



Signs of Hope

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Jesus is Coming!

**Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church**  
8:15 & 10:45 Worship | November 30, 2014 | [www.shephills.org](http://www.shephills.org)

# SIGNS OF HOPE - JESUS IS COMING! CONSPIRACY OF HOPE

NOVEMBER 30, 2014

8:15AM & 10:45AM

## Gather

Prelude                    *"Comfort, Comfort Now My People"*  
arr. Jayne Southwick Cool

Announcement (Bells)

\*Call to Worship (Words of Hope)

\*Opening Hymn of Hope    #266 vs 1 - solo    *"All Earth Is Hopeful"*

\*Advent Litany of Hope...

Leader: People get ready! Jesus is coming soon! While much of the world sleeps or ignores the truth of this season, we gather to conspire to share a message of hope.

People: **Awaken us Lord, shake us from our slumber that we may pay attention to the announcement that Jesus is coming...get ready!**

Leader: Open us, Lord, to be used as instruments of hope. May we come to see that God uses ordinary people like us to accomplish his purposes.

People: **Come, Lord Jesus, make us vessels of hope. In God's conspiracy of hope, help us to see that God needs us all to proclaim the Good News that Jesus is coming!**

Leader: How easy it is to become discouraged, Lord. May your inspiring love help us to see your presence in the unexpected places of our lives.

People: **Fill us Lord with hope. May our eyes be opened to the signs and wonders of your love all around us!**

Leader: Lead us, Lord, to a place called hope. May we find peace, joy, and love in that place... the place of hope we call Bethlehem.

People: **As Mary held our Savior Jesus, hold us in your arms that we might know the gentle touch of your love. May sacred hope offer a peace that passes all human understanding.**

## \*Song of Response

## *“Jesus, Name Above All Names”*

Jesus, name above all names,  
Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.  
Emmanuel, God is with us,  
Blessed Redeemer, Living Word. (2x)

## \*Prayer of the Day

**Word**

## Children’s Message

*The children may bring their offerings forward at this time for ‘Side by Side Kids’. After the Children’s Message, children may be taken to the preschool nursery or return to their families.*

*(Please sign and pass the attendance book at this time.)*

## Scripture Reading...Isaiah 40:1-11 (Voice)

“Comfort, comfort My people,” says your God.

“With gentle words, tender and kind,  
Assure Jerusalem, this chosen city from long ago,  
that her battles are over.

The terror, the bloodshed, the horror of My punishing work is done.  
This place has paid for its guilt; iniquity is pardoned;  
its term of incarceration is complete.  
It has endured double the punishment it was due.”

A voice is wailing, “In the wilderness, get it ready! Prepare the way;  
make it a straight shot. The Eternal would have it so.

Straighten the way in the wandering desert  
to make the crooked road wide and straight for our God.  
Where there are steep valleys, treacherous descents,  
raise the highway; lift it up;  
bring down the dizzying heights.

Fill in the potholes and gullies, the rough places.  
Iron out the shoulders flat and wide.  
The Lord will be, really be, among us.  
The radiant glory of the Lord will be revealed.

\*Please stand as you are able. 3

All flesh together will take it in. Believe it.  
 None other than God, the Eternal, has spoken.”

A voice says, “Declare!”  
 But what shall I declare?  
 All life is like the grass.  
 All of its grace and beauty fades like the wild flowers in a field.

The grass withers, the flower fades  
 as the breath of the Eternal One blows away.  
 People are no different from grass.  
 The grass withers, the flower fades;  
 nothing lasts except the word of our God.  
 It will stand forever.

Ascend a high mountain,  
 you herald of good tidings, O Zion;  
 With a clear, strong voice make known to everyone  
 the joy that belongs to God’s chosen place,  
 O, Jerusalem, You herald of good tidings!  
 Make the news ring out! Don’t be afraid!  
 Say to these cities, this Judah: “Behold your God!”  
 The Lord, the Eternal, comes with power, with unstoppable might;  
 He will take control without question or delay.  
 He will see to it that wages are paid,  
 repairs are made, and all is set right again.  
 He will feed His fold like a shepherd;  
 He will gather together His lambs—  
 the weak and the wobbly ones— into His arms.  
 He will carry them close to His bosom,  
 and tenderly lead like a shepherd the mother of her lambs.

