## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas

December 28th, 2025 Order of Worship - 11:00am

**Gathering Songs** "Silent Night" "O Holy Night"

Welcome

**Ministry Highlights** 

**Confession & Forgiveness** 

Greeting

**Opening Song** "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Prayer of the Day

**Scripture Reading** Isaiah 60: 1-6 (NRSV)

Gospel Acclamation "Christmas Offering"

Matthew 2: 1-12 (NRSV) Gospel Reading

Sermon Follow That Star! Pastor Sue

"We Three Kings" Offering

**Offertory Prayer** 

**Prayers of the People** 

**Holy Communion** "Joy to the World"

**Post-Communion Prayer** 

Blessing

Sending Song "Go. Tell It on the Mountain"

Dismissal

Pastor: Glory to God in the highest!

Congregation: And peace to God's people on earth! Pastor: Go in joy. Embody God's redeeming grace.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

## **SUMMARY OF ATTENDANCE**

Sunday

Month to date

Total Attend: 321-

819

Care & Share Offerings for December 2025 go to the

**Central Cities Ministries** 



## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

WEEK of December 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2025 – January 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2026		
Today	9:00am	Trad. Worship with Holy Communion
	10:00am	NO Launch Sunday School today
	11:00am	Contemporary Service with Holy Communion
Monday	6:30pm	Boy Scout Troup #213
	8:00pm	AA - Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	10:00am	Common Lectionary Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	9:00am	Piecemakers
	11:00am	Staff Meeting
		NO Compass today
Thursday		Church Office Closed
Friday		Church Office Closed
Sunday	9:00am	Trad. Worship with Holy Communion
		Commissioning of Communion Deacons at both services
	10:00am	NO Launch Sunday School

We are so happy you are with us today! If you are visitor, please stop by the Welcome Desk after worship & look for me. We have a gift for you.

Cont. Worship with Holy Communion

Memory Café schedule for January 2026

11:00am

Jan. 7th – Ringing in the New Year with Moorhead Jazz Band & Visions for 2026 1-2:30pm Hope Lutheran Church South Campus

Jan. 14th – Flourishing Forward: Dementia Workshop with Mayo Clinic's Angela Lunde, Dakota Medical Foundation, 9:30-3pm Registration is requested

Noisy Offering December 21st – January 4th will go to support an organization called Medical Mission Ecuador. Our very own member, Melody Larson, is taking her last trip with this group & we want to support her. On a past mission trip, this group performed 155 operations & physical therapists did hundreds of evaluations & treatment plans for children. Melody has been on over 20 trips, so let's support her & her group on her last mission!

There is still time to give to the X-tra Blessing's collection for 2025! All donations given for X-tra Blessings through December 31st will count towards this year's total. You can give in a variety of ways. On-line through Zeffy, by writing a check & marking it "X-tra Blessings" on the memo line, or by depositing your check or cash into a white pew envelope & marking it for X-tra Blessings. Thank you for your generous gifts!

The church office will be closed January 1st & 2nd for the New Year Holiday.

During the month of January, Bethany Retirement Living Auxiliary are hosting a "Soup of the Day". The first one will be January 15th from 11:00am to 1:00pm at Bethany on University. The second one will be on January 22<sup>nd</sup> from 11:00am to 1:00pm at Bethany on 42nd. There will be a Free-will offering taken & Eat In or To-Go meals will be available. The meal will include Soup, Bread, Dessert & Beverages. Proceeds will be used to enrich the live of those who live at Bethany Retirement Living. All are Welcome!

Worship Assistants: 11:00am

**Ushers:** Mike Foss Karen Foss Betty Hanson Greg Hanson

Reader: Aiden Dauer

**Communion Assistants:** Shawn Borud-Tweiten Steve Wingad

Helga Bennett Steve Wingad Greeters:

All are Welcome for a time of fellowship & study at the Revised Common Lectionary Bible Study. The study meets on Tuesdays at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall.

Hospitalized or needing a Pastoral Visit: If you or a family member has been hospitalized, please contact Pastor Sue.

Prayer Concerns: If you or a family would like to be added to the prayer list. please contact the church office.

## Did you know...

...nearly two dozen worship services are conducted at Bethany Retirement Living each month? Bethany's Chaplain, Pastor Brian Hansen, leads worship at both campuses on Sundays, a monthly Communion Service at each campus & Hymn Sing the second Wednesday. Additionally, he offers worship on Thursday mornings for residents in the Memory Care Unit. Catholic worship is celebrated each Friday at Bethany on University & every other Tuesday at Bethany on 42<sup>nd</sup>. Other churches may conduct worship in the Mavis Whiting Chapel at Bethany on University for their members & other who reside at Bethany. To find out more or to assist with worship, contact Bethany at 701.239.3234.

The Choir will begin meeting in 2026 on January 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. All are welcome to join!

Our congregation is working to collect Baby items for families in our community as part of our Advent Worship. Donations can be brought now through January 6, 2026. Items that will be collected are:

Diapers, Sensitive Diaper Wipes

Changing Pads & Covers

Formula (Gentle)

Bottles

GIFT CARDS

**Pacifiers** 

Wash Cloths

Teething Rings

Bibs

Baby Sensitive Soap

Sleepers

Diaper Ointment

Baby Sensitive Wipes

Place your donations in the boxes in the Narthex.

Baby Lotion

Aquaphor



**Faith Journey Lutheran Church** Sunday December 28th, 2025

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas

11am

Password: FaithJourney WIFI Guest: Faith-Guest

Ministers: All members of Faith Journey Lutheran Church Pastor: Sue Koesterman - skoesterman@growinfaith.org

Parish Business Manager: Katie Berg - kberg@growinfaith.org

Faith Formation Director: Maren Kramer - mkramer@growinfaith.org Executive Asst. for Finance & HR: Heather Reimer - hreimer@growinfaith.org Creative Worship Coordinator: Jane Whaley - jwhaley@growinfaith.org

**Contemporary Worship Coordinator: Jamie Thompson** 

Church Council President: Ali Farstad - Olson

Worship Sunday 9:00am Traditional (September – May)

11:00am Contemporary (September – May)

10:00am - Rotating Traditional & Contemporary May - August

Launch Family Sunday School for 4 years - Grade 5

Sunday, 10:00am - Fellowship Hall (During the school year)

Compass Confirmation for Grades 6 - 8

Wednesdays, 7:00pm - Worship Center (During the school year)

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