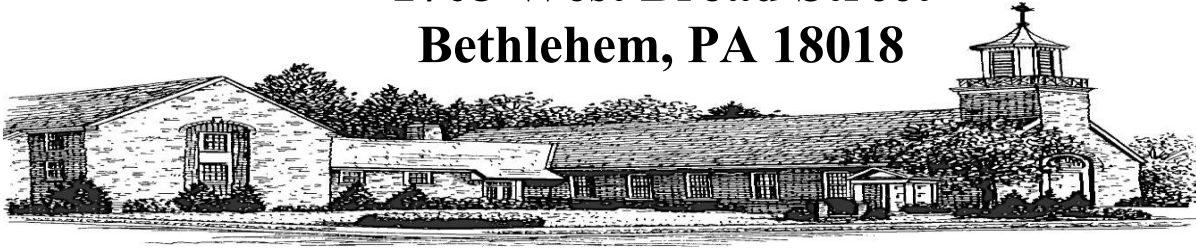


**BLESSED TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
AT ROSEMONT**

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**LITURGY FOR THE CELEBRATION OF LIFE
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS SERVICE

A Service of Scripture and Song
as We Prepare the Way of the Lord

DECEMBER 14, 2025



OUR MISSION

Christ has called us together to do God's Work.

**Blessed Trinity Lutheran Church at Rosemont
is a safe place for all people to worship regardless of
race, creed, age, national origin,
cultural background, sexual orientation, class,
physical or mental ability.**

WELCOME

Lector Good Morning. My name is Carol Henn.
A warm welcome is extended to all. Especially those who are gathering at BT@R for the first time or who have returned after an absence. Your presence both enriches us and this time of celebration together. Today we observe the third Sunday of Advent. Everything you need to follow along with the worship service can be found in your bulletin. Please join us for fellowship following the gathering.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE CARE CANDLE AND ALTAR CANDLES

GATHERING MUSIC *Four Noels* - Marcel Tournier (1879-1951)

Andrea Wittchen, harp

The assembly stands as they are able.

GATHERING WORDS

Leader God of time and eternity,
help us realize the significance of these moments together,
that they may open our eyes
to the blessings of the past
and the promise of the future.
Grant us courage for today and tomorrow.
Blessed be.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF PEACE

The assembly sings stanzas one, two and three.

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah



1	Light one can-dle to	watch for Mes-si - ah:	let the light ban-ish	dark - ness.
2	Light two can-dles to	watch for Mes-si - ah:	let the light ban-ish	dark - ness.
3	Light three can-dles to	watch for Mes-si - ah:	let the light ban-ish	dark - ness.
4	Light four can-dles to	watch for Mes-si - ah:	let the light ban-ish	dark - ness.



He	shall bring	sal - va - tion	to Is - ra - el,	God	ful - fills	the	prom - ise.
He	shall feed	the flock	like a shep-herd,	gent - ly	lead	them	home - ward.
Lift	your heads	and lift	high the gate-way	for the	King	of	glo - ry.
He	is com - ing,	tell the	glad tid - ings.	Let	your	lights	be shin - ing!

The assembly may be seated.

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor Our Advent hope is in the Lord,
 who comes to redeem and restore.

Assembly Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly.

PRAYERS

Pastor Beloved in Christ, in this Advent season of watching and waiting, let us prepare ourselves to hear again the message of God's saving work through the prophets, the promise of Christ's coming, and the hope of a world made new.

Let us pray for the Church throughout the world:
for unity in witness, holiness in living, and joy in our waiting.

Let us pray for peace on earth:
for the end of violence, the calming of fears, and the dawning of the Prince of Peace.

Let us pray for our community and all who gather here:
for the lonely and the grieving,
for the weary and the searching,
and for the hope that does not disappoint.

Let us remember in God's presence the poor, the hungry, the homeless,
the refugees and displaced,
and all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit.

Finally, let us remember before God all those who rejoice with us,
but upon another shore and in a greater light—
that multitude no one can number, who now rest in God's eternal peace.

