



FIRST SUNDAY
OF
Advent

December 1, 2024

Good Hope Lutheran Church

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10:30 a.m.

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Opening Hymn *"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"* LBW #25

The Apostolic Greeting

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

The Kyrie



Lord have mer - cy on your peo - ple. Christ have mer - cy on__ us.



Shine your light in - to our dark - ness. Fill us with your ho - ly love.
Heal all con - flicts be-tween na - tions. Teach us how to love as one.



Be our strength in times of trou - ble. Set us free from chains that bind.__
Show us how to love our neigh - bor. Run to those who cry for help.__



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

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The Hymn of Praise

“Advent/Christmas Glory to God”

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 -
- - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

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*The Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, **Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

The First Reading

-Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴The 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. ¹⁵In 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. ¹⁶In 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."

L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

-Psalm 25:1-10

¹ To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

² My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

³ Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴ Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.

⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁶ Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

⁸ You are gracious and upright, O Lord; therefore you teach sinners in your way.

⁹ You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

¹⁰ All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

The Hymn

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

LBW #55

The Second Reading

-1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

⁹ 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.

L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

*The Gospel Acclamation

WOV #613

Gospel Acclamation

Celtic Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.

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*The Holy Gospel

A reading from the Gospel of Luke 21:25-36

C: Glory to you O Lord.

Jesus said: ²⁵ “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.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you O Christ.**

The Children’s Message

The Sermon

“It’s about time”

The Hymn of the Day

“The King Shall Come”

LBW #33

*The Nicene Creed (ELW)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We

look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

*The Prayers

*The Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, alive in the world, reviving creation, arriving soon. **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy,

we confess that we have sinned. We trust earthly powers and human authority alone. We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.

God of might,

we confess that we have sinned. We have turned away from our neighbors. We have trusted false promises.

God in our midst,

we confess that we have sinned. We plead: come to us. Bring your mercy to birth in us.

A righteous branch springs forth: it is Christ the Lord, our Savior, in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy. By the power of the Holy Spirit, receive the grace and forgiveness of God through Christ Jesus, whose day draws near. **Amen.**

*The Sharing of Peace

The Offering

“Your blessings are immeasurable”
(Words David Eck. Tune on Jordan’s Bank)

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 of your way you choose. We
good news of E - man - u - el.

***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, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

***The Blessing**

God of endings and beginnings, God in the darkness and the light, God, our hope for the journey, bless and keep you now and forever.

C: Amen.

***The Sending**

Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.

C: Thanks be to God.

***The Closing Hymn**

"My Lord, What a Morning"

WOV #627

***The Postlude**

***Please stand if you are able.**

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WELCOME *to all who have joined us for worship this morning. If you are a visitor, please sign the guest registry and do come visit us again. May the Lord bless each of us.*

THE OFFERING this Sunday and next Sunday is for Current Expenses.

PASTOR JOHN'S OFFICE HOURS: **Mon, 9:30-12:30 at Immanuel, Tues. 9:30-12:30 at St. John's, Wed. 9:30 to 12:30 at Good Hope.**

THE CHRISTMAS COMMITTEE will be collecting money for the Christmas sacks and Pastor's gift this morning and again next Sunday, December 8th.

THE 2025 SIGN UP sheets for lectors and greeters are on the table in the back of the church. Please sign up to help! Thank you!

'TIS THE SEASON for the Women's Circle to deliver candy, cookies and any other goodies to the elderly, shut-ins, and those in need. We are asking the congregation to help us with this endeavor. For anyone wishing to help, please bring your goodies to the church by **Thursday, December 12th before 9:15 a.m. Thank you!**

THIS WEEK AT GOOD HOPE

Wed., Dec. 4	3:00 p.m.	Care Center Worship
	7:00 p.m.	Advent Service at St. John's
		Confirmation students are expected to attend!
Sun., Dec. 8	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Senior Choir Practice
	10:30 a.m.	Worship/Holy Communion
	6:00 p.m.	Youth Night in the gym

PLEASE HELP TO beautify our sanctuary this holiday season. We are asking for donations of poinsettia plants. They add so much to our worship service. Be sure to identify your plant. If you are giving the poinsettia in memory of a loved one, please get that information to Kelly so it can be noted in the bulletin. Thank you in advance for your help!

NEEDED: One volunteer to fill a vacant slot on the funeral committee. This is NOT a demanding job. Committee meets briefly following a death to discuss the lunch. We do call for donations of food (cakes or bars only) and workers as needed. Please let Gail Hamilton know if you are willing.

WE ARE BLESSED!! Six months ago, the community was told that the Titonka Care Center was in financial trouble and only had 11 residents. Today the Care Center has 23 residents, and the financials are improved. This is all due the generosity of community members, and lots of work by the employees. As we celebrate Thanksgiving and look forward to Christmas, we the Friends of Titonka Care Center would like to express our gratitude to all who have helped during the past months. The Friends of Titonka Care Center will meet on Tuesday, December 3 at 1:30 at the Care Center and anyone is welcome to join us, as we continue this journey to help the Care Center.

DECEMBER SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

*December Sunday School: Dec. 8th & 15th

*Christmas Program Practice: Dec. 14th 10:00 ~ 11:30 a.m. (all students)

*Christmas Program: Dec. 15th at 10:30 a.m.

Students will proceed immediately from Sunday School to the sanctuary for the Christmas Program

*No Sunday School on Dec. 22nd or Dec. 29th. Sunday School resumes on Jan. 5th, 2025.

GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

•Two poinsettias are given in loving memory of their loved ones by Doug & Laura Phelps, Scott & Miranda, Chloe, and Rory, Janel & Bret and Audrey.



