



**Welcome to worship at Hope!**

Our service follows a four-fold pattern of GATHERING as the Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God; WORD as God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song; in the MEAL as God feeds us with the presence of Christ and SENDING as God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world. Texts you need for worship are projected; hymns and scripture readings for today are printed below.

**THEMES OF WORSHIP TODAY**

As we celebrate the Twelve Days of Christmas, our gospel today confronts us with the death of innocent children at the hands of Herod. The birth of Christ does not remove the power of evil from our world, but its light gives us hope as we walk with all the “holy innocents” of past generations and today who have suffered unjustly. In our gathering around word and meal, God continues to redeem us, lift us up, and carry us as in days of old.



**Today we will remember in our prayers:**

*Toni H. and Our Homebound Members.*

**SERVING TODAY**

Presiding:	Pastor Greg Smith
Accompanist:	Anne Harding
Reader:	Debbie Watson
Usher:	Joanne Seminuk

**Thanks to all who helped serve today!**

*The flowers today are provided by Hope Lutheran Church.*

## **TODAY'S SERVICE**

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**Prelude Song: Twas in the Moon of Wintertime ELW 284**  
*(led by Worship Team)*

Welcome

Prayer of Forgiveness, Gratitude and a Call to Worship

Prayer of the Day & Blessing Of the Reader

**First Reading: Luke 1:28-33**

The Annunciation – Debbie Watson

**Gathering Song: Breath of Heaven**

**Second Reading: Luke 1:8-14**

There were Shepherds... - Debbie Watson

**Song: What Child is This ELW 296**

**Third Reading: Luke 1:15-19 –**

Let us go to Bethlehem... - Debbie Watson

**Song: In the Bleak Midwinter ELW 294**

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:13-23**

Children's Message

SERMON

**Song: I Heard the Bells On Christmas Morn - Special Music**

Peace

Offering

Prayers of Intercession: "*Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.***"

The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

Sending Prayer and Blessing

**Fourth Reading Matthew 1 9-12**

And they returned... - Debbie Watson

**Sending Song: Go Tell it on the Mountain ELW 290**

Go in peace. Share the Good News.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude: Chorus of Go Tell It**

**WEEK AT A GLANCE**

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*Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9am – Noon - CLOSED FRIDAYS*

***NOTE: Office will be closed from December 24 at noon  
and will reopen Monday, January 5, 2026***

Please contact Pastor Greg for any emergencies over the holidays.

*NOTE: Hope members, please empty your mailboxes.*

**COMING UP HOPE**

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

**STITCHING FOR HOPE** – will resume on Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Toniawood10@icloud.com)

**BIBLE STUDY** - will resume on Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>

The next **Kids Camp Sunday** will be January 25<sup>th</sup> at Advent Lutheran Church

**Celebrating the completion of Congregational Visioning** -  
February 1 After the service – Core Values

**HOPE'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**HAPPY**  
*New Year*

Please wear your nametags on Sundays! This is so helpful for visitors.

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

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