As we hear the scriptures and sing the carols that proclaim God's promises, may the Light of Christ shine upon us,
drive away all darkness,
and prepare our hearts to receive our Emmanuel,
God-with-us.

Assembly Amen.

<p>COMPASSION is the sometimes-fatal capacity for feeling what it's like to live inside somebody else's skin. It is the knowledge that there can never really be any peace and joy for me until there is peace and joy finally for you too.</p>
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THE LESSONS & CAROLS

LESSON ONE – The Prophetic Promise of the Messiah

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

Isaiah 9:2, 6–7

Lector The people walking in darkness
 have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness
 a light has dawned.

⁶For to us a child is born,
 to us a son is given,
 and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called
 Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
 Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷Of the greatness of his government and peace
 there will be no end.

He will reign on David's throne
 and over his kingdom,
establishing and upholding it
 with justice and righteousness
 from that time on and forever.

The zeal of the Lord Almighty
 will accomplish this.

What a scramble our lives can be. We rush from place to place. We live on a knife-edge, ready it would seem, to throw our lot in with those who surrender to the negatives of our humanity. What a relief to come into a place like this where we can feel a quietening presence; where people can come together and find a common purpose and a unifying spirit. This whole city needs to re-find its sanity lest people come to believe that all their stresses are inevitable. So, I say, let a good peace come over this city; let peace come to these walls; let all who come here, all their friends and their families know a strong and healthy peace with them. O God, we have been too long and too much with our eyes on the wrong things, even though we believe them to be right. Lift our eyes to a bigger, better dimension, to be participants in your broadening good presence. We know the pains and the prejudices of life...Help us to experience the best kindness and the gentlest healing that flow from the very heart of the universe.

I name you to be God;

I believe you to be God.

God, the source of all that is good! - *Francis Macnab*

CAROL Hymnal 254

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



1 Come, thou long-ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir-it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev-'ry na-tion, joy of ev-'ry long-ing heart.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer-it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Music: JEFFERSON, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

LESSON TWO – The Peaceful Kingdom

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse.

Isaiah 11:1–9

Leader A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.

² The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him—
the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and of might,
the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord—

³ and he will delight in the fear of the Lord.
He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes,
or decide by what he hears with his ears;

⁴ but with righteousness he will judge the needy,
with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.
He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth;
with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.
⁵ Righteousness will be his belt
and faithfulness the sash around his waist.
⁶ The wolf will live with the lamb,
the leopard will lie down with the goat,
the calf and the lion and the yearling^[a] together;
and a little child will lead them.
⁷ The cow will feed with the bear,
their young will lie down together,
and the lion will eat straw like the ox.
⁸ The infant will play near the cobra's den,
and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest.
⁹ They will neither harm nor destroy
on all my holy mountain,
for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

INSTRUMENTAL RESPONSE

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming - German Carol, 15th century arranged by
Daniel Burton (b. 1944)

LESSON THREE – A Voice in the Wilderness

Prepare the way of the Lord.

Isaiah 40:1–11

Lector Comfort, comfort my people,
says your God.
² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and proclaim to her
that her hard service has been completed,
that her sin has been paid for,
that she has received from the Lord's hand
double for all her sins.
³ A voice of one calling:
"In the wilderness prepare
the way for the Lord^[a];

make straight in the desert
a highway for our God.

⁴ Every valley shall be raised up,
every mountain and hill made low;
the rough ground shall become level,
the rugged places a plain.

⁵ And the glory of the Lord will be revealed,
and all people will see it together.
For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

⁶ A voice says, “Cry out.”
And I said, “What shall I cry?”

“All people are like grass,
and all their faithfulness is like the flowers of the field.

⁷ The grass withers and the flowers fall,
because the breath of the Lord blows on them.
Surely the people are grass.

⁸ The grass withers and the flowers fall,
but the word of our God endures forever.”

⁹ You who bring good news to Zion,
go up on a high mountain.

You who bring good news to Jerusalem,^[c]
lift up your voice with a shout,
lift it up, do not be afraid;
say to the towns of Judah,
“Here is your God!”

