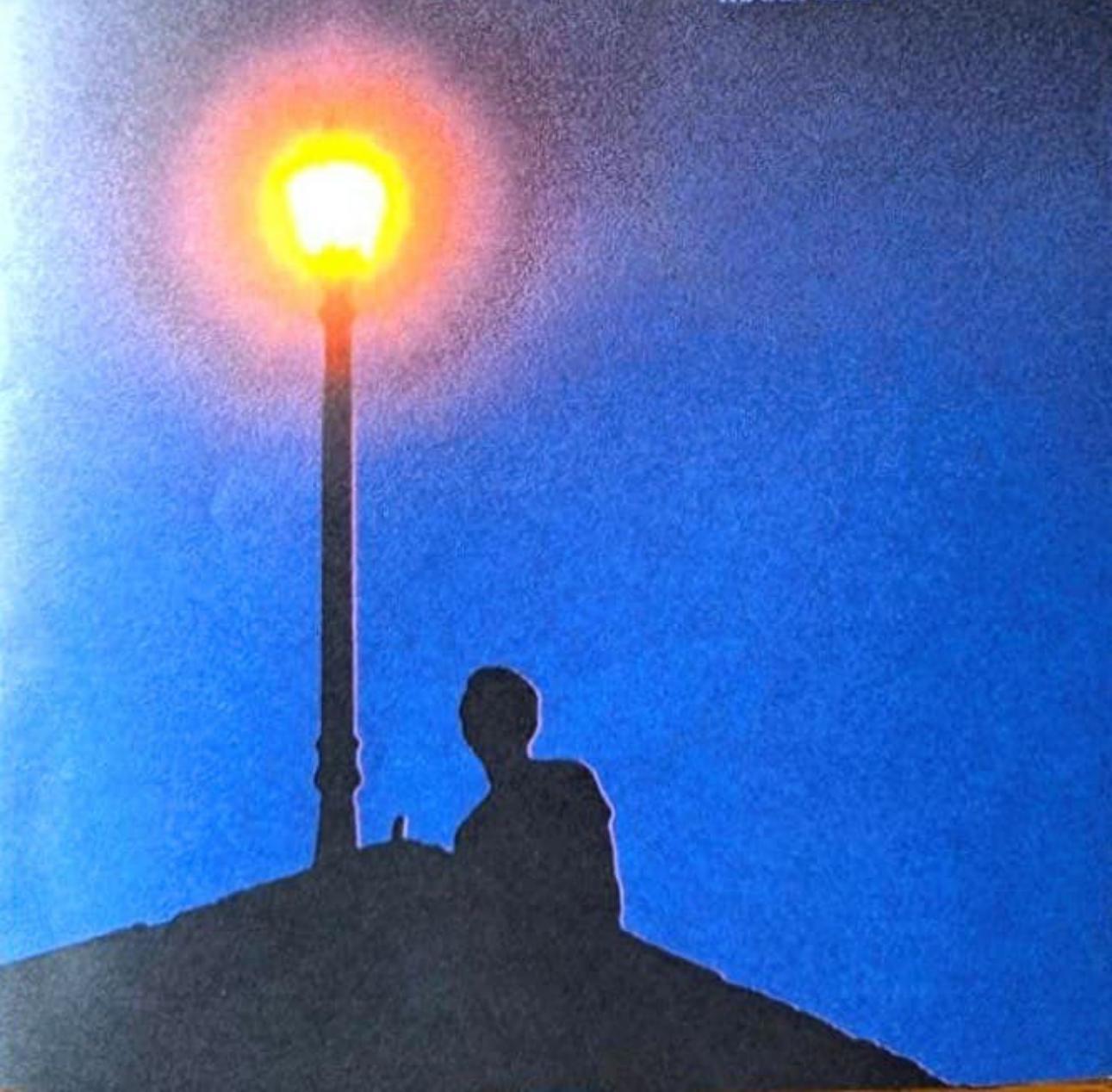


# Keep awake

MARK 13:37



# First Sunday of Advent

## Prelude, Welcome, Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle sing one verse of "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"	LBW # 34
Opening Hymn "Prepare the Royal Highway"	LBW # 26
Brief Order of Confession	pg. 56
Greeting & Kyrie	
Hymn of Praise "This is the Feast"	pg. 60
Prayer of the Day (in unison)	
Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.	
The Lessons	Isaiah 64:1-9
	Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
	1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Alleluia	pg. 62
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Sermon	
Hymn of the Day "Fling Wide the Door"	WOV # 32
Nicene Creed	pg. 64
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Offering / Offertory "Let the Vineyards"	pg. 66

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Benediction & Dismissal	
Closing Hymn "All the Earth is Hopeful"	WOV # 629

Welcome to Hope Lutheran. Visitors please sign our guest book in the entry. As we celebrate Holy Communion, we invite all communing Christians to participate. You may come forward to commune or pick up a communion baggie and commune in your pew.

In our prayers we remember Bruce Gerking and Carol Speth.

