



Christmas Eve

Wednesday - December 24, 2025 – 4:00, 6:00, 8:00PM

Christmas Day

Thursday - December 25, 2025 – 10:00AM

First Sunday of Christmas

December 28, 2025 – 10:00AM

Cross of Hope Lutheran Church



THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD
CHRISTMAS EVE
December 24, 2025 – 4:00 PM
Children's Worship



WELCOME

CHRISTMAS HYMN	<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i>	ELW 283
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

WELCOMING THE GOSPEL		
	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High (vs 1 and 2)</i>	ELW 289

CHRISTMAS GOSPEL	Luke 2:1-20
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CELEBRATING THE GOSPEL		
	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High (v 3)</i>	ELW 289

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY	<i>Away in a Manger</i>	ELW 277
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PRAYERS AND PEACE

OFFERING HYMN	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem (vs 3,4)</i>	ELW 279
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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION	<i>Joy to the World</i>	ELW 267
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN	<i>Go Tell It on the Mountain</i>	ELW 290
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DISMISSAL



THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24, 2025 – 6:00 PM

Worship with Praise+Team and Candlelight

GATHERING SONG	<i>It's Christmas</i>	
CHRISTMAS WELCOME	Poem: First Coming	Madeleine L'Engle
CHRISTMAS SONG	<i>Joy, Unspeakable Joy</i>	
CENTERING PRAYER		
CENTERING SONG	<i>Welcome to Our World</i>	
CHRISTMAS READINGS	Isaiah 9:2-7; Titus 2:11-14	
CHRISTMAS GOSPEL	Luke 2:1-20	
CHRISTMAS SERMON	Let It Go! The Light of Christ	
SONG OF THE DAY	<i>You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)</i>	
CHRISTMAS CREED		
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND PEACE		
OFFERING	<i>Somewhere in Your Silent Night</i>	
WORDS OF INSTITUTION		
THE LORD'S PRAYER		
COMMUNION	<i>I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day</i>	
POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION		
INVITATION TO CANDLE LIGHTING		
	<i>Procedure: Always tip unlit candle to lit candle.</i>	
SENDING SONG	<i>Silent Night</i>	
BLESSING AND DISMISSAL		
POSTLUDE	<i>Feliz Navidad</i>	



THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24, 2025 – 8:00 PM

Worship with Brass, Voices of Hope and Candlelight

PRELUDE		Voices of Hope
CHRISTMAS WELCOME	Poem: First Coming	Madeleine L'Engle
GATHERING HYMN	<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i>	ELW 283
CHRISTMAS GREETING		
CANTICLE OF PRAISE	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>	ELW 289
PRAYER OF THE DAY		
CHRISTMAS READINGS	Isaiah 9:2-7; Titus 2:11-14	
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	<i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (vs 1, 2)</i>	ELW 270
THE GOSPEL	Luke 2:1-20	
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	<i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (v 3)</i>	ELW 270
CHRISTMAS SERMON	Let It Go! The Light of Christ	
HYMN OF THE DAY	<i>On Christmas Night</i>	ELW 274
CHRISTMAS CREED		
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION		
PEACE		
OFFERING	<i>You Are the Star (from The Birth of a King)</i>	Voices of Hope
OFFERTORY RESPONSE	<i>What Child Is This (vs 1, 3)</i>	ELW 296
OFFERTORY PRAYER		
GREAT THANKSGIVING	<i>The Lord be....</i>	ELW p. 107
SANCTUS	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem (vs 3, 4)</i>	ELW 279

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS	<i>It Came Upon the Midnight Clear</i>	ELW 282
	<i>Away In A Manger</i>	ELW 277
	<i>Come Now, O Prince of Peace</i>	ELW 247

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

INVITATION TO CANDLE LIGHTING

Procedure: Always tip unlit candle to lit candle.

SENDING HYMN	<i>Silent Night, Holy Night</i>	ELW 281
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BLESSING

SUNG BENDITION	<i>Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming</i>	Voice of Hope
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DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE	COH Brass
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CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP LEADERS

Presiding Pastor:	Pastor Adam Berndt
Director of Music Ministry	Thomas Ropp
Ushers	Ron Cordova, Rudy Simek, and Art Kavanaugh

4 pm

Assisting Minister	Keri Sutter
Accompanist	Amy Ellis

6 pm

Assisting Minister	Renae Johannsen
Lector:	Sherrie Simek
Accompanist	Amy Ellis
Music Leaders	Praise+Team

8 pm

Assisting Minister	Sherrie Simek
Lector	RC Jordan
Accompanist	Amy Ellis
Music Leaders	Voices of Hope



**THE FESTIVAL OF THE NATIVITY
CHRISTMAS DAY
December 25, 2025 – 10:00 AM**

PRELUDE

CHRISTMAS GREETING

Come! Look upon the baby Jesus,
cradled in the arms of his mother.

