

# The Recipe of Christmas



Christmas Eve  
3:30 & 5:00 Services

# *Welcome to Hope!*

We are delighted to have you with us as we gather to worship and prepare our hearts for the season of Christmas. This year, our theme is The Recipe of Christmas, a beautiful reflection on the key ingredients of this holy season: Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. Together, we explore how each of these gifts points us to the birth of Jesus, the Savior who brings light and life to the world. May your time with us today fill you with the true spirit of Christmas as we celebrate God's love revealed in Christ!

## *For Your Information*

- **WORSHIP CHECK-IN.** Please take a moment to check in online on the homepage of Hope's website ([www.hopelutheranwf.org](http://www.hopelutheranwf.org)). We offer a special welcome to guests and visitors today!
- **OFFERINGS & TITHES.** All are invited to make an offering today, as a worshipful expression of thanksgiving to God, and in support of the ministries of Hope Lutheran Church. You may place your gift in the offering plate next to the sanctuary exit doors as you leave. May God bless our offerings and tithes, and bless the ministry which these gifts enable!

## *This Week's Information*

### **LEADING WORSHIP TODAY**

Rev. Devin Murphy	Associate Pastor
Beth Agner	Lead Director of Christian Education
Wesley Spottiswood	Director of Christian Education
Makayla Meyer	Family Program Coordinator

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## ✠ *Gather* ✠

### **PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**

### **PRE-SERVICE VIDEO**

### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Congregation stands*

#### **CHRISTMAS CALL TO WORSHIP** (from John 1)

**P:** In the beginning was the one who is called the Word.

**C: The Word was with God and was truly God.**

**P:** Everything that was created received its life from him,

**C: And his life gave light to everyone.**

**P:** The light keeps shining in the dark,

**C: And darkness has never put it out.**

**P:** The Word became a human being, and lived here with us.

**C: We saw his true glory, the glory of the only Son of the Father.**

**P:** We worship on this holy night in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen!**

# CHRISTMAS CAROL

*Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful*



1 Oh, come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! Oh,  
2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,  
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;

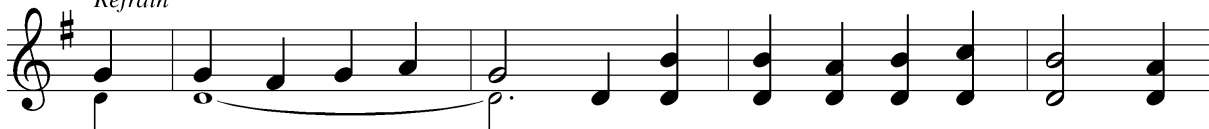


come ye, oh, come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;  
sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!  
Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!



come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:  
Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!  
Glo - ry to God . . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:  
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

*Refrain*



Oh, come, let us a - dore him, oh, come, let us a - dore him,



oh, come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

## CHRISTMAS CONFESSION PRAYER

God, our Father, we confess our sins to you. We admit that we are imperfect and unfaithful. We have failed to love you with our whole heart, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are blessed to be your children, but often we rebel against you or ignore you. Please forgive our sins, dear Father, not for our sake, but for the sake of your perfect Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*Congregation is seated*

## ★ *The Savior Is Born* ★

**ANTHEM** (5:00PM)

*To Us A Child IS Born, Children's Choir*

## GOD'S LOVE MADE MANIFEST

**1 John 4:7-10**

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup> In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup> In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

## LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

## CHRISTMAS CANDLE PRAYER

O God, as light comes from this candle, may the blessing of Jesus Christ come to us, warming our hearts and brightening our way. May Christ our Savior bring light into the darkness of this world, and to us, as we wait for his coming. Amen.

## CHRISTMAS CAROL

*Away in a Manger*



1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed, the lit - tle Lord  
2 The cat - tle are low - ing; the poor ba - by wakes, but lit - tle Lord  
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay close by me for -



Je - sus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the sky looked  
Je - sus no cry - ing he makes. I love you, Lord Je - sus; look  
ev - er and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in



down where he lay; the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
down from the sky and stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.  
your ten - der care and fit us for heav - en, to live with you there.

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

*The Recipe of  
Christmas*

Congregation stands

CHRISTMAS EVE PRAYERS

Each section of the prayers ends with the words "Lord, in your mercy."  
The congregation's response is "Hear our prayer."

