



HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ

What Would The Lord Say?
Worship · Witness · Teach · Love · Serve

December 2, 2018
1st Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE / GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY WE WILL USE THE BLUE CELEBRATION HYMNAL

“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:

“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.”

Jeremiah 33: 15

#255 “LO! HOW A ROSE E’ER BLOOMING”

CHILDREN’S SERMON:

Lighting of the First Advent candle by three generations of the Quam family.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, for You have sent us Your salvation. Inspire us by Your Holy Spirit to see with our own eyes Him, Who is the glory of Israel and the light for all nations, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

HOPE FAMILY PRAYERS

Michael & Alyssa Macy Family
Nathan & Rochelle Mahlen Family
Mark & Julie Malmanger Family
Bill & Phyllis Malwitz Family
Dustin & Sarah Manecke Family

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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#286 “ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID’S CITY”

1ST LESSON: JEREMIAH 33:14-16

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.

¹⁵ 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.

¹⁶ 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."

2ND LESSON: 1 THESSALONIANS 3:9-13

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

¹¹ Now may our God and Father Himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you.

¹² 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. ¹³ 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.

PSALM 25:1-10

L: To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

C: O my God, in You I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.

L: Do not let those who wait for You be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

C: Make me to know Your ways, O Lord; teach me Your paths.

L: Lead me in Your truth, and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all day long.

C: Be mindful of Your mercy, O Lord, and of Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

L: Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to Your steadfast love remember me, for Your goodness' sake, O Lord!

C: Good and upright is the Lord; therefore, He instructs sinners in the way.

L: He leads the humble in what is right and teaches the humble His way.

C: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep His covenant and His decrees.

PSALM 119:105
"Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path."

(Repeat)

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GOSPEL: LUKE 21:25-36

"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. ²⁶ People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

²⁷ Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory.

²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

²⁹ Then He told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰ as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near.

³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near.

³² Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.

³⁴ "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵ like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ 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."

PSALM 119:105 "THY WORD"

SERMON: "READING THE SIGNS"

#290 "AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD"

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!

#278 "ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH"

POSTLUDE

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

9:30 am Worship
10:30 am SS Program Practice /
Listening Session #1 /
Fellowship Hour
11:15 am Worship

MONDAY, DEC. 3 - Hebrews 8

TUESDAY, DEC. 4 - Hebrews 9

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

Hebrews 11
3:30 pm Kids Time!
6:30 pm Listening Session #2 /
Choir Practice

THURSDAY, DEC. 6 - Hebrews 12

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

Hebrews 13
8:30 am Friday School Gr. 1-8
9:30 am 9th Grade Conf. Class

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

James 1
9:00 am COOKIES BY THE POUND

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

9:30 am Worship/Cantata/
Holy Communion
10:30 am SS Program Practice /
Fellowship Hour
11:15 am Worship/
Holy Communion

**Thanks to Emily Quam for accepting the
role of Sunday School Superintendent!**

We still need a Youth Director! Please
prayerfully consider how you can help.



We would also appreciate
donations of treats for SS
students on Sunday mornings.

**THE HOPE TRANSITION COMMITTEE
wants your feedback in regards to
our future pastor!**

We are in the process of putting a job
description together and would like your
input. We received results from the Holy
Cow Survey and the Congregational
Survey, but also want to provide a couple
of Listening Sessions.

TWO SESSIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE:

Sunday, December 2nd,
following the 9:30 worship service, and
Wednesday, December 5th
6:00-6:30 pm

These meetings will be held
in the Fireside Room.

COOKIES BY THE POUND

9:00-10:30 am, Saturday, Dec. 8th
Look for the Cookie Letter in the
December newsletter!



**Hope Choir will present the Cantata,
"Mary, Did You Know?"**

Next Sunday, December 9th
Directed by Charity Salmonson and
accompanied by Jeanie Stout.

**Mark your calendars for the
HOPE FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Wednesday,
December 12th
Beginning at 6:00 pm
with a potluck
supper.



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Fosston Loaves and Fishes Food Shelf

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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.**

