

# The Recipe of Christmas



# *Welcome to Hope!*

We are delighted to have you with us as we gather to worship and prepare our hearts for the season of Christmas. This year, our theme is The Recipe of Christmas—a beautiful reflection on the key ingredients of this holy season: Hope, Joy, Peace, and Love. Together, we explore how each of these gifts points us to the birth of Jesus, the Savior who brings light and life to the world.

May your time with us today fill you with the true spirit of Christmas as we celebrate God's love revealed in Christ!



## *For Your Information*

- **WORSHIP CHECK-IN.** Please take a moment to check in online on the homepage of Hope's website ([www.hopelutheranwf.org](http://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. Mike Lutz

Retired Pastor

Rob Varner

Director of Worship Arts

# The Recipe for Christmas

Mid-week Advent Service

December 4, 2024 - 6:30PM

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & TIME OF GREETING

## ADVENT HYMN

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*



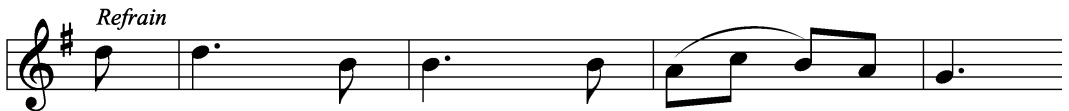
1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som  
2 O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d'rest  
5 O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen



cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly  
all things might - i - ly; To us the path of  
wide our heav'n - ly home; Make safe the way that



ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
knowl - edge show, And teach us in her ways to go.  
leads on high, And close the path to mis - er - y.



Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el



Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

## INVOCATION

### OPENING VERSICLES

**P** This is the day which the Lord has made;

**C** **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**C** **The name of the Lord is to be praised.**

**P** Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth,

**C** **Our God shall come; he does not keep silence.**

**P** Prepare the way of the Lord.

**C** **Make his paths straight.**

**P** Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness.

**C** **Let the earth open, that salvation may sprout forth.**

### ADVENT CANDLE-LIGHTING PRAYER: THE CANDLE OF HOPE

**R** *God of grace and love, you have sent your Son to this world to make our darkness bright, and to take away our sin.*

**C** **Grant us hope, Lord, in all the dark days of this life. Help us now and always to set our eyes on Jesus Christ, the true light of the world.**

*(Candle of Hope is lit)*

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

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

*Congregation is seated*

### ADVENT PROPHECY

*1 Chronicles 16:1–36*

<sup>1</sup>And they brought in the ark of God and set it inside the tent that David had pitched for it, and they offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before God. <sup>2</sup>And when David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD <sup>3</sup>and distributed to all Israel, both men and women, to each a loaf of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins.

<sup>4</sup>Then he appointed some of the Levites as ministers before the ark of the LORD, to invoke, to thank, and to praise the LORD, the God of Israel. <sup>5</sup>Asaph was the chief, and second to him were Zechariah, Jeiel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Mattithiah, Eliab, Benaiah, Obed-edom, and Jeiel, who were to play harps and lyres; Asaph was to sound the cymbals, <sup>6</sup>and Benaiah and Jahaziel the priests were to blow trumpets regularly before the ark of the covenant of God. <sup>7</sup>Then on that day David first appointed that thanksgiving be sung to the LORD by Asaph and his brothers.

- <sup>8</sup>Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples!
- <sup>9</sup>Sing to him; sing praises to him;  
tell of all his wondrous works!
- <sup>10</sup>Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!
- <sup>11</sup>Seek the LORD and his strength;  
seek his presence continually!
- <sup>12</sup>Remember the wondrous works that he has done,  
his miracles and the judgments he uttered,
- <sup>13</sup>O offspring of Israel his servant,  
sons of Jacob, his chosen ones!
- <sup>14</sup>He is the LORD our God;  
his judgments are in all the earth.
- <sup>15</sup>Remember his covenant forever,  
the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations,
- <sup>16</sup>the covenant that he made with Abraham,  
his sworn promise to Isaac,
- <sup>17</sup>which he confirmed as a statute to Jacob,  
as an everlasting covenant to Israel,
- <sup>18</sup>saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan,  
as your portion for an inheritance."
- <sup>19</sup>When you were few in number,  
and of little account, and sojourners in it,
- <sup>20</sup>wandering from nation to nation,  
from one kingdom to another people,
- <sup>21</sup>he allowed no one to oppress them;  
he rebuked kings on their account,
- <sup>22</sup>saying, "Touch not my anointed ones,  
do my prophets no harm!"
- <sup>23</sup>Sing to the LORD, all the earth!

