



You are to name him

# Jesus

MATTHEW 1:21



Hope Lutheran Church  
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Fourth Sunday of Advent

Prelude, Welcome, Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle, O Come, O Come Emmanuel All  
Verses LBW # 34

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Greeting & Kyrie

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

Prayer of the Day (in unison)

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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Gospel Matthew 1:18-25

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In Our Prayers we remember Ruth Heitbrink, Carol Speth, Dee Stoner, Gerry Brezenski and the Workbook Committee.

Welcome to Hope Lutheran. Visitors please sign our guest book in the entry. We invite all communing Christians to join us in Holy Communion during the service today.

Today December 21st: 7:00 Christmas Cantata at Grace

Wednesday, December 24th: 5:00 p.m. Christmas Ever Worship

Thursday, December 25th: Christmas Day

Sunday, December 28th: 10:00 a.m. Worship

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**FIRST READING: Isaiah 7:10-16**

The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying,  
<sup>11</sup>"Ask a sign of the LORD your God;  
 let it be deep as Sheol or high as heav-  
 en." <sup>12</sup>But Ahaz said, "I will not ask,  
 and I will not put the LORD to the  
 test." <sup>13</sup>Then Isaiah said, "Hear then,  
 O house of David! Is it too little for  
 you to weary mortals that you weary  
 my God also? <sup>14</sup>Therefore the Lord  
 himself will give you a sign. Look,  
 the young woman is with child and  
 shall bear a son and shall name him  
 Immanuel. <sup>15</sup>He shall eat curds and  
 honey by the time he knows how to  
 refuse the evil and choose the good.  
<sup>16</sup>For before the child knows how to  
 refuse the evil and choose the good,  
 the land before whose two kings you  
 are in dread will be deserted."

**Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19****SECOND READING: Romans 1:1-7**

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called  
 to be an apostle, set apart for the  
 gospel of God, <sup>2</sup>which he promised  
 beforehand through his prophets in  
 the holy scriptures, <sup>3</sup>the gospel con-  
 cerning his Son, who was descended  
 from David according to the flesh  
<sup>4</sup>and was declared to be Son of God  
 with power according to the spirit  
 of holiness by resurrection from  
 the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord,  
<sup>5</sup>through whom we have received  
 grace and apostleship to bring about  
 the obedience of faith among all the  
 gentiles for the sake of his name, <sup>6</sup>in-  
 cluding you who are called to belong  
 to Jesus Christ,

<sup>7</sup>To all God's beloved in Rome,  
 who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from  
 God our Father and the Lord Jesus  
 Christ.

**GOSPEL: Matthew 1:18-25**

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah  
 took place in this way. When his  
 mother Mary had been engaged to  
 Joseph, but before they lived to-  
 gether, she was found to be preg-  
 nant from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup>Her  
 husband Joseph, being a righteous  
 man and unwilling to expose her to  
 public disgrace, planned to divorce  
 her quietly. <sup>20</sup>But just when he had  
 resolved to do this, an angel of the  
 Lord appeared to him in a dream  
 and said, "Joseph, son of David, do  
 not be afraid to take Mary as your  
 wife, for the child conceived in her  
 is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup>She will  
 bear a son, and you are to name  
 him Jesus, for he will save his people  
 from their sins." <sup>22</sup>All this took place  
 to fulfill what had been spoken by  
 the Lord through the prophet:

<sup>23</sup>"Look, the virgin shall become  
 pregnant and give birth  
 to a son,

and they shall name him  
 Emmanuel,"

which means, "God is with us."

<sup>24</sup>When Joseph awoke from sleep,  
 he did as the angel of the Lord com-  
 manded him; he took her as his wife  
<sup>25</sup>but had no marital relations with  
 her until she had given birth to a  
 son, and he named him Jesus.

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Isaiah 63:7-9; Psalm 148; Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 2:13-23.

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