

Welcome to our guests! Please sign our guest register & join us after the service for coffee in the fellowship hall.

**Thank you** to all who are leading us in worship today: Speaker, Nathan Johnson; Musician, Diane Boucher; Songmaster, Bennett Osmonson/Tom Kleinwachter; Reader, Kim Kleinwachter & Lector, Tracy Ware.

**No Sunday School today.**

**Advent Bible Study** “Wait Upon the Lord” is meeting after church Sundays, Nov. 7-28.

**Choir**—Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Come join us to practice the Christmas Cantata which will be performed on Sunday, Dec. 12th during the 9:30 a.m. service.

**Youth movie on** Dec. 1st at the Fosston Theater showing “Rudy” at 6 pm. Tickets are free, but bring \$ for treats.

**Hope Family Christmas Party** will be Dec. 15th with potluck beginning at 6 pm.

**Hope Children’s Christmas Program** will be December 19th during the 9:30 a.m. service.

**Christmas Eve services** will be at 5 and 10 p.m. on December 24th.

**New Member classes** will begin after the first of the year.

**Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)** Thursdays at 7:40 a.m. in our Fellowship Hall. All students in grades 7-12 are invited!

**Befrienders** will be on hiatus until January.

**No Bible study** Thursday at 1:30 at Rustad’s until Dec. 2nd.

**Quilting** No quilting until January.

## Announcements



**Help Needed TODAY:** The Altar Guild is asking for help in carrying the Christmas Decoration boxes down from the attic. If you are able to help, meet in the side chapel after the service.



**Hope Family Christmas Party** will be Wednesday, December 15th with potluck beginning at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!

### *Upcoming Servers*

#### **Acolytes for 12/05/2021:**

Will Christen & Allison Carlin

#### **Advent Family for 12/05/2021:**

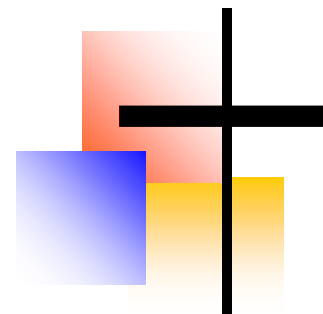
Sarah Johnson Family

#### **Reader for 12/05/2021**

Susan Skunes

#### **Ushers for December:**

Jeff Carlin, Michael Gensburger,  
Nathan Mahlen, Rod Olson, Scott  
Riveland, Tom Steinbrenner and Matt  
Wickham



## HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lutheran Congregations In Mission for Christ

*The Purpose of Hope Church is to Glorify God by Worshipping, Witnessing, Teaching, Loving and Serving our Lord, Jesus Christ.*

**November 28th, 2021 9:30 am**  
**1st Sunday in Advent**

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**Prelude**—Diane Boucher

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Invocation/Prayer of Confession**

**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

**Absolution:** Jesus’ Words of Comfort & Forgiveness

**Hymn of Praise:** (*Blue Hymnal*, #797) “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

**Prayer of the Day:** Stir up your power, Lord Christ and come into our hearts. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sin, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.

*Forgiven and renewed, you are invited to join in the Prayers of the Church:*

**L:** United into one as the Communion of Saints by the power of the Holy Spirit, let us pray with all God's people for healing, unity, and peace in all the World, (*brief silence*)

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

**Hymn** (*Blue Hymnal*, #245) “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” *verses 1 & 2*  
*as the Radtke Family comes forward to light the first candle.*

**Advent Wreath Lighting**— *the Advent wreath with five candles is a part of Christian tradition marking*

*the four weeks of waiting for the Messiah, and serve as a reminder that Jesus came as Light into our dark world. Each candle represents something different. The candles are placed in a circle representing the World. Jesus is the Light of the world.*

**Hymn-After the lighting, (Blue Hymnal, #245)**  
“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” *verses 3 & 4*

**Hope Church Choir**, “This is my Story and Song” conducted by Charity Salmonson and accompanied by Diane Boucher

**Psalm of the Day:** Psalm 25:(*please read responsively*)

L:<sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD,

C: **I lift up my soul.**

L:<sup>2</sup>O my God, in you I trust;

C: **do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.**

L:<sup>3</sup>Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;

C: **let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.**

L:<sup>4</sup>Make me to know your ways, O LORD;

C: **teach me your paths.**

L:<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth, and teach me,

C: **for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.**

L:<sup>6</sup>Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD,

C: **and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**

L:<sup>7</sup>Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

C: **according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness’ sake, O LORD!**

L:<sup>8</sup>Good and upright is the LORD;

C: **therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

L:<sup>9</sup>He leads the humble in what is right,

C: **and teaches the humble his way.**

L:<sup>10</sup>All the paths of the LORD are steadfast

love and faithfulness,

C: **for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.**

**First Lesson:** Jeremiah 33:14-16

<sup>14</sup>**The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise, I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.** <sup>15</sup>In 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. <sup>16</sup>In those days **Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will live in safety.** And this is the name by which it will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”

**Hymn:** (*Green Hymnal, #31*) “Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying”

**Second Lesson:** 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

<sup>9</sup>**How can we thank God enough for you** in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? <sup>10</sup>Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

<sup>11</sup>**Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you.** <sup>12</sup>**And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you.** <sup>13</sup>**And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.\***

*Please Stand*

*“Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.” (Psalm 119: 105)*  
*(Blue Hymnal, #184. Refrain only.)*

**Gospel:** Luke 21:25-36 (*The second coming of Christ*)

<sup>25</sup>“**There will be signs** in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the

waves. <sup>26</sup>People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

<sup>29</sup>Then he told them a parable: “**Look at the fig tree** and all the trees; <sup>30</sup>as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>Truly I tell you, **this generation\* will not pass away** until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. <sup>34</sup>“**Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down** with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, <sup>35</sup>like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>**Be alert** at all times, praying **that you may have the strength to escape all these things** that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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

**Sermon**

guest speaker, Nathan Johnson

**Hymn of Faith:** (*Blue Hymnal, #38*)

“Ye Servants of God”

**Apostles’ Creed**

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

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Benediction** (*by St. Paul to the Thessalonians*)

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

P: God goes with us!

C: **And that makes all the difference!**

**Closing Hymn:** (*Blue Hymnal, #68*)

“We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer” (*with optional last stanza*)

P: Go in Peace, serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude**—Diane Boucher