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HYMN OF PRAISE *Joy to the World (vs. 1)* #267

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king; let ev'ry heart prepare him room and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and yet more wonderfully restored it. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of the one who came to share our humanity, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

PASSING OF FELLOWSHIP PADS

WORD

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 61:10-62:3 Holy Bible p. 768 (OT)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Joy to the World (vs. 2)* #267

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

GOSPEL Luke 2:21-40 Holy Bible p. 60 (NT)

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

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***OFFERTORY** *Joy to the World (vs. 3)* #267

No more let sin and sorrow grow nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

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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.

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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 First Sunday of Christmas
January 1, 2012, 8:00 and 9:00 a.m.



WORSHIP LEADERS

PREACHER	Pastor Ruth Ann Loughry
PRESIDER	Pastor Ron Glusenkamp
PASTORAL INTERN	Adam Butler
ORGANIST	Rick Seaton
LECTORS	Sylvia Boedeker (8:00 a.m.) Gretchen Hack (9:00 a.m.)
MUSICIANS	Stephanie Burgess
CANTOR	Stephanie Burgess
ADVENT WREATH LIGHTERS	Sarah Hulslander (8:00 a.m) Brian & Anna Rulla (9:00 am)
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Brenda Greenwald, Jerry Beabout, Sarah Hulslander (8:00 a.m.) Peggy Furgason, Lori Roenfeldt Gretchen Hack, Brenda Greenwald (9:00 a.m.)
ACOLYTES	Mitchell Akrie, Kristen Van Loo (8:00 a.m.) Liz Koch, Anja Oss (9:00 a.m.)
JANUARY USHERS	Arlis Adolf, Bev Beattie, Jeff Finnin, Ken Griepentrog Mark Mertz, Don Vogel (8:00 a.m.) Aubrey Annas, Carole Cameron, Jack Hagood, Noel Hasselgren Dave Malucky, Norma Renner (9:00 a.m.)
SOUND TECHNICIANS	Michael Bevers
JANUARY ALTAR GUILD	Kathy Good, Millie Hock, Edie Acsell, Gail Hipke
JANUARY SACRISTANS	Laura Weber-Meyers, Michelle Stone-Kraus, Dave Malucky, Beth Nixon
NURSERY ATTENDANTS	Kathy Shearer, Lori Braden, Hilda Mohseni

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

The First Noel
Still, Still, Still

Philip Keverin

CHIMES/CANDLE PROCESSION

WREATH LIGHTING *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (vs. 1 & 2)*

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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, the Maker of heaven and earth,
the Word made flesh, the Lord and giver of life. Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of glory, God of peace,
we confess that we have shunned the light that reveals the truth about us.
We cling to worldly things rather than sharing the gifts of this earth.
We trust ourselves above all. Save your people, O God;
sustain the rivers and trees that sing your praise; and free us to live boldly in the
light and truth of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

The grace of God shines upon us,

bringing salvation to the whole world.

We are saved, our sins are washed away,

not because of anything we have done,

but according to God's mercy in + Jesus Christ.

Renewed by the Holy Spirit, let us live in hope and joy.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

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