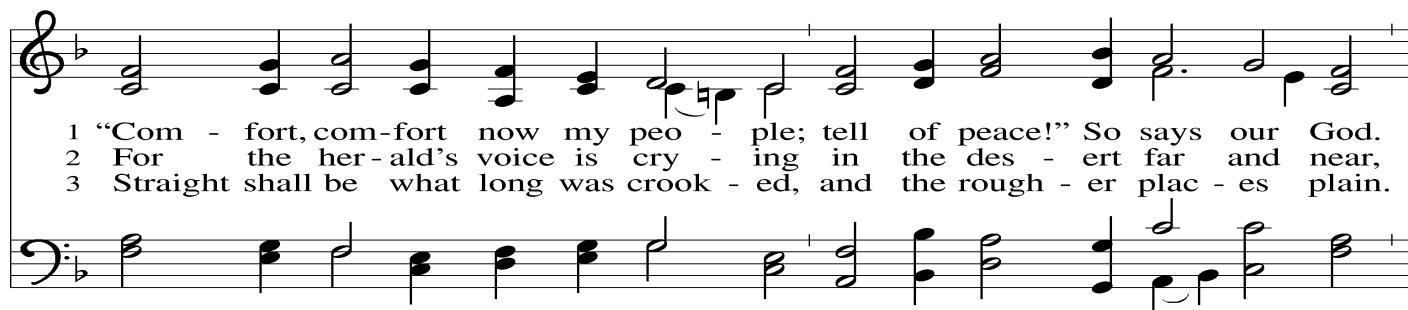
¹⁰ See, the Sovereign Lord comes with power,
and he rules with a mighty arm.

See, his reward is with him,
and his recompense accompanies him.

¹¹ He tends his flock like a shepherd:
He gathers the lambs in his arms
and carries them close to his heart;
he gently leads those that have young.

CONFESSION - To confess your sins to God is not to tell him anything he doesn't already know. Until you confess them, however, they are the abyss between you.
When you confess them, they become the bridge.

Comfort, Comfort Now My People



1 "Com - fort, com-fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.
2 For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.



Com-fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn-ing un - der sor - row's load.
call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the reign of God is here.
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits God's ho - ly reign.



To God's peo - ple now pro-claim that God's par - don waits for them!
Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way.
For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,



Tell them that their war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for-ev - er.
Val - leys, rise to greet the Sav - ior; hills, bow down in hum-ble fa - vor.
and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

Text: Johann G. Olearius, 1635–1711; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: FREU DICH SEHR, *Trente quatre psaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551

FORGIVENESS— When somebody you've wronged forgives you, you're spared the dull and self-diminishing throb of a guilty conscience. When you forgive somebody who has wronged you, you're spared the dismal corrosion of bitterness and wounded pride. For both parties, forgiveness means the freedom again to be at peace inside their own skins and to be glad in each other's presence.

LESSON FOUR – The Promise to Mary

The angel Gabriel announces Jesus' birth.

Luke 1:26–38

Leader In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

²⁹ Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰ But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. ³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

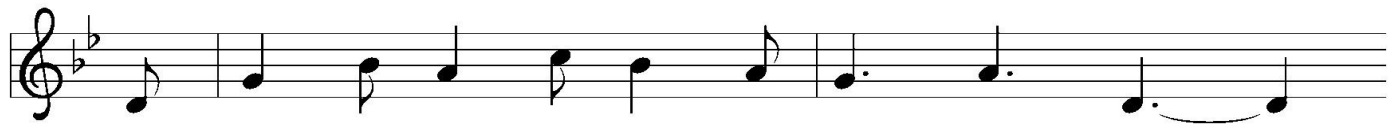
³⁴ "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

³⁵ The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called^[a] the Son of God. ³⁶ Even Elizabeth, your relative, is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. ³⁷ For no word from God will ever fail."

³⁸ "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.

