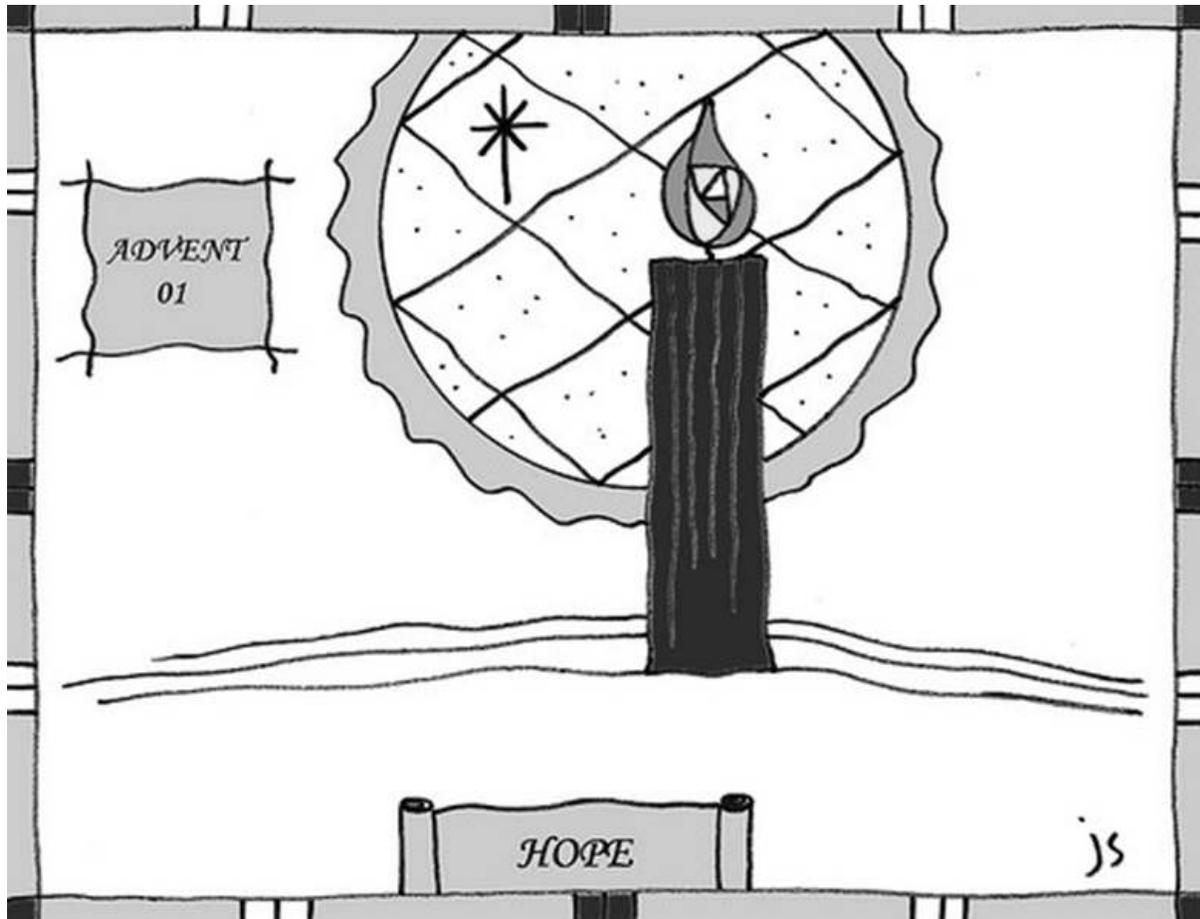


Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

We are so glad you are here!! May the joy of Christ be with you all!
Welcome!!



2 December 2018

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Sermon Notes



Lined writing area for sermon notes.

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Holy Communion

Week 1 – Hope

For many people, Advent can be a time of extreme busyness and stress. For others of us, it might be a time of sadness, grief and withdrawal. Or, ironically, it might even be both at the same time. The expectations of what this time is supposed to be can put anxiety into any of us. This year we will strive to live these days proactively and as simply as possible. We will start each day with the intention of finding something **good** in our lives. We will see God in God's creation and in God's people.

Prayer Before Worship

We are making our way on the road to Bethlehem,
on the journey of expectation for the Christ-child,
knowing that You, O God, are entering our world and our lives in a new way.
You will surprise us. You will challenge us.

Loving God, guide our hearts and our lives to the fullness of Your *Hope*

In this season of Advent,
help us to renew our faith, renew our commitment to You,
and renew our covenant to love our neighbors,
especially the stranger and the refugee, as ourselves. Amen

Bells

Greeting

Gathering Music: (10:30) Variations on "On Jordan's Banks the Baptist Cries"—Burkhardt

Call to Worship:

L: God of *Hope*,

**C: we are looking for You as we start this new church year.
We intend to look for You in Your creation and in Your people.
We intend to listen and see and taste and feel Your goodness,
and not get distracted by what's happening around us.
Be with us, hold us, accompany us and bring us *Hope*.**

Prayer of Confession:

L: Gracious and ever present God,
we need to get serious here.

