



Family Promises Fulfilled

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 24, 2023

Welcome

TO HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

In these days of Advent, we are preparing to celebrate the coming of Christ at the first Christmas. At the same time, we ready our hearts for the return of our Lord at the end of time. We thank you for being here at Hope today, and pray that this worship service is a blessing to your heart and soul. Remember that Jesus came for you, and that he is coming again soon!



WORSHIP CHECK-IN. Please take a moment to check in online on the homepage of Hope's website (www.hopelutheranwf.org). A special welcome to guests and visitors today!

OFFERINGS & TITHES. All are invited to make an offering today, as a worshipful expression of thanksgiving to God, and in support of the ministries of Hope Lutheran Church. You may place your gift in the offering plate next to the sanctuary exit doors as you leave. May God bless our offerings and tithes, and bless the ministry which these gifts enable!

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Wayne Puls

Senior Pastor

Rev. Devin Murphy

Associate Pastor

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Fourth Sunday in Advent
Carol Service of Holy Communion
December 24, 2023 ~ 10:00AM

PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & TIME OF GREETING

CAROL

"Once in Royal David's City" (TCH286)



1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,
2 He came down to earth from heav-en who is God and Lord of all,
3 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem-ing love;
4 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en stand-ing by,



where a moth-er laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his bed;
and his shel-ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall;
for that child so dear and gen - tle is our Lord in heav'n a - bove;
we shall see him; but in heav-en, set at God's right hand on high;



Mar - y was that moth-er mild, Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.
with the poor and meek and low-ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
and he leads his chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.
there his chil - dren gath - er round, bright like stars, with glo - ry crowned.

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, God promises to heal us and forgive us. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(silence for prayer and personal confession)

P: For self-centered living, and for failing to walk with humility:

C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

P: For jealousies that divide families and nations, and for rivalries that create strife and warfare:

C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

P: For reluctance in sharing the gifts of God, and for carelessness with fruits of creation:

C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

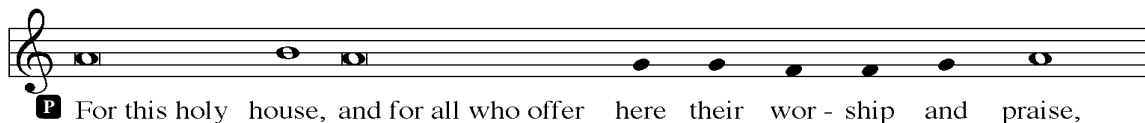
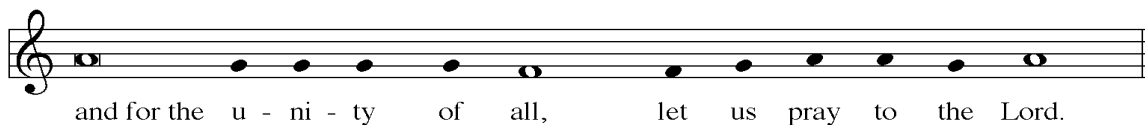
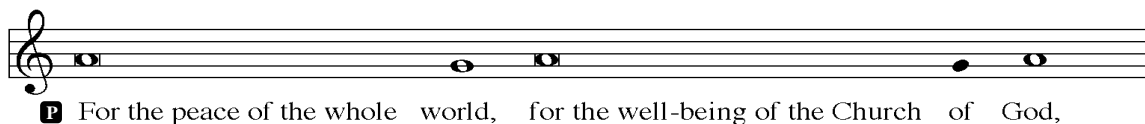
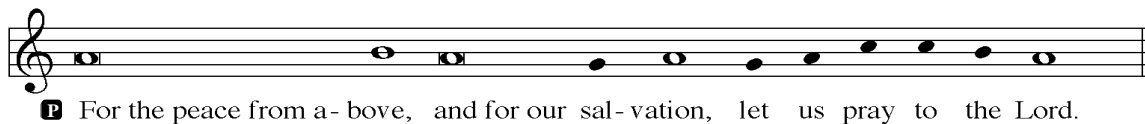
P: For hurtful words that condemn, and for angry deeds that harm:

C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthens you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

ADVENT KYRIE



ADVENT CANDLE-LIGHTING PRAYER: THE CANDLE OF LOVE

R: God of mercy and compassion, you loved the world so much that you gave your only Son to rescue your lost and fallen people.

C: **Grant us love, Lord, in all the challenging days of this life. Help us now and always to know your love for us in the person of Jesus Christ, your Son and our Savior.**

(Candle of Love is lit)

R: "Behold, I am coming soon," says the Lord Jesus Christ.

