



*Glory to God
in the highest!*

LUKE 2:14

Hope Lutheran Church

December 24, 2022

Pastor

Jim Helgren

Organist

Ruth Neeman

Nativity of Our Lord

Prelude, Welcome, Announcements

Piano

Ingrid Mitchell

Christmas Proclamation

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Opening Hymn "O, Come, All Ye Faithful"

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Invocation

Confession

P: God of Life,

C: You promise good news of great joy for all people, and call us to be messengers of your peace. We confess that too often we hoard our joy, our resources, and our security. We nurture conflict and build barriers. We neglect the needs of our neighbors and ignore the groaning of creation. Have mercy on us. Where we are self-centered, open our hearts. Where we are reluctant, give us courage. Where we are cynical, restore our trust. Renew us with your grace and give us again the hope of eternal life in you. Amen.

Absolution

Hymn of Praise

"O Holy Night"

Craig Straube

Dialogue

P: Sing to God something brand new!

C: For God has done wonderful things!

P: God has not forgotten to love us all!

C: Even the ends of the earth have heard!

P: Make a joyful noise!

C: Break forth in song!

P: With strings and horns,

C: Sing praise to the Holy One!

P: With the roaring sea and everything in it!

C: With all the land and everything in it!

P: The floods clap their hands.

C: The hills sing for joy.

P: Thank God! God is coming to set everything right;

C: Justice for everyone, everything fair.

P: Sing to God something brand new!

C: For God has done wonderful things!

Prayer of the Day (in unison)

Almighty God, you gave us your only Son to take on our human nature and to illumine the world with your light. By your grace adopt us as your children and enlighten us with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading Isaiah 9:2-7

Second Reading Titus 2:11-14

Gospel Luke 2;1-14 (15-20)

Sermon

Special Music "Go Tell It On the Mountain" Jerry & Mark Neeman, Mark, Hunter, & Preston Rumery, Craig Straube, & Junior Watermeier

Responsive Prayer

P: Glory to God in the highest,

C: And peace to God's people on earth.

P: Blessed are you, Prince of Peace. You rule the earth with truth and justice.

C: Send your gift of peace to all nations of the world.

P: Blessed are you, Son of Mary. You share our humanity.

C: Have mercy on the sick, the dying, and all who suffer this day.

P: Blessed are you, Son of God. You dwell among us as the Word made flesh.

C: Reveal yourself to us in word and sacrament that we may bear your light to all the world. Amen.

The Peace

Offering

Offertory "I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve" Vivienne Neemann

Offertory Prayer

God of Abundance, receive and bless these gifts we have offered. Join our hearts with the song of the angels, and gather us at your table of celebration. Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

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Prayer

Lighting of the Candles

"Silent Night"

Preston Rumery

Hymn "Silent Night"

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Benediction and Dismissal

Closing Hymn "Joy to the World"

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We are happy to have you celebrate the birth of our Savior with us tonight! Please sign the guest book in the entry if you are visiting. We invite all communing Christians to join us in Holy Communion. Merry Christmas!

Sunday, December 25th: 10:00 Joint Christmas Day Worship at Hope

In our prayers we remember Bruce Gerking and Ruth Hietbrink.

**Instrumental music by Ingrid Mitchell, Haley Moy, Vivienne Neeman,
and Preston Rumery.**

**We want to thank Ingrid Mitchell, the Neeman family, the Rumery
family, Craig Straube & Junior Watermeier for their special music
tonight. You all made our night brighter!**



FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep
darkness—

on them light has shined.
³You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.
⁴For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
⁷His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and
forevermore.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Psalm 96

SECOND READING: Titus 2:11-14

The grace of God has appeared, bringing
salvation to all, ¹²training us to renounce
impiety and worldly passions, and in the
present age to live lives that are self-con-
trolled, upright, and godly, ¹³while we wait
for the blessed hope and the manifestation
of the glory of our great God and Savior,
Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He it is who gave himself for
us that he might redeem us from all iniqu-
ity and purify for himself a people of his
own who are zealous for good deeds.

GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]

In those days a decree went out from
Emperor Augustus that all the world should
be registered. ²This was the first registration
and was taken while Quirinius was governor
of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be
registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town
of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city
of David called Bethlehem, because he was
descended from the house and family of
David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary,
to whom he was engaged and who was ex-
pecting a child. ⁶While they were there,
the time came for her to deliver her child.
⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and
wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him
in a manger, because there was no place for
them in the inn.

⁸In that region there were shepherds living
in the fields, keeping watch over their flock
by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood
before them, and the glory of the Lord shone
around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But
the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for
see—I am bringing you good news of great joy
for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in
the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah,
the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will
find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and
lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was
with the angel a multitude of the heavenly
host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those
whom he favors!"

[¹⁵When the angels had left them and
gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one
another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and
see this thing that has taken place, which
the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶So they
went with haste and found Mary and Joseph,
and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When
they saw this, they made known what had
been told them about this child; ¹⁸and
all who heard it were amazed at what the
shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured
all these words and pondered them in her
heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying
and praising God for all they had heard and
seen, as it had been told them.]

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1:1-4 [5-12]; John 1:1-14.

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