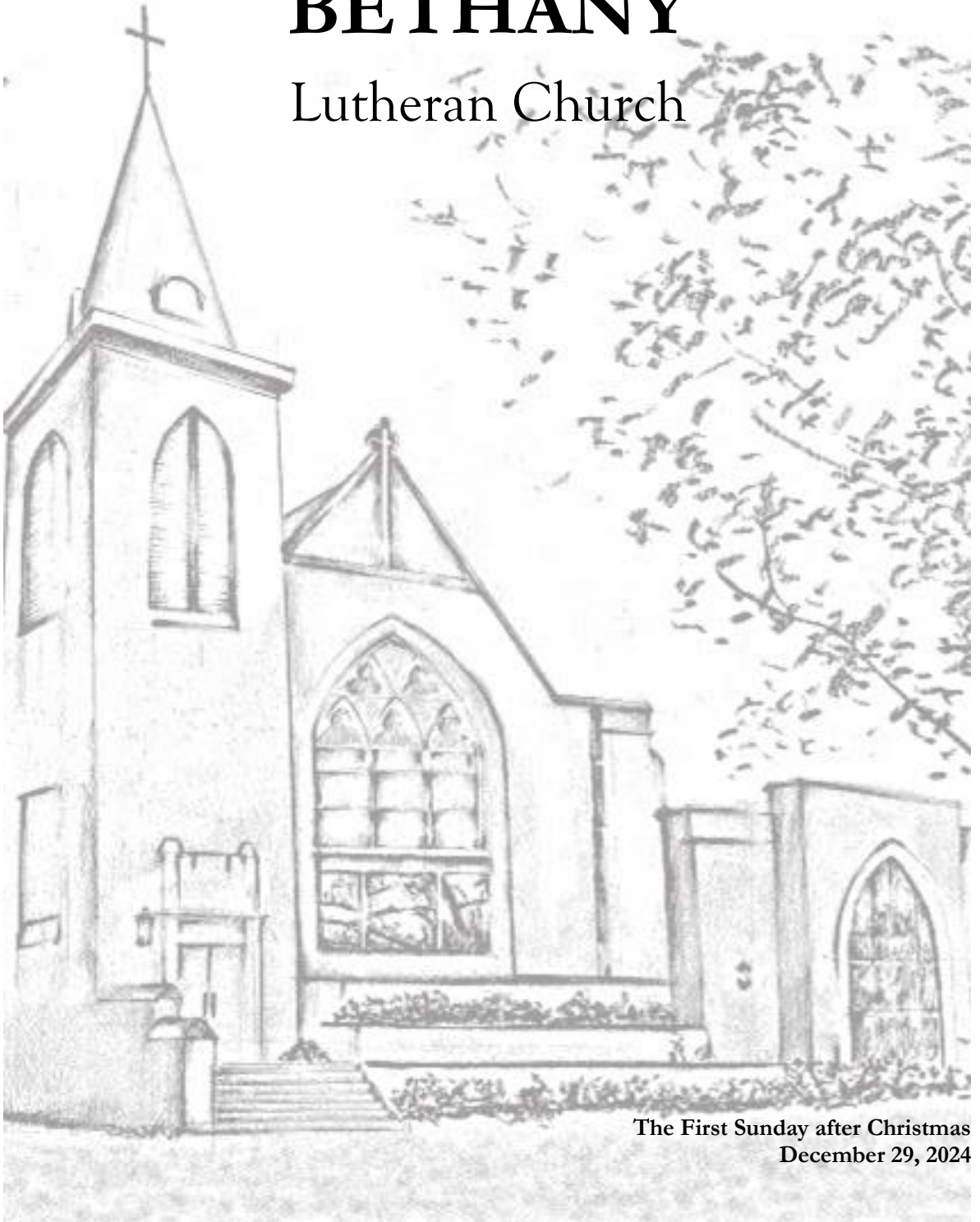


BETHANY

Lutheran Church



The First Sunday after Christmas
December 29, 2024

WELCOME TO BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you as we gather to hear God's holy Word and celebrate the meal of Holy Communion. We are blessed by your presence. As God welcomes all people through the saving grace of Jesus, so do we seek to welcome all God's people to be together in Christ – to love, to grow, and to serve.