**Seeing this wondrous sight,
may our hearts be comforted
and our spirits filled with peace.**

Come! Listen to choirs of angels
announcing good news to all people.

**Hearing this marvelous song, may we too sing:
Glory to God in the highest!**

Come! Receive this ancient story in your heart,
not as history but as a gift.

**Opening our hearts to this great mystery,
may Christ be born in us today.
Amen.**

OPENING HYMN *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* ELW 270

APOSTOLIC GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST READING Luke 2:1-7

REFLECTION Martin Luther's reflections on the birth of Jesus.

CAROL *What Child is This* ELW 296

SECOND READING Luke 2:8-16

REFLECTION Luther's reflections on the shepherds and angels.

CAROL *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* ELW 282

THIRD READING Matthew 2:1-12

REFLECTION Luther's reflections on Herod and the wise men.

CAROL *The First Noel* ELW 300

FOURTH READING	John 1:1-5, 14-18	
REFLECTION	Luther's reflections on the Word made flesh.	
CAROL	<i>Of the Father's Love Begotten</i>	ELW 295
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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION		
PEACE		
OFFERING	<i>Birthday of a King</i>	Keri Sutter and Amy Ellis
OFFERORY PRAYER		
WORDS OF INSTITUTION		
THE LORD'S PRAYER		
COMMUNION	<i>Infant Holy, Infant Lowly</i>	ELW 276
	<i>Love Has Come</i>	ELW 292
POST COMMUNION BLESSING		
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION		
BLSSING		
SENDING HYMN	<i>Good Christian Friends, Rejoice</i>	ELW 288
DISMISSAL		
POSTLUDE		Amy Ellis

CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP LEADERS

Presiding Pastor:	Pastor Adam Berndt
Director of Music Ministry	Thomas Ropp
Ushers	Ron Cordova, Rudy Simek, and Art Kavanaugh
Assisting Minister	Gary Warner
Lector	Sherrie Simek
Communion Server	John Lacher
Accompanist	Amy Ellis

NOTES





FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS
Lessons and Carols for Christmas
December 28, 2025 – 10:00 AM.

PRELUDE	<i>A La Ru</i>	Keri Sutter and Cody Broyles
CHRISTMAS DIALOGUE		
CHRISTMAS GREETING		
PRAYER OF THE DAY		
FIRST READING	Genesis 1:1-5, 14-18	
GOSPEL CAROL	<i>Joy to the World (vs 1,2,4)</i>	ELW 267
SECOND READING	Micah 5:2-5a	
GOSPEL CAROL	<i>Angles We Have Heard on High(vs 1,3)</i>	ELW 289
THIRD READING	Luke 1:26-35, 38	
GOSPEL CAROL	<i>The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came</i>	ELW 265
FOURTH READING	Matthew 1:18-25	
GOSPEL CAROL	<i>What Child is This (vs 1,2)</i>	ELW 296
FIFTH READING	Luke 2:8-20	
GOSPEL CAROL	<i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i>	ELW 270
SIXTH READING	Matthew 2:1-11	
GOSPEL CAROL	<i>Silent Night</i>	ELW 281
SEVENTH READING	John 1:1-14	
GOSPEL CAROL	<i>Good Christian Friends Rejoice</i>	ELW 288
RESPONSIVE PRAYER		
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION		
PEACE		
OFFERING		
OFFERTORY PRAYER		
WORDS OF INSTITUTION		

THE LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION	Special Music	Keri Sutter
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POST COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN	<i>Go Tell It on the Mountain</i>	ELW 290
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DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE	<i>Wexford Carol</i>	Keri Sutter and Cody Broyles
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WORSHIP LEADERS

Presiding Pastor:	Pastor Jane Voelkel
Director of Music Ministry	Thomas Ropp
Ushers	Ron Cordova, Rudy Simek, and Art Kavanaugh
Assisting Minister	Liz Sanchez
Lectors	Gary and Rhonda Warner
Musicians	Bill Harris, Keri Sutter, and Cody Broyles

NOTES



Keeping the Twelve Days of Christmas At Home Ideas for Families with Young Children

Christmas isn't just one day, but a whole season!

