

**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: Musician, Diane Boucher; Songmaster, Bennett Osmonson/Tom Kleinwachter; Reader, Susan Skunes & Lector, Steve Ekholm.

**Advent Bible Study** “Wait Upon the Lord” is meeting after church Sundays and at 1:30 pm on Thursdays in the Heritage Room.

**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 Caroling and Living Nativity** sponsored by Ministerium will be on December 22, at 6:30 pm. Meet at Hope parking lot at 6:30 to caravan.

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

**No Friday School** December 17th or 26th.

**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.

**Quilting** No quilting until January.

**The Loaves & Fishes food shelf** is looking for donations to purchase Christmas hams for families in need. Please send your check to : PO Box 152, Fosston

## Announcements



**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 12/12/2021:**

Alex Johnson & Aiden Pederson

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

Darin & Cindi Larson Family

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

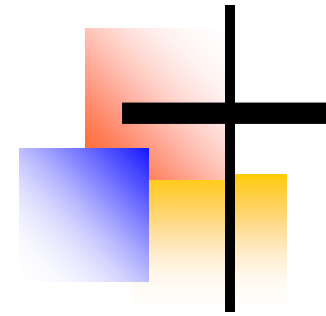
Cindi Larson

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

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



Choir Christmas  
Cantata  
Sunday, Dec.  
12th during the  
worship service.



## **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.*

**December 5th, 2021 9:30 am**  
**2nd 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, #249) “O Come, All Ye Faithful”*

**Prayer of the Day:** Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. Use us, empowered by your coming, to give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; freedom from guilt and despair, and hope for the future, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with You 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:** **Emmanuel has come, is here, and is coming soon.** Let us join in prayer for the church, the earth, and those who are in need, so that all may receive what God promises to give. *(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 Johnson Family comes forward to light the second 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.

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

**Hymn in preparation to hear the Word:**  
(Blue hymnal, #777) “**On Jordan’s Stormy Banks**”

**Psalm of the Day:** Isaiah 12:2-6:(please read responsively)

**L:**<sup>2</sup>Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the Lord God is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

**C:** <sup>3</sup>**With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.**

**L:**<sup>4</sup>And you will say in that day:

**C: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name;**

**L:** make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted. <sup>5</sup>Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth. <sup>6</sup>Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for

**C: great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

**First Lesson: Zephaniah 3:14-20;** <sup>14</sup>Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! <sup>15</sup>**The Lord has taken away the judgments against you**, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. <sup>16</sup>On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: **Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak.** <sup>17</sup>The Lord, your **God, is in your midst**, a

warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, **he will renew you in his love**; he will exult over you with loud singing <sup>18</sup>as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. <sup>19</sup>**I will deal with all your oppressors at that time.** And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. <sup>20</sup>**At that time** I will bring you home, **at the time** when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when **I restore** your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

**Second Lesson: Philippians 4: 4-7: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.** <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to everyone. **The Lord is near.** <sup>6</sup>Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

*Please Stand*

**Hymn:** (Blue hymnal, #745) “**Rejoice in the Lord Always**” (repeat twice)

**Gospel: Luke 3:7-18** <sup>7</sup>John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>**Bear fruits worthy of repentance.** Do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>9</sup>Even now **the ax is lying at the root** of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.” <sup>10</sup>And the crowds asked him, “**What then should we do?**” <sup>11</sup>In reply he said to them, “**Whoever has two coats must share** with anyone who has none; and **whoever has food must do**

likewise.”

<sup>12</sup>**Even tax collectors** came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, **what should we do?**” <sup>13</sup>He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” <sup>14</sup>**Soldiers also** asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and **be satisfied with your wages.**”

<sup>15</sup>As the people were filled with expectation, and **all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah,** <sup>16</sup>John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. **He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.**” <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” <sup>18</sup>So, with many other exhortations, **he proclaimed the good news to the people.**

P: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn:** (Blue hymnal, #745) “**Rejoice in the Lord Always**” (repeat twice)

### Sermon

**Hymn of Faith:** (Blue Hymnal, #240)  
“**Of the Father’s Love Begotten**”

### 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 (from Phillipians 4)*

**Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.** <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to everyone. **The Lord is near.** <sup>6</sup>Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

P: God goes with us!

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

**Closing Hymn:** (Blue Hymnal, #275)  
“**Sing We Now of Christmas**”

P: Go in Peace, serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude**—Diane Boucher