- Tell of his salvation from day to day.
- <sup>24</sup>Declare his glory among the nations,  
his marvelous works among all the peoples!
- <sup>25</sup>For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,  
and he is to be held in awe above all gods.
- <sup>26</sup>For all the gods of the peoples are idols,  
but the LORD made the heavens.
- <sup>27</sup>Splendor and majesty are before him;  
strength and joy are in his place.
- <sup>28</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, O clans of the peoples,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!
- <sup>29</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
bring an offering and come before him!
- Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;  
<sup>30</sup>tremble before him, all the earth;  
yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.
- <sup>31</sup>Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice,  
and let them say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!"
- <sup>32</sup>Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
let the field exult, and everything in it!
- <sup>33</sup>Then shall the trees of the forest sing for joy  
before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth.
- <sup>34</sup>Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever!
- <sup>35</sup>Say also:
- "Save us, O God of our salvation,  
and gather and deliver us from among the nations,  
that we may give thanks to your holy name,  
and glory in your praise.
- <sup>36</sup>Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,  
from everlasting to everlasting!"

Then all the people said, "Amen!" and praised the LORD.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Congregation stands*



## ADVENT HYMN

*The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns*



- 1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri - um-phant breaks,  
2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, To bear and fight and die,  
3 Oh, bright-er than the ris - ing morn When Christ, vic - to-rious, rose  
4 Oh, bright-er than that glo - rious morn Shall dawn up - on our race  
5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau - ty brings.



When beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills And life to joy a-wakes.  
But crowned with glo - ry like the sun That lights the morn-ing sky.  
And left the lone-some place of death De - spite the rage of foes.  
The day when Christ in splen-dor comes And we shall see His face.  
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: Come quick-ly, King of kings!

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 1:67–80*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.

**G** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>67</sup>And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying,

<sup>68</sup>"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,

for he has visited and redeemed his people

<sup>69</sup>and has raised up a horn of salvation for us

in the house of his servant David,

<sup>70</sup>as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,

<sup>71</sup>that we should be saved from our enemies

and from the hand of all who hate us;

<sup>72</sup>to show the mercy promised to our fathers

and to remember his holy covenant,

<sup>73</sup>the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us

<sup>74</sup>that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies,  
might serve him without fear,

<sup>75</sup>in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

<sup>76</sup>And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,

<sup>77</sup>to give knowledge of salvation to his people

in the forgiveness of their sins,

<sup>78</sup>because of the tender mercy of our God,

whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high  
<sup>79</sup>to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,  
to guide our feet into the way of peace."

<sup>80</sup>And the child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day of his public appearance to Israel.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Congregation is seated*

## CAROL

*Angels from the Realms of Glory*

1 An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er  
2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your  
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, Bright - er vi - sions  
4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, Watch - ing long in  
△ 5 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,

all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,  
flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing,  
beam a - far; Seek the great De - sire of na - tions,  
hope and fear, Sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,  
Spir - it, Son, Ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing

Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth.  
Yon - der shines the In - fant Light.  
Ye have seen His na - tal star.  
In His tem - ple shall ap - pear.  
To the e - ter - nal Three in One.

*Refrain*

Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship;  
Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.



## SERMON

"A Prophecy filled with hope and divine promise" - Pastor Mike Lutz

*Congregation stands*

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord;

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Amen.**

## EVENING PRAYER

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**C** 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.

*Congregation is seated*

## BLESSING

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the X Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

**C** Amen.

## ADVENT HYMN

*Comfort, Comfort Now My People*



- 1 “Com - fort, com - fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!” So says our God.  
2 For the her - ald’s voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,  
3 Straight shall be what long was crook-ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain!



Com-fort those who sit in dark-ness mourn-ing un - der sor - row’s load.  
call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the king-dom now is here.  
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits his ho - ly reign!



To God’s peo - ple now pro-claim that God’s par - don waits for them!  
Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way!  
For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,



Tell them that their war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for - ev - er.  
Let the val - leys rise to meet him, and the hills bow down to greet him!  
and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God’s word is nev - er bro - ken.

## EVENING DISMISSAL

- P** Go in peace and quiet,  
**C** Rising to faithfully serve him in the new day.

## POSTLUDE

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# Advent & Christmas season at Hope

## Advent Worship

The Advent season begins with weekend services on December 1 and continues through December 22. Wednesday evening services will be on December 4 & 11 at 6:30PM.

## Live Nativity

Every year the people of Hope work together to share the Biblical story of Christmas with our community. Mark your calendar for our two Live Nativity performances: Saturday, December 14 at 6:45PM and Sunday, December 15 at 7:00PM.

## Cantata

"Angels Preparing the Song" will be presented by Hope's choirs and musicians. The story of Christ's birth will be celebrated in the sacred songs of the season on December 8 at the 8:30AM & 11:00AM services.

## Annual Kid's Ministry Christmas Pageant

Hope's children have been busy learning lines, making costumes, and singing joyful songs celebrating the birth of Jesus! Everyone is invited to the pageant on December 18 at 7:00PM.

## Christmas Eve Services

Children's Service (3:30 & 5:00 PM)

Candlelight Service (6:30 & 8:00 PM)

Candlelight Communion Service (11:00 PM)

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