



PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD

MARK 1:3

Hope Lutheran Church

December 10, 2023

Pastor

Jim Helgren

Organist

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Second Sunday of Advent

Prelude, Welcome, Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle, vrs. 1 & 2 of "O Come, O Come
Emmanuel

LBW # 34

Opening Hymn "My Lord, What a Morning"

WOV # 627

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.

All: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on
earth.

Hymn of Praise "Let All Together Praise Our God" 1-2 LBW # 47

Prayer of the Day (In unison) Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; 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 Isaiah 40:1-11

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

LBW pg. 254

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Gospel Mark 1:1-8

Sermon

Hymn of the Day "Hark, the Glad Sound"

LBW # 35

Apostles' Creed

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Offering/Offertory

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Prayers of the Church-----The Lord's Prayer

Benediction & Dismissal

Closing Hymn "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"

LBW # 25

In Our Prayers: Bruce Gerking & Carol Speth.

We welcome you to worship with us today. If you are a guest please sign the guest book in the entry.

Wednesday, Dec. 13th: 12:00 Ladies Christmas Party at Albertas'. Bring a \$10 gift, plate of goodies or appetizer; 4:00 Kids for Christ; 6:00 Confirmation; 7:30 Church Council.

Sunday Dec. 17th: 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion Worship, communion assistant, Keith, Sunday School program;

1:30-4:00 100th Birthday Party for Eddie Harms at Luther Memorial; 7:00 Christmas Cantata at Grace Lutheran or mail a card to 1400 Mohawk Syracuse NE 68446.

December is be present

FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.

²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the
LORD's hand
double for all her sins.

³A voice cries out:

⁴In the wilderness prepare the way of
the LORD,
make straight in the desert a highway
for our God.

⁵Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be
made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

⁶Then the glory of the LORD shall be
revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has
spoken."

⁷A voice says, "Cry out!"

And I said, "What shall I cry?"

All people are grass,
their constancy is like the flower of
the field.

⁸The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the LORD blows
upon it;
surely the people are grass.

⁹The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand
forever.

¹⁰Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;

say to the cities of Judah,

"Here is your God!"

¹¹See, the Lord God comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;

his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.

¹²He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

SECOND READING: 2 Peter 3:8-15a

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GOSPEL: Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus
Christ, the Son of God.

²As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,
"See, I am sending my messenger
ahead of you,

who will prepare your way;

³ the voice of one crying out in the
wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,"

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wil-
derness, proclaiming a baptism of repen-
tance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And
people from the whole Judean country-
side and all the people of Jerusalem were
going out to him, and were baptized by
him in the river Jordan, confessing their
sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with cam-
el's hair, with a leather belt around his
waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey.
⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more
powerful than I is coming after me; I am
not worthy to stoop down and untie the
thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized
you with water; but he will baptize you
with the Holy Spirit."