It lasts twelve days, from Christmas Day to Epiphany (January 6). Keep celebrating! Gather with friends and family, eat cookies, enjoy your Christmas decorations, watch Christmas movies, and sing all your favorite Christmas songs. Song suggestions for each day follow, but sing whichever ones your family likes best.

Wednesday, December 26

Sing "Joy to the world" (ELW 267). Bundle up and go outside to sing. Join your voices with the fields, rocks, hills, and all the earth! Jesus is born, and this is good news for creation. Notice the ways that the world outside is "singing" its praise: listen for birds singing, the sound of the wind through tree branches, and other nature sounds.

Thursday, December 27

Sing "Go tell it on the mountain" (ELW 290). Today the church remembers St. John, Apostle and Evangelist. John's gospel describes Christ as the Word-made-flesh who came to live among us. In Jesus, God comes to us in person to bring us love and light. With John and all messengers of good tidings, we shout from the mountaintop the joyful news that Jesus is born!

Friday, December 28

Sing "O little town of Bethlehem" (ELW 279). Build a fort out of chairs, couches, pillows, and blankets. Make sure there is plenty of room in the inn—fill your fort with stuffed animals, family members, and pets. Light a flashlight, lantern, or battery-powered candle inside your fort and think about Jesus being born among the animals in that little town called Bethlehem.

Saturday, December 29

Sing "O come, all ye faithful" (ELW 283). Jesus is born, and it is a happy morning! Cook breakfast together with your family—something delicious like pancakes or waffles. While you are cooking and eating, talk about your favorite parts of the Christmas season so far.

Sunday, December 30

Sing "Love has come" (ELW 292). Celebrate love today. Call, text, FaceTime, or Skype family and friends who live far away and tell them you love them. At bedtime, bless one another by tracing the sign of the cross on each other's foreheads and saying, "Jesus loves you and so do I!"

Monday, December 31

Sing "It came upon the midnight clear" (ELW 282). At Christmas midnight, the angels welcomed Jesus. At midnight tonight, we welcome a new year. Say a special prayer together tonight. Thank God for the blessings of this past year. Ask God for hope and protection in the new year. Pray for peace and healing for all people, nations, and creation.

Monday, December 31

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Tuesday, January 1

Sing “What child is this” (ELW 296). The church observes this day as “Name of Jesus,” because according to Jewish tradition, baby boys received their names on the eighth day of life. Do you know what your name means? Were you named after someone? Do you have a nickname? Remember today that in baptism, you were also given the name “Child of God.”

Wednesday, January 2

Sing “Away in a manger” (ELW 277/278). While baby Jesus slept in the manger, his parents, the animals, and even the stars watched him and protected him. Tonight, hang stars above your bed and put some stuffed animals near you to watch you sleep. Remember that Jesus loves you and promises to guard you, sleeping or waking.

Thursday, January 3

Sing “Silent night, holy night!” (ELW 281). Tonight, gather and light as many candles as you can find in your home. Turn off the lights. Notice how the candlelight bounces and flickers around the room. Have a leader say, “Jesus Christ is the light of the world.” Everybody else responds, “The light no darkness can overcome.” Take turns being the leader.

Friday, January 4

Sing “Angels, from the realms of glory” (ELW 275). Have the magi from your nativity set been waiting to come to the manger? Move them somewhere a little closer to the nativity scene, then go outside and look for the brightest star you can see in the sky.

Saturday, January 5

Sing “Your little ones, dear Lord” (ELW 286). Collect all the stars you can find in your home—the stars you hung over your bed, star ornaments from the Christmas tree—and place them around your nativity scene. Hang the biggest one over the manger. Now your magi figures will know where Jesus is!

Sunday, January 6

Sing “The first Noel” (ELW 300). Have a home blessing. Notice what you are thankful for in each room of your home, and ask for God’s blessing (“God, bless our kitchen and the conversations we have there”). Continue the celebration with other Epiphany traditions, like burning pine branches or eating king cake.