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Wednesday, December 6th: 6:00 p.m. Confirmation

Sunday, December 10th: 10:00 a.m. Worship

100th Birthday Party for Eddie Harms Sunday, December 17th  
 1:30-4:00 p.m. at Luther Memorial Church. Cards can be sent to  
 Eddie at 1400 Mohawk Syracuse, NE 69446

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## FIRST READING: Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens  
and come down,  
so that the mountains would quake at  
your presence —  
as when fire kindles brushwood  
and the fire causes water to boil —  
to make your name known to your  
adversaries,  
so that the nations might tremble at  
your presence!  
When you did awesome deeds that we  
did not expect,  
you came down, the mountains  
quaked at your presence.  
From ages past no one has heard,  
no ear has perceived,  
no eye has seen any God besides you,  
who works for those who wait for him.  
You meet those who gladly do right,  
those who remember you in your ways.  
But you were angry, and we sinned;  
because you hid yourself we  
transgressed.  
We have all become like one who is  
unclean,  
and all our righteous deeds are like a  
filthy cloth.  
We all fade like a leaf,  
and our iniquities, like the wind, take  
us away.  
There is no one who calls on your name,  
or attempts to take hold of you;  
for you have hidden your face from us,  
and have delivered us into the hand of  
our iniquity.  
Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.  
Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,  
and do not remember iniquity forever.  
Now consider, we are all your people.

## Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 [not printed]

## GOSPEL: Mark 13:24-37

[Jesus said:] "In those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,  
and the moon will not give its light,  
and the stars will be falling from  
heaven,  
and the powers in the heavens will  
be shaken.

<sup>16</sup>Then they will see 'the Son of Man  
coming in clouds' with great power and  
glory. <sup>17</sup>Then he will send out the angels,  
and gather his elect from the four winds,  
from the ends of the earth to the ends of  
heaven.

<sup>18</sup>From the fig tree learn its lesson:  
as soon as its branch becomes tender  
and puts forth its leaves, you know that  
summer is near. <sup>19</sup>So also, when you see  
these things taking place, you know that  
he is near, at the very gates. <sup>20</sup>Truly I tell  
you, this generation will not pass away  
until all these things have taken place.  
<sup>21</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my  
words will not pass away.

<sup>22</sup>But about that day or hour no one  
knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor  
the Son, but only the Father. <sup>23</sup>Beware,  
keep alert; for you do not know when the  
time will come. <sup>24</sup>It is like a man going on  
a journey, when he leaves home and puts  
his slaves in charge, each with his work,  
and commands the doorkeeper to be on  
the watch. <sup>25</sup>Therefore, keep awake—for  
you do not know when the master of the  
house will come, in the evening, or at mid-  
night, or at cockcrow, or at dawn. <sup>26</sup>or else  
he may find you asleep when he comes  
suddenly. <sup>27</sup>And what I say to you I say to  
all: Keep awake."



# 2023 Holiday Wish List

Underlined items are things most requested.

## Gift Certificates make great gifts!

- Walmart
- Grocery stores
- Target
- Kohl's
- Gas Stations
- LES
- Cost Cutters
- Old Navy
- Scheels
- Urban Air
- Gateway Mall
- Southpointe Mall
- Movie Theaters
- Bowling
- Pre-Historic Putt
- Best Buy
- Barnes & Noble
- Manicures/Pedicures
- Fast food restaurants
- Round 1
- Shoe Stores

Drop-off  
Please schedule a drop off time for your unwrapped gifts

## Gifts for Kids

Please avoid any toys that imply violence (toy weapons, wrestling, war items, nerf guns, & G.I.Joes).

- Hot new toys for 2023
- Any infant or toddler toys
- Husker & other sports team items
- Electronic handheld games
- LEGO sets
- Cooking play sets
- Dress-up clothes for girls & boys
- Backpacks & Lunchboxes
- Barbies/Dolls (ethnically diverse)
- Books for all ages
- Trucks & trains
- Remote control cars
- Motorcycle toys
- Sports gear (basketball, football)
- Super Heroes
- Closed-toed shoes
- Kids' jeans (any size)
- Science Kits
- Big Wheels or riding toys
- Air pumps
- Earbuds
- Makeup sets
- Jewelry for teens
- Games/Puzzles for all ages
- Art & craft kits for all age
- Coloring books/Crayons
- Twin & full size sheet sets
- Twin & full size comforters
- Pajamas, robes & slippers
- Winter coats (all sizes)
- Sweatpants/leggings (all sizes)
- House Decor
- Bath & body wash sets
- Dish sets
- Kitchen Utensils
- Pots & pans  
(9x13, pizza pans, muffin pans)
- Picture Frames
- Perfume
- Lotions
- Mixing bowls
- Cookie sheets
- Bathroom sets
- Silverware sets
- Drinkware sets
- Coffeemakers
- Coffee mugs
- Dishcloths & dish towels
- Lamps
- Wall clocks
- Vacuums
- Luggage, duffel & tote bags
- Laundry hampers
- Baby monitors
- Sketchbooks & adult coloring
- Colored pencils and markers
- DVD Players
- Sound machines
- Kids' clothing (any size)
- Boys' underwear
- Vaporizers/Humidifiers