

Greetings, favored one!
The Lord is with you

LUKE 1:28



Hope Lutheran Church

December 20, 2020

Pastor
Organist

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Alberta Block

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Prelude, Welcome, Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle..."O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (vs 1-4) # 34
(listen)

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Hymn of Praise (spoken)

"This is the feast of victory for our God,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia"

Prayer of the Day (in unison)

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that would obstruct your mercy, that willingly we may bear your redeeming love to all the world, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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The Prayer

Welcome to Hope Lutheran!

We are happy to have you worship with us today! Please sign our guestbook in the entry if you are visiting. We invite all communing Christians to join us in Holy Communion.

The Calendar

Thursday, December 24: Christmas Eve

5:00 pm: Christmas Eve Worship @ Hope Lutheran

(No in-person worship....will be streamed on FACEBOOK)

7:00 pm: Christmas Eve Worship @ Grace Lutheran

(in-person worship)

Friday, December 25: Christmas Day

A Blessed Christmas to all!

Sunday, December 27:

10:00 am: Worship

In Our Prayers we remember Bruce Gerking and Ruth Hietbrink.

Christmas Eve Bulletins.....

Are available on entry cart....Please take one and you can use it to follow along on our "streamed" Christmas Eve service.

Devotionals.....

For the New Year 2021...(Jan-Mar)..are available on entry cart. Please pick up your copy soon.

Thank You.....

Again, THANK YOU, for the generous donations for the Friendship Home...the gifts were delivered Monday.....and the Food Pantry "Advent" basket was delivered Thursday....62# of great items!!!

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First Reading

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

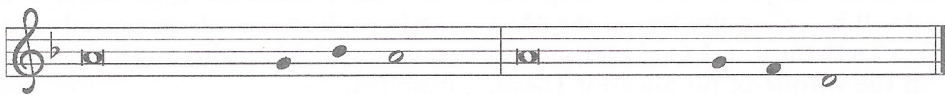
Now when [David] the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ²the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." ³Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you."

⁴But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: ⁵Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? ⁶I 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 and a tabernacle. ⁷Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of

cedar?" ⁸Now 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 to be prince over my people Israel; ⁹and 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. ¹⁰And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹from 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. ¹⁶Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

Psalmody

Luke 1:46b-55; tone 9



My soul proclaims the greatness
of the Lord,

⁴⁷my spirit rejoices in ¹ God
my Savior,

⁴⁸for you, Lord, have looked with
favor on your ¹ lowly servant.

From this day all generations will
¹ call me blessed;

⁴⁹you, the Almighty, have done great
¹ things for me,
and holy ¹ is your name.

continued

⁵⁰**You have mercy on**
those who fear you,
from generation to generation.
⁵¹**You have shown strength**
with your arm;
and scattered the proud in
their conceit,
⁵²**casting down the mighty**
from their thrones
and lifting up the lowly.

⁵³**You have filled the hungry**
with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
⁵⁴**You have come to the aid of your**
servant Israel,
to remember the promise of mercy,
⁵⁵**the promise made to our forebears,**
to Abraham and his
children forever.

or Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26 [not printed]

Second Reading

Romans 16:25-27

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages ²⁶but is now disclosed, and through the pro-

phetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—²⁷to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

Gospel

Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God." ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David.

³³He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God." ³⁶And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

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