## Sunday, December 19 2021 Fourth Sunday in Advent

Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

"Stealing Hope" Sunday School Christmas Program

### **Speaking parts:**

Molly Benjamin, Eli Benjamin, Ashley Pilon, Liam Hageman, Brooklyn Osmond, Christian Pilon, Payton Yaggie, Autumn Mathre, Emma Hageman, Hannah Greven, Luke Greven and Lisa Greven (as Mrs. Blunt).

<u>Songs:</u> O Little Town Of Bethlehem, Welcome To Our World, Angels We Have Heard On High, Hope Was Born This Night, Go Tell It On The Mountain, Joy To The World, We Three Kings, and He Shall Reign Forevermore

In a world full of difficulty and stress, we know that Jesus is the hope of the world. He came to dwell among us that Christmas night. And because Jesus came to be with us, we know that if He is our Savior, we will get to dwell with Him in heaven! Let's spread that hope!

Sermon- "Finding Hope" Romans 15:13

The Benediction

Hymn #258 "Go Tell It On The Mountain"

Postlude

#### Helmar Lutheran Church

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### This Week at Helmar...

Wed. 6:30am Men's Bible Study @ Southern Belle's

Fri. 4:30pm Christmas Eve Service

Sat. Have a Blessed Christmas!

Sun. 9:30am Fellowship Time

10am Worship (No Children's Church)

We are so appreciative that Helmar Lutheran Church had the "Live Nativity" on the church grounds. Also, we are thankful for all the support that the engregation provided to make such a wonderful

congregation provided to make such a wonderful event possible. Many of you volunteered your time to contribute to this fundraising event. You have helped make an impact in many lives by supporting biblical counseling in our community.

Blessings, Journey to Restoration



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# FINDING HOPE Romans 15:13

Hope is fundamental to the Christian life. It is always to be understood in connection with faith and the power of the Holy Spirit.

- I. Who? "...the God of hope..." v. 13 a
- II. What? "...fill you with all joy and peace in believing..." v. 13 b
- III. Why? "...so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." v. 13 c

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- 1. Read and meditate on Psalm 42:5. What does it mean to "hope in God"?
- 2. Where do people look for hope today?
- 3. What is the difference between "hope so" and "know so"?

#### **Announcements**

**Door Offering** — **TODAY** (supposed to be last week!) we will have our free will offering of thanks for our volunteer music people who put in many hours of service throughout the year.

No Children's Church next Sunday, December 26th.

Offering Envelopes & 2021 Giving Statements—Please let Sue, our church secretary, know ASAP if you'd like envelopes or statements (if not already getting them).

**Christmas cards** will be available to pick up following the service today!

Christmas Tracts- We have Christmas tracts at the Welcome Center. Feel free to pick a few up and leave (along with your tip!) for your waitress or waiter, your hairdresser, etc. A simple way to share the real meaning of Christmas! There are other tracts there too that you might want to share with others.

Party!! Looking for some fun and fellowship on New Years Eve? Join us at church at 5pm or after on December 31st for pizza, board games, and gym games. Bring an appetizer, snack, or treat to share and your favorite games. Families and all ages are welcome! Please rsvp to Muriel Sucher if you are coming so we can plan pizza order. (815-579-9948)

At this time, the annual Mother-Daughter-Friend Lunch will not take place in 2022. If anyone has an interest in organizing it (as it has been, or with a "new face", please contact Tina Cryder (DWWC).

**2022 Calendars** are available at the Welcome Center. They will be available through January 9th.