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HYMN OF PRAISE	Prepare the Royal Highway (vs. 4)	#264

His is no earthly kingdom; it comes from heav'n above. His rule is peace and freedom and justice, truth, and love. So let your praise be sounding for kindness so abounding. Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's word.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that would obstruct your mercy, that willingly we may bear your redeeming love to all the world, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

PASSING OF FELLOWSHIP PADS

CHRISTMAS MESSIAH FOR YOUNG VOICES (9:00 a.m.) See Program

WORD

FIRST LESSON 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 Holy Bible p. 312-313 (NT)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers (vs. 1)* #244

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 Luke 1:26-38 Holy Bible p. 58 (NT)

SERMON "In the Sixth Month"

HYMN *The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came* # 265

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THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Abigail Christene Meissner, daughter of Rob & Amy (Bensen) Meissner, born October 8, 2011 (10:30 a.m.)

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

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MEAL

OFFERING *Mary, Did You Know (8:00 & 9:00 a.m.)* arr. Page

The Sussex Mummer's Carol (10:30 a.m.) arr. Gilpin

***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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The King Shall Come (vs. 1 & 5) #260

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

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly (8:00 & 9:00 a.m.) McFadden

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SENDING SONG *Joy to the World* # 267

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POSTLUDE *The King Shall Come* Michael Burkhardt

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.

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❖ 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 Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 18, 2011



WORSHIP LEADERS

PREACHER	Pastor Ruth Ann Loughry
PRESIDER	Pastor Ron Glusenkamp
PASTORAL INTERN	Adam Butler
ORGANIST	Rick Seaton
LECTORS	Brenda Greenwald (8:00 a.m.) Elton Winters (10:30 a.m.)
MUSICIANS	Michael Bevers, Guitar (8:00 a.m.) Carillons, Director: Lisa Lewis (8:00 & 9:00 a.m.) Chancel Choir, Director: Dan Grace (10:30 a.m.)
CANTOR	Lisa Lewis (8:00 & 9:00 a.m.) Brenda Greenwald (10:30 a.m.)
ADVENT WREATH LIGHTERS	Deborah & Erica Urban (8:00 a.m.) Scott, Susan, Elizabeth, Rachel, Andrew & Abigail Wiggins (9:00 am) Marilee & Isabella Clark (10:30 a.m.)
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Brian Tennien, Karen Tennien Jeanette Manos (8:00 a.m.) Peggy Furgason, Diane Herrmann Sarah Hulslander, Dick Rankin (9:00 a.m.) Brenda Greenwald, Adam Butler, Sarah Hulslander (10:30 a.m.)
ACOLYTES	Noelle Berg, Meg Halvorson (8:00 a.m.) Kyler Miller, Jacob Lambdin (9:00 a.m.) Ryan Prazak, Eric Hanson (10:30 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.) Bill King, Lowell Palmquist, Fred Kluppel Chuck Pattison, Bob Struthers, Charles Freitag Olga Hellweg, Al Woehrle (10:30 a.m.)
SOUND TECHNICIANS	Laura Romig & Michael Bevers
DECEMBER ALTAR GUILD	Kathy Good, Deb Distler
DECEMBER SACRISTANS	Carol Rankin, Mona Palmquist
NURSERY ATTENDANTS	Laura Weber-Meyers, Michelle Stone Kraus Dave Malucky Kathy Shearer, Lori Braden, Hilda Mohseni

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GATHERING

PRELUDE *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme* J.S. Bach

CHIMES/CANDLE PROCESSION

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH # 257

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vs. 7 & 8)

7. *O come, O King of nations, come, O Cornerstone that binds in one:
refresh the hearts that long for you; restore the broken, make us new.*

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

8. *O come, O come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that
mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. 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 *My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness* # 251