VIRGIN BIRTH – The earliest of the four Gospels makes no reference to it, and neither does Paul, who wrote earlier still. On later evidence, however, many Christians have made it an article of faith that it was the Holy Spirit rather than Joseph who got Mary pregnant. If you believe God was somehow in Christ, it shouldn't make much difference to you how he got there. If you don't believe, it should make less difference still. In either case, life is complicated enough without confusing theology with gynecology. In some sense anyway the doctrine of the Virgin Birth is demonstrably true. Whereas the villains of history can always be seen as the products of heredity and environment, the saints always seem to arrive under their own steam. Evil evolves. Holiness happens.

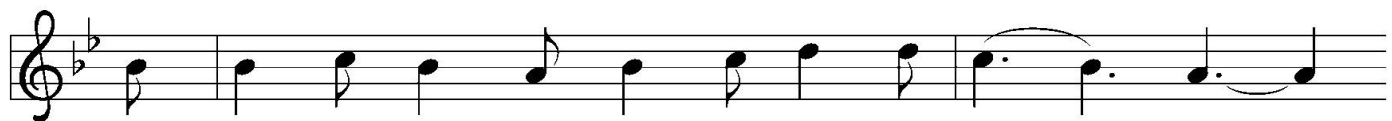
The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came



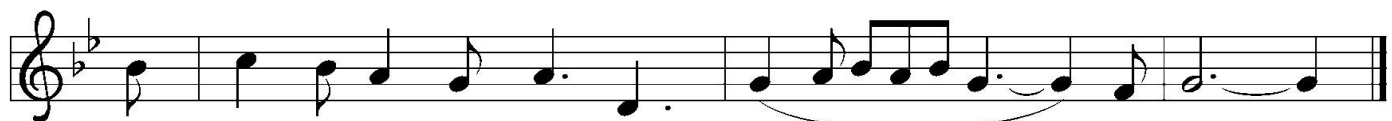
1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came,
2 "For know a bless - ed moth - er thou shalt be,
3 Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head;
4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born



with wings as drift - ed snow, with eyes as flame:
all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee;
"To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said.
in Beth - le - hem all on a Christ - mas morn,



"All hail to thee, O low - ly maid - en Mar - y,
thy son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
"My soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God's ho - ly name."
and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say:



most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."
most high - ly fa - vored la - dy." Glo - ri - a!
Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy,
"Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."

Text: Basque carol; para. Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834–1924
Music: GABRIEL'S MESSAGE, Basque carol

WISHFUL THINKING – Christianity is mainly wishful thinking. Even the part about Judgement and Hell reflects the wish that somewhere the score is being kept. Dreams are wishful thinking. Children playing at being grown-up is wishful thinking. Interplanetary travel is wishful thinking. Sometimes wishing is the wings the truth comes true on. Sometimes the truth is what sets us wishing for it.

LESSON FIVE – The Birth of Jesus Foretold to Joseph

You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people.

Matthew 1:18–25

Lector This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about^[a]: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet^[b] did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

²⁰ But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus,^[c] because he will save his people from their sins.”

²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel”^[d] (which means “God with us”).

²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. ²⁵ But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

CHORAL RESPONSE *People, Look East* – French carol, c. 17th century arranged by Phillip Dietterich (b. 1931)

LESSON SIX – The Birth of Jesus

Mary gives birth to her firstborn son.

Luke 2:1–7

Leader In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ² (This was the first census that took place while^[a] Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³ And everyone went to their own town to register.

⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

CAROL Hymnal 279 O Little Town of Bethlehem



O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
For Christ is born of Mar - y, and, gath - ered all a - bove
How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!
O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
while mor-tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won-d'ring love.
So God im-parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav'n.
cast out our sin, and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.



yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light.
O morn-ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
No ear may hear his com - ing; but, in this world of sin,
We hear the Christ-mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;



The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
and prais - es sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!
where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
oh, come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Im - man - u - el!

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835–1893

Music: ST. LOUIS, Lewis H. Redner, 1831–1908

LESSON SEVEN – The Shepherds Hear the Good News

Good news of great joy for all people.

