



HORIZON OF HOPE

8:30 A.M. Traditional Service
10:00 A.M. Contemporary Service

Lift up your heads, O Gates; lift them high O everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

“Who is this King of glory?” “The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle.” Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; And the King of glory shall come in.

“Who is he, this King of glory?” “The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.” (Psalm 24)

As you read this article, Thanksgiving may not be past us yet, and the First Sunday in Advent is upon us. Although this first Sunday in Advent doesn't find most of us ready for Christmas Eve, our culture has been pushing us toward the baby Jesus since before Halloween! However, the church year — the cycle of readings appointed for worship and devotion — encourages us to hold off a while on Bethlehem, the stable, shepherds and the nativity.

The first weeks of Advent, following Christ the King Sunday, remind us that Jesus, born as a baby in Judea, was born to be the “King of glory!” This psalm is a proclamation of Jesus Christ, triumphantly approaching the eternal temple in heaven. The question is, “Who can ascend the hill of the LORD? And who can stand in his holy place?” Of course, the answer is, “those who have clean hands and a pure heart...” And who is that? Who has clean hands and a pure heart? No mere mortal. No sinful human being. The psalm then, is a dialogue as heavenly beings question, “Who is this approaching the heavenly gates?” And the psalmist answers, “Open up, and you'll see! The King of glory will come in — and the King of glory is Jesus Christ, King of kings and Lord of lords — Jesus, who by his death, resurrection and exaltation is LORD of the hosts of heaven!”

It is right that the everlasting doors of heaven should be opened for the Lord Jesus Christ, strong and mighty! This psalm also calls on the kings of this world, all nations and peoples to open the “doors” of their hearts, homes and kingdoms, as well, to welcome the King of glory, the Lord of hosts. The prayer of Advent is, “Come, Lord Jesus!” Let us open ourselves and our lives to his coming!

Written by the Rev. Dr. David Wendel (Lutheran Church of the Risen Lord)



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Every Tuesday from 10:00-10:30 a.m.

Please join the church staff as we pray for the Church, its ministries, and those who have asked us to include them in our prayers. Plan to join us!
"Never doubt what one prayer can do."

A big thank you to each and every person who helped with the preparation, donations, and help with our Turkey Noodle Dinner!

We are so grateful!!!

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We welcome all people to worship God by offering our lives in daily witness to the love of Jesus Christ.

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YOU are always welcome to attend the meeting of our Council. Council usually meets on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM.

	Nov 1	Nov 8	Nov 15	Nov 22	Nov 29
General	1144.00	1080.00	1825.00	n/a	n/a
Benevolence					

\$8344.00 needed per month to make 2020 Budget

Your Financial Gifts...

A special thank you to all who continue to send offering during this time where we are not meeting in person!

Please consider mailing your commitment to the church at
P.O. Box 301,
Plattsmouth, NE 68048. Thank You!

Our Church continues to be grateful for all who faithfully support the ongoing life and ministry operating costs of Hosanna.
You make a difference!

Hope in God

Even when everything seems to be going wrong – can we hope in God? I pray we can because we know God cares.

Today I write this with a positive Covid test – my hope is in the Lord. I know that God is working in this situation, not just for me but for all of us. Obviously, no services this week and no video. Let's see what God has to say in our text today.

Here is our PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of deliverance,

You rescued Daniel from the mouths of the lions when he was punished for worshiping you. Liberate all who are endangered for the sake of their faith, and rescue us from anything that separates us from worshiping only you, for the sake of the one who made your name known to all people, across land and seas, Jesus Christ, our redeemer. **Amen.**

Sermon: Hope

The people of Judah have been conquered by the Babylonians and hauled off in captivity. Some of the young men were brought to the King's court to be trained to enter the King's service. One such man was Daniel. Since that time the Persians have taken over and he has emerged among all the other administrators as "distinguished" due to his "excellent qualities" (Daniel 6:3). Consequently, he holds a place of responsibility in the imperial court. At the same time, he is still an outsider due to his continued devotion to the Lord. This difference sparks jealousy and a plot against him.

Daniel 6:6-27 (NIV)

⁶ So these administrators and satraps went as a group to the king and said: "May King Darius live forever! ⁷ The royal administrators, prefects, satraps, advisers and governors have all agreed that the king should issue an edict and enforce the decree that anyone who prays to any god or human being during the next thirty days, except to you, Your Majesty, shall be thrown into the lions' den. ⁸ Now, Your Majesty, issue the decree and put it in writing so that it cannot be altered—in accordance with the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be repealed." ⁹ So King Darius put the decree in writing. What a strange thing to do. But you have heard the phrase 'absolute power corrupts absolutely'. Pride is one of the great sins we all face – one of my greatest struggles. What will Daniel do in the face of this decree???