C: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

† THE SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM † REINA AURORA REBOLLAR

Birthdate: 1/20/2023

Parent: Crystal Rebollar

Sponsors: Tori Barker, Amauri Harris,
Nicole Pittman, Emmanuel Woke

BAPTISM HYMN

**Jesus loves me this I know,
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong,
They are weak but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so!**

**Jesus loves me this I know,
As he loved so long ago.
Baptized in his name today,
Reina is his child always.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so!**

† THE SERVICE OF THE WORD †

Congregation is seated

ADVENT PROPHECY

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Now when the king lived in his house and the Lord had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies, ² the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent." ³ And Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that is in your heart, for the Lord is with you." ⁴ But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan, ⁵ "Go and tell my servant David, 'Thus says the Lord: Would you build me a house to dwell in? ⁶ I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. ⁷ In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?"'" ⁸ Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, 'Thus says the Lord of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. ⁹ And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰ And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹ from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house.

¹⁶ And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.'"

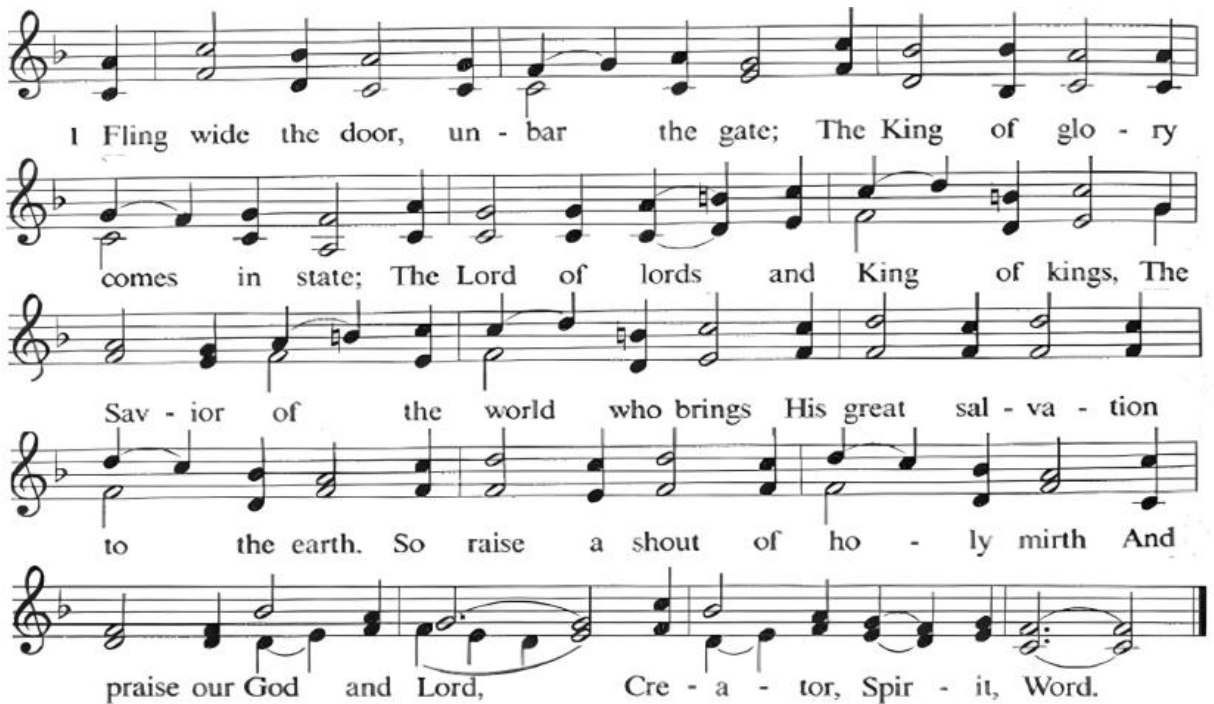
EPISTLE LESSON

Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages ²⁶ but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— ²⁷ to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

Congregation stands

VERSE FOR ADVENT

"Fling Wide the Door" (LBW32)



1 Fling wide the door, un-bar the gate; The King of glo-ry
comes in state; The Lord of lords and King of kings, The
Sav-ior of the world who brings His great sal-va-tion
to the earth. So raise a shout of ho-ly mirth And
praise our God and Lord, Cre-a-tor, Spir-it, Word.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 1:46-55

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸ for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; ⁴⁹ for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. ⁵⁰ And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. ⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; ⁵² he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; ⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. ⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, ⁵⁵ as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever."

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

Congregation is seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children may come to the front.

