



Hope Lutheran Church  
December 1, 2019  
11:00 am



**WELCOME** Pastor Kristin

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *The Snow Lay on the Ground* Carson

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**Pastor:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the parent who rouses us from slumber, the shepherd who gathers us on the holy mountain, the deliverer who sets us free.

**People:** Amen.

**Pastor:** Let us come before God in confession.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

**Pastor:** As we wait and watch for the promised day of salvation,

**People:** **we open our hearts to you, O God. Search us and know us. Reveal all that we keep inside. To you, O God, we confess our sins, known and unknown. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us in your ways of justice and peace. Make us reflections of the radiant love of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ Amen.**

**Pastor:** Beloved children of the Most High, you are gathered before the righteous judge who has mercy on all. Splash exuberantly in the waters of baptism, where sin is washed away in the river of life. Dwell peacefully in the loving arms of the one who nurtures all creation. Go forth boldly in the assurance that your sins are forgiven in the name of the one who is coming and is already here, + Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**People:** Amen.

Traditional Service  
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“And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;  
for you will go before the LORD to prepare his ways.”

**GATHERING HYMN**

*Blessed Be the God of Israel*

**# 250**



1 Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free  
2 With prom-ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call,  
3 My child, as proph-et of the Lord you will pre-pare the way,



and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da-vid's tree.  
the oath once sworn to A - bra-ham, from foes to save us all;  
to tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway.



So have the proph-ets long de-clared that with a might-y arm  
that we might wor - ship with-out fear and of - fer lives of praise,  
Then shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease



God would turn back our en - e - mies and all who wish us harm.  
in ho - li - ness and righ - teous-ness to serve God all our days.  
to drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

**GREETING**

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

People: **And also with you.**

**GLORY TO GOD**



Glo - ry be to God on high. Peace, good-will to all the earth. Let us sing a  
Love has come to dwell with us. Light now shines on ev - 'ry - one. Hope has lift - ed



joy - ful song to the Christ, the Liv - ing Word. Glo - - -  
up our hearts. Joy has made, in us, a home.



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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

**DEDICATION AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

Pastor: Blessed are you, God of Jacob, for you promise to transform weapons of war into implements of planting and harvest and to teach us your way of peace; you promise that our night of sin is far gone and that your day of salvation is dawning.

Pastor: As we light the first candle on this wreath, wake us from our sleep, wrap us in your light, empower us to live honorably, and guide us along your path of peace.

Pastor: O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord. Amen.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN

Gather Us In

# 532

1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
 van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the  
 blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en.  
 we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 7:10-17

<sup>10</sup>Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, <sup>11</sup>Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. <sup>12</sup>But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. <sup>13</sup>Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? <sup>14</sup>Therefore the LORD himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. <sup>15</sup>He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. <sup>16</sup>For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted. <sup>17</sup>The LORD will bring on you and on your people and on your ancestral house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah — the king of Assyria." (NRSV)

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Kristin

GOSPEL VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Pastor: The holy Gospel according to Luke

People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**THE GOSPEL****Luke 1:67-80**

<sup>67</sup>Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke this prophecy:  
<sup>68</sup>"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them. <sup>69</sup>He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David, <sup>70</sup>as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, <sup>71</sup>that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. <sup>72</sup>Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, <sup>73</sup>the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us <sup>74</sup>that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, <sup>75</sup>in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. <sup>76</sup>And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, <sup>77</sup>to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. <sup>78</sup>By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, <sup>79</sup>to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace." <sup>80</sup>The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel. (NRSV)

Pastor The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, O Christ.

**MESSAGE****The Prophets****Pastor Kristin****HYMN****I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light****# 815****THE APOSTLE'S CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF OUR COMMUNITY**

Each petition ends with *Hear us O God*, and people respond *Your mercy is great*.

