



He will  
baptize you with  
the Holy Spirit and fire

LUKE 3:16

# Hope Lutheran Church

December 12, 2021

**Pastor**

**Jim Helgren**

**Organist**

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## Third Sunday of Advent

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### Prelude, Welcome, & Announcements

### Lighting of the Advent Candles

**Hymn "Oh, Come, Oh, Come Emmanuel" Verse 3**

**FOG # 169**

**Opening Hymn "Come Holy Spirit"**

**FOG # 150**

### Call to Worship

**P: Blessed is he who comes as king, who comes in the name of the Lord..**

**C: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

**P: I will hear what the Lord God has to say—**

**C: a voice that speaks for peace.I.**

**P: Peace for all people and for his friends.**

**C: And those who turn to him in their hearts.**

**P: His help is near for those who fear him,**

**C: and his glory will live in our land.**

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**C: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

**Hymn of Praise "Angels from the Realms of Glory" verse 1**

**FOG # 190**

**Prayer of the Day (in unison)**

**Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the preaching of John, that rejoicing to your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## The Lessons Zephaniah 3:14-20

## Psalmody: Isaiah 12:2-6

## Philippians 4:4-7

**Alleluia**

**FOG # 361**

## Gospel Luke 3:7-18

## Sermon

Hymn of the Day "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

FOG # 168

## The Apostles' Creed

FOG pg. 137

## **Offering/Offertory**

## Prayers of the Church

## The Lord's Prayer

## **Benediction & Dismissal**

### **Closing Hymn "Joy to the World"**

**FOG # 171**

**We are happy to have you worship with us today! Please sign the guest book in the entry if you are visiting.**

Wednesday, December 15th: 4:00 p.m. Confirmation @ Grace

**Sunday, December 22nd: 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion Worship**

**We remember Bruce Gerking, & Leta Steinkuhler. We also pray for Adam Helgren serving in Kuwait.**

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**FIRST READING: Zephaniah 3:14-20**

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;  
shout, O Israel!  
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter Jerusalem!  
 15 The LORD has taken away the  
judgments against you,  
he has turned away your enemies.  
The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your  
midst;  
you shall fear disaster no more.  
 16 On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:  
Do not fear, O Zion;  
do not let your hands grow weak.  
 17 The LORD, your God, is in your midst,  
a warrior who gives victory;  
he will rejoice over you with gladness,  
he will renew you in his love;  
he will exult over you with loud singing  
18 as on a day of festival.  
I will remove disaster from you,  
so that you will not bear reproach  
for it.  
 19 I will deal with all your oppressors  
at that time.  
And I will save the lame  
and gather the outcast,  
and I will change their shame into praise  
and renown in all the earth.  
 20 At that time I will bring you home,  
at the time when I gather you;  
for I will make you renowned and praised  
among all the peoples of the earth,  
when I restore your fortunes  
before your eyes, says the LORD.

**Psalmody: Isaiah 12:2-6****SECOND READING: Philippians 4:4-7**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. 5 Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. 6 Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of

God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**GOSPEL: Luke 3:7-18**

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. 9 Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

10 And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" 11 In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." 12 Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" 13 He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." 14 Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

15 As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, 16 John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 17 His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

18 So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.