¹⁰ Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before. ¹¹ Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help. ¹² So they went to the king and spoke to him about his royal decree: "Did you not publish a decree that during the next thirty days anyone who prays to any god or human being except to you, Your Majesty, would be thrown into the lions' den?" The king answered, "The decree stands—in accordance with the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be repealed." Again, a prideful boast – the king is being manipulated.

13 Then they said to the king, "Daniel, who is one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, Your Majesty, or to the decree you put in writing. He still prays three times a day." 14 When the king heard this, he was greatly distressed; he was determined to rescue Daniel and made every effort until sundown to save him. 15 Then the men went as a group to King Darius and said to him, "Remember, Your Majesty, that according to the law of the Medes and Persians no decree or edict that the king issues can be changed." How many times have we gotten our self into trouble by making promises we can't or don't want to keep? We get caught up in the moment (remember the what happen to John the Baptist) and make stupid comments. Guess what – God can work in the midst of anything stupid we say!! Thank you, Lord.

16 So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions' den. The king said to Daniel, "May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!" The king also has hope in God to rescue Daniel. Would you bet that Daniel is praying?? No mention of it but remember Daniel prayed regularly to God – it has become a natural part of his life. We to can develop that habit – I know because I have learned that over the years. You can too 😊

17 A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the rings of his nobles, so that Daniel's situation might not be changed. 18 Then the king returned to his palace and spent the night without eating and without any entertainment being brought to him. And he could not sleep. 19 At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions' den. 20 When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?" 21 Daniel answered, "May the king live forever! 22 My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, Your Majesty." 23 The king was overjoyed and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den. And when Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had trusted in his God. I love this – God gets the glory and that is as it should be. A miracle.

24 At the king's command, the men who had falsely accused Daniel were brought in and thrown into the lions' den, along with their wives and children. And before they reached the floor of the den, the lions overpowered them and crushed all their bones.

25 Then King Darius wrote to all the nations and peoples of every language in all the earth:

"May you prosper greatly! 26 "I issue a decree that in every part of my kingdom people must fear and reverence the God of Daniel. "For he is the living God and he endures forever; his kingdom will not be destroyed, his dominion will never end. 27 He rescues and he saves; he performs signs and wonders in the heavens and on the earth. He has rescued Daniel from the power of the lions."

What a declaration! Read it once again.

We are starting the Advent season – 'Coming'. A time in the church to prepare for Christ's coming; as a child, we celebrate Christmas; as a savior, we await Christ's coming again.

Meanwhile the living God – rescues/saves and performs signs/wonders. That’s what Daniel counted on, that’s what Darius saw (remember he started with ‘was God able’) – let us also trust and be on the look out for: God at work in our lives and the lives of those around us. The story goes out of its way to make clear that there are those who will use our faith in justice and Jesus against us. When the king heard the charge, he was very much distressed. He was determined to save Daniel, and until the sun went down he made every effort to rescue him (6:14). At the end of the day, a ‘king’ cannot help you when you choose Jesus and justice. The king was ineffectual but the living God was not. When Daniel heard the new law that ended his religious freedom, he did not go into hiding with his faith. Daniel was still public with his faith. Remember what Christ has done for us. As Daniel said *“I was found innocent in his sight”*, so are we, thanks be to God. As the song says, in the eye of the storm - we find our peace in Jesus’ name. Our only hope is to trust God! Thank you Lord.

Let us Pray: Gracious Father – thank you that we can call you Father – that you called us your children and you draw us to yourself. Thank you for the gift of your Son and the Holy Spirit to teach and to guide. Help us learn what you want us to learn as we journey through the bible. Help us hear and trust in your promises. Help our unbelief. Give us eyes to see and ears to hear and a heart willing to follow your will in our lives. Help us be the children you want us to be. Help us to share the Good News. Help us to love you and love others. Help us to pray for others. We lift up the healthcare workers – keep them safe. We lift those who have the virus – heal them. We lift up the researchers – may you give them wisdom to find a cure and vaccine quickly. We lift up our leaders – grant them wisdom to deal with this for the good of all they serve. Help us be conscious of care for ourselves so that we can care safely for others around us. Help those who are at a higher risk to be safe but to reach out to our larger family so that we can serve them. We thank you Lord for all that you have done and are doing. Praise and blessing to you – in Jesus name we pray and all God’s children said.... Amen.

