

Message

“Ablest Messiah Born”
The Christmas Story Through Timeless Carols
By Larry Shackley
Presented by
Chancel Choir, MS/HS Ensemble, and Children

Prayers

Sharing God’s Peace

MEAL: God Feeds us with the Presence of Jesus

Offering

Special Music

“Carol of the Bells”

Elizabeth Yearwood

Offertory

“Come Now, O Prince of Peace”

ELW 247

Great Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Lord’s Prayer

Communion

Communion Songs

“Lamb of God”

“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah”

ELW 240

Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

SENDING: Being Loved, God Sends Us to Love

Blessing

Sending Song

“Christ Be Our Light”

ELW 715

Dismissal

Postlude

Announcements

- ⇒ **Food Pantry** Our next food pantry is Saturday, January 4 from 8 to 9:30 am. [CLICK HERE](#) to help. Donations are needed! We are in need of paper and plastic bags, pasta sauce/tomato sauce, canned soup, and cereal. Drop donations in the blue bin in the coat closet hallway. Thanks!
- ⇒ **Centering Prayer Group** meets Monday's at 1:00 pm in the Youth Room Holy Cross. Questions, contact Paula McDonald at 402-210-6040.
- ⇒ **Tai Chi** A beginning Tai Chi Class is offered weekly on Wednesday's from 12:30–1:30 pm in the HCLC Narthex. A free -will donation will be accepted for our instructor, Cynthia Simon. Bring a friend and discover that you really do have balance!
- ⇒ **Prayer Shawls** If you have someone in your life who could use some extra comfort and prayers, please feel free to take a Prayer Shawl or Prayer Square from the display in the Narthex at any time.
- ⇒ **Altar Flowers** are available for purchase for \$47. Please [click here](#) to sign up or contact the church office.
- ⇒ **Nursery** Our nursery in the Sunday School hallway is unlocked every Sunday morning during worship and our education hour. There is no nursery attendant, but the room is available for families to use as needed if littles need to get some wiggles out!
- ⇒ **Recycle your Christmas Lights!** Joe Evans is taking old strings of lights to Scrap Central which provides recycling at no cost. There is a bin in the Narthex marked Christmas Lights Only.
- ⇒ **Cookie Walk** Our 2nd Annual Cookie Walk + Hot Cocoa Bar is today! Join us in the fellowship hall after worship.
- ⇒ **Blessing Bags** On Thanksgiving Eve, we assembled about 100 Blessing Bags for people to take with them to hand out to folks experiencing homelessness. They are located in the Narthex, please take a couple!
- ⇒ **Giving through Venmo** You can now support the ministries of Holy Cross via Venmo. Find us on Venmo @HolyCrossLutheran.



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Calendar for Upcoming Week

Sunday, December 22

9:30 am Worship
10:40 am Cookie Walk
10:50 am MS/HS Ensemble
11:00 am MS/HS Bells

Monday, December 23

1:00 pm Centering Prayer
6:30 pm Boy Scouts
9:00 pm CMA Meeting

Tuesday, December 24

4:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship
7:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship

Wednesday, December 25

Office Closed—Christmas

Thursday, December 26

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Friday, December 27

1:00 pm Knitting
7:00pm Belles N Beaus

Sunday, December 29

9:30 am Worship
3:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 48012 Meeting

Prayer Requests from our Church Community

Member Concerns: Dick Klabunde; Charlie Ferris; Kelley Kennedy; Ruth Martin; Norm Firkins; Phyllis Beam; Donna McCoy; Jan Swanson; Connie Mertz, Mia Szymczak.

On-Going Member Concerns: Edie Nabity at Hillcrest Papillion

Friends and Relatives: Carol Deditz, sister of Julie Noteman; Larry Labens, friend of Jerry & Kelli Joseph; Opal Calendar, foster granddaughter of Trisha Ryan; Kelsey Schneider, daughter of Jim & Peg Schneider; Mary Sundermeier, aunt of Kate Ferris; Megan Smith-Sallans, friend of Pastor Heather; Theresa Ramelb, friend of Jacque Petersen; Shari Jensen, friend of Ed Krueger; Kenneth Lathrop, father of Alisa Krueger; Jan Specks, sister of Carol Rich; Walt Weaver & Carson Rich, family of Carol Rich; Ronda Bayer, friend of Debbie Risinger; Debbie Haacke, coworker of Debbie Risinger; Tatyana Povazhnaya, friend of Sue Spengler; Gaylen Grunke, Wes Grunke's Brother; Andie Hunter, Elizabeth Yearwood's sister; Linda Anderson, Barb Kay's sister; Aaron McDonald and Family and Caregivers, McDonald's grandson.