



*Prepare the way
of the Lord*

LUKE 3:4

Hope Lutheran Church

December 8, 2024

Pastor

Jim Helgren

Organist

Alberta Block

Second Sunday of Advent

Prelude, Welcome, Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle, “O Come..” vrs. 2 FOG # 169

Opening Hymn “Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne” FOG # 170

Call to Worship

P: Make us one, Lord, in our eagerness to speak good news and set all captives free.

C: Give us your Holy Spirit.

P: Make us one, Lord in concern for the poor, the hurt, and the downtrodden to show them your love.

C: Give us your Holy Spirit.

P: Make us one in Lord, in faithfulness to Jesus Christ who never fails us and who will come again in triumph.

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All: Give us Your Holy Spirit, God our Father, so we may have among us the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, and proclaim Him to the world. May every knee bow down and every tongue confess Him Lord, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Hymn of Praise “Angels From the Realms of Glory” vrs.1 FOG # 190

Prayer of the Day: Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; 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 Malachi 3:1-4

Psalmody Luke 1:68-79

Philippians 1:3-11

Alleluia EOG # 361

Gospel Luke 3:1-6

Sermon

Hymn of the Day "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" EOG # 168

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

Offering/Offertory-SING We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be. All that we have is Thine alone. A trust O Lord, from Thee. Amen.

Benediction & Dismissal

Closing Hymn "Redeeming Love" FOG # 199

In Our Prayers: Garry Carman, Dwight Eisenhauer & 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. 11th: 4:00 Kids for Christ, 6:00 Confirmation, 7:30 Church Council

Sunday, Dec. 15th: 10:00 Holy Communion Worship, Keith, Comm. asst. Sunday School Program

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“DECEMBER IS CULTIVATING LOVE THRU HOPE”

FIRST READING: Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

or Baruch 5:1-9 [not printed]

Psalmody: Luke 1:68-79**SECOND READING: Philippians 1:3-11**

I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the

gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

GOSPEL: Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

⁵Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight,

and the rough ways made smooth;

⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”