

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 7:10-16 **Holy Bible p. 705 (OT)**
Wait for the Lord (sing twice) **#262**
Romans 1:1-7 **Holy Bible p. 158 (NT)**
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Wait for the Lord (sing twice)* **#262**
GOSPEL Matthew 1:18-25 **Holy Bible p. 1-2 (NT)**
SERMON "Joseph's Dream"

HYMN *Of the Father's Love Begotten* **# 295**

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

PEACE *Wait for the Lord!* **p. 106**

MEAL

OFFERING *The Birthday of a King (9:00 a.m.)* **Stephenson**

E'en So, Lord Jesus Quickly Come (10:30 a.m.) **Manz**

***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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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 *The Birthday of a King (8:00 a.m.)* **Stephenson**
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vs. 1,2,3,4) **#257**

SENDING

BLESSING **p. 114**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* **#254**

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POSTLUDE *Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying* **Paul Manz**

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**

WORSHIP LEADERS

PREACHER	Pastor Ruth Ann Loughry
PRESIDER	Pastor Ron Glusenkamp Jessica Daum, Pastoral Intern Rick Seaton
ORGANIST	Sylvia Boedeker (8:00 a.m.)
LECTORS	Paul Rodeck (9:00 a.m.) Leslie Stevenson (10:30 a.m.)
MUSICIANS	Carillons, Director: Lisa Lewis (8:00 & 9:00 a.m.) Chancel Choir, Dan Grace: Director (10:30 a.m.) Guy and Julie Holliday (8:00 a.m.) Charles, Angela, Grace & Mia Tanner (9:00 a.m.) Dan & Carol George (10:30 a.m.)
ADVENT WREATH LIGHTERS	Lisa Lewis (8:00 & 9:00 a.m.) Lindsey Whittaker (10:30 a.m.)
CANTORS	Brenda Greenwald
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Jeannette Arps-Manos, Amy Meissner (8:00 a.m.) Morris Hack, Laurie Jeddelloh Brenda Greenwald, Roberta Steckler (9:00 a.m.) Sarah Hulslander Sherman Lambert, Brenda Greenwald (10:30 a.m.)
ACOLYTES	Abby Boyer, Biz Rowe (8:00 a.m.) Ryan Prazak, Eric Hanson (9:00 a.m.) Kirsten Little, Pierson Lund (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	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

Bethany Lutheran Church The Fourth Sunday of Advent December 19, 2010



GATHERING

PRELUDE *Come, Let Us Adore Him* (8:00 & 9:00 a.m.) arr. Edwards
Reprise (10:30 a.m.) 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 *Once In Royal David's City* # 269

GREETING

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.*