



Welcome to worship at Hope!

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THEMES OF WORSHIP TODAY

Today Isaiah prophesies that a young woman will bear a son and name him Emmanuel. The gospel is Matthew's account of the annunciation and birth of the one named Emmanuel, God-with-us. During these final days of Advent we pray, "O come, O come, Emmanuel," a beloved hymn based on the O Antiphons, ancient prayers appointed for the seven days preceding Christmas. On this final Sunday of Advent we prepare to celebrate the birth of the one born to save us from the power of sin and death.



Today we will remember in our prayers:
Toni H. and Our Homebound Members.

SERVING TODAY

Presiding:	Pastor Greg Smith
Assisting Minister:	Brenda Waller
Accompanist:	Joyce McKenny
Cantor:	Berna Frattaroli
Reader:	Sharon Alcock
Ushers:	Lonnie & Louise Benson

Thanks to all who helped serve today!

TODAY'S SERVICE – Setting 3

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude & Welcome

Lighting of the 4 Advent Candle

Song during Candle Lighting: **Light One Candle** ELW 240 (v. 4)

Thanksgiving for Baptism (ELW p. 97)

Gathering Song: The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came ELW 265

Greeting

Kyrie – In Peace, Let us pray to the Lord ELW p. 138

Canticle of Praise - This is the feast ELW p. 140

Prayer of the Day

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: **Isaiah 7:10-16**

Psalms: **Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19**

Second Reading: **Romans 1:1-7**

Gospel: **Matthew 1:18-25**

Children's Message

SERMON

Hymn of the Day: Savior of the Nations, Come ELW 263 (vs 1,2,4,6)

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of Intercession: "God of grace, **hear our prayer**".

Peace

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

Offering Song: Come Now of Prince of Peace ELW 247

Offering Prayer

Communion

Songs During Communion:

Creator of the Stars of Night ELW 245

O Come, O Come Emmanuel ELW 257 (vs 7 & 8)

Wait for the Lord ELW 262

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Announcements

Blessing

Sending Song: Joy to the World ELW 267

WEEK AT A GLANCE

TUESDAY:	10:00 am Stitching for Hope
WEDNESDAY:	OFFICE CLOSED at noon 4:30 pm Christmas Eve Service 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Service w/ Communion
THURSDAY:	11:00 am Christmas Day Service w/ Communion

COMING UP AT HOPE

CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS

The office will be closed December 24th at noon and it reopens Monday, January 5th. Please contact Pastor Greg for any emergencies over the holidays.

Regular Office hours starting in January will be 9am - noon from Monday - Thursday.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday, December 21st - Longest Night Service

We will not have a service this year, however a message from Pastor Greg will be posted on our YouTube channel (@hopelutheranchurch9976). You can access it that day.

Wednesday, December 24 Christmas Eve

4:30 pm - Candlelight Service of Lessons & Carols

This service will be live-streamed

7:00 pm - Candlelight Service of Word & Sacrament

** not live-streamed*

Thursday, December 25 Christmas Day

11:00 am - Service of Word & Sacrament

** not live-streamed*

Sunday, December 28, 10 am Service

New Worship Experience

THANK YOU - Thanks to all who generously donated articles for the Mustard Seed & Carol Place on Dec. 13th. Our donations were promptly delivered & appreciated.

Looking ahead.....

**MEN'S MONTHLY BREAKFAST – Saturday, January 3rd
8:30 am at Cora Brentwood**

STITCHING FOR HOPE – will resume on Tuesday, January 6th at 10 am. Come for fellowship and stay for a coffee.

MINDFUL MOVEMENTS EXERCISE CLASS

TUESDAYS, January 6 - February 3; 11:30 - 12:30

Five weeks \$40, physio. NO charge for nonagenarians.

We will work on balance, strength and flexibility in simple standing and seated exercises. *No need to get down and up off the floor.*

Email Tonia for more information: Toniawood10@icloud.com

BIBLE STUDY - will resume on Wednesday, January 7th

The next **Kids Camp Sunday** will be January 25th at Advent Lutheran Church

Celebrating the completion of Congregational Visioning - February 1, after the service.

HOPE'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – February 22nd

OUR CHARITY OF CHOICE

Our Charity of Choice for November and December is **Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR)**.

**Check the Anchor and website for more information on
news, reflections, and events.**

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