

SECOND SUNDAY
OF
Advent

December 8, 2024

Good Hope Lutheran Church

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10:30 a.m.

The Prelude

Ringing of the Bell

The Welcome and Announcements

*The Opening Hymn *“Prepare the Royal Highway”* LBW #26

*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 Mercy”* (Words David Eck)



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.

The Hymn of Praise *“Glory be to God on High”* (Words David Eck)

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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***The Prayer of the Day**

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The First Reading

-Malachi 3:1-4

¹ See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ² But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap; ³ he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴ Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

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

The Responsive Reading

-Luke 1:68-79

⁶⁸ Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, you have come to your people and set them free.

⁶⁹ **You have raised up for us a mighty Savior, born of the house of your servant David.**

⁷⁰ Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us from our enemies,

⁷¹ **from the hands of all who hate us,**

⁷² to show mercy to our forebears, and to remember your holy covenant.

⁷³ **This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham:**

⁷⁴ to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship you without fear,

⁷⁵ **holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.**

⁷⁶ And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,

⁷⁷ **to give God's people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.**

⁷⁸ In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

⁷⁹ **to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

The Special Music

"The Coming Joy"

-Senior Choir

The Second Reading

-Philippians 1:3-11

³ I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴ constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵ because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷ It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because

you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸ For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹ And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰ to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹ having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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

*The Gospel Acclamation *"Celtic Alleluia"* (Words David Eck)

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 3:1-6

C: Glory to you O Lord.

¹ In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of

Abilene, ² during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴ as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. ⁵ Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; ⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

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

The Children’s Message

The Sermon

The Hymn of the Day

“All Earth Is Hopeful”

WOV #629

*The Nicene Creed

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

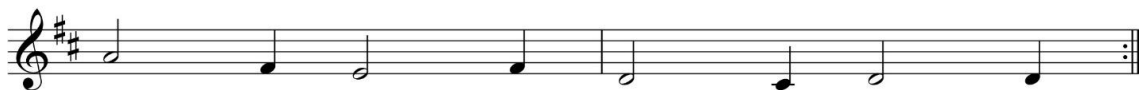
The Offering *“Your blessings are immeasurable”* (Words David Eck)



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.

*The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*Preface

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

(Words David Eck)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly One. — God of pow - er, God of might. Heav'n and
earth are full of your glor - y. Ho - sa - na in the high - est. Blessed! Blessed
is the one who comes — Blessed! Blessed! in — the name of God. —

*The Words of Institution

*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.

*Advent/Christmas

“Lamb of God”

(Words David Eck)

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.

Communion Distribution (LBW #58, #40, #44)

*The Prayer

Generous God, we thank you for the gift of life, for the bread of salvation. We thank you for coming among us, for leading us into peace. We thank you for showering us with mercy, for sending us into the world. Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us as we feed the hungry in your name. **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. **Amen.**

*The Sending

Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel. **Thanks be to God.**

*Closing Hymn "Hark, the Glad Sound!" LBW #35

*Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

TODAY WE CELEBRATE *Holy Communion. All who seek to meet Jesus, who is present body and blood in the bread and wine, are welcome to come to the table. Gluten free bread and grape juice are available. Just let the pastor or people serving communion know you need it.*

THE OFFERING today is for Current Expenses. The offering next Sunday is for the Titonka Care Center.

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 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!**

THE CHRISTMAS COMMITTEE will be collecting money for the Christmas sacks and Pastor's gift this morning.

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!

REPORTS FOR THE 2024 Annual Report book are due NO LATER than December 27th! Please get them to Kelly ASAP! Thank you!

THIS WEEK AT GOOD HOPE

Today	6:00 p.m.	Youth night at the gym
Tues., Dec. 10	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
Wed., Dec. 11	7:00 p.m.	Advent Service at Immanuel
Confirmation students are expected to attend!		
Thurs., Dec. 12	9:15 a.m.	Morning Circle
Sat., Dec. 14	10:00-11:30 a.m.	Christmas Program Practice (ALL KIDS!)
Sun., Dec. 15	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Senior Choir Practice
	10:30 a.m.	Worship/Noisy Offering/Christmas Program

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.

THE WELCA WILL have a short meeting after worship on Sunday, December 29th after our service. All women are asked to attend!

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped decorate for Christmas! **It looks amazing** and we are SO blessed to have such caring church members!

THE FRIENDS OF the Titonka Care Center are hosting an Employee Appreciation Snack Buffet for all the staff at the Titonka Care Center on December 17th, 18th, and 19th, from 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. each of these three days. It's our way of saying "Thank You" to the dedicated staff and employees at TCC. You can help show your appreciation by donating and

bringing your Christmas Goodies to the employee break room between 8 and 10 any one of those three days and tell them Thank You!

*Worship Opportunities
During Advent and Christmas*

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| December 11 th | 7:00 p.m. | Advent Service at Immanuel |
| December 18 th | 7:00 p.m. | Advent Service at Good Hope |
| December 24 th | 5:00 p.m. | Candlelight Service @ St. John's
with Holy Communion |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Candlelight Service @ Immanuel
with Holy Communion |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Candlelight Service
@ Good Hope |
| December 25 th | 9:00 a.m. | Joint Worship Service
@ Good Hope |



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.
- Three poinsettias given in loving memory of Bud Heesch, and Joy Nelson Clarence & Hazel Akkerman, Bruce Akkerman, Harold Wibben, Randy Stock, Wayne Worth, Dave Huff, Marlin Uglund, Mike & Di Movick. They are given by Mark & Brenda Heesch.
- The two wreaths next to the cross are given in loving memory of Bill & Janet Madsen. They are given by their family.

DECEMBER SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

*December Sunday School: December 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.