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who trespass against us;  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

★ The Light of Christmas ★

CHRISTMAS CAROL

Silent Night

Light your candle and hold it high on the final verse. At the conclusion of the carol, please turn  
off your candle and return it to the ushers when you leave.

1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,  
2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake

all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.  
at the sight; glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,  
love's pure light ra - diant beams from your ho - ly face,

Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly  
heav'n - ly hosts . . . sing, al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is  
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at your

peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.  
born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!  
birth, Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.

## CHRISTMAS BLESSING

**P:** May the true story of Christmas bring warmth and joy to your heart tonight, and every day throughout the year!

**C: Thank you, Jesus, for coming to be my Savior!**


**P:** Go now in peace, with the joy of Christmas in your heart, and the blessing of God Almighty upon your spirit. The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face to shine upon you, the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Glory to God in the highest! Amen!**


## CHRISTMAS CAROL

*Go Tell It on the Mountain*


*Refrain*




Go tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;



go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!



1 While shep - herds kept their watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,  
2 The shep - herds feared and trem - bled when, lo, a - bove the earth  
3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born;



*Refrain*

be - hold, through - out the heav - ens there shone a ho - ly light.  
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.  
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

## CHRISTMAS DISMISSAL

**P:** Christ, the Savior, is born!

**C: Joy to the world!**

**P:** Go in peace, and serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## POST-SERVICE MUSIC



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# Weekends at Hope

Hope is a place to worship God and to grow in faith. We have three worship service times to fit your needs. During our education hour, all age groups can find classes in which to engage in a meaningful way.

## *Worship Services*

Saturdays at 5:30PM; Sundays at 8:30 & 11:00AM

## *Adult Education*

9:45-10:45AM

Hope's Adult Education Hour on Sunday mornings offers a dynamic and enriching opportunity to grow in faith and understanding, grounded in Lutheran theology and teachings. Each week, participants can engage with a variety of topics, including monthly themes, studies aligned with congregational initiatives, and discussions led by special guest speakers. Whether exploring Scripture in-depth, learning about contemporary issues from a Christian perspective, or participating in interactive studies, the Adult Education Hour provides a welcoming space for all to deepen their faith and knowledge. There's always something meaningful and thought-provoking to discover!

## *Sunday School*

9:45-10:45AM

Hope's Kids and Youth Sunday School provides an engaging and age-appropriate way for children and teens to grow in their understanding of God's Word. Divided into groups by age, each class offers lessons tailored to their level, helping them explore the Bible and apply its teachings to their lives. Once a month, kids come together for Sunday Funday, a special session filled with exciting activities and a unique lesson that brings faith to life in a fun and interactive way. It's a joyful time to learn, connect, and celebrate God's love!

## *Nursery Care*

Nursery care at Hope provides a safe and nurturing environment for children ages 4 and under. While parents attend church services and Sunday School, our dedicated nursery team ensures little ones have a fun and engaging place to play and grow. It's a loving space where young hearts are cared for and cherished. Currently only on Sunday mornings.

## *Children's Church*

Children's Church at Hope offers a special time for kids to experience worship and learning tailored just for them. During the sermon portion of the service, children are invited to a fun and interactive session where they explore Bible stories, sing songs, and engage in activities that help them grow in faith. It's a wonderful opportunity for kids to connect with God in a meaningful way!

# Wednesday Night Alive

January 8-February 25

This winter, you're invited to Hope for Wednesday Night Alive! There is something for everyone – dinner, adult education, youth & kid activities, and choir rehearsals – all in a fun, relaxed atmosphere. For more information and the weekly menu, visit [www.hopelutheranwf.org/WNA](http://www.hopelutheranwf.org/WNA).

## Dinner

5:30-6:15 PM

Enjoy a delicious meal prepared by the Men of Hope Small Group, featuring dinner, dessert, and drinks. Cost: \$6 for adults & youth, \$3 for children ages 5-10, and kids 5 and under eat free. Family maximum: \$22.

## Adult Education

6:30-7:30 PM

Dive deeper into faith with dynamic, engaging classes rooted in Lutheran theology. Each week features new opportunities to grow in knowledge and community.

## Kids & Youth Activities

6:30-7:30 PM

Hope's Kids and Youth Activities provide age-appropriate ways for children and teens to explore God's Word through fun and interactive lessons. From Bible stories to engaging discussions, there's something for everyone!

