



A PLACE CALLED

HOPE

**When you see Christmas trees...  
Take a brief moment to pray for...  
Those struggling to make ends meet.**

**Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church**  
10:45 Worship | December 21, 2014 | [www.shephills.org](http://www.shephills.org)

# SIGNS OF HOPE - JESUS IS COMING! A PLACE CALLED HOPE

DECEMBER 21, 2014

10:45AM

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Gather

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Prelude

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

Announcement

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

**\*Opening Hymn #257 vs 1,2,5,6**

*"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*

**\*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.**

\*Please stand as you are able. 2

**\*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**

**Children’s Christmas Pageant**

**Scripture Reading: Luke 2:1, 3-5 (Joseph)**

**Hymn #279 vs 1 & 2     *“O Little Town of Bethlehem”* (congregation sings)**

**Scripture Reading: Luke 2:6-7 (Mary)**

**Song *“Away in a Manger”***

**Scripture Reading: Luke 2:8-14 (Angel)**

**Song *“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”***



**Scripture Reading: Luke 2:15-20 (Shepherds)**

**Song *“Joy to the World”***

**Reading: Matthew 2: 1-2, 7-12 (Wise man)**

**Song *“We Three Kings”***

**Reading: Mark 16:15 (Star)**

**Hymn # 290 vs 1 *“Go Tell it on the Mountain”* (congregation sings)**

**Message**                    **“TOWARDS CHRISTMAS”**                    **Pastor Felix Malpica**

**\*Message Song #631 vs. 1 & 3**                    **“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”**

**\*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**                    **“Good Christian Friends Rejoice”**                    **J. S. Bach**

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

**\*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!

**\*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

*"'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime"*

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**Sending**

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## Life in Community

### \*Benediction

**\*Closing Song**            **#244**            *"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"*

### \*Advent Words of Sending

Leader: God is God of Hope!	<b>All: God is God of Hope!</b>
Leader: We are people of God!	<b>All: We are people of God!</b>
Leader: We are people of Hope!	<b>All: We are people of Hope!</b>
Leader: What are we going to do?	<b>All: Hope!</b>
Leader: What are we going to be?	<b>All: Hope!</b>

## Postlude

*"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"*

*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 Nancy Clark to the glory of God and in memory of her sister.

## Prayers

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

Ethel Gray, mother of Joan Polak

Mekenna Schmidt, granddaughter of Milt and Sandy Nielsen

Parents of Mollie Cullinane

Family and friends of Deanne Knox upon her death

George Deuillet, friend of Petrich family

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

Elnora McQuiston, Sally von Waaden, 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

<b>Pastors</b>	Pr. Tom Grevlos, Pr. Felix Malpica
<b>Director of Worship/Arts</b>	Kevin McClure
<b>Assisting Ministers</b>	Jerry Schmeil (8:15), Larry Morgan (10:45)
<b>Director of Christmas Pageant</b>	Rachel Noffke
<b>Ushers</b>	Jeri Porter (8:15), Connie Astrachan, Dee Jackson (10:45)
<b>Altar Stewards</b>	Milt and Sandy Nielsen (8:15), Alison Cannon (10:45)
<b>Communion Bread</b>	Sharon Collins
<b>Offering Tellers</b>	Dee Jackson, Mark Smith
<b>Coffee Angels</b>	Denny Etzler (8:15), Sara and Bill Dawson (10:45)
<b>Bulletin Team</b>	Elnora McQuiston, Ethel Kunze, Dick Lowke, Sandy Nielsen, Charlyn Bacon
<b>Bulletin Cover Design</b>	Nicholas Dertien
<b>Guatemala Lutheran Church</b>	Pr. Karen Castillo

***Holden Evening Prayer: Tonight @ 5:00pm in the Fellowship Hall***

A beautiful evening prayer service full of music and prayer

*Led by Pr. Felix Malpica and Kevin McClure*





# HOPE IS A BABY!

Christmas Eve Worship  
December 24, 2014

4pm - Family Worship

6pm & 8pm - Festival Worship



## *Christmas Poinsettias 2014*

Dick and Donna Auby in honor of their grandchildren  
Ron and Charlyn Bacon to the Glory of God  
Pam Bengtson in memory of Phyllis Prosser  
Lois Billbrough in memory of David Everett  
Rick and Jan Burnight in loving memory of their daughter, Anneliese  
Don and Ruby Cadenhead in memory of Ben and Ethel Cadenhead  
Sharon Collins to the Glory of God  
Bill and Sara Dawson in memory of Janet and Lee Dawson  
Marie Fortune in memory of Jim Fortune  
Dabney Gomes in memory of W. R. Staub, Jr.  
Bernice Gaskamp in memory of William Gaskamp  
Pastor Tom and Jeanne Grevlos in honor of their son Tommy's baptismal birthday  
Bill and Yolanda Heine to the Glory of God  
Allen and Kristin Johnson and children in memory of Darryl Johnson  
and in honor of Kyle Holder  
Al and Kathy Kilberg in memory of Alvin Kilberg and Matthias Schwartz  
Lisa Larson in memory of Aimee Boatman  
Richard and Wanda Lowke in memory of their parents and Marilyn Lowke  
Bob and Mary Louise McCarty in honor of the birth of Jesus  
The Neuhaus and Deaton Families in memory of Russell Neuhaus and Patti Deaton  
James Parks in honor of Betty Jo Parks  
Diane Peterson in memory of her parents  
Ronny and Janice Pinckard in memory of their parents  
John and Joan Polak in memory/honor of their parents, John and Rita Polak,  
Ethel and James Gray  
Jeri Porter in memory of her mom  
Sibylle Rhein in memory of Sabine and Dieter Rhein  
Linda Roesle in memory of Cheryl Welsh and Arthur Kalbow  
Don and Inez Schrader in memory of Ruth Geist  
Steve and Carmen Schulz in loving memory of their parents, Lucian and Carmen,  
Richard and Jeannette  
Bob Stone in memory of Marylou Stone  
Mark and Naomi Tate in honor of Christ's birth  
Roxanne Varner in loving memory of her parents, Woods and Dorothy Caperton,  
and her brother, Clay Caperton  
Susan and Ray Vaughn in memory of all their loved ones  
Bob and Sue Wernecke in memory of Pat Schroeder