Luke 2:8–20

Lector And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

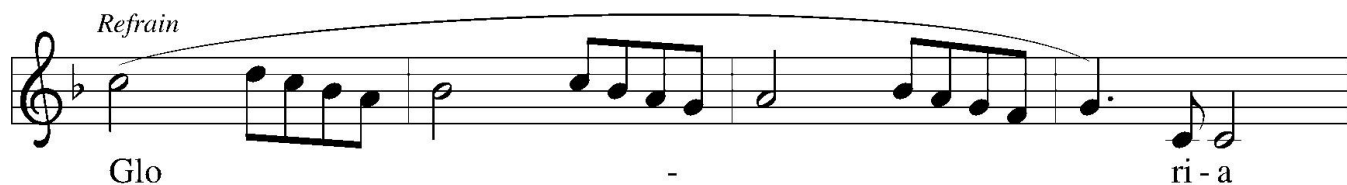
CAROL Hymnal 289 Angels We Have Heard on High



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o’er the plains,
2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
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.
What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav’n - ly song?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.

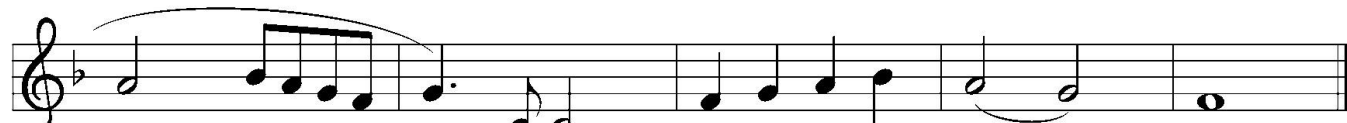


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CONCLUDING PRAYER

Pastor Almighty and ever-living God,
you have called us out of darkness into your marvelous light.
As we have heard your promises and sung your praise,
kindle in us a new hope,
a deeper longing for your presence,
and a steadfast faith in your coming kingdom.
Prepare our hearts to receive your Son with joy,
so that when he comes, he may find in us a dwelling made ready.

Assembly Amen.

OFFERTORY MUSIC *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* - 15th century
plainsong/Thurlough O'Carolan (1670-1738) arranged by Susan Crane



INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Pastor Friends in Christ, the Word became flesh and lived among us.
In this holy meal, God comes to us again with grace,
forgiveness, and new life.
Come—this table is open to all who seek Christ's presence.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor The Lord is with you.

Assembly And also with you.

Pastor Lift up your hearts.

Assembly We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Assembly It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor Holy God, we praise you for the gift of your Son,
the true Light who shines in the darkness.
In him your promise is fulfilled,
and your love is made visible for all people.

Pastor On the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying:
“Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

Pastor Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
“This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

Pastor So with gratitude and wonder,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Assembly Christ has died.
 Christ is risen.
 Christ will come again.**

Pastor Send your Holy Spirit on this bread and cup,
and on us, gathered here in hope,
that we may shine with the light of Christ
for the sake of the world you love.

Assembly Amen.

THE OUR FATHER

**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,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Pastor We break the bread of life,
 and that life is the light of the world.

**Assembly God here among us,
 Light in the midst of us,
 Bring us to light and life.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Pastor The Word has become flesh and dwells among us.
 Come and taste the goodness of the Lord.

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Fling Wide the Door – Hymnal 259

He Comes to Us as One Unknown – Hymnal 737

ALL ARE INVITED TO SHARE BREAD AND WINE

All are welcome to come and receive the bread and wine. There are gluten free wafers; ask the Pastor or Communion Assistants to provide one to you. A chalice of wine will be offered to you - simply touch the wafer to the wine. If you do not wish to take communion you may come forward for a blessing. If you are unable to come forward simply let an usher know and communion will be brought to you.

The assembly stands as they are able.

PARTING WORDS

John 1:1-14

Pastor In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome^[a] it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. ⁸ He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

⁹ The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.

¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

SENDING CAROL Hymnal 267

Joy to the World



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
 na - tions 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.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: ANTIOCH, English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

POSTLUDE *Joy to the World* - Wilbur Held (1914-2015)

Thank you for worshiping with us at BT@R today.
We are grateful for your presence and pray that you were blessed
by the service.

Today's Altar Flowers are a gift given by Carol Lopez in memory of loved ones.

Today's Bulletins are a gift given by Edwina Monek in loving memory of her
mother Gloria.



