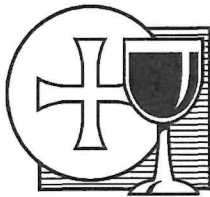


The Second Sunday after Christmas

January 4, 2026

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood in an unworthy manner do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or hold membership in a congregation other than a congregation in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod should refrain from receiving communion. If you are a member in good standing of another congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and would like to receive the Sacrament, please speak with the pastor or an elder prior to the service. We ask this out of Christian love and concern for you. (Please, indicate to Pastor if you require a Gluten Free Wafer.)



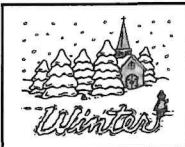
About our Lord's work at St. Matthew this week

- TODAY **Communion Worship Service 1:30 PM**; Coffee Time; Bible Class following worship; Sunday School after Worship
- TUESDAY Elders Meeting **7:00 PM**; Epiphany Worship at St. Peter **7:30 PM**;
- THURSDAY . . . Council Meeting **7:00 PM**; Bible Class at St. Peter **7:00 PM**
- SUNDAY **Communion Worship Service 1:30 PM**; Coffee Time; Bible Class following worship; Sunday School after Worship

If you need Pastoral care, you may call Pastor Heide at:
Cell: 701-300-4249 (cell coverage is not the best in Hannover) Church: 701-794-8705

Sunday Worship Services are also held at:
Zion, New Salem (8:30 AM) and St. Peter, Hannover (10:30 AM)

Church Services and the weather:



During the vacancy the decision will be made by 8 am on the day of worship. The radio stations KDKT (873-2215) in Beulah and KFYO (1-800-228-0550) will be called to carry notification of the cancellation of worship service. St. Matthew Facebook page will also list the cancellation. You are encouraged pick up the phone and call those who you think may not hear or see the messages. Let's all help our St. Matthew family stay safe and warm during this winter season. Listen to the radio (KDKT) to hear a previous worship service at 9:00 am.

Gifts for the work of the Lord: \$ No Count (12-28)

Mission 1-1-1: \$ No count

Together in Worship: 73(12-24) 36 (12-25) 25 (12-28)

Please consider this information in the light of God's Word, which encourages regular worship and the joyful giving of our offerings for the expansion of His Mission at St. Matthew by Reaching, Caring and Sharing Christ!



About the Cover: By God's gift, no mere man has arisen with wisdom like Solomon. However, Jesus is Himself Wisdom. He is not merely wise in a human way like Solomon; He is the very source of all wisdom (1 Corinthians 1:24). He showed this when He taught the teachers in Jerusalem as a boy. No one will ever arise like Him. For Jesus alone is the only Savior of the world. He makes us wise unto salvation by way of His work on the cross and resurrection.

From the ND District DP: St. Andrew – West Fargo will host a pre-Lent retreat, *The Appointed Time in the Gospel of John*, presented by Rev. Bernie Worrall, beginning Monday, January 5, at noon and concluding Wednesday, January 7, at 12:00 p.m. Registration begins at noon, and the fee is \$100. Here is a brief summary of the retreat: "We've all preached the wedding at Cana, but because there is just so much going on, and it is in the season of Epiphany, we fail to substantially tug at this thread, probably, because our homiletical time for Lent has not yet come. The phrase "my hour" or "his hour" (ὥρα) is used in this pregnant sense many more times before it reaches its end in the discourse in John chapter twelve. This sermon series will unpack the use of the phrase until it brings us right into Holy Week." For more information, see the ND District calendar at nodaklcms.org/events/calendar/ -Rev. Mark Chepulis, North Dakota District President



KFYO Radio, the broadcast voice of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on KFYO.org via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. A blessed New Year and Happy Epiphany! This week on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m. CT), we're launching into a new study of the book of Genesis. Tune in to Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT) as we begin "The Magnificent 37", a new series on the miracles of Jesus! On the Coffee Hour this week (weekdays at 9 a.m. CT), we have some fun things to share, including a new series on the history of the Augsburg Confession with Dr. Cameron MacKenzie and an introduction to this year's Searching Scripture theme! Find your favorite programs on demand at kfyo.org or in the KFYO Radio app.

Stewardship thought: 1 Peter 4:17 – “For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?” The Gospel had freed us from all fear. God the Father loves us to the ends of love, and He has sent His Son to die for us and call us into His kingdom through the rebirth of water and Spirit. Saint Peter views this not as an excuse to sin but as encouragement for godly living. The judgment of the Lord is a real event, and it applies to the household of God. As members of His household, we desire to serve Him.



Listen to the Lutheran Hour, next Sunday morning at 7:30 am on KDKT 1410 AM radio to hear "**Solidarity**". Presented by Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Solidarity is how Christians understand their relationship to Jesus Christ. We believe that Jesus, the Son of God, went where we had gone so that we might go where He goes. Romans 6:5



The mite ministry . . . *the dedication of freely given offerings for the purpose of reaching out to others with the Good News of Jesus Christ.* Be a part of the LWML Mite Ministry, drop your loose change in the box located in the narthex today.

Intercessory Prayers

- † Those struggling with cancer: **Sheila Faut / Becky Post / Beth Wangler / Kelly Weisz / Judy Johnson / Laverne Faut / Christie Tomes**
- † **Sophia Fischer / Rev. Erich Kaelberer / Harold Mathisen / Dawn Phillips / Betty Getz / Tracy Wolter / Chloe Graberek / Bob Johnstone / Orville Miller / Eva Olin / Christina / Rev. Jason Wolter / Kinsey Tomes / Tanya Schlamann / Jason Fischer / Larry & Karen Wiesz / Dave Grant** for strength and healing.
- † **Dallas / Loretta / Christine / Rodney / Delmer / Stan / Olga / Esther / Emma / Caroline** who reside in a care center.
- † **Pastors of our LCMS ND District**
- † **Large Print Work Centers/ Dakota Hope Clinic / Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads**
- † **International Missions of the District**
- † **Our Military Personnel, Law Enforcement, and Rescue Workers**

Prayer chain contacts: Bonita Maas 748-6145 & Marie Mathisen 748-6347



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Worship
Service
1:30 P.M.

Sunday School,
Coffee gathering,
Bible Study
following worship

Hear the
Sunday Morning
Service
each Sunday on
KDKT 1410 AM
9:00 a.m.
or from coast-to-coast
via the FoxSports link
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Wise and discerning,
so that none like you
shall arise

1 KINGS 3:12