Should you have no church home, you are invited to consider Bethany. If you have questions for the pastor or church office, please call at 630.879.3444 or visit our website at www.bethanybatavia.org. Welcome!

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For those who find it difficult to stand or prefer to sit during any part of the service, please feel free to remain seated.

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While not staffed, the nursery is open for parents who may find it helpful. The nursery is located on the sanctuary level, where you will find a changing table, rocking chair and some toys. You can still hear the worship service through a speaker in the room. Ask an usher if you need assistance.

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Please silence all cell phones and pagers. Thank you.

As We Gather:

As on the first day of creation, during this Christmas time the Word illumines the world, shining forth to bring all things into being. Today we celebrate the incarnate Word, God becoming flesh to live among us in the person of Jesus Christ then and now. Emboldened by the good news of Christ's birth, along with the shepherds, Mary and Joseph, and all witnesses to the light of Christ, we declare to the world that we have indeed seen and been transformed by the arrival of "the salvation of our God." O come, let us adore!

Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. One of the glories of the Lutheran Church is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words, and actions through which public worship is conducted.

The people's responses are in **bold**.

This type of note, offering directions about the service is called a "rubric," which comes from the Latin word rubrica (red) – referring to a time when these instructional notes were always written in red.

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE: He Shall Feed His Flock

Messiah-Handel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We stand.

GATHERING HYMN Joy to the World

ELW #267



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.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L Blessed is he who comes as king, who comes in the name of the Lord.
C **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.**
L I will hear what the Lord God has to say –
C **a voice that speaks for peace.**
L Peace for all people and for God's friends
C **and those who turn to God in their hearts.**
L Help is near for those who fear the Lord,
C **and God's glory will live in our land.**
L Blessed is he who comes as king, who comes in the name of the Lord.
C **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.**

HYMN OF PRAISE O Come, All Ye Faithful

ELW #283



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;
sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!

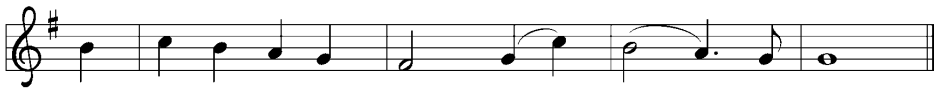


come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:
Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

Refrain



Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,
O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,



ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.
O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, the Lord and giver of life, the love of God, our Heavenly Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have made yourself known in your Son, Jesus, redeemer of the world. We pray that his birth as a human child will set us free from the old slavery of our sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

+ LESSONS AND CAROLS +

We sit.

FIRST LESSON

Luke 1:26-35, 38
Ann Niedzwiecki

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION: Mary, Nazareth Girl

Ann Weems



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."

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 1:18-25

Ann Holch

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do 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 as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep,

he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION: Getting to the Front of the Stable

Ann Weems

HYMN It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

ELW #282



1 It came up-on the mid-night clear, that glo-rious song of old,
2 Still through the clo-ven skies they come with peace-ful wings un-furled,
3 And you, be-neath life's crush-ing load, whose forms are bend-ing low,
4 For lo! The days are has-t'ning on, by proph-ets seen of old,



from an-gels bend-ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
and still their heav'n-ly mu-sic floats o'er all the wea-ry world.
who toil a-long the climb-ing way with pain-ful steps and slow:
when with the ev-er-cir-cling years shall come the time fore-told,



“Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all-gra-cious king.”
A-bove its sad and low-ly plains they bend on hov-'ring wing,
look now, for glad and gold-en hours come swift-ly on the wing;
when peace shall o-ver all the earth its an-cient splen-dors fling,



The world in sol-lemn still-ness lay to hear the an-gels sing.
and ev-er o'er its ba-bel sounds the bless-ed an-gels sing.
oh, rest be-side the wea-ry road and hear the an-gels sing!
and all the world give back the song which now the an-gels sing.

