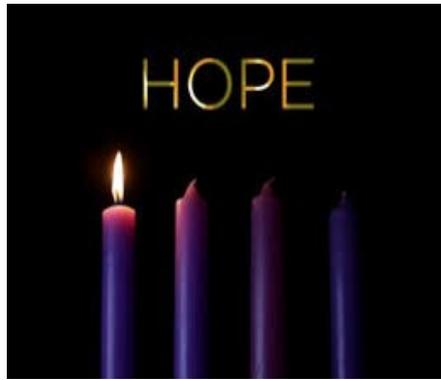


The Candle of Hope



Like the prophets in the **Old Testament**, we hope for a Messiah to save us from the sin in the world (**Isaiah 9:6-7**). We anticipate our Savior's arrival.

Also known as the "**prophecy candle**," this candle assures us we can have hope that God will fulfill the **prophecies** declared in the Old Testament about Jesus. Hope doesn't disappoint us (**Romans 5:5**).

In this day and age, where evil abounds and all seems lost, we can also hope that the prophecies about Jesus' second arrival to earth will also be fulfilled.

Biblical Hope

Christians can often confuse the word hope for wishful thinking. If we hope something will happen, we have no control over whether or not it will take place.

But the **biblical sense of hope** is very different. Hope, in the Bible, exists as a secure assurance, a trust placed in a trustworthy God. God has not failed us in the past, and therefore, if he claims he will do something in the future, we can have a hope that he will fulfill that claim.

Hope waits and endures. It isn't flimsy or merely wishful thinking. It can withstand fire, trials, and despair.

Why Does This Matter?

Hope is an important thing. It helps us during significant trials or times of distress. It offers us security that God will arrive and though we cannot see him now, we will see him face to face one day (**Hebrews 11**).

In lieu of advent, it helps us to recognize the hope the Israelites experienced throughout the Old Testament, especially during the time of the prophets, such as Isaiah. They yearned for a Messiah to save them from their enemies, and ultimately, the greatest enemy: their sin.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

-A Church of Joy-

Welcomes You to Worship

THE FIRST SUNDAY
IN ADVENT:

HOPE



November 28th, 2021

10:00 am Worship
1st Sunday in Advent
Remo A. Madsen

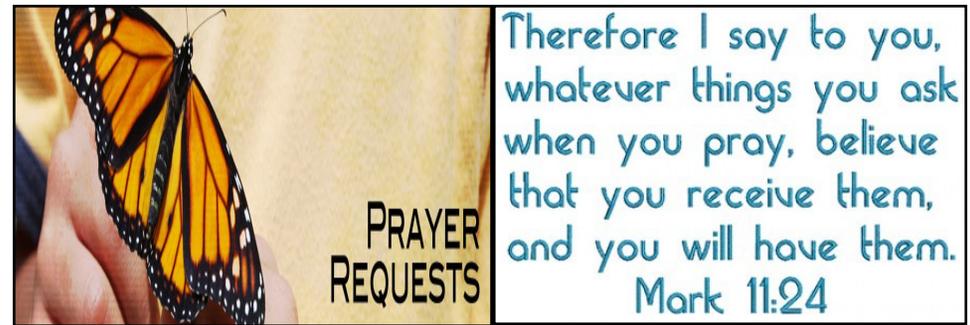
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THE MINISTERS

The People of Good Shepherd Lutheran Congregation

PASTOR

Reverend Remo A. Madsen



OUR MEMBERS AND LOVE ONES WITH SPECIAL PRAYER NEEDS

OUR MEMBERS:

Barbara Tung, Chick Lent and the Griggs family, Adina Perullo, Gary Regan, Lil Holiner, Marie Neznamy

OUR FAMILIES & FRIENDS WITH SPECIAL PRAYER NEEDS ARE:

Lee Ann Lo Monaco-cousin of Fran Neri, Tracy Dolen-daughter of Gail George, Pauline DeMicco-mother of Paul George, Cara Smith-daughter of Peggy and Ken Bailey, Lily-friend of Jackie Pigeon, Karen Callahan-friend of Curt Neznamy, Linda Cucci-sister of Donna Berchoff, Larry Dolen-ex husband of Gail George, The Colon Family- friends of Donna Z



First Sunday of Advent

God of light and life,
give us hope as we wait
for your coming again.
When we are tempted
to be grateful to have found you
while others are lost,
send us out into the darkness
in search of those
who need you most,
we pray to the Lord.
Amen.

