



**December 24, 2025**  
**The Nativity of Our Lord**  
**Service of Word and Carols**

## **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE (4:30 pm)**

Welcome to Hope Lutheran Church. We hope you enjoy this evenings' Service of Lessons & Carols.

In winter's deepest night, we welcome the light of the Christ child. Isaiah declares that the light of the long-promised king will illumine the world and bring endless peace and justice. Paul reminds us that the grace of God through Jesus Christ brings salvation to all people. The angels declare that Jesus' birth is good and joyful news for everyone, including lowly shepherds. Filled with the light that shines in our lives, we go forth to share the light of Christ with the whole world.



## **THE WONDER OF GOD AMONG US**

Prelude in foyer: Handbell Choir

Welcome

Instrumental: gentle, reflective (I Wonder As I Wander)

Call to Worship – The Invitation to Wonder

**Opening Carol: O Come, All Ye Faithful ELW 283 (v. 1,2,3)**

Opening Prayer

## **LESSONS & CAROLS — A Journey of Wonder**

### **1. The Wonder of Creation**

Lesson: Genesis 1:1–5

Carol: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel ELW 257 (vs. 1,2)

### **2. The Wonder of God's Promise**

Lesson: Isaiah 9:2–7

Carol: It Came Upon the Midnight Clear ELW 282 (vs. 1,3,4)

### **3. The Wonder of Invitation**

Lesson: Luke 1:26–38

Carol: What Child Is This? ELW 296 (vs. 1,2)

### **4. The Wonder of Birth in Bethlehem**

Lesson: Luke 2:1–7

Carol: O Little Town of Bethlehem ELW 279

### **5. The Wonder of the Angels' Song**

Lesson: Luke 2:8–14

Carol: Angels We Have Heard on High ELW 289 (vs. 1,2)

### **6. The Wonder Shared**

Lesson: Luke 2:15–20

Carol: The First Noel ELW 300 (vs. 1,2)

### **7. The Wonder for All Nations**

Lesson: Matthew 2:1–11

Carol: We Three Kings WOV 646 (vs. 1,2,3)

Children's Message

Sermon

Prayers of Intercession: "God of grace, **hear our prayer**".

Peace & Offering

Offering Solo: Of the Father's Love Begotten - *Emma Proctor*

Offering Prayer

### **8. The Wonder of the Word Made Flesh**

Lesson: John 1:1–14

Carol: Silent Night (candle lighting) ELW 281

Lord's Prayer

Blessing

**Closing Carol: Joy to the World ELW 267**

Go in peace. Share the Good News!

**Thanks be to God!**

## **SERVING TODAY**

Presiding:	Pastor Greg Smith
Accompanist:	Bonnie Johnson
Reader:	Bernie Blieske
Ushers:	Steve Medhurst & Marianne Astle &
Lighting Advent Wreath:	Amanda, Kyle, Owen and Henry Bakx
Special Music Prelude in foyer:	Handbell Choir
Special Music:	Emma Proctor

**Thanks to all who helped lead worship!**

## **COMING UP AT HOPE**

### **CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS**

The office will be closed December 24<sup>th</sup> at noon and it reopens Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Pastor Greg for any emergencies over the holidays.

*NOTE: Hope members, please empty your mailboxes.*

### **CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

#### **Thursday, December 25 Christmas Day**

11:00 am - Service of Word & Sacrament

*\* not live-streamed*

#### **Sunday, December 28, 10 am Service**

**New Worship Experience**

### ***Looking ahead.....***

#### **MEN'S MONTHLY BREAKFAST – Saturday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**8:30 am at Cora Brentwood**

**STITCHING FOR HOPE** – will resume on Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. Come for fellowship and stay for a coffee.

### **MINDFUL MOVEMENTS EXERCISE CLASS**

TUESDAYS, January 6 - February 3; 11:30 - 12:30

Five weeks \$40, physio. NO charge for nonagenarians.

We will work on balance, strength and flexibility in simple standing and seated exercises. *No need to get down and up off the floor.*

Email Tonia for more information: [Toniawood10@icloud.com](mailto:Toniawood10@icloud.com)

**BIBLE STUDY** - will resume on Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>

The next **Kids Camp Sunday** will be January 25<sup>th</sup> at Advent Lutheran Church

**Celebrating the completion of Congregational Visioning** -  
February 1 After the service – Core Values

**HOPE'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – February 22<sup>nd</sup>**



**Check the Anchor and website for more information on  
news, reflections, and events.**

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