**Announcement (Bell)**

<b>*Gospel Song</b>	<b><i>“Messiah”</i></b>	<b>Dakota Road</b>
<b>Message</b>	<b>“CONSPIRACY OF HOPE”</b>	<b>Pastor Tom Grevlos</b>
<b>*Message Song</b>	<b>#264 vs 1 &amp; 4</b>	<b><i>“Prepare the Royal Highway”</i></b>

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## **\*Apostles 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 the Community**

### **\*Sharing of the Peace**

### **Offering**

*"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40)*

### **Offering Music**

**8:15**                    *"Creator of the Stars of Night"*      arr. Anne Krenz Organ

**10:45 - Choir**      *"Comfort, Comfort"*                              arr. Ferguson

**\*Offering Response**    #250 vs 1 & 2                    *"Blessed Be the God of Israel"*

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## **Communion**

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### **\*Words of Institution**

### **\*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;

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.

## Communion Distribution

**P:** The gifts of God for the people of God. **C: Amen.**

*As we celebrate this sacrament, all are invited to the Lord's Table. God is really present—in bread and wine—forgiving sins and promising new life. Today we celebrate with Intinction Communion. Please come forward, receive a bread wafer, dip it into the wine or grape juice and consume both at the same time.*

**Communion Songs #490 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"**

## Communion Blessing

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### Sending

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**Life in Community** (Children to come forward)

### \*Benediction

**\*Closing Song #439 "Soon and Very Soon"**

### \*Words of Sending

Leader: God is God of Hope!

All: God is God of Hope!

Leader: We are people of God!

All: We are people of God!

Leader: We are people of Hope!

All: We are people of Hope!

Leader: What are we going to do?

All: Hope!

Leader: What are we going to be?

All: Hope!

## Postlude

**"Variations on O Come, O Come Emmanuel"**

***Thank you for worshipping God today! Following the service, you are invited to remain for fellowship. If you are a visitor, please introduce yourself to one of our pastors or church staff. Blessings!***

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### Flowers

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The altar flowers are given by Alan and Sue Pederson  
in thanks for God's goodness and enduring love.

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## Prayers

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***\*\*People on our Prayer Concerns list will be rotated every two weeks unless informed otherwise.***

For the situation in Ferguson and for all of us to search our hearts on matters of how we view and love our neighbors

Diane Harrison, aunt of Sean Murray

Judy Moore's mother

Bob Cannon and family upon the death of his father

Paul Collinson-Streng and family upon the death of his mother

Kim Nutter and family upon the death of her father

Anne Fontenot, sister of Kim Woodgate

Joe Spann during his time in Liberia as part of an Ebola Treatment Unit

Jeff Velaniti, brother-in-law of Charlie Hills

Francisco and Emilio, church leaders in Guatemala, who are dealing with health challenges

Deanne Knox, Rex Fortune, Steve Larson, Kim Woodgate, Sara McClure, Marge Ely, Stacia

DeBill, Don Cadenhead and Fred Kramer on their health challenges

Our faith community that we may be a church without walls and live out loud...faithfully!

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## Sunday Morning Servants

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**Pastors**

Pr. Tom Grevlos, Pr. Felix Malpica

**Director of Worship/Arts**

Kevin McClure

**Assisting Ministers**

Donna Herschleb (8:15), Steve Schulz (10:45)

**Instrumentalists**

Tommy Rieger, Laura Hills, DeeDee Eastwood, Lisa Larson

**Ushers**

Jeri Porter (8:15), Don and Anita Knight (10:45)

**Altar Stewards**

Lil Schleede (10:45)

**Greeters**

Linda Roesle (10:45)

**Offering Tellers**

Nancy Clark, Janice Pinckard

**Coffee Angels**

Tom and Betty Lueders (8:15), Mary Allison (10:45)

**Bulletin Team**

Barb Hampton, Dee Jackson

**Bulletin Cover Design**

Nicholas Dertien

**Guatemala Lutheran Church**

Pr. Karen Castillo

## *Christmas Eve Services*

*Wednesday | December 24th  
4:00p.m. | 6:00p.m. | 8:00p.m.*

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*No service on Christmas Day*

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*December 28th | One Service | 10:00a.m.*

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### Reminders

Please look for the December Monthly connections on our website :  
[www.shephills.org](http://www.shephills.org).

Finance Forum is next Sunday, December 7 at 12:00pm.  
A light lunch will be provided.

### **Holden Evening Prayer:** **Advent Sundays @ 5:00pm** **(in the Fellowship Hall or Sanctuary)**

Join us in closing the day with a beautiful evening prayer service full of music and prayer, calling for the light of God to fill our lives and our world. During this advent season, let us pray that the light of God may shine throughout the world and give **hope** to all people.

*Lead by Pr. Felix Malpica and Kevin McClure*