

**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
MISSIONARY: Dr. Elisabeth Johnson
LAY MINISTER: Jennifer Warnock
ORGANIST: Nona Gottskalkson
LECTOR:
ACOLYTES: Taryn Myrvik & Beckham Norby

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT—DECEMBER 22, 2024

WITH ONE VOICE—PRAISE BAND

Prelude
Ringing of the Bell
Welcome and Announcements
Call to Worship (*Praise Band*) "Prepare Ye"
***Advent Reading (Printed)**
***Hymn #34 (LBW) Vs 4** "Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emanuel"
Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness Page 10
We Praise and Glorify God
Hymn (Insert) "Messiah"
*Greeting Page 46
*Prayer of the Day Insert
Anthem (*Praise Band*) "Beautiful Star of Bethlehem"

We Hear God's Word

The Lessons
***Gospel Acclamation #612 (WOV)** "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"
The Holy Gospel according to Luke 1:46-55.
C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**
*The Gospel
P: The Gospel of our Lord.
C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**
Children's Song #70, Vs 1 (LBW) "Go Tell It On the Mountain"
Children's Sermon Jennifer Warnock
Congregational Prayer Insert
Children's Song #70, Vs 2 (LBW) "Go Tell It On the Mountain"
Sermon Jennifer Warnock

We Respond to God's Word

*Apostles' Creed Page 49
*Response to the Word Pages 49-50
*Offering & Offertory Pages 50-51
Hymn (*Praise Band*) The Little Drummer Boy"
The Prayers (**Lord in your mercy; hear our prayer**)
*The Lord's Prayer & Blessing Page 52-53
***Hymn (Insert)** "We Will Wait"
Postlude
In Our Prayers...
David Fier, Mel Breyfogle, Jill Boehne, Jeff and Julaine Kompelien, Vanessa Miller, Marlin Peterson, Millie Longhenry, Denise Buysse, Jeff Barker, Kristin Kilpatrick, Pat Myhre, Todd Sonnenburg and Darrel Anderson.

Current Small Groups:

Men's Study

1st Friday of every Month
8:00 am, at Porter Café

Gather Magazine Study

1st Monday of every Month
6:30 pm, at Church

Women of the Bible Study

2nd Wednesday of every Month
10:00 am, location varies

**(January 8, at Karen Golden's Home, 405 N Jefferson,
Lesson 3, Miriam)**



Welcome

We are pleased that you join us today!
We pray that you would be nourished and
strengthened as God comes to us in his
Holy Word.

ONLINE giving

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



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

Finances:

GF Offering Income December 1:	\$1,705.00
GF Offering Income December 8:	\$1,534.00
GF Offering Income December 15:	\$1,470.00
<i>Month to Date Online Giving:</i>	<i>\$1,016.26</i>
GF Offering Income December 22:	\$0.00
GF Offering Income December 24:	\$0.00
GF Offering Income December 29:	\$0.00
Balance:	<u>\$5,725.26</u>
Estimated December Expenses:	\$5,703.56

WORSHIP TIMES:

**8:30 am – Hope Lutheran
(communion 1st and 3rd Sundays)
Beginning in January, 9:00 am Worship**

10:30 am – St. Paul's Lutheran
(communion 1st and 3rd Sundays)

Children's Prayer Congregational Prayer

HEAVENLY FATHER,
YOU HAVE BLESSED THIS CONGREGATION
WITH THE JOY AND CARE OF CHILDREN.
GIVE US COURAGE, PATIENCE, AND WISDOM,
AS WE BRING THEM UP IN THE FAITH,
THAT THEY MIGHT NEVER KNOW A DAY
APART FROM YOU,
THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD. AMEN.

Advent Reading

December 22nd

We praise you, O God, for this wheel of time that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the candles on this wreath, open our eyes to see your presence in the lowly ones of this earth. Enlighten us with your grace, that we may sing of your advent among us in the Word made flesh. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

Amen.

Light four candles

Upcoming Events

- ***December 24**—5:30 pm, Christmas Eve Worship with Communion
(4:00 pm, Christmas Eve Worship at With Communion at St. Paul's)
- ***December 31**—End of Year Cutoff for Church Offerings
- ***January 5**—Scholarship Distribution Sunday
- ***January 10**—Annual Reports Due to Church Secretary
- ***January 26**—Annual Meeting

Announcements

Cemetery Sexton Needed—If you would like to volunteer, please contact the council or the church office.