

December 8, 2019

2nd Sunday in Advent

The purpose of Hope Lutheran Church is to glorify God by worshipping, witnessing, teaching, loving, and Serving our Lord Jesus Christ.

PRELUDE / GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before His presence with singing. Psalm 100:2**

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

GREEN HYMNAL #481 "SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US"

**BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK: "Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity, show yourself an example to those who believe."
Timothy 4:12**

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Gracious Lord, we see Your hand throughout history, and there is no God like You! Just as John the Baptist began his ministry by calling Your people to repentance, stir up our hearts to prepare the way of our Good Shepherd. By His coming, You keep Your promise to Your servant David and nurture our growth as people of Your Holy peace; not as the world thinks of peace, but peace that comes from faith through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who comes to live and reign with You and the Holy Spirit in our hearts. You are the God who is three in one, now and forever. Amen.

HOPE FAMILY PRAYERS: Dean Vikan Family

Les & Patti Viken Family Mike & Tracy Ware Family

James & Heather Webb Family

Gerald & Joyce White Family

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

P: Lord in your mercy, C: **Hear our prayer.**

#40 "WHAT CHILD IS THIS"

1ST LESSON: FROM 1 SAMUEL 17

⁴ And there came out from the camp of the Philistines a champion named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. ⁵ He had a helmet of bronze on his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail; the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze. ⁶ He had greaves of bronze on his legs and a javelin of bronze slung between his shoulders. ⁷ The shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron; and his shield-bearer went before him.

⁸ He stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why have you come out to draw up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me.

¹¹ When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.

¹² Now David was the son of an Ephrathite of Bethlehem in Judah, named Jesse, who had eight sons.

²³ As he talked with them, the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, came up out of the ranks of the Philistines, and spoke the same words as before. And David heard him. ²⁴ All the Israelites, when they saw the man, fled from him and were very much afraid.

³² David said to Saul, "Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine."

³³ Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth."

³⁶ Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God." ³⁷ David said, "The LORD, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine." So Saul said to David, "Go, and may the LORD be with you!"

⁴⁵ But David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.

⁴⁹ David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

2ND LESSON: MATTHEW 1:17-20

So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations.

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When His mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly.

²⁰ But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

“THY WORD” (Psalm 119:105)

“Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.”
(Repeat)

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GOSPEL: LUKE 2:8-20

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.”

¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.”

¹⁶ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child;

¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

P: The Word of the Lord; **C: Thanks be to God.**

“THY WORD”

CHILDREN’S SERMON / SERMON

#52 “YOUR LITTLE ONES DEAR LORD”

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: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

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

P: It is surely right and salutary.

COMMUNION HYMN OF PRAISE:

#70 “GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN”

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 COMMUNION BLESSING

THE BENEDICTION

P: Jesus is alive in our church!

C: That makes all the difference!

BLUE HYMNAL #269 “HOW GREAT OUR JOY!”

POSTLUDE

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK/ DAILY BIBLE READINGS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

9:30am Worship/Holy Communion

10:30am Fellowship Hour/
Sunday School Christmas
Program Practice

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

3:15pm Kids Time at Ignite

6:30pm Choir Practice/
Youth Caroling Party

8:00pm Full Council Mtg.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

7:40am FCA Breakfast

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

8:30am Friday School Gr. 1-8

9:30am 9th Gr. Confirmation Class

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

9:00am Cookies By The Pound

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

9:30am Worship/Choir Cantata

10:30am Fellowship Hour/
SS Christmas Program Practice

PASTOR: Jane Ekholm

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HOPE CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE



Wednesday, Dec. 11 - 6:30pm: *Community Youth Christmas Caroling Party* (Meet at Kingo; Please bring cookies to share)



Saturday, December 14 - 9am: *Cookies By The Pound Christmas Bake Sale* (Please bring baked items Friday, Dec. 13th, before 6pm. Doors will open 6am, Friday, for anyone wanting to drop off baked goods early)



Sunday, December 15 - 9:30am: *Hope Christmas Cantata*



Wednesday, Dec. 18 - 6pm: *Hope Family Christmas Party and Potluck* (Please bring a dish to share)



Saturday, December 21 - 7pm: *The Longest Night* (A service of comfort and consolation led by our 9th grade Confirmation class, this liturgical candle-lighting service is for anyone in need of God's comforting words. All are welcome)



Sunday, December 22 - 9:30am: *Sunday School Christmas Program*



Tuesday, Dec. 24 - 5pm & 10pm: *Christmas Eve Worship Services*

THE LONGEST NIGHT

A Service of Comfort



Our 9th grade confirmation class is planning an ecumenical liturgical candle-lighting service for 7:00pm, Saturday, December 21, which is the longest night of the year.

The Longest Night, a service of comfort and consolation, is for all of us who may have some sadness, especially during this time of the year when we remember those we have lost, our own personal mistakes or losses, health conditions, job loss, depression, or things just don't seem to go right.

Come and receive God's comforting words within the faith community. All are welcome.

Prayer Requests



Lydia & Drew Wahlstrom	Beverly Drellack
Paisley Straub	Kate Moore
Malia Halvorson	Heather (Sterry) Sabin
Ilene Sistad	Christine Johnson
Paul Nelson	Skarsten Family
Lois Storey	Carol Heide
Marion Larson	Rebeka Ware
Karen Bolme	Char Langen
Hilma Stadstad	Dalton Sawyer
Janelle Knott	Christopher Vezner
Denise Monson	Paul Curfman
David & Tim Jallen	Dean & Joe Lindberg
Trina Rodgers	Carol Smeby
Angie Olson	Judy Olson
Sandy Schultz	Tom Sedler
Mike Knutson	Martha Sather
Elizabeth Barrineau	Bob Norland
Tubby Solsten	Harper Vesledahl
Kenny Rose	Wade Hedlund
Christina Anderson	Tom Andree
LeRoy Johnson	

H.E.L.P. is Here!



Our **H**ealth **E**quipment **L**ending **P**roject 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.**



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