

Contemporary Service 9:00
November 19, 2023



**The great day of the Lord is near,
near and hastening fast.**

Hope Lutheran Church
November 19, 2023—9:00 am
Advent Week 2



Welcome

Pastor Kristin

Gathering Song

One Step Away

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Scripture to be read aloud together:

“The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast.” (Zephaniah 1:14)

“Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.” (Psalm 90:1)

Pastor: God who is near: Our days rush past us, and we can't hold onto what's most dear. Our days drag on until we long for change. Yet you are everlasting, as faithful to us now as to those who lived thousands of years ago. And you are urgent, bringing sweeping change within a single moment. As we light another candle on this wreath, remind us of your power unfolding in seconds and in eons.

All: Amen

Response Song

No Longer Slaves

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 25:14-30

¹⁴For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' ²¹His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you

have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' ²³His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

(NSRV)

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord

People: **Praise to You, O Christ**

Children's Message

Pastor Kevin

Message

Time is Relative

Pastor Kevin

Response to the Message

Come As You Are

Confession and Forgiveness

The Prayers of the People

Each petition ends with *Hear Us, O God*, and people respond... ***Your mercy is great.***

Sharing of the Peace

Offertory Prayer

Holy Communion

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Distribution

Communion will be received up front. The pastors will place a wafer in your open hand. Wrapped gluten free wafers are available upon request. Wine and grape juice are available for intinction. Dip the wafer into the cup and consume. Individual cups of wine or grape juice are also available if you prefer. There are trash cans by the doors as you leave worship.

Communion Song

The Well

Communion Blessing



Benediction

Sending Song

Emmanuel/Forever Young

Leader: As you go into the world, remember our mission!

All: Live out Servant Love

Show Hospitality

Extend Generosity

Worship the Risen Lord

Leader: Go in peace, a living example of the love of Jesus Christ

All: Thanks be to God!

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