



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
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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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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, ¹¹"Ask a sign of the **LORD** your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." ¹²But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the **LORD** to the test." ¹³Then Isaiah said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals that you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore 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. ¹⁵He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶For 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, ²which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, ³the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the gentiles for the sake of his name, ⁶including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

⁷To 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 together, she was found to be pregnant from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to divorce her quietly. ²⁰But 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. ²¹She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²²All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³"Look, the virgin shall become pregnant and give birth to a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,"

which means, "God is with us."

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