

*Greetings, favored one!*  
**The Lord is  
with you**

LUKE 1:28



# Hope Lutheran Church

## December 24, 2023

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## Fourth Sunday of Advent

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**Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen**

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In our prayers we remember Bruce Gerking and Carol Speth.

Welcome to Hope Lutheran Church! We are so happy to have you worship with us today. If you are visiting, please sign our guestbook in the entry.

Tonight: 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship - Hope

7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship - Grace

Monday, December 25th: Christmas Day

Sunday, December 31st: Worship; New Year's Eve

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## Fourth Sunday of Advent

## 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,<sup>2</sup> the 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." <sup>3</sup>Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the **LORD** is with you."

<sup>4</sup>But that same night the word of the **LORD** came to Nathan: <sup>5</sup>Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the **LORD**: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? <sup>6</sup>I 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. <sup>7</sup>Wherever 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?" <sup>8</sup>Now 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; <sup>9</sup>and 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. <sup>10</sup>And 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, <sup>11</sup>from 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. <sup>16</sup>Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

Luke 1:46b-55

or Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26

## 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<sup>26</sup>but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—<sup>27</sup>to 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,<sup>27</sup>to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary.<sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you."<sup>29</sup>But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.<sup>30</sup>The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.<sup>31</sup>And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus.<sup>32</sup>He 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.<sup>33</sup>He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."<sup>34</sup>Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?"<sup>35</sup>The 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.<sup>36</sup>And 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.<sup>37</sup>For nothing will be impossible with God."<sup>38</sup>Then 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.

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Isaiah 61:10—62:3; Psalm 148; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40.

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