Children ages 3 – Grade 2 may leave for Children's Church immediately following the Children's Message by Pastor Devin Murphy.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"The King Shall Come" (LBW33)



1 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, to
3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when
4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn shall
5 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and



light tri - um - phant breaks, when beau - ty gilds the
bear and fight and die, but crowned with glo - ry
Christ, vic - to - rious, rose and left the lone - some
dawn up - on our race the day when Christ in
light and beau - ty brings. Hail, Christ the Lord! Your



east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
like the sun that lights the morn - ing sky.
place of death, de - spite the rage of foes.
splen - dor comes, and we shall see his face.
peo - ple pray: come quick - ly, King of kings.

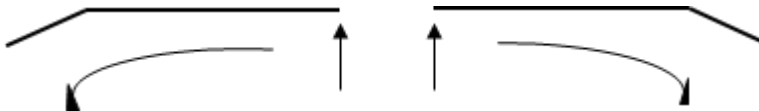
Congregation stands

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

† **A CAROL SETTING OF HOLY COMMUNION** †

Communion Participation: As Lutheran Christians, we believe Christ's body and blood are truly present with the bread and wine, offering forgiveness of sins to all who believe in Jesus Christ. We ask those who commune to share this unity of faith in Christ and understanding of the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Since the Scripture teaches that we are to examine ourselves before eating of the bread and drinking of the cup (1 Corinthians 11:28), if you are not certain of the meaning of Holy Communion or have not been baptized or instructed in the Christian faith, please speak with one of the Pastors before communing.

Communion Distribution Process: Please form two lines in the main center aisle, proceeding to the altar. After you have received communion, you may return to your pew via the side aisles.



White grape juice is provided in the center of the trays. Individual cups may be placed in the baskets provided by the acolyte. Gluten-free bread is available upon request.

Communion and Children: First communion is ordinarily offered at Hope to youth after confirmation in the 6th grade. Children and youth who have not been confirmed may come to the altar to receive a blessing. Children and non-confirmed youth should fold their arms over their chest to acknowledge they are receiving the blessing.

PREFACE

Sung to the tune: "Good King Wenceslas"

P: May the Lord be with you all.

C: And with you, his servant.

P: Lift your hearts unto the Lord.

C: Lift we hearts most fervent.

P: Let us give our thanks to God, God made man confessing.

C: Good and right it is to do, and it has his blessing.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: Thanks and praise to you, our Father, almighty Creator, merciful Lord, God of promise and fulfillment. Your faithful people of old waited for the day of your visitation. We have seen your glory in the coming of Jesus Christ, your Son, and now we wait for the day of consummation, when he will come again as Lord and King of all. With expectant hope and joy, we join the church on earth and the hosts of heaven to praise your holy name:

SANCTUS

Sung to the tune: "*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*"

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of hosts, by all adored!
Heaven and earth cannot contain
All the glory of your name!
Hail, hosanna, God most high!
Blest is he who now draws nigh
In the name of God the King.
Hallelujahs, glad we sing:
Hail, hosanna! Praises due!
Be forever, Lord, to you!**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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.**

SHARING OF PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

The ministers and congregation greet one another in the name of the Lord.

AGNUS DEI ("Lamb of God")

Sung to the tune:
"I Heard the Bells On Christmas Day"

**O Lamb of God, you take away
The sins of all; now hear us pray.
And grant us from our sin release:
Have mercy on us! Grant us peace!**

Congregation is seated

ADVENT HYMNS

"O Lord, How Shall We Meet You"



1. O Lord, how shall I meet you, How wel-come you a - right?
2. Your Zi- on strews be - fore you Green boughs and fair - est palms;
3. I lay in fet - ters, groan - ing; You came to set me free.
4. Love caused your in - car - na - tion; Love brought you down to me.



Your peo - ple long to greet you, My hope, my heart's de - light!
And I, too, will a - dore you, With joy - ous songs and psalms.
I stood, my shame be - moan - ing; You came to hon - or me.
Your thirst for my sal - vat - ion pro - cured my lib - er - ty.

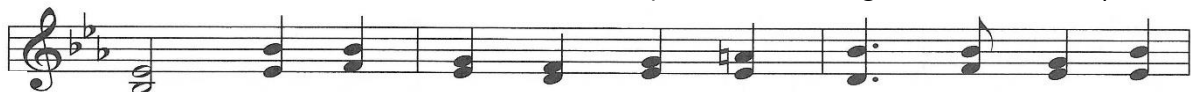


Oh, kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, Your lamp with - in my breast
My heart shall bloom for - ev - er For you with prais - es new
A glo - rious crown you give me, A trea - sure safe on high
Oh, love be - yond all tell - ing that led you to em - brace



To do in spir - it low - ly All that may please you best.
And from your name shall nev - er With - hold the hon - or due.
That will not fail or leave me As earth - ly rich - es fly.
In love, all love ex - cel - ling, Our lost and fall - en race.

