

Good Hope Parish
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“Celebrating and sharing together Christ’s love and hope for all people”

Second Sunday of Christmas

January 3, 2021

Lay Service
9:00am - BLC

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Entrance Hymn Your Little Ones, Dear Lord v1,3

**Your little ones, dear Lord, are we,
And come your lowly bed to see;
Enlighten ev’ry soul and mind,
That we the way to you may find.**

**Oh, draw us wholly to you, Lord,
And to us all your grace accord;
True faith and love to us impart,
That we may hold you in our heart.**

*Greeting

(Please be seated)

Liturgy John 1

L: In the beginning was the Word. Spoken. Creating the world.
C: Jesus; you are the Word of God.

L: The Word gives life. That life is light.
C: Jesus; the darkness cannot put out your light.

L: At the beginning of our time: Speak. Shake our worlds.
C: Jesus; we’re hungry for your words of life.

L: We cannot live by food alone,
C: We wait on the words that come from the mouth of God.

L: The Word became flesh and blood
C: And moved into our neighborhood.

L: It’s time for us to put flesh on your word
C: That we might be your hands and feet, in our homes, jobs and streets.

L: We will worship the Lord and serve him only.
C: We will let our light shine in the darkness:

L: That the world might see, and be transformed
C: And praise our Father in heaven. Amen.

Hymn

Holy Child within the Manger v1

WOV 638

**Holy Child within the manger, long ago yet ever near;
Come as friend to ev’ry stranger, come as hope for ev’ry fear.
As you lived to heal the broken, greet the outcast, free the bound,
As you taught us love unspoken, teach us now where you are found.**

Psalm 147:12-20 *(Read responsively)*

¹² Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!

¹³ **For he strengthens the bars of your gates; he blesses your children within you.**

¹⁴ He grants peace within your borders; he fills you with the finest of wheat.

¹⁵ **He sends out his command to the earth; his word runs swiftly.**

¹⁶ He gives snow like wool; he scatters frost like ashes.

¹⁷ **He hurls down hail like crumbs—who can stand before his cold?**

¹⁸ He sends out his word, and melts them; he makes his wind blow, and the waters flow.

¹⁹ **He declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and ordinances to Israel.**

²⁰ He has not dealt thus with any other nation; they do not know his ordinances.

Praise the LORD!

(Please stand as you are able)

*Gospel Acclamation

L: The Holy Gospel according to John 1:1-18

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

*Gospel

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him.

¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶ From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

*Gospel Response

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

(Please be seated)

Kid Talk

Mona Skare

Message

Barbara Carlson

Hymn of the Day Holy Child within the Manger v2,3 **WOV 638**
Once again we tell the story—how your love for us was shown,
When the image of your glory wore an image like our own.
Come, enlighten with your wisdom, come and fill us with your grace.
May the fire of your compassion kindle ev'ry land and race.

Holy Child within the manger, lead us ever in your way,
So we see in ev'ry stranger how you come to us today.
In our lives and in our living give us strength to live as you,
That our hearts might be forgiving and our spirits strong and true.

Offering

(Please stand as you are able)

*Offertory Prayer

*Prayer *(Read responsively)*

L: At the start there was a Word, the Word. This Holy Word was there with God—

All: This Word was God himself.

L: The Word was a creative Word—he made everything we now see. Everything.

All: There's nothing here that was made without him.

L: The word was a living word,

All: Shining with the light of life.

L: And the light he gives shines in even the darkest places,

All: No darkness is deep enough to put it out.

L: Once, when the Word decided to become part of the world, the world did not see him for who he was.

All: He came to his own creation, but it did not accept him...

L: Word of God, speaking creation into being, bringing everything out of nothing, and order out of chaos, your mark, your style is in everything we see:

All: We praise you for all you have made.

L: Word of God, speaking life into the barren places, filling the empty with your Spirit, raising the dead to live forever:

All: We praise you for the life you give to us.

L: Word of God, speaking light through the darkness, dazzling in the depths of despair, a light for our feet on dim-lit paths:

All: We praise you for the vision you give to us.

L: Word of God, speaking acceptance to us, inviting without prejudice, welcoming without question:

All: We praise you for the rest we find here.

*The 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; and 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

*Closing Hymn

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light v1

WOV 649

I want to walk as a child of the light.

I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.

The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain: **In him there is no darkness at all.**

The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

*Dismissal:

L: Go in peace, share the gift of Jesus!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

*Stand as you are able

ELW = Cranberry Hymnal, WOV=With One Voice

CCLI: 11200094

Prayer Concerns: The family of Glorian Sander, the family of John Beaty

Serving Today

Worship Leaders: Barbara Carlson, Mona Skare, Audrey Kiihn

Organist: Beth Jacobson

Recording: John Skare **Assisting:** Diane Jacobson

Announcements

This week at Good Hope Parish:

Today **Lay Worship**
9 a.m. Worship at BLC
10:45 a.m. Worship at Trinity

Wednesday, January 6 6 p.m. Confirmation Meet & Greet with parents at **Our Savior’s**
6:30 p.m. Trustees Budget Setting Meeting at BLC parsonage
7 p.m. BLC Council Meeting at parsonage

Sunday, January 10 9 a.m. Worship at **Our Savior’s**
10:45 a.m. Worship at **NBE**

Thank you to Barbara, Mona, and Audrey for leading the worship today.

The floral arrangements at Bricelyn Lutheran were given in memory of Glorian Sander whose funeral was Tuesday.

Attention BLC Members-These items are available in the narthex for pickup:

- 2021 offering envelopes (Please do not start using them until January.)
- *Christ in Our Home* devotional books for Jan, Feb, March
- BLC WELCA Books for 2021

GOOD HOPE PARISH ANNUAL MEETINGS

Bricelyn Lutheran

Sunday, January 17 following the 9 a.m. worship

Alternate date due to bad weather: January 24 at 10 a.m.

Continuing resolution C10.08.A20— ‘**This congregation may hold meetings by remote communication, including electronically and by telephone conference, as long as there is an opportunity for simultaneous aural communication. To the extent permitted by state law, notice of all meetings may be provided electronically.**’— will be voted on to add to the congregation’s constitution at the annual meeting.

Our Savior’s

Sunday, January 24 following 9 a.m. worship

Alternate date due to bad weather: January 31 at 10 a.m.

North Blue Earth Lutheran

Sunday, January 24 following the 10:45 a.m. worship

If the service is cancelled due to the weather, NBE will conduct its annual meeting that morning as a Zoom meeting at 11:45 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83005135264?pwd=dm5ZeHZ4ZGc3T3RHRzNOSHJYZmExdz09>

Meeting ID: 830 0513 5264

Password: 595926

Trinity

Sunday, January 31 following 9 a.m. worship

There will be only one worship service for the parish on January 31 at 9 a.m. Trinity members are encouraged to attend, all others may view on Facebook Live.

Alternate date due to bad weather: February 7 after the 10:45 a.m. worship



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