



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

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.

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.

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!
¹⁵The 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.
¹⁶On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.
¹⁷The 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
¹⁸as on a day of festival.
I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach
for it.
¹⁹I 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.
²⁰At 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. ⁵Let your gentleness be
known to everyone. The Lord is near.
⁶Do not worry about anything, but in
everything by prayer and supplication
with thanksgiving let your requests be
made known to God. ⁷And 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? ⁸Bear fruits worthy of repen-
tance. 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. ⁹Even 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."

¹⁰And the crowds asked him, "What
then should we do?" ¹¹In reply he said to
them, "Whoever has two coats must share
with anyone who has none; and who-
ever has food must do likewise." ¹²Even
tax collectors came to be baptized, and
they asked him, "Teacher, what should we
do?" ¹³He said to them, "Collect no more
than the amount prescribed for you."
¹⁴Soldiers 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."

¹⁵As the people were filled with ex-
pectation, and all were questioning in
their hearts concerning John, whether he
might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John 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. ¹⁷His win-
nowing 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."

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