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HYMN OF PRAISE	Prepare the Royal Highway (vs. 3)	#264

*Then fling the gates wide open to greet your promised king!
Your king, yet ev'ry nation its tribute too may bring. All lands
will bow before him; their voices join your singing: Hosanna to
the Lord, for he fulfills God's word!*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the words of your prophets, that, anointed by your Spirit, we may testify to your light; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PASSING OF FELLOWSHIP PADS

WORD

FIRST LESSON	1 Thessalonians 5:16-24	Holy Bible p. 219-220 (NT)
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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	<i>Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers (vs. 1)</i>	#244
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Rejoice, Rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear; the evening is advancing, and darker night is near. The bridegroom is arising and soon is drawing nigh. Up, pray and watch and wrestle; at midnight comes the cry.

GOSPEL SERMON	John 1:6-8, 19-28	Holy Bible p. 94-95 (NT)
	<i>"Rejoice"</i>	

HYMN	<i>Hark, the Glad Sound!</i>	# 239
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Lord, in your mercy...*Hear our prayer.*

PEACE		p. 152
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MEAL

OFFERING	<i>Not that Far from Bethlehem (8:00 a.m.)</i>	arr. Snyder
	<i>Behold, a Branch Is Growing (9:00 a.m.)</i>	Hert

*OFFERTORY	<i>People, Look East (vs. 1)</i>	#248
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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.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING		p. 152
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*SANCTUS		p. 153
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THE LORD'S PRAYER	<i>The King Shall Come (vs. 1 & 5)</i>	p. 154
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*1. The King shall come when morning dawns and light triumphant breaks, when beauty gilds the eastern hills and life to joy awakes.
5. The King shall come when morning dawns and light and beauty brings. Hail, Christ, the Lord! Your people pray: come quickly, King of kings.*

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COMMUNION SONG	<i>Come, Let Us Eat</i>	# 491
	<u>SENDING</u>	

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***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG	<i>Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus</i>	# 254
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POSTLUDE	<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i>	Rick Seaton
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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 Desk 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 from the ushers.

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

Bethany Lutheran Church
The Third Sunday of Advent
December 11, 2011
8:00 and 9:00 a.m.



WORSHIP LEADERS

PREACHER	Pastor Ron Glusenkamp
PRESIDER	Pastor Ruth Ann Loughry
PASTORAL INTERN	Adam Butler
ORGANIST	Rick Seaton
LECTORS	Becky Godec (8:00 a.m.) Don Abram (9:00 a.m.)
MUSICIANS	Don, Kara and Nick Heilman (8:00 a.m.) Chancel Choir, Director: Dan Grace (9:00 a.m.)
CANTOR	Don Heilman (8:00 a.m.) Evie Waddell (9:00 a.m.)
ADVENT WREATH LIGHTERS	Dave, Colette, Brooke, Barrett & Alec Celecki (8:00 a.m.) Tara, (Chad), Riley, Samantha & Dylan Sawinski (9:00 am)
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Bev Van Kirk, Joyce Beabout Jerry Beabout (8:00 a.m.) Morris Hack, Gretchen Hack Lori Roenfeldt, Judi Burchfield (9:00 a.m.)
ACOLYTES	Abby Boyer, Tate Schumm (8:00 a.m.) Katherine Whitmore, Miles Bock (9:00 a.m.)
USHERS	Steve Esterline, Gary Miller, Scott Scholbe David Scott, Bud Setzer, Richard Will (8:00 a.m.) Neal Schuessler, Gary Steckler, Lee Engelbart Dave Admire, Nancy Admire, Bill Herrmann Kevin McAuliffe, Jeanette Thorsen, Bruce Thorsen (9:00 a.m.)
SOUND TECHNICIANS	Laura Romig & Rob Kelly
DECEMBER ALTAR GUILD	Kathy Good, Deb Distler Carol Rankin, Mona Palmquist
DECEMBER SACRISTANS	Laura Weber-Meyers, Michelle Stone Kraus Dave Malucky
NURSERY ATTENDANTS	Kathy Shearer, Lori Braden, Hilda Mohseni

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Visit www.bethany-arts.org for Festival music events.

GATHERING

PRELUDE	<i>Comfort, Comfort Now My People</i>	Michael Burkhardt
	<i>Comfort, Comfort Now My People</i>	Kenneth T. Kosche

CHIMES/CANDLE PROCESSION

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH	# 257
<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vs. 5 & 6)</i>	

*5. O come, O Key of David, come, and open wide our heav'nly home;
make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.*

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

*6. O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer; O Sun of justice, now draw
near. Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow
put to flight. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you,*

O Israel.

PRAYER

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who shapes the whole creation, who comes with might and mercy,
who fills the hungry with good things. **Amen.**
Let us approach the throne of grace with repentant hearts.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God, we confess that we have been unfaithful to you.
Like dry leaves and withered grass, our lives are blown about by our sins and the
powers of evil around us. Restore us, O God; let the light of your face shine on us, and
we shall be saved. **Amen.**

God is patient, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance.
In the name of + Jesus Christ, I bring you this good news: You are free from all that
imprisons you; your sins are forgiven; God heals your broken hearts.
Live in peace and harmony as you wait for the day of God. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG	<i>Comfort, Comfort Now My People</i>	# 256
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