

*You are my Son, the Beloved;
with you I am well pleased*

LUKE 3:22



Hope Lutheran Church

January 9, 2021

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Baptism of Our Lord

Prelude, Welcome, & Announcements

Opening Hymn "As with Gladness Men of Old "

LBW # 82

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.

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 "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" verse 1

LBW # 90

Prayer of the Day (in unison)

Everlasting God, the radiance of all faithful people, you brought the nations to the brightness of your rising. Fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to all the world through him who is the true light and the

bright morning star, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Lessons Isaiah 43:1-7

Psalm 29

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Acts 8:14-17

Alleluia

Gospel Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Sermon

Hymn of the Day "Baptized in Water"

WOV # 693

The Apostles' Creed

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Offering/Offertory

Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction & Dismissal

Closing Hymn "What a Fellowship"

WOV # 780

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

Wednesday, January 12th: 4:00-5:00 p.m. Confirmation at Grace,
7:00 p.m. Church Council

Thursday, January 13th: 1:30 p.m. Bible Study & General Meeting @
Marilyn's house

Sunday, January 16th: 10:00 a.m. Joint Holy Communion Sunday Worship
at Grace

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:1-7

But now thus says the LORD,
 he who created you, O Jacob,
 he who formed you, O Israel:
 Do not fear, for I have redeemed
 you;

I have called you by name, you
 are mine.

²When you pass through the waters,
 I will be with you;
 and through the rivers, they shall
 not overwhelm you;
 when you walk through fire you
 shall not be burned,
 and the flame shall not
 consume you.

³For I am the LORD your God,
 the Holy One of Israel, your
 Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,
 Ethiopia and Seba in exchange
 for you.

⁴Because you are precious in my
 sight,
 and honored, and I love you,
 I give people in return for you,
 nations in exchange for your life.

⁵Do not fear, for I am with you;
 I will bring your offspring from
 the east,
 and from the west I will gather you;

⁶I will say to the north, "Give
 them up,"
 and to the south, "Do not
 withhold;

bring my sons from far away
 and my daughters from the end
 of the earth—

⁷everyone who is called by my name,
 whom I created for my glory,
 whom I formed and made."

Psalm 29**SECOND READING: Acts 8:14-17**

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

GOSPEL: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation, 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 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."

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11.

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ELCA-V

Voting on Consideration of Removal of Specific Trees

Annual Meeting: January 23rd

Over the last year, Hope Lutheran Church council has been exploring and looking at many options for the parsonage and parsonage property. At this juncture, the first step they have decided to bring forward to the congregation for a vote at the annual meeting is the idea of tree removal.

What trees will be removed?

1. The two trees directly to the East of the parsonage
2. The tree between the parsonage and church (north of the driveway)
3. The pine tree north of the bell tower

Why remove the trees?

1. Chance of structural damage to the parsonage & church
2. Parsonage & church gutters fill with leaves, needles and seed pods ; need to be cleaned out regularly to avoid water damage to structure
3. Roots are causing sidewalk to heave, which poses a danger for those walking on those sidewalks; pine tree roots are pushing on the church foundation
4. Leaves, leaves and more leaves; Cathy Steinkuhler rakes well over 150 bags of leaves, each year, which then have to be hauled away ; dispose of
5. If in the future the parsonage was to be removed, the trees would have to be taken down first
6. Taking care of the all above tasks by the congregation is becoming increasingly difficult

What would it cost?

1. The council is getting three bids to have trees cut down and stumps removed (they will have the bids by the annual meeting)
2. To keep costs down, clean up will be done by congregational volunteers who have already committed to help with the project

- *If you have additional questions or want additional information before the Annual Meeting, please visit with a Council Member.*