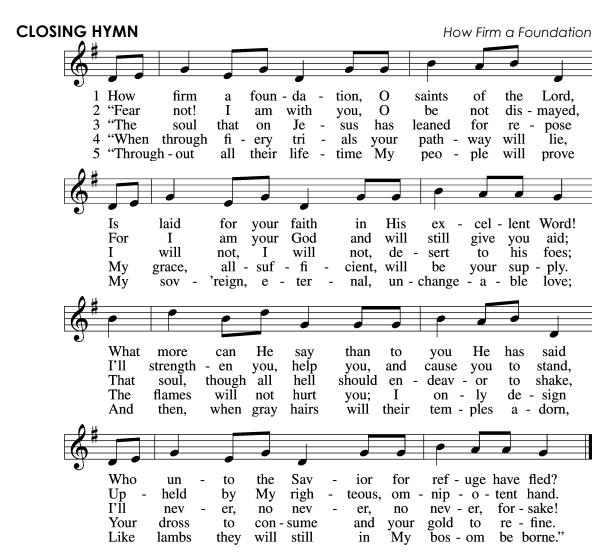
A Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

#Sending

BENEDICTION



DISMISSAL

- P The worship is ended.
- The service now begins.
- **P** Go in peace and serve the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:45-10:45AM)

- **KIDS:** See signs in the Narthex and Children's Center Foyer.
- MIDDLE SCHOOL: Book of Psalms in Room 101
- **HIGH SCHOOL:** Book of Mark in Room 102

GUEST TEACHER HIGHLIGHT. Join us on December 1-15 for a mix of studies by Hope's many talented guest pastors and lay instructors. Each week will focus on a different theme near and dear to the heart of our teachers. Come with open hearts and minds to study the word and encourage your brothers and sisters as they continue to share their gifts of teaching, wisdom, and knowledge.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BREAK. There will be no Sunday School Education on 12/22 or 12/29. Instead, on 12/22, we invite everyone to join us for a Christmas Family Hour in the Children's Center! All are welcome as we come together as a congregation to make ornaments for our Hope Family Tree, in the Narthex—and one to take home for your own tree. Let's celebrate the joy of the season together!

COOKBOOK RECIPES NEEDED! This year's annual Christmas Eve giveaway will be a special Hope Cookbook for visitors and members. Submit your favorite holiday recipe by December 1st using the form on our website under "Holiday Recipe Collection." Thank you for helping us create something memorable!

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS. Add to the beauty of the season by sponsoring a poinsettia to adorn the chancel and windows at Hope during Advent and Christmas. These seasonal flowers may be purchased in memory or honor of loved ones. Sign up by 12/15 online at www.hopelutheranwf.org/flowers. Cost: \$15 each. Questions? contact bevans@hopelutheranwf.org.

KIDS MINISTRY CHRISTMAS PARTY. Oh, what fun! Let's get ready for the jolliest time of the year! Join us on 12/14 from 3-5:15PM for Christmas games, festive treats, and tons of holiday fun just for YOU! The entire family is welcome to stay afterward for a family dinner. Questions? contact bagner@hopelutheranwf.org

KIDS MINISTRY CHRISTMAS PAGEANT. Join us for the Kids Ministry Christmas Pageant on 12/18 as we celebrate the true meaning of Christmas—the birth of Jesus, our Savior. Step into the "House of Bread," where the bakery offers more than delicious bread; it shares the Word of the Lord. This heartwarming event is a wonderful way to reflect on the season's message and create cherished memories. Questions? contact bagner@hopelutheranwf.org.

9-12 GRADE CHRISTMAS PARTY. It's time for our annual Christmas party on 12/15 from 7-9PM! Join your friends for Christmas-themed games, a Live Nativity, and a White Elephant gift exchange. Never played before? It's a fun game where you bring a wrapped gift valued at \$10. Youth take turns opening gifts, with the option to swap for an already-opened gift or take a chance with a new one! There is no cost to attend—just bring a wrapped gift valued at \$10. No sign-up needed, just show up! Questions? contact wspottiswood@hopelutheranwf.org

MEN'S CHRISTMAS BONFIRE. Calling all men! Join us for an evening of fellowship, snacks, a bonfire, and devotion on 12/7 from 7-9PM at the Spottiswood Homestead, 108 Kent St., Youngsville. Bring your own drinks and a chair. Text (818) 642-7570 to RSVP by 12/6. We look forward to a great evening together!