**C: Deep down, we believe we can do it all by ourselves.
We are gearing up to slog through this season on our own,
by our own power and with our own strength.
But in our heart of hearts,
we know we cannot do anything well without You.
Help us to look for You in the small things around us.
Then we can relax and know that You are with us
and will walk with us and that we can lean on You.
Please be patient with us and our intentions.**

Assurance of Forgiveness (1Thessalonians 3:12-13)

L: The apostle Paul prayed that
"the Lord may make our love overflow for each other and for everyone.
The good news therefore, is this:
in and through Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

**C: Lead us in Your *Hope*, O God,
teach us Your ways and guide us in Your paths. Amen.**

Song: WOV (Blue Hymnal) #626 People, Look East



Advent Candle Lighting

L: Into the darkness of our world...

C: Lord Jesus, come bringing *Hope*.

L: Into the darkness in our homes...

C: Lord Jesus, come bring *Hope*.

L: Into the darkness in our hearts...

C: Lord Jesus, come bringing *Hope*.

Advent Song:

"Be a Candle of Hope" (8:00)Anali Delgado, (10:30) Marina Vrana, Avelyn Vrana, Payton Orsak,
Landon Orsak, Gage Garnett, and Gavin Garnett

Prayer of the Day

L: Creator God, restore our *Hope* so that if we look for You,
we will see You in Your creation.

**C: Create in us a feeling of closeness to You.
Help us to live this day intentionally with You.**

L: Christ, give us *Hope*

**C: that if we set our minds and hearts to look for You in all people,
we will see You.**

L: Spirit, give us the curiosity and imagination and strength

**C: to see You through the clouds of our cultural messiness.
Help us to see more clearly and live more fully.**

Readings:

Scripture Verse: Emmanuel

Psalm 25:4

Make me to know Your ways, O Lord; teach me Your paths.

1 Thessalonians 3:12

And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we
abound in love for you.

A time of silence

Take a deep breath and exhale slowly.

Take this time to talk to God about your intentions for this Advent.

Message

Song:

O Bethlehem

1. Oh Beth- le- hem, in the land of Ju- dah, you re- pre-
2. For he was sent to be- come our Shep- herd; by God's in-

sent: all the clans of Ju- dah; for you shall bear the Prince of
tent he be- came our Shep- herd; for he was born the Prince of

hea- ven, the one who is, and who was, and is to come.
hea- ven, the one who is, and who was, and is to come.

E E7 A D/E A A7
D A D E7 A

Apostles' Creed

**We believe in God the Father, creator of heaven and earth.
The one who is full of patience,
who is not afraid of silence,
who does not need to fill each moment with activity and noise.
The one who is beyond bluster and flurry,
and who does not jostle for attention.**

**We believe in God the Son, Savior of creation,
who slipped into Bethlehem one night, mostly unnoticed,
who lived thirty years without headlines or hurry,
who frequently took time alone with his patient Father,
who waited for the right time to become the suffering servant,
who stood quietly before the noise of his accusers,
whose silence overpowered their words,
who died, then rose again on a quiet Sunday morning.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens, empowers, renews and refreshes,
sometimes arriving with obvious power,
sometimes with the quiet breath of a whisper.**

**We believe in one God
who patiently waits for us,
and who longs for us to do the same.**

Prayers of the People

**L: Come, O God,
C: commune here with us, as we lift to You our cares.**

**You, our *Hope* and our deliverance,
promise to receive our prayers.
God of love and understanding,
You alone know heart and soul.
Listen to our intercessions, recreate us, make us whole.**

**L: Healing God,
we pray for those among us this day who need Your Hope:**

**C: for those who struggle with depression's grip,
for those who journey with physical disabilities,
for those who are lonely,
for those who are hopeless,
for those who are addicted,
for those who are angry and bitter,
for those who are broken and battered,
draw near to us. Amen.**

Sharing the Peace of the Lord

PHASE 1 CONGREGATION MEETING

Offering

Offertory Music: (10:30) O Come, O Come, Emmanuel—arr. Sorenson

Offertory Response: **What Shall I Give To You**

What shall I give to you? What shall I give to
you?
Oh, that we could give like the rain,
Teach us how to give we pray,
Oh, that like the bread we be - come
pour - ing out on rich and poor the same. Oh, that we could give like the
of - fer - ing our work and play. Oh, that we could learn how to
scat - tered grains all gath - ered in one. With this cup of bless - ing you
sun,
care,
give,
shin - ing light on ev - ry one.
ev - ry breath we breathe a prayer.
fill us and teach us how to live.