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FELLOWSHIP

Morning coffee and tea are now served.

You are invited upstairs to Laros Hall to share in this time of fellowship.

You are invited to keep this copy of the liturgy and take it home with you
to share with another member of your family, or with a friend



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JOY – In the Gospel of John, Jesus sums up pretty much everything by saying,
“These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy
may be full.” (John 15:11)

He said it at the supper that he knew was the last one he'd have a mouth to eat.
Happiness turns up more or less where you'd expect it to - a good marriage, a
rewarding job, a pleasant vacation. Joy, on the other hand, is as notoriously
unpredictable as the one who bequeaths it.



Till We Meet Again

December 14, 2025 - Worship 9:30am

Noisy Offering Total

Jingle, jingle, jingle. Did you hear those coins mingle? In the pails, that is...The pails that were used in last month's Noisy Offering. You donated \$471 to be shared with Pedro's community. You saved those quarters, nickels, dimes, pennies and even dollars! You donated them and you made a difference—\$471 to be shared with others. You continue to be a blessing to others. Thank You!

December Food Pantry

This month, we are collecting food items to go to the Northeast Community Center's food pantry. NCC's food pantry is one of the most accessible food pantries in Bethlehem. They operate nine times per month in the Marvine-Pembroke neighborhood, serving an average of over 300 families per day. Most needed items: 1lb bag of rice, pasta, pasta sauce, bottled drinks, beans, canned meats, canned fruit & vegetables, cooking oil, cereal, coffee & tea.

Last month we collected 1,475 items!

Giving Tree Update

All the stars were taken! The tree is now decorated with items knit by Cliff Bengston's daughters Ingrid and Karen. They will stay on the tree until distribution to Northeast Ministries, Cay Galgon, and Turning Point in January.

Today's Worship Ministers

December 14, 2025

Acolyte – Jimmy Bleier
Altar Guild – Diane Case, Karen Koch
Assisting Minister – Tony Villani
Coffee Hour Hosts: Sandy Butch, Karen Schoch, Carolyn Galle, Karen Favinger, Louise Fielding
Communion Assistants – Kevin Remaly, Kenny Remaly
Counters – Diane Case, Cheryl Achey, Mickey Curry
Flower Delivery – Christine Horoschock
Greeters – George & Linda Baltz
Key Attendant – Barry Sterner
Lector – Dagny Danga-Storm
Ushers – Joe Novak, Glenn Breidenbach
Advent Wreath – Charlie & Loree Kuhns

December 21, 2025

Acolyte – Joan Erb
Altar Guild – Ron & Sandy Horwath, Joan Erb
Assisting Minister – Charlie Kuhns
Coffee Hour Hosts: David Kolman, Pat Little, Dolores Kennedy, Rosemary Leposa, Sheila Novak
Communion Assistants – Joe Bleier, Jimmy Bleier
Counters – Donna Machin, Tom Starrett, Bill Schellhaas
Flower Delivery – Christine Horoschock
Greeters – Karen Koch, Sue Strawn
Key Attendant – Barry Sterner
Lector – Gene Luff
Ushers – George Baltz, Mike Horwath
Advent Wreath – Tracy & Bill Schellhaas

12/07/2025 Offering: \$6,102
Attendance: 112

This Week at BT@R

Sunday, December 14th: Third Sunday of Advent; Lessons & Carols

9:30am Worship with Special Music

11:00am Congregational Council Meeting (Community Service Room)

Monday, December 15th:

12:00pm Ladies Luncheon (Perkins, 205 W 3rd St)

Tuesday, December 16th:

7:00pm Book Club (Laros Hall)

7:00pm Scout Meeting (Lower Level Hall)

Wednesday, December 17th:

9:00am Christian Service Women (Community Service Room)

Friday, December 19th: Office Closed

Sunday, December 21st: Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:30am Worship

10:45am Social Activities Committee Meeting (Nave)

Christmas Eve Worship: Wednesday, December 24th

4:00pm Music 4:30pm Worship (in person and livestreamed)

7:00pm Music 7:30pm Worship

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