## Music

5:00 Children's Choir (Grades K-5)

5:45 Children's Handbells (Grades 2-5)

6:15-7:30: Adult Handbells in the Sanctuary

7:30-9:15: Senior Choir in the Sanctuary

# Adult Ministry

Hope's Adult Ministries offer vibrant opportunities for growth, connection, and service. Through Men's and Women's Ministries, individuals can deepen their faith and build lasting friendships. Our Small Group Opportunities provide a welcoming space for shared learning, prayer, and encouragement, while the B.R.E.W. Young Adult Ministry creates a dynamic environment for young adults to connect, grow in faith, and serve together. Additionally, Missions and Outreach programs empower us to share Christ's love with our local and global community through impactful acts of service. You are welcome to join in any of the opportunities listed below or discover more ways to get involved online at [www.hopelutheranwf.org](http://www.hopelutheranwf.org).

## Men's Ministry

Men's Ministry at Hope offers monthly meetings that foster fellowship and spiritual growth as well as monthly events designed to build camaraderie and strengthen faith. Additionally, there is a yearly retreat provides men with a powerful opportunity for reflection, renewal, and deepening connections with one another and God.

## Women's Ministry

Women's Ministry at Hope provides a variety of yearly events designed to inspire and connect women in faith. It also offers multiple retreats throughout the year, allowing women to deepen their spiritual growth and build community. Additionally, there are numerous opportunities for women to serve and make a difference within the church and beyond.

## B.R.E.W.

BREW is Hopes' young adult ministry dedicated to building meaningful connections and exploring faith through events, Bible studies, and retreats. The name "BREW" stands for Building Relationships, Exploring God's Word, highlighting the focus on spiritual growth and community. Throughout the year, we offer opportunities for college-age adults to deepen their faith while forming lasting relationships with others.

## Small Group Opportunities

Small Group Ministry at Hope offers a welcoming space for both newcomers and long-time members to build meaningful connections in a more intimate setting. With over 25 groups meeting in-person and online, there are plenty of opportunities to find a group that fits your schedule and interests. Whether you're new to the church or a familiar face, everyone is encouraged to join and experience the sense of community that these groups provide.

## Missions and Outreach

Missions and Outreach at Hope are at the heart of living out our faith in meaningful ways. With numerous opportunities to serve both locally and globally, there's a place for everyone to get involved. From feeding the hungry and supporting local families in need to participating in global mission trips, our diverse ministries are designed to share Christ's love with the world. Whether you're looking to serve once or become a regular part of a ministry, there's a way for you to make an impact. Explore the full list of missions and find where your passion meets purpose at <https://hopelutheranwf.org/missions-list>.

# Kids & Youth

## Preschool Jam

Preschool Jam is programing for 3, 4, and 5 year olds. The primary focus is building a foundation that allows for children to gain an understanding of who Jesus is, and how he is part of their life. This group participates in family programing to allow for an environment of fellowship and fun.

## K1 Crew

K1 Crew is for our Kindergarteners and first graders. This group builds off of the lessons learned in preschool and works on developing their relationship is Jesus as well as with Christian friends. This group participates in a combination of family fellowship activities as well as activities just for them specifically.

## Level 23

Level 23 is for our 2nd and 3rd grade kids. This group focuses on Bible literacy. Learning how to navigate and find verses in the Bible as well as starting to connect Bible learnings to their personal lives. This group's milestone is to receive a Bible in their 2nd or 3rd grade year. They participate in a combination of family fellowship activities as well as activities just for them specifically.

## Club 45

Club 45 is for 4th and 5th grade kids. This group spends two years going through a Bible Overview as a preparation for Confirmation classes (in 6th and 7th grade). They spend time learning about prayer and how to feel comfortable praying to God within a group. This group's milestone is to receive first communion in the 5th grade after attending a 3 weekly classes in January. They participate in a combination of family fellowship activities as well as activities just for them specifically.

## Middle School

Here we focus on our Middle Schoolers (6-8 Grade) not only having fun and making friends but also learning about God. Our discussions center around how to live as young people of God, using his word as our guide. Youth group meets Wednesday nights where we play games and eat snacks all while hearing what God to says to us.

## High School

Hope's youth learn what it means to be a child of God amidst the world we face today. Each month we dive into a hot topic that effects the youth's daily life, all paired up with fun food and friends. Youth group meets weekly on Sunday nights with monthly events, and pop-up events. These events can be anything from Lock-in's to meeting for lunch at Culvers.