

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son.
By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with
you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 11:1-10 Holy Bible p. 710 (OT)

Wait for the Lord (sing twice) #262

Romans 15:4-13 Holy Bible p. 170 & 171 (NT)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Wait for the Lord (sing twice)* #262

GOSPEL Matthew 3:1-12 Holy Bible p. 3 (NT)

SERMON "Prepare the Way of the Lord"

HYMN *Blessed Be the God of Israel* # 250

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Lord in your mercy...*Hear our prayer.*

PEACE *Wait for the Lord!* p. 106

MEAL

OFFERING *Baloché (8:00 & 9:00 a.m.)*

Unexpected Grace (10:30 a.m.) Lantz

***OFFERTORY** *People, Look East (vs. 1)* # 248

*People look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year. Make
your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.*

People, look east, and sing today - Love, the Guest, is on the way.

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LORD'S PRAYER p. 112

Comfort, Comfort Now My People (vs. 1)

#256

*"Comfort, comfort, now my people; tell of peace!" So says our God.
Comfort those who sit in darkness, mourning under sorrow's load. To
God's people now proclaim that God's pardon waits for them! Tell them
that their war is over; God will reign in peace forever.*

HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG *All Who Are Thirsty (8:00 & 9:00 a.m.)*

Brown/Robinson

Comfort, Comfort, Now My People #256

SENDING

BLESSING

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***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG *My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness* #251

DISMISSAL

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POSTLUDE *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Rick Seaton

WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Bethany welcomes all baptized Christians who have celebrated their first communion to join in receiving the body and blood of Christ in Holy Communion.

An usher will direct you when to come forward for the distribution.

You will receive the wafer in your hand which you may then dip in the wine.

Communion stations with alcohol free wine and gluten free wafers are available at every communion service at the center aisle.

We are glad that you joined us for worship today!

Please let us know how we may serve you. Fill out a Welcome Card found in the pew rack.

If you would like information about the ministries of Bethany,

visit the Hospitality Center located in the narthex

or our website at www.bethany-denver.org.

We invite you to stay after worship for refreshments

served in the Fellowship Hall.

❖ The page number **p.** refers to the Order of Service in the front of the ELW.

❖ The # symbol refers to hymns and service music found after the Psalms.

❖ The * indicates liturgy that is omitted at the 8:00 a.m. service.

❖ Large print version available at the Hospitality Center.

Bethany's Mission, Vision & Goals Worship Meaningfully; Grow Spiritually;
Serve Purposefully; Share Fellowship; Witness Intentionally

Please pick up a Bethany calendar of events at the Hospitality Center for an overview of activities in 2010!



*Bethany Lutheran Church
The Second Sunday of Advent
December 5, 2010*

WORSHIP LEADERS

PREACHER PRESIDER Pastor Ruth Ann Loughry
Pastor Ron Glusenakmp
Jessica Daum, Pastoral Intern

ORGANIST Rick Seaton

LECTORS Arlis Adolf (8:00 a.m.)
Ron Gusé (9:00 a.m.)
Don Abram (10:30 a.m.)

MUSICIANS Contemporary Choir, Director: Paula Wills (8:00 & 9:00 a.m.)
Carolers Choir & Jubilation Singers, Director: Pat Guittar (9:00 a.m.)
Chancel Choir, Dan Grace: Director (10:30 a.m.)

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTERS Don and JoAyne Hogoboom (8:00 a.m.)
Derek, Jennifer, Anders & Britta Birznieks (9:00 a.m.)
Phyllis Rudduck and Ruth Aragon (10:30 a.m.)

CANTORS Warren Berg (8:00 & 9:00 a.m.)
Andrea Grace (10:30 a.m.)

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS Brenda Greenwald
Amy Meissner, Marie Friedemann (8:00 a.m.)
Lori Roenfeldt, Brenda Greenwald
Beth Walker, Paul Walker (9:00 a.m.)
Brenda Greenwald, Jean Lindsay
Deborah Bayles (10:30 a.m.)

ACOLYTES Clay Hanson, Alec Celecki (8:00 a.m.)
Trent Hanson, Kyler Miller (9:00 a.m.)
Mary Cleveland, Brooke Haldorson (10:30 a.m.)

USHERS Steve Esterline, Gary Miller, Scott Scholbe
David Scott, Bud Setzer, Richard Will (8:00 a.m.)
David Admire, Nancy Admire, Lee Engelbart
Bill Herrmann, Kevin McAuliffe, Neal Schuessler
Gary Steckler, Bruce Thorsen, Jeanette Thorsen (9:00 a.m.)
Bill King, Ben King, Fred Kluppel
Jack Lindsey, Lowell Palmquist, Daniel Spancers, Susan Spancers (10:30 a.m.)

SOUND TECHNICIAN Ben Halvorson & Jake Newell

DECEMBER ALTAR GUILD Peggy Kirchner, Mona Palmquist, Gwen Smith
Cindy Tingle, Gail Hipke

DECEMBER SACRISTANS Laura Weber-Meyers, Michelle Stone Kraus
Penny Lambert, Dave Malucky

NURSERY ATTENDANTS Kathy Shearer, Lori Braden, Hilda Mohseni

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Comfort, Comfort, Now My People* Paul Manz

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH *He Came Down* #253
(please remain seated)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who does great things in every generation,
who lifts up the lowly, who keeps promises forever. **Amen.**
Let us come to the river of life, confessing our sin. Righteous and merciful God,
we confess that we have strayed from your ways and walked our own paths.
We fall asleep to the needs around us, yet our anxieties jar us awake.
We are bound up in systems of unrighteousness and injustice.
Restore your people, O God; renew your creation; and have mercy on us,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Listen to what God is saying, speaking peace to those who turn their hearts:
The night is far gone, the day is near.
All who have a fearful heart, be strong, do not be afraid!
God comes in + Jesus Christ and forgives your sin.
The Spirit of holiness fill you with wisdom and might,
that you may delight in God's ways. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG	<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i>	# 257
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GREETING

ANTHEM (9:00 a.m.) *Celebrate the Advent Wreath* Ewig
Will You Be Ready? Patterson

HYMN OF PRAISE *Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn (vs.1)* #242

*Awake! Awake and greet the new morn, for angels herald its
dawning. Sing out your joy, for soon he is born, behold! the Child
of our longing. Come as a baby weak and poor, to bring all hearts
together, he opens wide the heav'nly door and lives now inside us
forever.*