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday 10am - 11 am..... AA meetings

Tuesday Seniors 1—3 pm

Wednesday Adult Education - Bible Study - 7:00pm

Thursday Joann's Bible Study on-line at 7 PM

Friday Food and Fun Friday— Septembers— 5:30-8:30

**Saturday Farmers Market 9 –1
Serenity Night Live 6:30 PM (open meeting)**

Order of Service

CALL TO WORSHIP

OUR PANTRY NEEDS OUR PARTNERSHIP

Cans of Vegetables
Cranberry Sauce
Cans of Fruit
Mac and Cheese
Soup

Cereal
Mashed Potato Mix
Jams
Stuffing Mix

Place donations in the labeled container outside the tent

Any items you are able to donate will be greatly appreciated

***** We also need Supermarket Gift Cards *****

Place them in the offering basket

Contact Info: 516 655 9080

SENIOR GROUP

If you are looking for some companionship and fellowship, please come and join us. We have refreshments, lots of talking and even some crocheting and knitting.

TUESDAYS FROM 1PM TO 3 PM

Make some new friends and keep the old
One is silver and the other is gold

PASTOR'S WORDS OF WELCOME

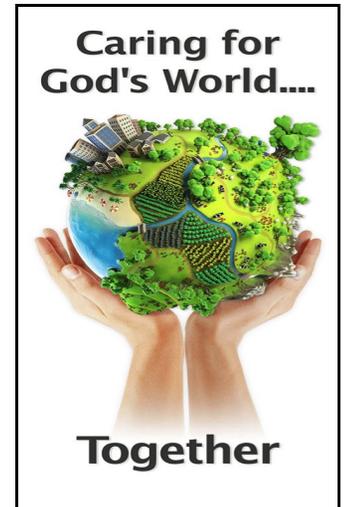
PROCESSIONAL HYMN.....THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD

This is my Father's world,
And to my list'ning ears
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world,
I rest me in the thought,
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
His hand the wonders wrought

This is my Father's world;
O, let me not forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.

This is my Father's world;
Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King, let the heavens ring;
God reigns, let the earth be glad



APOSTLE'S CREED (CONGREGATION)

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

READINGS

LIVE IN HOPE

Jeremiah 33:14

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

Psalms 25:7, 10

25:7 Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD!

25:10 All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

Luke 21:33-36

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

L: Word of God, Word of Life

C. Thanks be to God

TIME TO COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS.....

As we approach Thanksgiving time, let us remember to thank God for our many blessings.

One of our greatest blessings is our church and the fellowship and support we find here at Good Shepherd.

Please remember your church at this time of need and a gentle reminder to please continue to send in your pledge commitments according to your promised schedule. This helps us to feel confident that we can proceed with our rebuild plans

OUR CHRISTMAS TREE LOT IS NOW OPEN!!!!!!!!!!!!

SUNDAY 12 NOON—8 PM

MONDAY THRU FRIDAY 12 NOON—8 PM

SATURDAY 10:00AM—8 PM



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Please contact Wendy M @ 516 361 3649 to sign up for a shift as cashier or Tree Lot worker

PRAYER AND BLESSING

BENEDICTION

P: May the God who is above you watch over you, beside you, befriend you, behind you pick you up when you fall, ahead of you lead you every step of the way, may you go in peace, joy, and with -

C: ENTHUSIAM

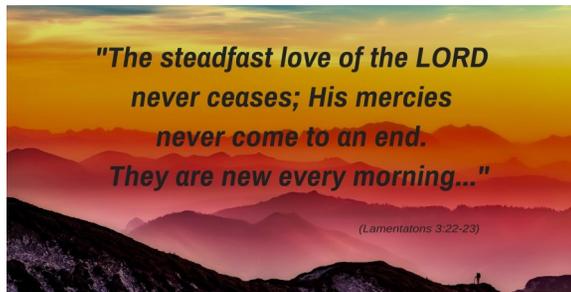
SENDING HYMNGREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

Great is thy faithfulness, O God, my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with thee,
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided;
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided;
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!



SERMON HYMN.....HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all you nations rise; join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come, off-spring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the God-head see! Hail incarnate deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
Born to raise each child of earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"



SERMON.....REMO A. MADSEN



CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your Holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Most merciful God;

C: **We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Holy Name.**

In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake, God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God, and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C: **AMEN**

OFFERING AND TITHES WILL BE RECEIVED DURING THE HYMN

OFFERING HYMN.....O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

O, little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and, gathered all above
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars together, proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to all the earth!

O, holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
Oh, come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Congregation)

**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.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the Kingdom,
The power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**