

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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<u>Today in Worship</u> <u>Second Sunday in Advent</u> 5 December 2021

Welcome to worship at HOPE Lutheran. We invite you to please sign our guest registry, which you'll find on the inside aisle of each pew and pass it to your neighbors so that we might know who is worshipping with us this Lord's Day. After it reaches the end of the row, please return it to the inside aisle so that those seated there might give it to the acolytes following the service. During today's worship we celebrate sacrament of Communion. Christ personally comes to us in bread and wine for your forgiveness. In preparation for such you are asked to read pages 308,329-330 in the hymnal. In joyful obedience to God's Word we therefore practice close communion and ask our guest to speak with the pastor before partaking.

Order of Service: Divine Service 3, Page 184

Sunday Hymns: #336, #344, #345, #641, #642, #333

Sermon Text: Philippians 1:2-11

Sermon Theme: Advent Prayer: "For Others!"

Collect of the Day

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament - Malachí 3:1-7b

1"Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. ³He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

5"Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

⁶ For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. ⁷ From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them."

Epístle— Phílippians 1:2-11

²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Holy Gospel—Luke 3:1-20

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

"The voice of one crying in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

⁵Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall become straight,
and the rough places shall become level ways,

⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

⁷He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ⁹Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

¹⁰And the crowds asked him, "What then shall we do?" ¹¹And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise." ¹²Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" ¹³And he said to them, "Collect no more than you are authorized to do." ¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages."

¹⁵As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

¹⁸So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. ¹⁹But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

In Our Prayers

Our Missionaries: Jana Inglehart, Gary & Steph Schulte,

We remember those who are in care facilities:

At Azria Health: Don Larson,

<u>Continental Springs:</u> Teresa Santee <u>Bickford of Sioux City:</u> Robert Jager

Health Concerns:

Shelli Tuttle, Don Mallette, father of Doug Mallette

Kim Daum, Daryl Daum's sister-in-law Bob Gruber,

John Murry, Elijah Lindahl, nephew of Donna Durant

Pastor Jeff Walsh, Suzy Awe's brother Jennifer Veen, Howie Holdenried, Daryl & Roxanne Daum's friend, Mary Bose, Renee Nissen's cousin Titus Diediker, Diane Barge,

Carmen Ortega, George Adam,

Karen Nissen, sister-in-law of Renee Nissen,
Phyllis Todd,
Susan Utech,
Susan Utech

Sarah Hansen, Darlene Bennett's daughter, Diane Nelsen, Beth, Ervin Messerschmidt's daughter, Terry Minor,,

Ken Todd, Phyllis Todd's brother-in-law,

Doug Mallette.

Joan Bruhn, Dorothy Westin's friend,
Pastor Jerry Bruhn.

Roxanne Daum, Suzy Awe,

Katrina Peabody, Renee Nissen's niece Matt LeGrande, Annette LeGrande's nephew,

Josh LeGrande, Annette LeGrande's nephew, Bonnie Schnieder,

Sandy Mallette, Lori Langenderg, Annette LeGrande's friend

Corby Barnes, Shirley Billiar, Dustie Blunck, Carl & LuAnn's daughter in-law President Rich

Dustie Blunck, Carl & LuAnn's daughter in-law President Richard Snow, Ruth Cornell, Karen Watterson,

Brad Westin, Pat Eilders, Dawn Hauf's mom Jan Persinger, Luella Bose, Renee Nissen's Aunt

Joanne Walsh, Jeff Walsh wife & Suzy Awe's sister-in-law Kimberly Christiansen Bohlke, daughter of Lynette Barker,

SERVING THE LORD:

OFFICIATING:

Rev. Michael Awe Wendt Family-Memory of Jerry Wendt's

ALTAR FLOWERS:

Birthday

.SUNDAY ORGANIST: WEDNESDAY ORGANIST:

Ruthie Witte

Clara Woten

ALTAR CARE:
Kathy & Kim Mast & Karen Bathke