Offertory Prayer:

**May these gifts indeed give
light to those in darkness,
hope to those in despair,
and justice to the oppressed,
as we bring them to You
as an act of sharing Your *Hope* with the world.**

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, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Holy Communion

Communion Music: (10:30) Advent Selections

Post Communion Song **Table of Plenty vs 1-3**

7 Come to the feast of hea-ven and earth; come to the ta - ble of
 13 plen - ty. God will pro - vide for all that we need;
 here at the ta - ble of plen - ty.
 20
 O, come and sit at my ta - ble _____ where saints and sin - ners are
 O, come and eat with-out mon - ey; _____ come to drink with - out
 27 My bread will ev - er sus - tain you _____ through days of sor - row and
 Your fields will flow - er in full - ness; _____ your homes will flour - ish in
 friends. _____ I wait to wel - come the lost and lone - ly to share the
 price. _____ My feast of glad - ness will feed your spir - it with faith and
 woe. _____ My wine will flow like a sea of glad - ness to flood the
 34 peace. _____ For I, the giv - er of home and har - vest, will send my
 cup of my love. _____
 full - ness of life. _____
 depths of your soul. _____
 rain on the soil. _____

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Post Communion Prayer

LBW Green Hymnal p.94

Announcements

A Blessing

L: May we see

C: the *Hope* of God in all of creation.

L: May we see

C: the *Hope* of God in all people.

L: May we see

C: the *Hope* of God in all the moments of our days.

L: May we

C: live life with *Hope* and on purpose.

Song: WOV (Blue Hymnal) #627 My Lord, What a Morning

Sending Music: (10:30) Prepare the Royal Highway—arr. Behnke

PRAYER FOR CHILDREN

Dear God,

sometimes we get afraid
of darkness or bad dreams,
of thunder and lightning,
of accidents or cruel people,

Please keep us safe -
like a baby kangaroo
in its mother's pouch.

Amen!



Please direct all correspondence (thinking of you, get well cards, etc.) for **Deloris Hindley** to her brother, Glen.

Deloris Hindley
c/o Glen Hindley
219 Nantucket #D106
Victoria, Texas 77904-2535

Last Week's Metrics

Attendance: 11-25 8am: 54 10:30am: 87

Offerings:	General Fund	Benevolence	Trinity Growth
Envelopes:	\$ 1,712	\$ 127	\$ 254
Online Giving:	\$ 1,719	\$ 70	\$ 510

Our Average Expenses in 2017-2018 were \$6600/week, every week. This includes: \$4566/week for Salaries and Benefits, \$ 700/week for Utilities, \$ 502/week for Insurance, and \$ 832/week for Supplies, Ministries, Routine Maintenance and all other items

The Trinity Growth Program is used to pay our mortgage, which is about \$1220/week.

Benevolence Offerings are sent each month to our Southwestern Texas Synod, where it is used for many church-wide ministries and to support the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). These averages are intended to give you an idea of what it takes to maintain our facilities and minister to the congregation and the community around us. Of course, there is much more detail, if you are interested. Our books are always open to any member of the congregation, and I would be very excited to sit down with you and answer any questions you might have.

Thank you for all you do and your generous support.

Bruce Kaiser, Treasurer

Sunday School Christmas Program

The Sunday School Christmas program is here and your kids are the stars! The kids will be practicing during Sunday School on December 2nd and December 9th. Please try to attend Sunday school on these 2 practice days.

The Christmas program will be on Sunday, December 16th, during the 10:30AM service. Please mark your calendars and come hear the children help tell the story of Christ's birth!

Grace Lutheran Church
9806 NE Zac Lentz Pkwy.
"BETHLEHEM VILLAGE"

December 7th & 8th ~ ~ ~ 6—8

Journey with Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem 2,000 years ago as they encountered the sights and sounds of the Village called the House of Bread where Jesus the Savior was born.

Please reserve Sunday, December 9th, for worshipping with Joyful Noise and Bells of Joyful Sound at the 8:00 and 10:30 AM services. "Love Can!" will be presented as these group's Christmas gift to the congregation through music, song, bells, and instruments. It is always a very special time in the choir and handbells year when we can share our presentation with you. It warms our hearts when you are there to worship with us on this Sunday each year.

WEDNESDAYS FRIENDS

WEDNESDAYS FRIENDS WILL HAVE THEIR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY ON DECEMBER 12, 2018. Please mark your calendar. The staff is providing the turkey, dressing, rolls and gravy. Everyone coming is asked to bring a dish and/or a dessert. **Please contact Manetta Hairell 361-293-8987 to let her know if you are coming and what you are bringing.**



Let's Go Christmas Caroling

Sunday, December 16

Meet after church for Pizza in Luther Hall

and then

leave at 1:00

Share the gift of a Christmas song or two

and make someone's Christmas bright

*Christmas Carols with Our Lady of Lourdes
Wednesday, December 19th*

6:00 p.m.

