



When you notice the Christmas Lights...
Take a brief moment to pray for...
Those without a home.

INSTRUMENTS OF HOPE

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
8:15 & 10:45 Worship | December 7, 2014 | www.shephills.org

SIGNS OF HOPE - JESUS IS COMING!
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DECEMBER 7, 2014
8:15AM & 10:45AM

Gather

Prelude *"Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn"*

Announcement

***Call to Worship (Words of Hope)**

***Opening Hymn #242** *"Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn"*

***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.

***Prayer of the Day**

Word

Children’s Message (8:15)

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.

Service of Holy Baptism (10:45) - (Children may come forward to watch)

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism for **Cole Anthony Bonnema**. He is the son of Anthony and Caroline Bonnema and was born on September 10, 2014. His baptismal sponsors are Blair Bonnema, Joni Jacobi and John Roberts. Assisting with the baptism is Pastor Daniel Schorlemer, Cole’s great-grandfather.

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

Scripture Reading...Isaiah 11:1-10 (NRSV)

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Announcement

Gospel Song #723 vs 1 - Solo, 2- 4 - All** ***"Canticle of the Turning"

Message "INSTRUMENTS OF HOPE" Pastor Tom Grevlos

Message Song #266** ***"All Earth Is Hopeful"

***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.

***Prayer Song**

“Wait for the Lord”

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

The image shows a musical score for the song "Wait for the Lord". It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The first system has lyrics: "Wait for the Lord, whose day is near." The second system has lyrics: "Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!". The music is written in a simple, accessible style with block chords and simple melodic lines.

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***Prayers of the Community**

***Prayer Song**

“Wait for the Lord”

***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 - Senior Choir *“Sleepers Wake”*

J. S. Bach

10:45

“Creator of the Stars of Night”

Anne Krenz Organ

***Offering Response**

“What Child Is This”

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby;
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!

Communion

***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. In the distribution, individual cups have been pre-filled with wine or white grape juice (in the center of the trays).

Communion Music

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

Communion Blessing

Sending

Life in Community

***Benediction**

***Closing Song**

#632

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

***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

"Postlude in C"

J. S. Bach

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!

Flowers

The altar flowers are given by Jan Wilson in loving remembrance of her mother and father.

Prayers

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

Charlie Hills and family upon the death of his brother-in-law, Jeff Velaniti

Ralph Fernrite, brother of Diane Peterson

Adam Varner as he prepares for his ordination on December 14 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Chicago

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

Bob Cannon and family upon the death of his father

Anne Fontenot, sister of Kim Woodgate

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

Sally von Waaden, Rex Fortune, Steve Larson, 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!

Sunday Morning Servants

Pastors	Pr. Tom Grevlos, Pr. Felix Malpica
Director of Worship/Arts	Kevin McClure
Assisting Ministers	Jerry Schmeil (8:15), Rick Burnight (10:45)
Instrumentalists	Tommy Rieger, Laura Hills
Acolyte	Wally Auby (10:45)
Ushers	Dale Petersen, Ray Tackett (8:15) David and Kay Zimmermann (10:45)
Altar Stewards	Milt and Sandy Nielsen (8:15), Alison Cannon (10:45)
Communion Bread	Dee Jackson
Greeters	Donna Herschleb, Kitt Richter (8:15)
Offering Tellers	Dee Jackson, Mark Tate
Coffee Angels	Charlyn Bacon (8:15)
Bulletin Team	Barb Hampton, Dee Jackson, Ethel Kunze
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.*

No service on Christmas Day

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

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.

Led by Pr. Felix Malpica and Kevin McClure

Host families needed for TWO visiting groups!

The Aseante Children's Choir - Sunday, January 4, 2015

The Augustana Symphonic Band - Monday, February 23, 2015

Please contact Karen Flint at karen@shephills.org as soon as possible!