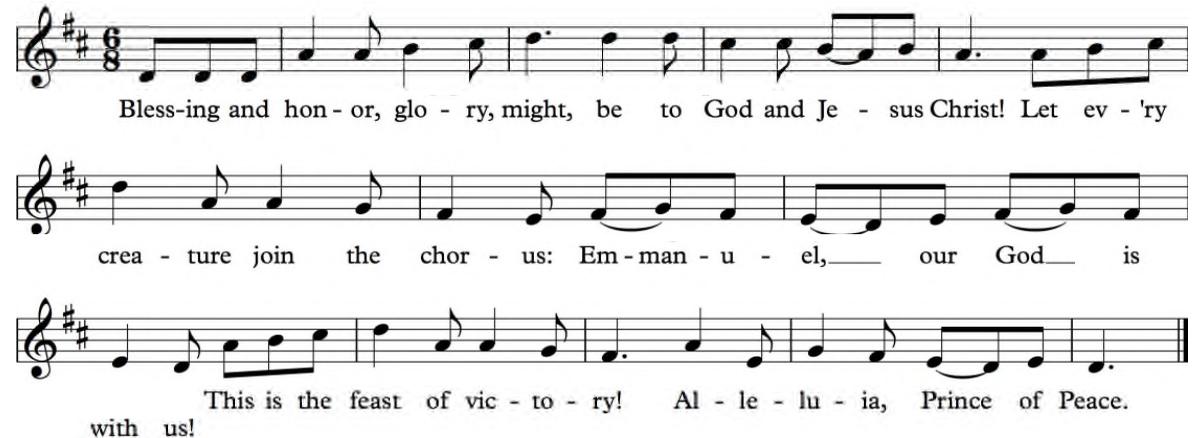
**SHARING THE PEACE**

Pastor: The Peace of the Lord be with you always

People: **And also with you.**

**OFFERING***Op. 72 No. 31*

Mendelssohn

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE*****This is the Feast***


Bless-ing and hon - or, glo - ry, might, be to God and Je - sus Christ! Let ev - ry  
 crea - ture join the chor - us: Em - man - u - el, our God is  
 with us!  
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry! Al - le - lu - ia, Prince of Peace.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Leader Let us pray, Giver of every good thing, we set before you the gifts that you have already given to sustain our lives and to share with others. Help us to be good stewards of the earth and all that is in it, and let our lives be a testimony to the abundant feast you prepare for all who hunger.

People Amen.

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER****LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Pastor: Come now with joy to Emmanuel's table. Feast at the banquet of hope and love.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Lamb of God

# 336



O Lamb of God you take a-way our sin; have mer-cy on us, give us your



peace. Pre-pare us to re - ceive your grace and teach us how to fol - low your ways. Re-



joice! Re - joice! E - man - u - el has come to you, O Is - ra - el.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

# 659



1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as  
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers  
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time  
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll  
5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as



Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to  
on the road; we are here to help each oth - er  
of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,  
laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row  
Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to



let you be my ser - vant, too.  
walk the mile and bear the load.  
speak the peace you long to hear.  
till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
let you be my ser - vant, too.

My Lord What a Morning

# 438



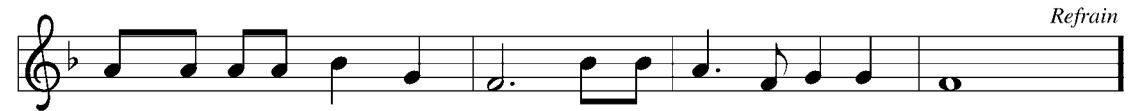
My Lord, what a morn - ing; my Lord, what a morn - ing; oh,



my Lord, what a morn - ing, when the stars be - gin to fall.



- 1 You will hear the trum - pet sound,
- 2 You will hear the sin - ner cry, to wake the na - tions un - der - ground,
- 3 You will hear the Chris - tian shout,



look - ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be - gin to fall.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

People: Amen.



POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray, God of abundance, we give you thanks that in this holy meal you have invited us to feast with you and one another. May the taste of your love remain with us, and may our words and our work in your name invite others into your bountiful grace. Send us from your table to proclaim your presence, even as we await the glorious coming of Christ our Savior.

People: Amen.

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor: May God, who gathers us in love, lead you in pathways of righteousness and justice. May God, who knows us more deeply than we know ourselves, lead you in pathways of forgiveness and freedom. May God, who fills us with good things, lead you in pathways of equity and abundance. The blessing of the holy Trinity, + one God, be upon you and remain with you forever.

People: Amen.

**SENDING HYMN**

*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

**# 774**



1 What a fel - low - ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -  
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -  
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -



last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,  
last - ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,  
last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,



lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.  
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.  
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

*Refrain*



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

**SENDING**

Pastor: As you go into the world, remember our mission!

Piano Side: Live out Servant Love

*Pulpit Side: Show Hospitality*

Piano Side: Extend Generosity

*Pulpit Side: Worship the Risen Lord*

Pastor: Go in peace, a living example of the love of Jesus Christ

**All: Thanks be to God**

**POSTLUDE**

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

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