

The Recipe of Christmas



Christmas Eve
6:30 Service

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). We offer a special welcome to guests and visitors this evening!
- **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

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The Recipe of Christmas

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2024 - 6:30 Service

✠ Gather ✠

PRELUDE

I Wonder as I Wander - Organist

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & TIME OF GREETING

PROCESSIONAL 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,



come ye, oh, come . . ye to Beth - le - hem;
Born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;



Come and be - hold him Born the king of an - gels:
Son of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!



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



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



See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;
We too will thither Bend our joyful footsteps:
Refrain

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens from heaven above; Glory to God, in the highest:
Refrain

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

ORDER OF CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **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.**

ABSOLUTION

- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

APOSTOLIC GREETING

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.
C **And also with you.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

CAROL

Angels We Have Heard on High

Refrain

Glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o; Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

1 An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;

And the moun - tains in re - ply, Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.

LIGHTING OF 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.

Congregation is seated

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Gesù Bambino - Pam Montgomery, Soloist

✠ *Service of the Word* ✠

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 7:10–14

¹⁰Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, ¹¹“Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” ¹²But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” ¹³And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 5:1–11

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Congregation stands

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia



HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:1–20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. ¹⁰And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹²And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest,

and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

¹⁵When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told

them concerning this child. ¹⁸And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✝ everlasting. Amen.

Congregation is seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children may come to the front.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
3 Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righ-teous-ness!



Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
Late in time be - hold Him come, Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in His wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God-head see, Hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty!
Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,



With the an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Pleased as Man with man to dwell, Je - sus, our Im - man - u - el!
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec - ond birth.



Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King!"

SERMON

"The Recipe of Christmas"- Pastor Devin Murphy

OFFERING PRAYER OF PRAISE

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise



God, all crea-tures here be - low: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise



Je sus Christ, whose power up lifts! Praise the Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

CALL TO PRAYER

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly



1 In - fant ho - ly, In - fant low - ly, For His bed a cat - tle stall;
2 Flocks were sleep - ing, Shep - herds keep - ing Vig - il till the morn - ing new



Ox - en low - ing, Lit - tle know - ing Christ the child is Lord of all.
Saw the glo - ry, Heard the sto - ry, Tid - ings of a Gos - pel true.



Swift - ly wing - ing, An - gels sing - ing, Bells are ring - ing, Tid - ings bring - ing:
Thus re - joic - ing, Free from sor - row, Prais - es voic - ing, Greet the mor - row:



Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!
Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words.

P Lord, in your mercy...

C Hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.

SHARING OF PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

The ministers and congregation greet one another in the name of the Lord.

CAROL

It Came upon the Midnight Clear



- 1 It came up-on the mid-night clear, That glo - rious song of old,
2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come With peace-ful wings un - furled,
3 All you, be - neath your heav - y load, By care and guilt bent low,
4 For lo, the days have come to pass By proph-ets seen of old,



From an - gels bend - ing near the earth To touch their harps of gold:
And still their heav'n-ly mu - sic floats O'er all the wea - ry world.
Who toil a - long a drea - ry way With pain - ful steps and slow:
When down in - to the cir - cling years Came Christ as was fore - told.



"Peace on the earth, good-will to all, From heav'n's all - gra - cious king."
A - bove its sad and low-ly plains They bend on hov - 'ring wing,
Look up, for gold - en is the hour, Come swift - ly on the wing,
His word of peace shall to the earth God's an - cient prom - ise bring,



The world in sol - emn still - ness lay To hear the an - gels sing.
And ev - er o'er its ba - bel sounds The bless - ed an - gels sing.
The Prince was born to bring you peace; Of Him the an - gels sing.
And all who take this gift will hear The song the an - gels sing.

✠ *Candle Lighting* ✠

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

P From the dawn of creation,

C **God has brought us light:**

P The sun to rule the day,

C **The moon and stars to rule the night.**

P But now he has brought us the One who is the Light of the world,

C **Jesus Christ the Lord.**

P From this day on, O Jesus,

C **Enlighten us with your hope.**

P From this day on, O Savior,

C **Enlighten us with your peace.**

P From this day on, O Christ,

C **Enlighten us with your joy.**

P From this day on, O Son of God,

C **Brighten our lives with your love.**

CAROL

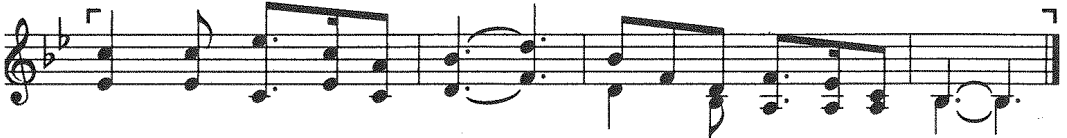
Silent Night, Holy Night



1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, All is calm, all is bright
2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Shep- herds quake at the sight.
3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Won- drous star, lend thy light.
4. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God, love's pure light



Round yon vir - gin moth-er and Child. Ho - ly In - fant so ten - der and mild,
Glo - ries stream from heav-en a - far; Heaven-ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia.
With the an - gels let us sing Al - le - lu - ia to our King.
Ra - diant beams from Thy ho - ly face, With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,



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

✠ *Sending* ✠

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Joy to the World



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their songs em -
3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in - fest the
4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions



King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him
ploy, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
ground; He comes to make His bless - ings
prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -



room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing
flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is
ness And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His



sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, Far as, far as the curse is found.
love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

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!**

POSTLUDE

Fantasy of Joy, Organist

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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.

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.

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.