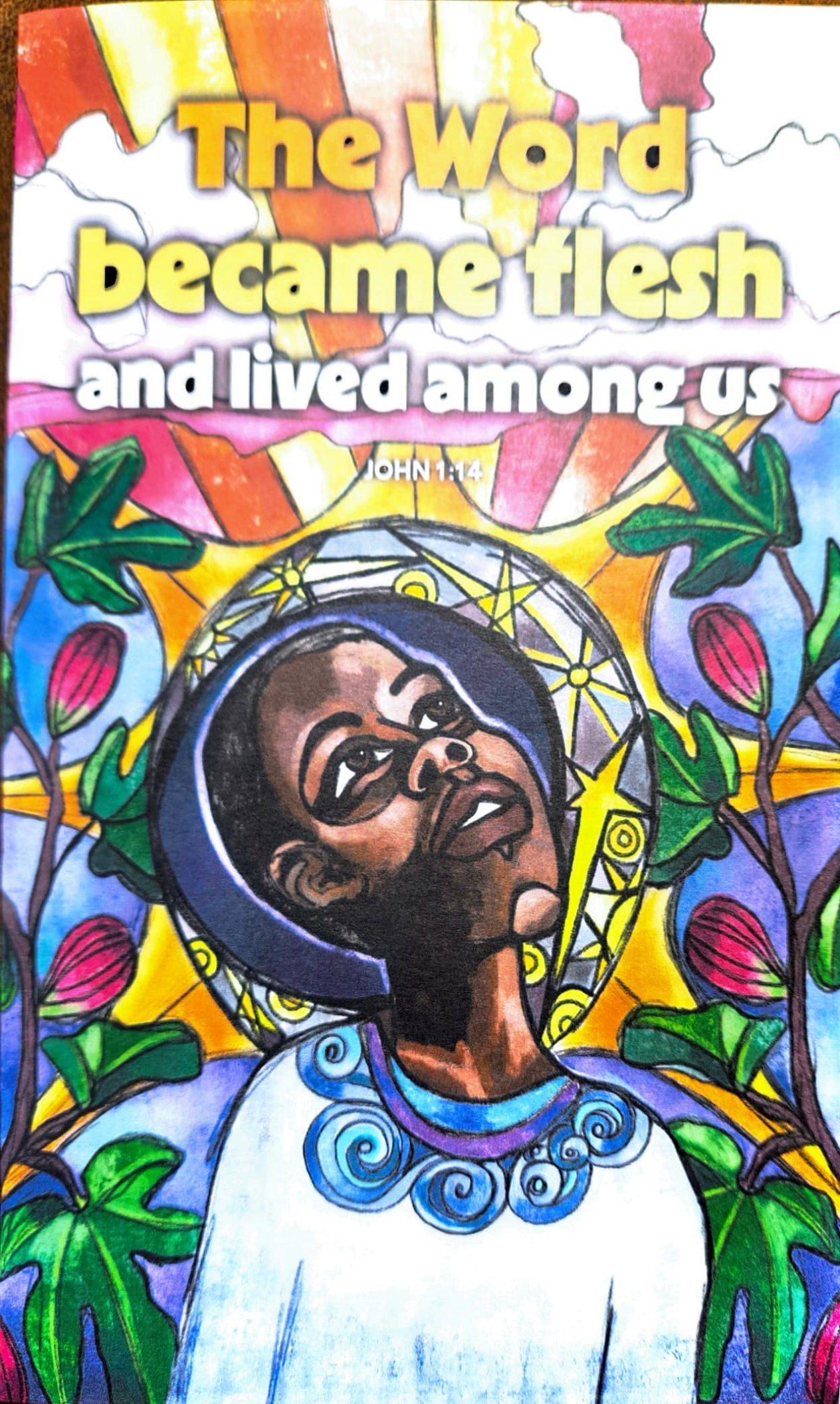


The Word became flesh and lived among us

JOHN 1:14



Hope Lutheran Church

January 4, 2026

Pastor

Jim Helgren

Organist

Ruth Neeman

Second Sunday of Christmas

Prelude, Welcome, Announcements

Opening Hymn "As With Gladness Men of Old" LBW # 82

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Greeting & Kyrie

Hymn of Praise "Beautiful Savior" 1 vrs. LBW # 518

Prayer of the Day (in unison)

Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace, empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God now and forever. Amen

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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.

In our prayers we remember Carol Speth, Ruth Heitbrink, Gerry Brezenski and the Workbook Committee.

Wednesday, Jan. 7th: 6:00 p.m. Confirmation,
7:30 p.m. Hope Council & Workbook Committee
Sunday, Jan. 11 th: 9:00 Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Worship
and Annual meeting

Please note the reports for the Annual Meeting are due no later than Friday, January 9th to Jane Antholz.

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FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:7-14

Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
"Save, O LORD, your people,
the remnant of Israel."

⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land
of the north
and gather them from the farthest parts of
the earth,

among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor
together;
a great company, they shall return here.

⁹With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them
back;

I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path where they shall not
stumble,

for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

¹⁰Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;
say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him
and will keep him as a shepherd does a
flock."

¹¹For the LORD has ransomed Jacob
and has redeemed him from hands too
strong for him.

¹²They shall come and sing aloud on the
height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the
goodness of the LORD,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the
herd;

their life shall become like a watered garden,
and they shall never languish again.

¹³Then shall the young women rejoice in the
dance,
and the young men and the old shall be
merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy;
I will comfort them and give them
gladness for sorrow.

¹⁴I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my
bounty,

says the LORD.

or Sirach 24:1-12 [not printed]

Psalms 147:12-20

or Wisdom 10:15-21

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14

GOSPEL: John 1:[1-9] 10-18

[In the beginning was the Word, and the
Word was with God, and the Word was God.

²He was in the beginning with God. ³All
things came into being through him, and
without him not one thing came into being.
What has come into being ⁴in him was life,
and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The
light shines in the darkness, and the darkness
did not overtake it.

⁶There was a man sent from God whose
name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to
testify to the light, so that all might believe
through him. ⁸He himself was not the light,
but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true
light, which enlightens everyone, was coming
into the world.]

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came
into being through him, yet the world did not
know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own,
and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But
to all who received him, who believed in his
name, he gave power to become children of
God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the
will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of
God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived
among us, and we have seen his glory, the
glory as of a father's only son, full of grace
and truth. ¹⁵(John testified to him and cried
out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who
comes after me ranks ahead of me because
he was before me.'") ¹⁶From his fullness we
have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law
indeed was given through Moses; grace and
truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one
has ever seen God. It is the only Son, himself
God, who is close to the Father's heart, who
has made him known.

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17.

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