BLESSING: Sending message from St. Teresa of Avila

"Christ has no body now, but ours. No hands, no feet on earth, but ours. Ours are the eyes through which Christ looks compassion into the world. Ours are the feet with which Christ walks to do good. Ours are the hands with which Christ blesses the world." † AMEN.

Verse of the Month

²¹ *Jesus began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”
(Luke 4:21)*

Song for this Sunday is “Eye of the Storm” by Ryan Stevensen

This is going to be a Christmas unlike any that we have ever experienced before.

While it's going to be different....different doesn't have to mean bad. Here are some ways that you may be able to spark CHRISTmas joy in others and that might prove to be just the holiday boost that you need too!

- Masked carolers – you can still wear a mask and sing, and this is a year that your friends and neighbors would likely appreciate the added cheer. To be safe, this is probably best done in family groups, especially if driving from place to place. If you are interested in surprising some Hosanna folks, Diana or Pastor Jim can help with addresses! Before you start singing, tape a note to the door (facing inside!) telling the homeowners that you are there to share carols a few with them.

- Christmas Light Awards – tie up a couple of candy bars or maybe a box of cocoa and leave it on the porch of the homes with your favorite Christmas displays. Include a note that says, “Your Christmas lights were our family favorite tonight. Thank you for spreading holiday cheer!”

- Coffee Cheer – an easy cheer spreader if you have an extra \$5, stop at the Starbucks in HyVee, Herban Coffee on Main Street or drive-thru Scooters and leave \$5 with the clerk and tell them to pay for the next person's coffee. Have a favorite HyVee employee? Ask Starbucks to call that person over after you leave and treat them to a special treat!

- Snail Mail – connect with your kids, grandkids, old neighbors, parents, grandparents. You don't need to buy an expensive card, send a silly cartoon from the paper, a printed activity page or a blank card you already have at home. Snail mail is an inexpensive way to brighten someone's day.

- CASA Connection – did you know our Secretary, Diana, is also the Executive Director of the Cass County CASA? She coordinates a Giving Tree at the Cass County Courthouse. The gift tags are REAL gift requests from SPECIFIC kids in the CASA program. All requests are items are under \$30. If you are interested in participating, email Diana at director@casscasa.org and she can help you select a request over the phone and you can deliver the item to church!

Your Christmas light display was a family favorite tonight! Thank you for adding to our joy this holiday season. May God bless you & yours in the New Year!

From:

Merry Christmas! Enjoy this coffee and help spread holiday cheer by sharing your own act of kindness this season!

From:

Use these tags or make your own and get started with Christmas Kindness! If you have other ideas please share them via email to nickelwalz@gmail.com and hosannalutheran@windstream.net so we can share them on Facebook!

We are here to share a few of our favorite Christmas Carols! No need to come outside, just enjoy a song or two and we will be on our way. Merry Christmas!

**"Our hearts grow tender with childhood memories and love of kindred, and we are better throughout the year for having, in spirit, become a child again at Christmastime."
Laura Ingalls Wilder**



O Holy Night by Adolphe Adam

**O holy night! The stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining.
'Till He appeared and the Spirit felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.
Fall on your knees!**

**Oh, hear the angel voices!
O night divine, the night when Christ was born,
O night, O holy night, o night divine!
O night, O holy night, o night divine!**

**Led by the light of faith serenely beaming,
With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand.
O'er the world a star is sweetly gleaming,
Now come the wise men from out of the Orient land.**

**The King of kings lay thus lowly manger,
In all our trials born to be our friends.
He knows our need, our weakness is no stranger,
Behold your King!
Before him lowly bend!
Behold your King!
Before him lowly bend!**

**Truly He taught us to love one another,
His law is love and His gospel is peace.
Chains he shall break, for the slave is our brother.**

**And in his name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,**

**With all our hearts we praise His holy name.
Christ is the Lord!
Then ever, ever praise we,
His power and glory ever more proclaim!
His power and glory ever more proclaim!**

Please pray for:

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| Bertha Black | Esther Nash |
| Dori Brich | Dewayne & Mary Prince |
| O.C. Coleman | Norman Rishel |
| Connealy Family | Sheila Sach |
| Nancy Conley | Cynthia Sayers |
| Glenn Crockett | Russ Sederburg |
| Barb Culbertson | Gary Thornton |
| Ebbin Gehrke | Kathy Todd |
| Dave Greer | Grace Zimmerer |
| Bill Grunewald | Chris |
| Sandy Ham | Mary C. |
| Harley Hein | Jamie M. |
| Maggie Jones | Angie and Family |
| Jason Knott | |
| Mike McCarlson | |
| Donna McClean | |

Please let the office (296-2662) know of changes to the prayer lists so that we can keep everything current. Thanks!