After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb. When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

- L Word of God, word of life.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION: It Is Not Over

Ann Weems

SONG Virgin Mary

*Start verses softly, increasing volume on each verse with full voice on verse 8
Almost a whisper on the 9th verse to recap*

Vir gin Ma ry had a lit-tle ba - by VirginMar ry had a lit-tle ba - by Virgin Ma-ry

6 had a lit - tle ba - by Al - le - lu ia

2. He was born on Christmas morning...
3. He was baptized in a river...
4. He had judgment before Pilate...
5. He has died to save us sinners...
6. He arose on Easter morning...
7. He ascended into heaven...
8. Let us all be joyful in him...
9. Virgin Mary had a little baby...

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's

Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, “Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.” And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed--and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION: Unexpected

Ann Weems

HYMN Love Has Come

ELW #292



1 Love has come— a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the
 2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der. Love is God now a -
 3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er -



Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it;
 sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his moth - er;
 last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.



hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to
 what is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the
 Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the



you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.
 name she whis - pers; Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.
 gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

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In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’” Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage. When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.”

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION: Gifts from God

Ann Weems



HYMN We Three Kings of Orient Are



1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing
2 Born a king on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I
3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense
4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a
5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and



gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,
bring to crown him a - gain; king for - ev - er,
owns a de - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,
life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,
God and Sac - ri - fice; heav'n sings al - le -



moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.
glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.
bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.



Oh, star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright;



west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

We stand.

SIXTH LESSON

John 1: 1-14 Kris Kaar

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might

(Reading continues on the next page.)

believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

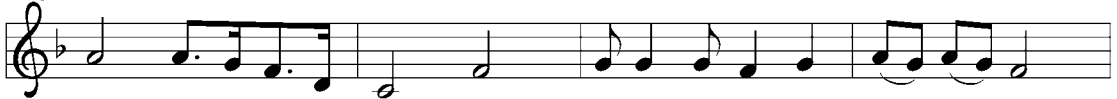
REFLECTION: God So Loved the World

Ann Weems

HYMN Go Tell It On the Mountain

ELW #290

Refrain



Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;



go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!



1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
 2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo, a - bove the earth
 3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum-ble Christ was born;

Refrain



be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.
 rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
 and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Glory to God in the highest,

C and peace to his people on earth.

- P Blessed are you, Prince of Peace. You rule the earth with truth and justice.
 C **Send your gift of peace to all nations of the world.**
 P Blessed are you, Son of Mary. You share our humanity.
 C **Have mercy on the sick, the dying, and all who suffer this day.**
 P Blessed are you, Son of God. You dwell among us as the Word made flesh.
 C **Reveal yourself to us in word and sacrament that we may bear your light to all the world.**
 P This we pray in the peace of presence in our new-born king, Christ the Lord.
 C **Amen.**

We sit.

OFFERING MUSIC Pastorale Symphony

Messiah Handel

We stand.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- P Let us pray. Good and loving God,
 C **we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be a blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**
- P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:
 C **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, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

+ SENDING +

BENEDICTION

- P May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the Magi, and the peace of the Christ child.
 Almighty God: the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless us now and forevermore.
 C **Amen.**



1 Cold De - cem - ber flies a - way at the rose - red splen - dor.
 2 In the hope - less time of sin shad - ows deep had fall - en.
 3 Now the bud has come to bloom, and the world a - wak - ens.



A - pril's crown - ing glo - ry breaks while the whole world won - ders
 All the world lay un - der death. Eyes were closed in sleep - ing.
 In the lil - y's pur - est flow'r dwells a won - drous fra - grance.



at the ho - ly un - seen pow'r of the tree which bears the
 But, when all seemed lost in night, came the sun whose gold - en
 And it spreads to all the earth from the mo - ment of its



flow'r. On the bless - ed tree blooms the red - dest flow'r. On the tree blooms the
 light brings un - end - ing joy, brings the end - less joy of our hope, high - est
 birth; and its beau - ty lives. In the flow'r it lives, in the flow'r, and it



rose here in love's own gar - den, full and strong in glo - ry.
 hope, of our hope's bright dawn - ing, Son be - lov'd of heav - en.
 spreads in its heav'n - ly bright - ness sweet per - fume de - light - ful.

