

# **The Word became flesh and lived among us**

JOHN 1:14



# Hope Lutheran Church

January 4, 2026

**Pastor**

**Jim Helgren**

**Organist**

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## Second Sunday of Christmas

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**Opening Hymn "As With Gladness Men of Old"**

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**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."

<sup>8</sup>See, 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.

<sup>9</sup>With 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.

<sup>10</sup>Hear 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."

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

<sup>12</sup>They 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.

<sup>13</sup>Then 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.

<sup>14</sup>I 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]

## Psalm 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.

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

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

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

<sup>14</sup>And 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. <sup>15</sup>(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.'") <sup>16</sup>From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No 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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