



Traditional Service 11:00

December 7, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent

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Now it springs forth;
Do you not perceive it?"*

Hope Lutheran Church
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WELCOME

Pastor Kristin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come to Us

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

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

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LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

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

All: We see glimmers of peace in the quiet of early morning, when people shake hands, when loved ones say they're sorry, and when the church sings together.

Pastor: You are right. Even in a fearful world, peace is all around us. Today we light the candle of peace as a reminder of this good news. May this flicker of light help us remember even in a fearful world, peace is present. We only have to look for it.

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.
- - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o; Glor - -
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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: Merciful God, we need bread and we need laughter. We need music and we need a hand to hold. We need a chair to sit in and we need work to do. But maybe more than anything, we need your Word and a reason to hope. So move through this space today and speak to us as only you can. Speak a word of hope deep into our weary bones. For we need bread and we need laughter, but most of all, we need you.

All: Amen.



OLD TESTAMENT READING

ISAIAH 43:19-21

¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰ The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give

drink to my chosen people, ²¹ the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Pastor: The holy Gospel according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 11:1-11

¹ Now when Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and proclaim his message in their cities.

² When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples ³ and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" ⁴ Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵ the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, those with a skin disease are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. ⁶ And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

⁷ As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸ What, then, did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. ⁹ What, then, did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰ This is the one about whom it is written,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.'

¹¹ "Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist, yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

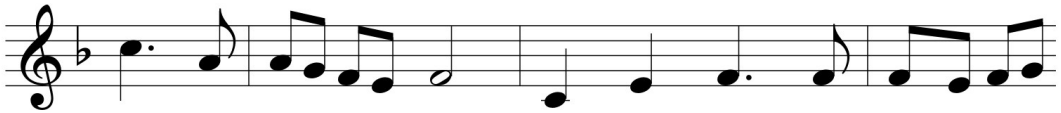
God is at Work

Pastor Kevin

HYMN OF THE DAY

Looking Out a Prison Window

Look - ing out a pri - son win - dow, who can
 All the things that keep us cap - tive shrink our
 To our sib - lings still im - pris - oned be - hind
 We are called to li - ber - a - tion, to be



see the flow - ers bloom? Hope dis - solves like dreams at
 op - ti - mis - tic faith We must prac - tice hope on
 bars of steel or fear Bring the mes - sage from our
 freed and to set free Break - ing chains of world - ly



day - break leav - ing us an emp - ty room Still be - yond what
 pur - pose e - ven when our spi - rits break 'Til at last our
 Sav - ior: hope is real and dawn - ing near Tell the gos - pel
 pow - ers who would claim our li - ber - ty Bo - dy, spi - rit,

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we can see God is al - ways plant - ing seeds
 free - dom comes And we fin - ally see the sun
 all a - round New life springs up from the ground
 mind and heart Li - ber - ate each cap - tive part

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

A Stable Lamp is Lighted

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

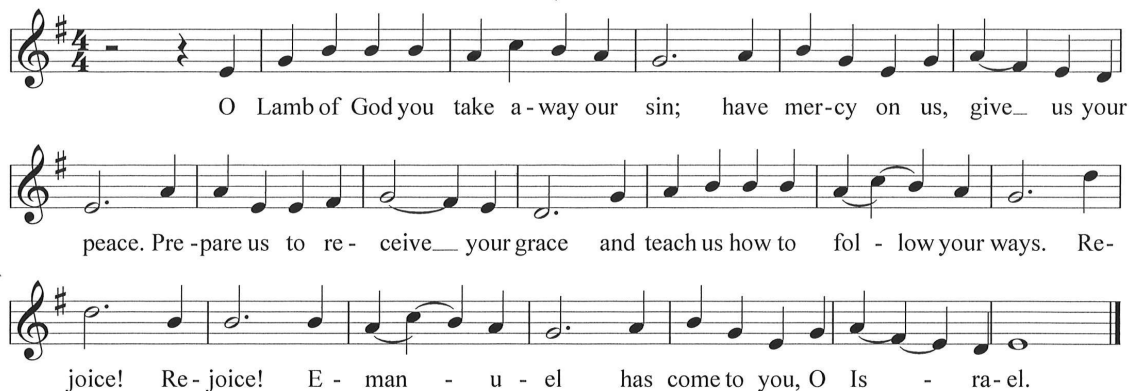
Pastor: Here is life. God is with us. Come, receive what God has promised.

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



O Lamb of God you take a-way our sin; have mer-cy on us, give_ us your
peace. Pre-pare us to re- ceive_ your grace and teach us how to fol - low your ways. Re-
joice! Re- joice! E - man - u - el has come to you, O Is - ra- el.

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COMMUNION HYMNS

People Look East

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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

Rejoice, Rejoice Believers

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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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