

1st Sunday of Christmas

December 28th, 2025

Order of Worship - 9:00am

Welcome

Ministry Highlights

Confession & Forgiveness

Gathering Song "Bright & Glorious Is the Sky" ELW #301

Greeting

Hymn of Praise "Love Has Come" ELW #292

Prayer of the Day

Scripture Reading Isaiah 60: 1-6
(NRSV)

Psalms - Read Responsively Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14 (NRSV)

Gospel Acclamation "Brightest & Best of the Stars" ELW #303

Gospel Reading Matthew 2: 1-12
(NRSV)

Sermon Follow That Star! Pastor Sue

Offering "We Three Kings"

Offertory Prayer

Prayers of the People

Holy Communion "What Child Is This" ELW #296
"The First Noel" ELW #300

Post-Communion Prayer

Blessing

Sending Song "Beautiful Savior" ELW #838

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.

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 28th, 2025 – January 4th, 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
Thursday		NO Compass today
		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
	11:00am	Cont. Worship with Holy Communion

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.

Memory Café schedule for January 2026

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 22nd 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 lives of those who live at Bethany Retirement Living. All are Welcome!



Worship Assistants: 9:00am

Ushers: Melody Larson Doris Rost

Reader: Dan Knudsvig

Communion Assistants: Sonia Sandvig Keven Kercher

Greeters: Sonia Sandvig Kathy Knutson

Cantor: Tom Whaley

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 42nd. 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 6th 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 4, 2026. Items that will be collected are:

Diapers, Sensitive Diaper Wipes

Changing Pads & Covers

Formula (Gentle)

Bottles

Pacifiers

Wash Cloths

Teething Rings

Bibs

Sleepers

Diaper Ointment

Baby Sensitive Wipes

Baby Lotion

GIFT CARDS

Baby Sensitive Soap

Aquaphor

Place your donations in the boxes
in the Narthex.

This is the last week to donate to this holiday event!



Faith Journey Lutheran Church

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Sunday December 28th, 2025

9am

WIFI Guest: Faith-Guest

Password: FaithJourney

Ministers: All members of Faith Journey Lutheran Church

Pastor: Sue Koesterman - skoesterman@growinfaith.org

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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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