



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

DECEMBER 1, 2019 - FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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

BIBLE VERSES OF THE WEEK: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!" Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. Jerusalem. Psalm 122:1-3a

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

God of abundance, we bring You the precious fruits of Your creation, and with them our lives and those of our loved ones. Teach us patience and hope as we care for those in need until the coming of Your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen

HOPE FAMILY PRAYERS

Chad & Holly Thorssen Family Hazel Trogstad Family Mary Tronerud Family
Rich & Marilyn Venem Family Lowell & Mavis Veum Family

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH P: Lord in your mercy, C: **Hear our prayer.**

BLUE HYMNAL #245 "OH COME, O COME, EMMANUEL"

1ST LESSON: ISAIAH 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

² In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

³ Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that He may teach us His ways and that we may walk in His paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴ He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

⁵ O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

2ND LESSON: ROMANS 13:11-14

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

“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: MATTHEW 24:36-44

“But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left.

⁴² Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

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

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(Repeat)

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#410 “STANDING ON THE PROMISES”

CHILDREN’S SERMON / SERMON

#562 “BE THOU MY VISION”

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 in our church! C: **That makes all the difference!**

#249 “O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL”

POSTLUDE

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

No Sunday School Classes
9:30am Worship
10:30am Fellowship Hour

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

11:00am Bible Study
3:15pm Kids Time at Ignite
6:30pm Youth Group

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

7:40am FCA Breakfast
11:00am Women of Hope Board Mtg.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

8:30am Friday School Gr. 1-8
9:30am 9th Gr. Confirmation

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

9:30am Worship with Holy Communion
10:30am Sunday School Christmas
Program Practice/Fellowship Hour

PASTOR: Jane Ekholm

ORGANIST: Mary Hanson

READER: Julia Albright

ACOLYTES: Lauren Sekely / Alexis Bailie

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Daisy Hagen Auction for the Arts

is on **Sunday, December 1st**

at the **Fosston Public Library.**

The preview starts at 1:00pm and the
live auction will begin at 2:00pm.

This event happens every two years, and helps to fund
the FCLAA (Fosston Community Library & Arts
Association) to bring culture, lifelong learning, and a
spirit of inspiration to our community.

Our
Cookies by the Pound

Christmas bake sale
will be held

Saturday, December 14th



Watch for more information in the
December newsletter.

Postcards have been mailed out to active Hope
households. If you didn't receive a postcard,
please call the church office.

**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.



Lydia & Drew Wahlstrom
 Paisley Straub
 Malia Halvorson
 Ilene Sistad
 Paul Nelson
 Lois Storey
 Marion Larson
 Karen Bolme
 Hilma Stadstad
 Janelle Knott
 Denise Monson
 David & Tim Jallen
 Trina Rodgers
 Angie Olson
 Sandy Schultz
 Mike Knutson
 Elizabeth Barrineau
 Tubby Solsten
 Kenny Rose

Christina Anderson
 LeRoy Johnson
 Beverly Drellack
 Kate Moore
 Heather Sabin
 Christine Johnson
 Skarsten Family
 Carol Heide
 Rebeka Ware
 Char Langen
 Dalton Sawyer
 Christopher Vezner
 Paul Curfman
 Dean & Joe Lindberg
 Carol Smeby
 Judy Olson
 Tom Sedler
 Martha Sather
 Bob Norland

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.**



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 / 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

THANK YOU!!

From the
Family, Youth, Education Board!

With your help, **30 boxes** were filled with gifts and sent off to Operation Christmas Child.

