

**SHARED MINISTRY OF HOPE LUTHERAN & ST. PAUL'S
LUTHERAN CHURCHES**

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God calls us to Mission and Ministry in our rural community and to the world. Gathered in Faith and nurtured by Word and Sacraments, we commit ourselves to share a hope for the future, to use our resources and talents guided by the Holy Spirit, and to work together to expand our ministry to serve others in the name of Jesus Christ.

MINISTERS:	The People of Hope Lutheran & St. Paul's
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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT—DECEMBER 10, 2023

LUTHERAN BOOK OF WORSHIP—COMMUNION SUNDAY

**Denotes Stand As You Are Able*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship "More Precious Than Silver" Jubilation

***Advent Reading (Printed)**

***Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness** Page 56

We Praise and Glorify God

Hymn #26 (LBW) "Prepare the Royal Highway"

***Greeting & Kyrie** Page 57

***Prayer of the Day** Insert

Anthem "Rise Up Shepherd" Jubilation

We Hear God's Word

The Lessons

***The Alleluia** Page 63

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 1st Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

***The Gospel**

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Song (Printed) Vs 1-2 "Your Little Ones, Dear Lord"

The Children's Sermon Tim Velde

Children's Song (Printed) Vs 3-4 "Your Little Ones, Dear Lord"

The Sermon Tim Velde

We Respond to God's Word

Hymn #629 (WOV) "All Earth Is Hopeful"

***Apostles' Creed** Page 64

The Prayers (Lord in your mercy; hear our prayer)

We Receive the Lord's Supper

***The Great Thanksgiving & Words of Institution** Pages 68-69

***Lord's Prayer** Page 71

***Lamb of God** Page 72

Holy Communion

***Post Communion Canticle & Blessing** Page 72

***Post Communion Prayer & Benediction** Page 74

***Hymn #626 (WOV)** "People Look East"

Postlude

In Our Prayers...

David Fier, Mel Breyfogle, Jill Boehne, Jeff and Julaine Kompelien, LaDonna Sampson, Vanessa Miller, Dane Nordquist, Lisa Hart, Marc Christianson, Tom Bulander, Eyvonne Hoese, Greg Hennen, Devyn Kaas, Paul Myrvik, Marlin Peterson, and Millie Longhenry.

Announcements

Finances:

GF Offering Income December 3:	\$2,575.81
12-8-23 Month to Date Online Giving:	\$117.52
GF Offering Income December 10:	\$0.00
GF Offering Income December 17:	\$0.00
GF Offering Income December 24:	
GF Offering Income December 31:	\$0.00
Balance:	<u>\$2,693.33</u>
Estimated December Expenses:	\$8,663.21



On your phone, scan the QR code above to be taken directly to online offering.

Walk Around ‘Collection’ November & December

Winter will soon be upon us and students at Minneota Pubic School often mis-place their warm items, or get cold and wet from playing outside during recess. Having a stockpile of warm items for them on hand will benefit so many.

Please bring your new or gently used winter gear (hats, mittens, gloves, etc.) to the church between now and the end of the year (there will be a box in the Narthex to collect these). If you would like to give a monetary donation, please place that in the box in the Narthex marked for these. Note—the school asked “Please let people know the knit mittens/gloves (which are not water proof) are not what we’re looking for.”

Your gifts will be greatly appreciated by the students at MPS!
Your Deacons

Coffee & Fellowship—Following services in the Fellowship Hall.

Remember Online Giving—Go to www.hopeminneota.org and click on the green “GIVE” button.

To VOLUNTEER or if you have ideas for any of the following, please contact Barb Knutson at 828-9117 or the church office at hopelutheran87@gmail.com: Sunday Readers/Lectors, Video Ministry, Walk Around Offerings, Visit Shut Ins

VIDEO MINISTRY—There will be a training session in the near future so please let us know if you're interested in learning, helping, taking care of things on Sunday morning.

Thankfulness Tree! The tree in the Narthex is a ‘Thankfulness Tree’ created by the students at GLOW. Each child wrote at least one thing they are grateful for and used it to decorate the tree! We are thankful for so much at Hope Lutheran!

2024 Offering Envelopes—These envelopes are in the Narthex. As you pick these up, you will notice a yellow ‘post card’ in your box. This post card has contact information on it that the church currently has. Please help us update our church records by updating this post card. You can either put it in the offering plate or leave it on the secretary’s desk. We have many families with landlines still listed and/or incorrect cell phone numbers or email addresses. Thanks in advance for your help getting these updated. If nothing has changed or needs updating, you do not need to return the card.

ADVENT READING

December 10th

We praise you, O God, for this circle of light that marks our days of preparation for Christ’s advent. As we light the candles on this wreath, kindle within us the fire of your Spirit, that we may be light shining in the darkness. Enlighten us with your grace, that we may welcome others as you have welcomed us. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

Amen.

Light two candles.

Upcoming Events

***December 17, 10 am, During Worship, No Communion**

GLOW Christmas Program

***December 20**

No GLOW – Merry Christmas!

***December 24-25 – Christmas Worship**

December 24th, NO a.m. Worship, 5:30 pm Christmas Eve

Worship, With Communion

December 25th, NO Worship

***December 27**

No GLOW

***December 31**

Year End Cutoff for Offerings

***January 3**

No GLOW

***January 7, During Worship**

Scholarship Distribution

***January 14, 11-2 pm**

SOS (Social on Sunday) Fellowship Hall (Hot lunch provided,
please bring something to share)

***January 15, Noon**

Annual Reports Due to Church Secretary

***January 28, Following Worship**

Annual Meeting

(over, please)

“Your Little Ones, Dear Lord”

Vs 1

Your little ones, dear Lord, are we,

And come to your lowly bed to see;

Enlighten ev’ry soul and mind,

That we the way to you may find.

Vs 2

With songs we hasten you to greet,

And kiss the ground before your feet.

Oh, blessed hour, oh, sweetest night

That gave you birth, our soul’s delight.

Vs 3

Oh, draw us wholly to you, Lord,

And to us all your grace accord;

True faith and love to us impart,

That we may hold you in our heart.

Vs 4

Until at last we too proclaim,

With all your saints, your glorious name;

In paradise our songs renew,

And praise you as the angels do.

(over, please)