



Traditional Service 11:00

November 30, 2025

First Sunday of Advent

"Do not be afraid."

Hope Lutheran Church
November 30—11:00 am
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WELCOME

Pastor Kristin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Show Up

Ron Prebe & Gail Mowry

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose home is heaven and earth, whose salvation is sure.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Pastor: Long-expected God,

All: we confess that we look to ourselves for the peace and security only you can provide. We reach for swords and spears, reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war. We become impatient while waiting and weary of keeping awake. Free us from self-reliance, and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors. Increase our trust in God's timing, and awaken us to your advent among us, that we may abound in the hope you have promised. Amen.

Pastor: God judges us not as we deserve, but according to God's own righteousness. You are freed and forgiven, saved by grace, and ready to welcome the Savior.

All: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

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LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Pastor: In a world full of fear, where do you see hope?

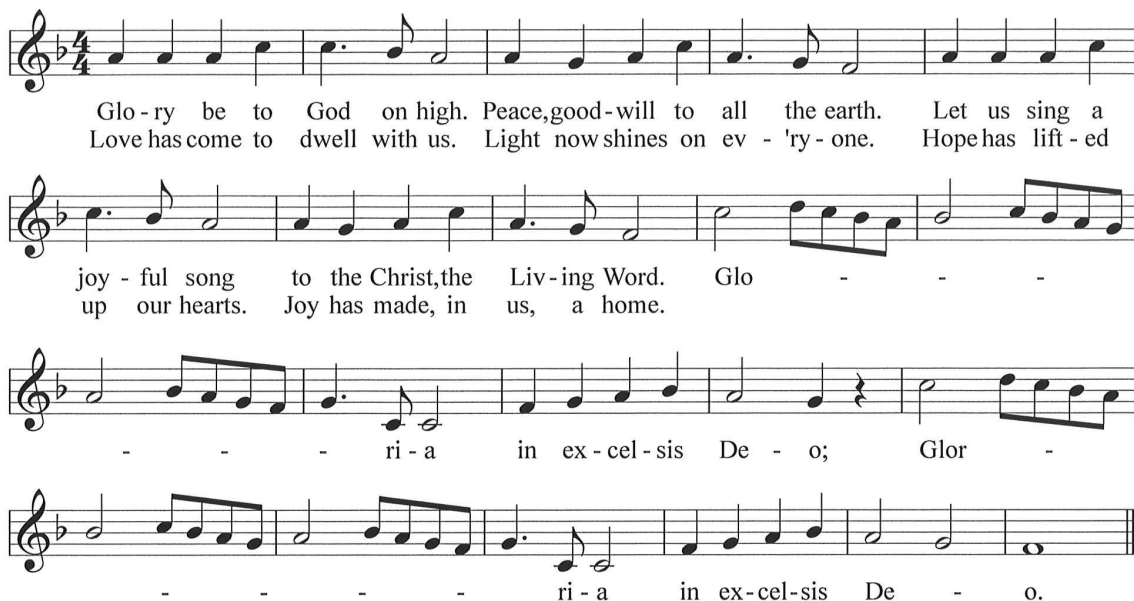
All: We see hope when we look to the next generation. We feel hopeful when we gather together. We know hope, deep in our bones, when we dream of a better world.

Pastor: You are right. Even in a fearful world, hope is all around us. Today we light the candle of hope as a reminder of this good news. May this flicker of light help us remember that we have reason to hope.

Light candle.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen!

HYMN OF PRAISE



Glo - ry be to God on high. Peace, good-will to all the earth. Let us sing a
Love has come to dwell with us. Light now shines on ev - 'ry - one. Hope has lift - ed
joy - ful song to the Christ, the Liv - ing Word. Glo - - -
up our hearts. Joy has made, in us, a home.
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.



OLD TESTAMENT READING

⁵⁵ I called on your name, O Lord, from the depths of the pit. ⁵⁶ you heard my plea, "Do not close your ear to my cry for help, but give me relief!" ⁵⁷ You came near when I called on you; you said, "Do not fear!"

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

LAMENTATIONS 3:55-57

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Pastor: The holy Gospel according to Luke.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 1:5-13

⁵ In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was descended from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. ⁶ Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. ⁷ But they had no children because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years.

