



# HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ

*What Would The Lord Say?*

*Worship · Witness · Teach · Love · Serve*

**December 9, 2018**  
**2nd Sunday of Advent**

PRELUDE

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TODAY WE WILL USE THE GREEN HYMNAL**

## **“SURELY THE PRESENCE”**

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;  
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.  
I can hear the brush of angels' wings,  
I see glory on each face;  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

(Repeat)

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## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

P: Most merciful God,

**C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen**

P: Absolution

BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK:

**“As it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah: “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness; “Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight.””**  
(Luke 3:4-6)

## **#41 “O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM”**

**CHILDREN’S SERMON: Lighting of the Second Advent candle by three generations of the Hanson family.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**Almighty God, You pour out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and supplication. Deliver us, as we come into Your presence, from cold hearts and wandering thoughts, that with steady minds and burning zeal we may worship You in spirit and truth through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**  
**Amen**

## **HOPE FAMILY PRAYERS**

Tim & Michelle Manecke Family

Darlene Maruska Family

Sean & Laurie McKnight Family

Bryan & Katelyn Mesich Family

Jeremy & Kristi Mienert Family

**P: God is good! C: All the time**

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## **#26 “PREPARE THE ROYAL HIGHWAY”**

### **1<sup>ST</sup> LESSON: MALACHI 3:1-4**

See, I am sending My messenger to prepare the way before Me, and the Lord Whom you seek will suddenly come to His temple. The messenger of the covenant in Whom you delight—indeed, He is coming, says the Lord of hosts. <sup>2</sup> But who can endure the day of His coming, and who can stand when He appears?

For He is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; <sup>3</sup> He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and He will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. <sup>4</sup> Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

### **2<sup>ND</sup> LESSON: PHILIPPIANS 1:3-11**

I thank my God every time I remember you, <sup>4</sup> constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, <sup>5</sup> because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup> I am confident of this, that the One Who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup> It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup> For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus.

<sup>9</sup> And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight <sup>10</sup> to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, <sup>11</sup> having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

### **A Psalm by Zachariah at the birth of his son**

#### **John the Baptist (please read responsively)**

L: "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for He has looked favorably on His people and redeemed them.

**C: He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of His servant David,**

L: as He spoke through the mouth of His holy prophets from of old,

**C: that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.**

L: Thus He has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered His holy covenant,

**C: the oath that He swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us**

L: that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve Him without fear,

**C: in holiness and righteousness before Him all our days.**

L: And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare His ways,

**C: to give knowledge of salvation to His people by the forgiveness of their sins.**

L: By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us,

**C: to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."**

### **PSALM 119:105**

**"Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."**

(Repeat)

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### **GOSPEL: LUKE 3:1-6**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, <sup>2</sup> during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup> He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, <sup>4</sup> as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight. <sup>5</sup> Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; <sup>6</sup> and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'

### **PSALM 119:105 "THY WORD"**

**Today's sermon will be preached in song as Hope Choir presents the cantata, "Mary Did You Know?"**

Under the direction of Charity Salmonson, accompanied by Jeanie Stout, and narrated by Dr. Joyce White.

### **#43 "REJOICE, REJOICE THIS HAPPY MORN"**

#### **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**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 Pilot, 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 Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

### **OFFERING**

#### **OFFERTORY:**

#### **"GIVE THANKS"**

Give thanks with a grateful heart;

Give thanks to the Holy One;

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.

(repeat)

#### **Chorus:**

And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"

let the poor say, "I am rich,"

because of what the Lord has done for us.

(repeat chorus)

Give Thanks!

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P: The Lord be with you!

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts!

**C: We lift them unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

#### **THE 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.

### **DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS**

#### **THE BENEDICTION**

P: Jesus is alive!

**C: That makes all the difference!**

### **#45 "OH, COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL"**

#### **POSTLUDE**

**SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK/  
DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9**

9:30 am Worship/Cantata/  
Holy Communion  
10:30 am **SS Program Practice/**  
Fellowship Hour  
11:15 am Worship/  
Holy Communion

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 10**

James 2

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11**

James 3

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12**

James 4  
6:00 pm Hope Family  
Christmas Party/Potluck  
8:00 pm Hope Council Mtg.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13**

James 5  
7:40 am FCA Breakfast

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14**

1 Peter 1  
8:30 am Friday School Gr. 1-8  
9:30 am 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Conf. Class

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15**

1 Peter 2

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16**

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES  
OR 11:15 WORSHIP**  
9:30 am Worship/**Sunday**  
**School Christmas Program**  
10:30 am Fellowship Hour



Please prayerfully consider  
how you can help.



The Sunday School would appreciate  
donations of treats for Sunday School  
students.



**HOPE FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
**Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**Beginning at 6:00 pm with a potluck  
supper.**

God gave us the best gift possible  
when He gave us His Son.



"For to us a Child is born, to  
us a Son is given; and the  
government shall be upon  
His shoulder, and His name  
shall be called Wonderful  
Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of  
Peace" (Isaiah 9:6).



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## Fosston Loaves and Fishes Food Shelf

Physical location:

203 Johnson AVE S, Fosston, MN 56542

Mailing address:

PO Box 152, Fosston, MN 56542

### Contact info:

Phone: 218-431-0215;

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### Distribution Times

The 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the  
Month (after the 1st Tuesday)  
from 12:30pm to 3:00pm

### Donations

Monetary donations can be mailed to:  
PO Box 152, Fosston, MN 56542

If you would like to donate food or  
other items, please call the above  
contact number to make arrangements  
for pick-up or delivery.

Below is a list of items that go over very  
well at the food shelf:

Chicken Noodle Soup

Plain Pasta

Coffee/Tea

Canned Tomatoes

Breakfast Cereal

Canned Fruit

Crackers (any kind)

Salad Dressing

Canned meals (beef stew, spaghetti,  
ravioli, etc.)

Ketchup or Mustard

Jelly or Jam

Any Seasonings

Laundry Soap

Shampoo

Dishwashing Soap

Baby Diapers

Paper Towels

Kleenex

Toilet Paper

Baby Wipes

Cleaning Supplies

Plastic Grocery Bags

**100% of all donations go directly to  
those in need!**



THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
**FINANCIAL  
SUPPORT**

### ENJOY THE CONVENIENCE OF ELECTRONIC GIVING

Hope Church wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for individuals and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving. Authorization forms are available in the back of the Sanctuary and in the church office.

Following is a list of the information that is needed to get started:

- ⇒ Name and Address
- ⇒ Date of First Donation
- ⇒ Frequency of Donation (Weekly, Monthly, etc.)
- ⇒ Amount of Donation
- ⇒ Checking or Savings Account Routing and Account numbers

Donations amounts may be changed or discontinued any time simply by calling the church office.

If you would like to sign up for electronic giving, or want more information, please call the church office at 218-435-6765, or email [hopezion@gvtel.com](mailto:hopezion@gvtel.com)

### H.E.L.P. is Here!

Our  
Health  
Equipment  
Lending

Project room has a selection of home health equipment. If you are in need of a loan of this kind of equipment, please call the church office. The intent is that this ministry would be the hands and feet of Jesus to anyone in need of this kind of assistance. **We are currently in need of donations of wheel chairs, walkers, canes with prongs, shower chairs, raised toilet seats, and commodes. Donations of all types of home health equipment are welcome.**