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS TEA & PRAYER Join us for our Annual Women's Christmas Event on 12/6 from 6:30-9PM at Hope Lutheran Church. We'll enjoy coffee, tea, other beverages and light finger foods as we come together for song, prayer, and devotions. It's a wonderful opportunity to connect with other women of Hope and share in the joy of the season. Please bring a wrapped ornament for our festive ornament exchange at the end of the evening. Let us know you're coming by signing up on Hope's website. Questions? contact bagner@hopelutheranwf.org.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA 2024 – ANGELS PREPARING THE SONG. The Choirs of Hope Lutheran Church invite you to experience the beauty of Angels Preparing the Song on Sunday, 12/8, at the 8:30AM and 11:00AM worship services. The Adult Choir & Adult Handbell Choir, Children's Choir & Children's Handbell Choir, and instrumentalists will celebrate the Advent and Christmas season sharing the story of the Christ Child through the wonder and joy of music. Mark your calendars and invite your family and friends for this special celebration!

STITCHES OF HOPE CRAFT SALE. Mark your calendars for the Stitches of Hope Craft Sale on 12/7 and 12/8, before and after all church services! We will be raffling a beautiful quilt and a baby doll bunk bed set, including a doll. Visit us in the Children's Center to find that special Christmas gift. Questions? contact news.stitches@gmail.com

ANGEL TREE. Our annual Angel Tree sponsoring event begins 11/30 and continues through 12/10. There will be over 200 angels to choose from. Help us bring Christmas joy to 20 families in the Wake Forest and Rolesville community. We appreciate each of you who take one (or more), purchase, wrap, label with name and family number and place it back into the family boxes. Boxes will be in the Narthex until 12/11, when we must have all the gifts back. Questions? contact Claudia Van Hook at 717-579-2077.

BROWN BAG CHRISTMAS. Join us on 12/21 for a special Christmas edition of Brown Bag! We will meet at 11:00AM to make sandwiches and pack lunch bags filled with holiday cheer. Together, we'll also prepare Christmas dinner bags to bless families in need. For easy sign-up, visit Hope's mission page. To learn more or find out how you can help behind the scenes, contact Nancy Repak at kapernan@gmail.com. Let's share the love of Jesus this Christmas!

LIVE NATIVITY. Every year the people of Hope come together to share the Biblical story of Christmas with our community. Mark your calendars for this year's two Live Nativity performances: Saturday, 12/14 at 6:45PM and Sunday, 12/15 at 7:00PM. Don't miss this beautiful retelling of the true meaning of Christmas!

PARENT'S DAY OUT – XPLORE'S CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL. Do you need a morning without the kids? Whether it's shopping, gift wrapping, or just downtime, we've got you covered! Join us on Saturday, 12/7 from 9:00AM to 1:00PM for Xplore's Christmas Carnival. The cost is \$20 per child, with a maximum of \$60 per family. For an additional \$5, kids can enjoy a pizza lunch with a side and drink. Sign up through your Procare account today! Questions? contact xplore@hopelutheranwf.org

NIGHT TO SHINE VOLUNTEERS We are thrilled to announce that Hope will host the Tim Tebow Foundation's Night to Shine, a magical night of celebration for our Special Needs Community on 2/7. Volunteers are needed which include hosting (buddies for guests), food crew, special projects, setup & cleanup, and decorating on 2/6 and 2/7. Volunteer registration has begun. To register go to hopelutheranwf.org/nts. Please sign up by 1/1. A background check is required for all volunteers. We are also seeking sponsors to help cover event expenses. Guest Registration will begin 12/5. Contact nighttoshine@hopelutheranwf.org.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION. Preschool Registration for the 2025-2026 school year begins online on Tuesday, 1/21. If you are a member interested in enrolling your child, please contact the Preschool office at 919-453-0388 or preschool@hopelutheranwf.org by 1/10 to ensure we have your email in our system. Registration will be done through an email link. More information can be found at www.hopelutheranwf.org/preschool.

LITTLE BLESSINGS HOLIDAY BOOK DRIVE. Little Blessings is requesting your help to replenish their holiday book collection for the classrooms! We're looking for themed books for Fall, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Spring, and Winter. Donations can be placed in the donation bin labeled "Little Blessings" in the narthex or brought to the Little Blessings office near the nursery. Thank you for supporting our classrooms! Contact Little Blessings at littleblessings@hopelutheranwf.org