⁸ Once when he was serving as priest before God during his section's turn of duty, ⁹ he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord to offer incense. ¹⁰ Now at the time of the incense offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. ¹¹ Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. ¹² When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified, and fear overwhelmed him. ¹³ But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Pam Ferrara

MESSAGE

We Long for God to Break In

Pastor Kristin



In the time of Her - od, fear had ta - ken hold
 Thick as fog the fear grew, slow - ly creep - ing in
 Pierc - ing through the stra - tus comes the an - gels' song
 In the time of Her - od, fear has ta - ken hold

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Hope was bur - ied deep and hid - den, rare as gold
 Day by day the peo - ple bent and drew with - in
 "Do not fear!" rings hol - low when we've feared so long
 Still we share a long - ing for a glimpse of hope

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Or - di - na - ry peo - ple dared not speak a - loud
 With the clouds so hea - vy, who could see the stars?
 Still in the re - cess - es of our wea - ry souls
 Or - di - na - ry peo - ple shout the truth we trust:

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Dreams of the Mes - si - ah break - ing through the clouds
 Hope - less - ness had trapped them, strong as pris - on bars
 Some - thing is a - wak - ened— could it be our hope?
 God will stop at no - thing to be here with us

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THE APOSTLE'S 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 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 catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF OUR COMMUNITY

Each petition ends with God of Grace, and people respond Hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Please be seated as the tithes & offerings to support our ministries are received.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Sometimes Our Only Song is Weeping

Adult Choir

OFFERTORY RESPONSE



Your bless - ings are im - mea - sura-ble. Our homes are warm, our
praise you, God, for love, for life, for sav - ing us___ from

bel - lies full. We of - fer now our - selves to you. God,
dark - est night. Now send us forth so we may tell the

use us an - y way you choose. We
good news of E - man - u - el.

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor: Nourishing God, you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert. Through this meal, satisfy our parched places, that we may rejoice and be fore the world signs of your kingdom come.

All: Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

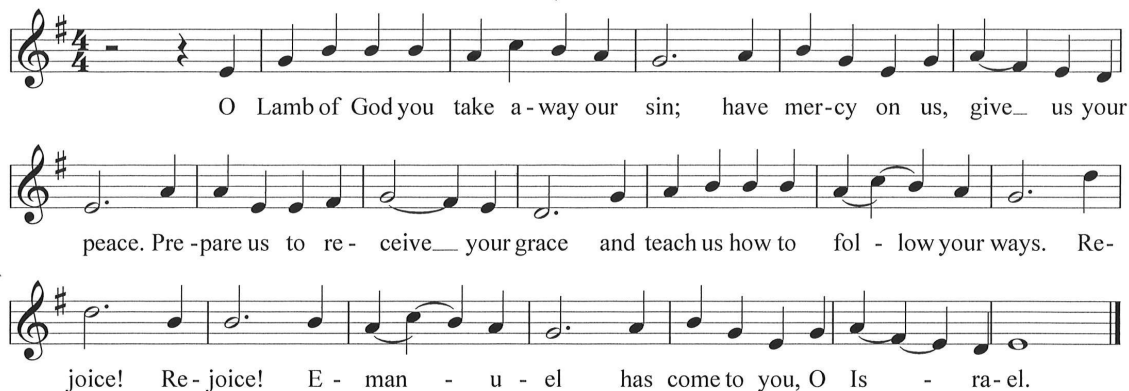
Pastor: Here is life. God is with us. Come, receive what God has promised.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Communion will be received up front. The pastors will place the wafer in your open hand. Wrapped, gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Wine and grape juice are available for intinction. Dip the bread into the cup and consume. Individual cups of wine are also available if you prefer. Return to your seat by using the aisles.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Lamb of God



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COMMUNION HYMN

Give Me Jesus

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

All: Amen.



POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: God of hope, in a world racked with fear, you gather us together. You set the table. You meet us here. You nourish our bodies as you nourish our spirits. You remind us that this is a joyful feast, and that fear cannot win every time. So with renewed courage, with renewed hope, with renewed conviction, send us out into the world. Help us to feed others as you have fed us. In your name we pray,

All: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: May the God who comes among us, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness, and good news to share today and always.

All: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Hark the Glad Sound

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Leader: As you go into the world, remember our mission!

**All: Live out Servant Love,
Show Hospitality,
Extend Generosity,
Worship the Risen Lord.**

Leader: Go in peace, a living example of the love of Jesus Christ

All: Thanks be to God!

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