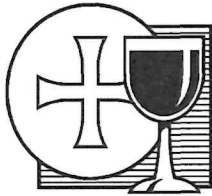



The First Sunday after Christmas


December 28, 2025

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;  
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

 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 KFYZ (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.

 Listen to the Lutheran Hour, next Sunday morning at 7:30 am on KDKT 1410 AM radio to hear **"Knowing and Being Known in a New Year"**. Presented by Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. God invites us to speak with Him in prayer and hear from Him in the Bible, to know Him and to love as we are loved. John 17:3

Gifts for the work of the Lord: \$ \$ 2,625.00 (12-14)

Mission 1-1-1: \$ 6.00

Together in Worship: 50(12-21)


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:** We were all born as slaves under the Law because of our sin. There was no way we could free ourselves. “But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons” (Galatians 4:4–5). Jesus came to earth to rescue us and make us sons and heirs of God!



As the calendar turns to a new year, I pray God’s richest blessings upon you and your family. We thank God for His provision this last year and thank Him for all things, both times of joy and times of sorrow, for He works all things for good. As we look ahead to the next year, let us continue to “fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God” (Hebrews 12). -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. Here at KFYO, we celebrate Christmas for all 12 days of the season! From now through January 6th, tune in for special programming featuring sacred music, Scripture readings, and greetings from missionaries and chaplains across the LCMS! As always, you can find your favorite programs on demand at kfyo.org or in the KFYO Radio app.

**Stewardship thought:** Galatians 4:4 – “But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law.” Jesus was born under the law so that He might fulfill the law in our place. His perfect righteousness is credited to us. And it is this free forgiveness of sins and this crediting of righteousness that sets us free to follow our Lord in godly living. Since we are freed from the law’s condemnation, we are freed from any mercenary attitudes. Now that the Lord has shown His love to us in saving us, we freely show our thanks to Him in generosity, humility and kindness.





Building Healthy Families: It's not too late! Your partnership in LFS' life ministry of pregnancy counseling and adoption, grief support, marriage, family and mental health counseling for families and all pro-family, pro-marriage, pro-life, and pro-faith efforts provided without government funds (or strings) in your state is still needed - and still possible! Make a gift online TODAY through the Donate page on the LFS web site at [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org), by VENMO to @LutheranFamilyService, or by mail to LFS/Admin Office, 409 Kenyon Road, Suite C, Fort Dodge, IA 50501. Thank you for your partnership all year, and especially today as we wrap up 2025 and look forward to what the New Year holds. From your brothers and sisters in Christ at LFS, a Blessed and Happy New Year! **Lutheran Family Service** [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org)

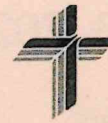


The mite ministry . . . *the dedication of freely given offerings for the purpose of reaching out to others with the Good News of Jesus Christ.* Be a part of the LWML Mite Ministry, drop your loose change in the box located in the narthex next Sunday.

#### 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**
- † A Prayer of Thanksgiving for 7 year old **Eleanore Krumm**, who is cancer free! Praise God!!

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



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Worship  
Service  
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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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Born of woman to redeem