"My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord" (LSB934)



1 My soul now mag - ni - fies the Lord; My spir - it
 2 For He a - lone who shows such might Has done a -
 3 His arm is strong; His strength is great. He scat - ters
 4 He feeds the hun - gry as His own; The wealth - y



leaps for joy in Him. He keeps me in His kind re -
 maz - ing things to me. His mer - cy flows; His name like
 those of proud in - tent And casts them down from high es -
 leave with emp - ty hands. He gives His help to Is - ra -



gard, And I am blest for time to come.
 light Re - mains in time per - pet - ual - ly.
 tate, Then gives the low His nour - ish - ment.
 el; His gra - cious prom - ise al - ways stands.

Congregation stands

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Sung to the tune: "God Rest You, Merry Gentlemen"

O, thank the Lord and sing his praise,
 What he has done proclaim!
 Let all who seek the Lord rejoice
 And proudly bear his name
 Who leads his thankful people forth
 His promises to claim.
 Oh, tidings of comfort and joy,
 Comfort and joy.
 Oh, tidings of comfort and joy!

Lord, let your servant go in peace,
 Your word has been fulfilled.
 My eyes have seen the saving work
 Which for the world you willed:
 The glory of your chosen race
 As light for all revealed.
 Oh, tidings of comfort and joy,
 Comfort and joy.
 Oh, tidings of comfort and joy!

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" (LBW41)



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, and, gath - ered all a - bove
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!
4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - d'ring love.
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav'n.
cast out our sin, and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.



yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light.
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
No ear may hear his com - ing; but, in this world of sin,
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;



The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
and prais - es sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!
where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
oh, come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Im - man - u - el!

DISMISSAL

P: The worship is ended.

C: The service now begins.

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



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Weekends at Hope

Hope is a place to worship God and to grow in faith. We have three worship service times to fit your needs. During our education hour, all age groups can find classes in which to engage in a meaningful way.

Worship Services

Saturdays at 5:30PM; Sundays at 8:30 & 11:00AM

Adult Education (will resume January 7)

9:45-10:45AM

JOHN: THE WORD MADE FLESH. Come join us as we continue a congregational study on the Gospel of John that will extend through the Epiphany season in January. Our study will cover John's Gospel verse by verse from 1:1 through 12:9 in a combination of sermons, Sunday morning Bible studies, WNA evening classes, and home studies written by our called staff. Listen in as we explore the beautiful vistas of John's Gospel and learn more about Jesus, the Word made flesh. Questions?

dmurphy@hopelutheranwf.org

Sunday School (will resume January 7)

9:45-10:45AM

Ages 2 & under- Nursery

Preschool Jam- Preschool Room 1

K1 Crew- Lower Level Children Center Room 1

Level 23- Lower Level Children's Center Room 2

Club 45- Room 219- across from Nursery

Confirmation - designated area based on the schedule

Middle School- Youth Center

High School- Youth Center

Nursery Care

Ages 4 and under are welcome to join our nursery team for a fun and safe place to play while you are in church services.

Children's Church

Ages 4 through Grade 3 are able to join Children's Church following the Children's Message.



Wednesday Night Alive

January 10 - February 7

This winter, you're invited to Hope for Wednesday Night Alive. There is something for everyone – dinner, adult education, youth & kid activities, and choir rehearsals – in a fun, relaxed atmosphere. Visit www.hopelutheranwf.org/WNA for more information and the weekly menu.

Dinner

5:30-6:15 PM

The Men of Hope Small Group provides a delicious meal, dessert, and drinks each week. The cost is \$6 for adults & youth, \$3 for children ages 5-10, and kids 5 and under are free. There is a \$22 family maximum.

Adult Education

6:30-7:30 PM

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Kids & Youth Activities

6:30-7:30 PM

3 -5 years - Nursery
K1 Crew- Preschool Room 1
Level 23- Children's Center
Club 45- Club 45 Room
6-8 Grade Youth Group in the Youth Center

Music

5:00 Children's Choir (Grades K-5)
5:45 Children's Handbells (Grades 2-5)
6:15-7:30: Adult Handbells in the Sanctuary
7:30-9:15: Senior Choir in the Sanctuary