At Trinity

Special participation for children and families

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES:

Family and friends of **Keith Stubbs** on his death

Pastor Cheryl and family on the death of her son, **Matthew Hoffman**



THANKFUL PRAYERS:

Thankful prayers for healing for Manetta Hairell

NEW PRAYER CONCERNS:

Child of God B

David Brogger

Rhonda Brzozowska

Lael Cordes-Pitts

Johnny Schleich

CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:

Mae Baecker

Trevor Belcik

Martin Boedeker

Linda Berger

Jason Bitterly

Michelle Clary Boen

Sharon Brzozowska

Dawn Foerester

Deloris Hindley

Barbara Hofmann

Cindy Jennings

Elmo Kaiser, Jr.

Keith Kann

Cullen Kickendahl

Kathy Kuecker

Debbie McClanahan

Otto Migl

R. L. Montgomery, Jr.

Dinah Mueller

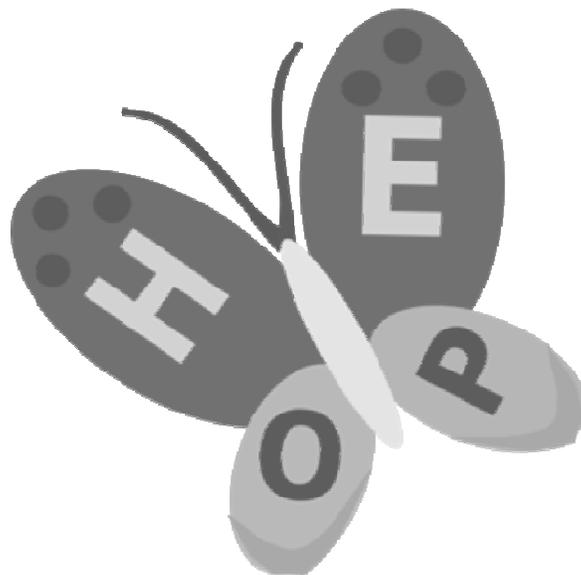
Cole Ohrt

Bryan Redding

Roger Sanger

Kim Shilling & family

Marcie Worsham





Price:
6½" pot \$20 ea.
2 plants per pot

Orders Due by
December 10th

**POINSETTIAS
TO BE PLACED IN CHURCH DECEMBER 23 RD
AND TAKEN HOME JANUARY 6TH**

It's Time to Place
YOUR ORDER

Donor's Name[s] (exactly as YOU want printed)

In Honor/Memory of [indicate which] (exactly as YOU want printed)

_____ 6½" @ \$20 each _____

_____ Amount Paid (cash or check # _____)

Please use this form for clarification on your order.

TODAY: FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT—HOPE

8:00 Worship, Holy Communion
9:15 Sunday School
Christmas Program Practice
10:30 Worship, Holy Communion

PHASE 1 CONGREGATION COUNCIL

MONDAY: DECEMBER 3

6:00 Boy Scout Troop 113

TUESDAY: DECEMBER 4

7:00 Men's Group
8:00 Walkers, LH
9:30 WELCA Decorate Christmas Tree, LH
2:30 WELCA Memorial Service
5:30 Fellowship Welcome Team

WEDNESDAY: DECEMBER 5

6:05 Handbells
6:30 FOOD BANK—8th grade confirmation
6:30 7th grade confirmation
7:05 Choir

THURSDAY: DECEMBER 6

8:00 Walkers, LH
5:30 Music and Worship

FRIDAY: DECEMBER 7

4:00 Patrick Ohrt Wedding Rehearsal

SATURDAY: DECEMBER 8

4:00 Patrick Ohrt Wedding

SUNDAY: SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT—PEACE

CHOIR PROGRAM

8:00 Worship, Holy Communion
9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Worship

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL DUTIES:

Roland Albrecht, Arlen J. Buchhorn,
and Ralph Howard

GREETERS:

8:00 Bill Kickendahl
10:30 Ralph and Margaret Howard

USHERS:

8:00 Shanna Mikulenska
10:30 Ralph and Margaret Howard

ACOLYTES:

8:00 Allyson Schmidt
10:30 Addison Hanselman
Payton Orsak

READERS:

8:00 Donna Appelt
10:30 Pam Orsak

ALTAR GUILD:

8:00 Pat Miller
Bill Rose
10:30 Ralph and Margaret Howard

**BE SURE AND PICK UP YOUR OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2019 AND DO NOT
USE THEM UNTIL THEN. THEY ARE LOCATED IN THE EDUCATIONAL
BUILDING BY THE COFFEE POT.**