



Sunday, January 5, 2025
2nd Sunday After Christmas
Hope Lutheran Church, Plainwell
Evangelical Lutheran Worship Setting 10
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Hope's Mission Statement: We, Hope Lutheran Church, are CALLED by God,
REDEEMED by Jesus Christ, SPROUTING from
the seed of God's Word, and BRANCHING out to reach God's people...

*Please stand as you are comfortable
Congregational responses are in bold text
‡ invites you to make the sign of the cross.

*Please silence your phone, pager, or other electronic device for worship.
Children's worship bags & noise canceling headphones are available in
the nursery.*

GATHERING

PRELUDE

PASTORAL WELCOME

***CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS (pg. 94)**

***GATHERING HYMN** Angels, from the Realms of Glory ELW #275

*GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

*GLORIA



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

At the conclusion of the prayer...Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:7-14

7 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." 8 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. 9 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 in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

10 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 a flock." 11 For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. 12 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. 13 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. 14 I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 147:12-20

Psalms are read responsively whole verse by whole verse.

12 Worship the Lord, | O Jerusalem;
praise your | God, O Zion,

13 who has strengthened the bars | of your gates

and has blessed your chil- | dren within you.

14 God has established peace | on your borders
and satisfies you with the | finest wheat.

**15 God sends out a command | to the earth,
a word that runs | very swiftly.**

16 God gives | snow like wool,
scattering | frost like ashes.

**17 God scatters | hail like bread crumbs.
Who can stand a- | gainst God's cold?**

18 The Lord sends forth the | word and melts them;
the wind blows, and the | waters flow.

**19 God declares the | word to Jacob,
statutes and judg- | ments to Israel.**

20 The Lord has not done so to any | other nation;
they do not know God's judgments. | Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, 4 just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. 5 He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, 6 to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. 7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace 8 that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight 9 he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, 10 as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. 11 In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, 12 so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. 13 In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; 14 this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



***GOSPEL READING: John 1:1-18**

The Holy Gospel according to John the 1st chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

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

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

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

14 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. 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.'") 16 From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. 17 The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY** Of the Father's Love Begotten ELW #295

***NICENE CREED** (*p. 104*)

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

If you have a prayer request that you would like added to our weekly worship prayers please contact Pr. Nicole. If we will be praying for an individual or family please make sure you have their permission to have them listed.

*Please respond to God of Grace...**Receive our prayer.***

SPECIAL MUSIC

***PEACE**

HOLY COMMUNION

Please quietly return to your seat when the offering hymn plays so we can prepare for Holy Communion.

OFFERING HYMN Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *ELW #185*

Thank you for your support of Hope and our missions! Checks and cash can be placed on the offering plate located outside the sanctuary doors. You can also give instantly and securely through online giving using the QR code below.



OFFERING PRAYER

At the conclusion of the prayer...Amen.

***DIALOGUE (p. 152)**

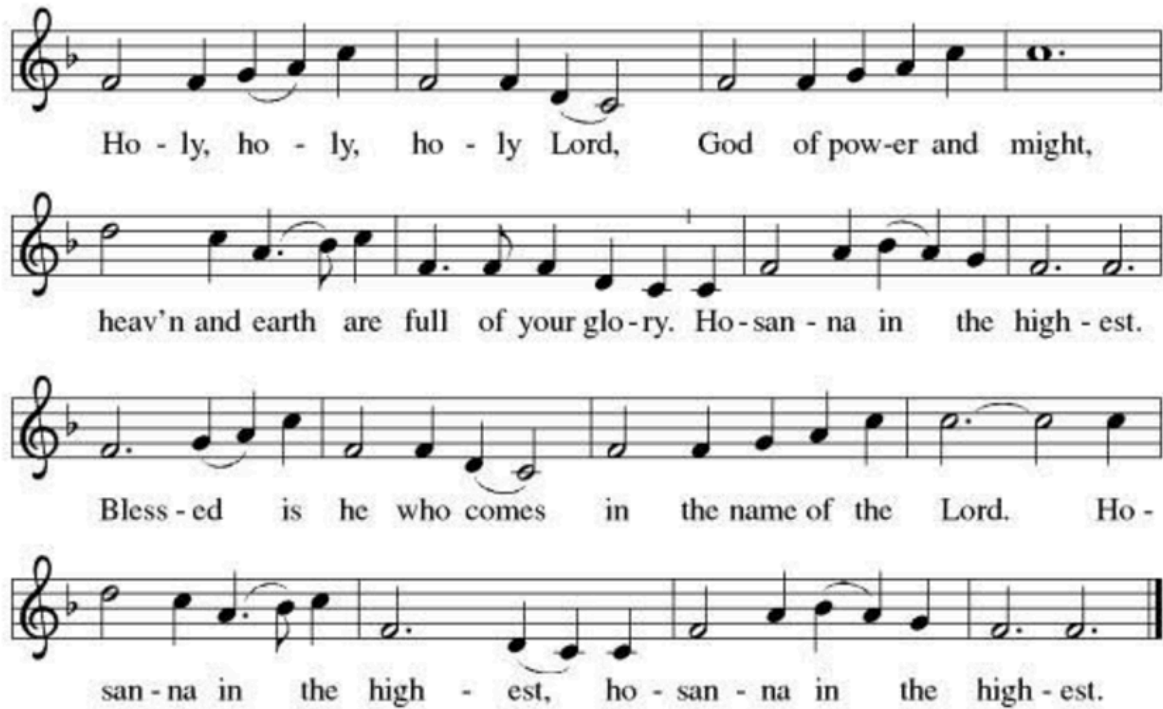
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*HOLY HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*LORD'S PRAYER (p. 182)

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

A child has been born for us, a Son given to us.
Come, receive the gift of Jesus.

We welcome all baptized to receive Communion when worshipping with us. If you are not baptized, or do not feel prepared to receive Communion, you are invited to participate by coming forward to receive a blessing. During Communion individual cups of wine & grape juice are available. The wine is red & the grape juice is white. There is also a common cup of wine. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

At the conclusion of the prayer...Amen.

*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING HYMN Let All Together Praise Our God ELW #287

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Word of God dwells in you richly. **Thanks be to God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Tomorrow at 5:00 p.m. Hope will be hosting an Epiphany service. Epiphany celebrates the Magi finding and worshiping the child Christ and is the final day of the Christmas season. Bishop Satterlee will be preaching. You are invited to wear your Christmas sweater, shirt, socks, etc. to worship. Following the service there will be a potluck Christmas cookie reception so bring your favorite cookie to share!
- Hope's January items for Christian Neighbors are Cereal & Oatmeal.
- The Feeding America Truck will be at Hope on Monday, January 13th from 11am-12noon.
- Please do not put chewing gum, trash, or any other objects in the toilet or urinals. This is unsanitary and causes major plumbing issues. Please make use of the trash cans in the bathrooms.
- Please do not add water to the church soap dispenser. We have plenty of soap to refill them. If you notice they are low then please inform Veronica the church custodian.