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: Let All the Angels of God Worship Him

Messiah-Handel

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Friend of Bob & Sue Novy
Friend of John & Laura Peterson/Marty Offutt-Gruber
Friend of Tom & Dee Schuman
Sister of Tara Shannon
Friend of Fred & Ann Holch
Great Niece of Ken & Judy Henschler
Friend of Ken & Judy Henschler
Friend of Ann Holch
Friend of Paulette Smigo
Friend of Julie Howard
Son-in-Law of Shyla Carbone
Friend of Bob & Sue Novy
Friend of Linda Sullivan
Friend of Luke & Diane Land
Friend of Beth Richard
Friend of Schuman Family
Daughter of Ann Holch
Son of Aaron Anderson

Lynn Dreymler's brother
Teri Figura
Teri Figura
Daughter of Louise Pruitt
Friend of Pastor Jeff
Friend of Ann & Fred Holch
Mother of Mary Helen Ekstam
Daughter of Shirley Streidl
Father of Nicki McVey
Sister of Sue & Bob Novy
Brother-in-law of Bob & Sue Novy
Father of Dan Stahl

Please pray for those who mourn the passing of:

Lynne Morrow
Rev. Greg Garmer
Dennis Schuman
Carol Anderson
Scott Isham

Friend and Colleague of Pastor Jeff & Gail
ELCA Pastor
Brother of Tom (Dee) Schuman

Uncle of Danny (Emma) Hess



JANUARY

Anniversaries

29 *Rich & Nancy Kreis*



JANUARY

Birthdays

1	<i>Ralph Beck, Sr</i>	17	<i>Carole Hayes</i>
1	<i>Graham Gustafson</i>	19	<i>Shirley Grant</i>
2	<i>Nate Gustafson</i>	19	<i>Bev Waterfield</i>
2	<i>Morgan Haug</i>	21	<i>Kathie Spear</i>
3	<i>Mark Larson</i>	23	<i>John Clark</i>
4	<i>Henry Haug</i>	23	<i>Drew Freedlund</i>
4	<i>Jimmy Haug</i>	25	<i>Linda Hirt</i>
6	<i>Evan Piccony</i>	25	<i>Gregg Hodge</i>
7	<i>Ray Phillips</i>	25	<i>Mark Kohlmeier</i>
7	<i>Rose Rader</i>	25	<i>William Smigo</i>
8	<i>Christina Couperus</i>	26	<i>Billy Hutchens</i>
10	<i>Nick Klitzkie</i>	27	<i>Jerry Schuster</i>
11	<i>Alise Lopez</i>	27	<i>Eric Solberg</i>
12	<i>Kathy Richmond</i>	29	<i>Michael Morrison</i>
13	<i>Sue Noy</i>	31	<i>Hayley Offutt</i>
14	<i>Judy Henschler</i>	31	<i>Connor Powell</i>
15	<i>Sue DeLong</i>	31	<i>Mia Rusev</i>
15	<i>JoAnn Sargent</i>		

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Sunday, December 29

9am Worship..... Sanctuary
10am Coffee Hour Fellowship Hall

Monday, December 30

8:30am Bethany Walking Group Ministry Center Gym
10:30am Visitation Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall
11am Memorial – Dennis Schuman Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, December 31

8:30am Bethany Walking Group Ministry Center Gym

Wednesday, January 1 – New Year’s Day

OFFICE CLOSED

Thursday, January 2

8:30am Bethany Walking Group Ministry Center Gym
6:30pm Boy Scout Troop 6 Gym/Vlahn Room

Friday, January 3

8:30am Bethany Walking Group Ministry Center Gym

Saturday, January 4

7:30am Men’s Basketball Ministry Center Gym
10am Al-Anon Library
10am Al-Ateen Lower Level
8pm AA Fellowship Hall

Sunday, January 5

9am Worship..... Sanctuary
10am Coffee Hour Fellowship Hall
10:30am Sunday School..... Main Church Building/2nd Floor
2pm BSA – Order of the Arrow Banquet..... Fellowship Hall