Prayer for those serving in the military and law enforcement:

- Justin Bartlett, Marines
- Jason Black, Law Enforcement
- Joshua Black, Law Enforcement
- Meshack Casey, Army
- Cory Clines, Air Force
- Alex Houchin, Navy
- Sean Gardner, Law Enforcement
- Kyle Hefner, Air Force
- Regan Hefner, Air Force
- Mason Jensen, Navy
- Calvin Johnson, Air Force
- Rachel Mildenhall, Marines
- Scott Nelson, Army
- Tyler Nielson, Navy
- Nick Richards, Law Enforcement
- Steven Richards, Army
- Travis Roeder, Air Force
- Brent Wiese, Army
- Craig Wylie, Law Enforcement
- Sandra Wylie, Law Enforcement
- Jennifer Zeitler and Marcus Hough, Air Force



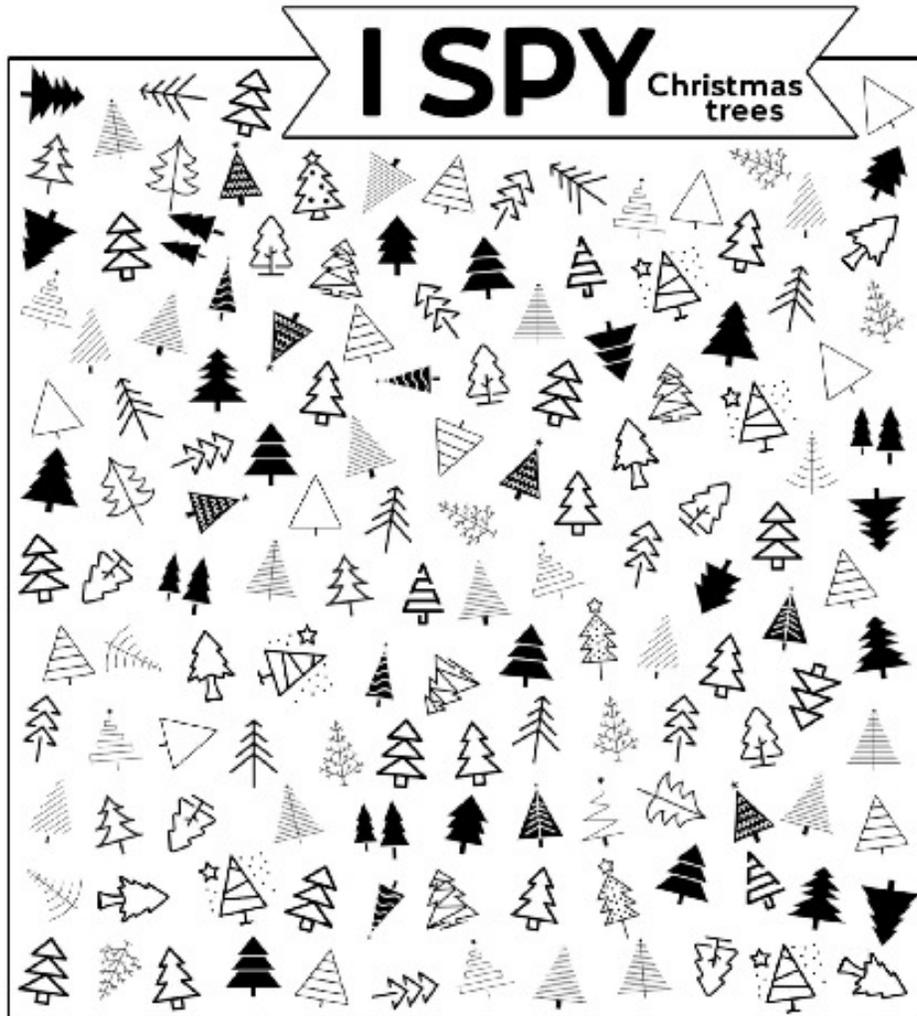
Attendance November 2020

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Just for Fun!!

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*We welcome all people to worship God by offering our lives
in daily witness to the love of Jesus Christ.*

Please join us for services at 8:30 and 10:00 AM.
Details for services can be found in Pastor's sermon beginning on page 3.



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services, meeting
times, or need help
with anything. That's
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