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The poinsettias gracing the church are given by:

Rhonda and Gary Warner

in memory of Ray and Charlotte

Diane Carrico

for memory of Leeon Carrico

Toni Girard

in memory of Valerie J. Girard

Liz Sanchez

in honor of all my family and friends

Karen and David Wilson

in memory of parents

Lynne and David Bagby

in honor of parents, Karen, Sam, and Sharlene

Debra Gonzales

in memory of Mom - Petra

Greg and Nancy Morrison

in honor of loved ones

Florence Begay and Mary Hughes

in memory of Doris Herrmann

Rudy and Sherrie Simek

in memory of loved ones

JanaLee Sponberg

in memory of Diane Goltz and Bob Persell

Keri Sutter

in memory of Ross Sutter

Carlene Hobbs

in memory of Larry Hobbs

Judy and Taige Will

for Paul Will

Curtis and Susan Case

in memory of Bill and Carmen Geoffrion

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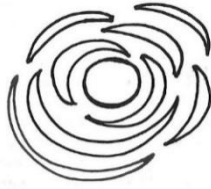
Art Kavanaugh and RC Jordan

in memory of Arthur Sr. and Leonard Kavanaugh

Debra Rivera

in memory of loved ones





OUR JOURNEY CONTINUES:

Twelve Days of Christmas

December 25 – January 4

Daily devotions at 9 am

Facebook (Cross of Hope Church)

YouTube (Cross of Hope Church and School)

Second Sunday of Christmas

January 4, 2026

Worship at 8:45 AM and 10:45 AM

Baptism of Our Lord

January 11, 2026

Worship at 8:45 AM and 10:45 AM



Community Prayers Needs

Please call or email the church office to add/remove names.

Members of the Community:

Mike Leddy; Janet Conlon; Pat Benchik; Toni Kovarik; Wendy Harrison; Don and Beth Cretsinger; Diane and David Pressel; Tim Fuller; Greg Morrison; Bill Harris; Ruth Hinkel; Susan Jennings; Dick Bresnahan; Toni Kovarik; Flora Telles; Claudia Russo; Stacey Taylor; Phil Wangberg; Shirley and Dale McCan; Chris and Julie Morgan; Gary and Fran Hveem; Dolores Hughes; Shannon Reynolds; Judy Will.

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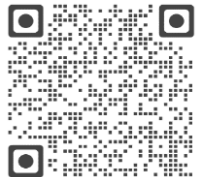
Dawn Vola (Jennifer's Mom); Jan Meoli (Sherrie Simek); Spencer (Laura Burton's nephew); Roxanne (Keri Sutter's friend); Jennifer (Keri Sutter's friend); Tim (Pat Benchik's brother); Tanya Patterson and Kim Mora (friends of Rhonda Warner); Bill (Beth Locke's brother); Ray and Barbara (friends of Gary Warner); Hart and Joyce Paulat (Kristi Valdez' parents); Mike Nelson (BJ Owens' brother); Barbara (Keri Sutter); Tom McCain (Tim Fuller); Brenda Erhard, Angela McKnight's Mom (Art Kavanaugh); Paula Mickey Yarbrough (Karen Schwartz's neighbor); Susan Mann-Biddison (Toni Kovarik); Margaret George Davis (Linda George's daughter-in-law); Dianah Rowland (friend of BJ Owen); Sandy Jensen (niece of BJ Owen); Cecil Ingram (Joy Thornhill's dad); Virginia Casper (Lynne Bagby's Mom); Randy B (Elisa Mclellan and family); Pam (Debbie Bokan's sister); Melissa, Tim, and Joseph (Gary Warner's niece and her family); Matt Clark (Rosemary Neely); Don Abeyta (Jennifer Abeyta); Frank Lepkowski (Toni Kovarik); Mark Christensen (Rhonda Warner's brother); Lorrie Willoughby (Linda W); Karen (Beth Cretsinger); Tom Grady (Sylvia Oelsner); Erik Hansen (Janet Conlon); Stacey Bender (Lois Casto); Diane Lamp; Theresa Perez; Katie Halstrom (Sorensen's); Judi (Carolyn Bye); Audie (Pat Benchik); Nadine (Kathy Bramley); Ataliya (Dee Gutierrez); Karen (Janet Conlon); Bill Bramley (Todd Bramley); Griselda (Alex Cortinas); Rick O'Roark; Tony Rivera (Deborah Rivera); David Dees.

Comfort the Grieving:

Bill Casto and family at the death of his brother, Mark.

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