



HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ

What Would The Lord Say?

Worship · Witness · Teach · Love · Serve

**December 16, 2018
3rd Sunday of Advent**

PRELUDE
GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

“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:

“Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, that surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:4-7

#281 “WHAT CHILD IS THIS?”

CHILDREN’S SERMON: Lighting of the Third Advent candle (the Shepherd’s candle) by the Quam family.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Lord God of all Nations, You have revealed Your will to Your people and promised Your help to us all. Stir up Your power O Lord and come into our hearts. Protect us by Your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins. Help us to hear and to do what You command, that the darkness may be overcome by the

power of Your light, as You live and reign within us, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, the Great “I Am”, now and forever. Amen

HOPE FAMILY PRAYERS

Greg & Keri Mireault Family
Kevin & Kathryn Moore Family
Donna Moy Family Crystal Munter Family
Gary & Sylvia Munter Family

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#272 “WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED THEIR FLOCKS”

1ST LESSON: ZEPHANIAH 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!

¹⁵ 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.

¹⁶ On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak.

¹⁷ 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 ¹⁸ as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it.

¹⁹ 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.

²⁰ 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.

2ND LESSON: PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7

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

A PSALM OF ISAIAH 12:2-6 prophesying about the Messiah (about 636 BC) (please read responsively.)

L: Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid,

C: for the Lord God is my strength and my might; He has become my salvation.

L: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

C: And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the Lord, call on His name;

L: make known His deeds among the nations; proclaim that His name is exalted.

C: Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth.

L: Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,

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

PSALM 119:105

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

(Repeat)

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GOSPEL: LUKE 3:7-18

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? ⁸ 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. ⁹ 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."

¹⁰ And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?"

¹¹ In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise."

¹² Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?"

¹³ He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you."

¹⁴ 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."

¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ 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." ¹⁸ So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

PSALM 119:105 "THY WORD"

Todays sermon will be preached by Hope's Sunday school children as they present their Christmas program.

Directed by Lisa Sekely Accompanied by Jeanie Stout

#269 "HOW GREAT OUR JOY!"

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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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.

THE BENEDICTION

P: Jesus is alive!

C: That makes all the difference!

#270 "JOY TO THE WORLD!"

POSTLUDE

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

9:30 am Worship/Sunday School
Christmas Program
10:30 am Fellowship Hour
NO 11:15 am Worship Today
6:30 pm *Come & Laugh*

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17

1 Peter 3

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

1 Peter 4
4:00 pm THE GIVING TREE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

1 Peter 5
3:30 pm Kids Time!
6:30 pm Community Youth
Caroling-Meet at Kingo

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

2 Peter 1
7:40 am FCA Breakfast

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21 - 2 Peter 2

8:30 am Friday School Gr. 1-8
9:30 am 9th Grade Conf. Class

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

2 Peter 3

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

9:30 am Worship
10:30 am Fellowship Hour
11:15 am Worship

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

5:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship
10 pm Christmas Eve Worship



2019 Offering
Envelopes are in the
elevator entrance.
Extra boxes are
available in the
office if you don't
find a box with your name.



Please prayerfully consider
how you can help.



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



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keep my commandments, you will
abide in His love." (John 15:9).

**Prayer
Requests**



Lydia Wahlstrom
Drew Wahlstrom
BJ Jalowiec
Jesse Pederson
Bruce Pearson
Orland Aspen
Paisley Straub
Patti Niko
Mike Murray
Malia Halvorson
Ilene Sistasd
Sara Friesen
Paul Nelson
Lois Storey
Margaret Rustad
Marion Larson
Karen Bolme
Hilma Stadstad
Janelle Knott
Marge Bolme
Colette Hogg
Kiki & Keith Caskey
Denise Monson
Marvedene Aakhus
Tim Jallen
Gladys Josephson
Trina Rodgers
Chase Mastell
Wayne Goldsmith
Sally Hanson
Angie Olson
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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;

e-mail: sjohnson@gvtel.com

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

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.**

