



# Welcome to worship at Bethany Lutheran Church!

We are a Christian community rooted in the Gospel and focused on sharing God's grace and love in Jesus Christ with all people. You can learn more about our many opportunities for ministry and service at our website: [www.bethany-denver.org](http://www.bethany-denver.org). We invite you into a living, trusting relationship with God, as we strive to make a positive difference in the world!

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- New Worshipers may pick up information about Bethany at the Welcome Center.
  - Please fill out the Welcome Card included in your bulletin and place it in the Offering plates during worship.
  - Our nursery will be staffed at 3:00, 5:00 & 7:00 p.m. on December 24. The nursery will be open for your use, but not staffed at other services.
  - Please see the Sound Tech in the sound booth at the rear of the Sanctuary if you need a hearing assistance device.
  - See an Usher for a **LARGE PRINT** bulletin.

## Bethany Worship Schedule:

Sundays: 8:15 & 10:30 a.m.

*Watch live streaming video of Sunday worship services at [www.BethanyLive.org](http://www.BethanyLive.org).*

# *Christmas Eve 2018 | GREAT JOY*

Thursday, December 20 | 7:00 P.M.

Sunday, December 23 | 5:00 P.M.

Monday, December 24 | 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 P.M.

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## ❖ **Gathering** ❖

### **PRELUDE**

### **WELCOME**

### **ADVENT PROPHECIES & LIGHTING THE WREATH**

*Prepare | Proclaim | Rejoice | Behold*

*You are invited to stand and face the processional cross.*

### **PROCESSIONAL CAROL**

### **O Come, All Ye Faithful**

1. O come, all ye faithful,  
Joyful and triumphant!  
Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold him  
born the king of angels: *Refrain*

3. Sing, choirs of angels,  
sing in exultation,  
sing all ye citizens of heav'n above!  
Glory to God  
In the highest: *Refrain*

2. The highest, most holy,  
light of light eternal,  
born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;  
Son of the Father  
now in flesh appearing: *Refrain*

4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n!  
Word of the Father  
now in flesh appearing: *Refrain*

*Refrain:*

O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord!

## CHRISTMAS DIALOGUE

The Prophets of old told us to Prepare, and to Proclaim.

**They encouraged us to Rejoice, and to Behold.**

Mary and Joseph were recipients of God's messengers.

**They traveled to Bethlehem as the prophets had foretold.**

On this night angels visited shepherds in the field.

**In the midst of their fear, the angels instead brought glad tidings.**

Now this message is once again celebrated here.

**Now is the time for Great Joy!**

## CAROL MEDLEY

### I Am So Glad Each Christmas

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| 1. I am so glad each Christmas Eve,<br>the night of Jesus' birth!<br>Then like the sun the star shone forth,<br>and angels sang on earth. | 2. The little child in Bethlehem,<br>he was a king indeed!<br>For he came down from heav'n above<br>to help a world in need. |
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### Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

1. Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;  
oxen lowing, little knowing, Christ the child is Lord of all.  
Swiftly winging, angels singing, bells are ringing, tidings bringing:  
Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!

### Good Christian Friends Rejoice

1. Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;  
ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

## PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

Let us pray. Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**ANTHEM**

*Please see pp. 10 & 11 for Musical Selections*

**✠ Word ✠**

**PROPHECY**

Isaiah 9:2-7

*Response after Lesson: Thanks be to God.*

*You are invited to stand.*

**GOSPEL PROCESSION**

**Carol: Angels, from the Realms of Glory**

1. Angels, from the realms of glory, wing you flight o'er all the earth;  
once you sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the new-born king.

**Gospel: Luke 2:1-19**

**Carol: Angels, from the Realms of Glory**

4. All creation, join in praising God, the Father, Spirit, Son,  
evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One.  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the new-born king.

**SERMON**

*You are invited to stand.*

## CAROL

### Angels We Have Heard on High

1. Angels we have heard on high,  
sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply,  
echoing their joyous strains.  
*Refrain*

2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
which inspire your heav'nly song?  
*Refrain*

3. Come to Bethlehem and see  
him whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the newborn king.  
*Refrain*

Refrain:  
Gloria in excelsis Deo;  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

## CHRISTMAS PRAYER & SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**  
Merry Christmas! **Merry Christmas!**

*After sharing the peace, please be seated*

## ✠ Offering ✠

### MINISTRY AT BETHANY

### OFFERING

*Please see pp. 10 & 11 for Musical Selections*

## ✠ Meal ✠

### WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

*You are invited to stand.*

### HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### DISTRIBUTION

*Bethany welcomes all to receive the body and blood of Christ in Holy Communion. An usher will direct you forward for communion. There are several stations across the front of the seating sections. Groups are welcome to visit a communion station together. You will receive a piece of bread in your hand, please dip the bread into the cup of wine. Those who are not receiving communion are invited to cross their arms across their chests to receive a blessing. Note that the communion station at the center has gluten-free bread and alcohol-free wine.*

*(Pick up a candle from a basket after you commune.)*

### COMMUNION MUSIC

*Please see pp. 10 & 11 for Musical Selections*

### CAROL

#### **Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

1. Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king;  
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."  
Joyful, all you nations rise; join the triumph of the skies;  
with angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem."  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"
2. Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ the everlasting Lord,  
late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail, incarnate deity!  
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel!  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

3. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,  
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

## ANTHEM

*Please see pp. 10 & 11 for Musical Selections*

## CAROL

### It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

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| <p>1. It came upon the midnight clear,<br/>that glorious song of old,<br/>from angels bending near the earth<br/>to touch their harps of gold;<br/>"Peace on the earth, good will to all,<br/>from heav'n's all-gracious king."<br/>The world in solemn stillness lay<br/>to hear the angels sing.</p> <p>3. And you, beneath life's crushing load,<br/>whose forms are bending low,<br/>who toil along the climbing way<br/>with painful steps and slow:<br/>look now, for glad and golden hours<br/>come swiftly on the wing;<br/>oh, rest beside the weary road<br/>and hear the angels sing!</p> | <p>2. Still through the cloven skies they come<br/>with peaceful wings unfurled,<br/>and still their heav'nly music floats<br/>o'er all the weary world.<br/>Above its sad and lowly plains<br/>they bend on hov'ring wing,<br/>and ever o'er its babel sounds<br/>the blessed angels sing.</p> <p>4. For lo! The days are hast'ning on,<br/>by prophets seen of old,<br/>when with the ever-circling years<br/>shall come the time foretold,<br/>when peace shall over all the earth<br/>its ancient splendors fling,<br/>and all the world give back the song<br/>which now the angels sing.</p> |
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## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

# ✠ Sending ✠

*You are invited to stand.*

## CAROL

## Silent Night

*(Please tip the unlighted candle to the lighted candle. Young children are invited to hold up their glow stick.)*

1. Silent night, holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright  
round yon virgin mother and child.  
Holy infant, so tender and mild,  
sleep in heavenly peace,  
sleep in heavenly peace.
2. Silent night, holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight;  
glories stream from heaven afar,  
heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia!  
Christ, the Savior, is born!  
Christ, the Savior, is born!
3. Silent night, holy night!  
Son of God, love's pure light.  
Radiant beams from your holy face  
with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at your birth,  
Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

## BENEDICTION

Luke 2:20

The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

*Please face the cross as it recesses.*

## CAROL

## Joy to the World

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her king;  
let every heart prepare him room  
and heav'n and nature sing.
2. Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!  
Let all their songs employ,  
while fields and floods,  
rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy.
3. 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.
4. He rules the world with truth and grace  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love.

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace, serve the Lord. Merry Christmas! **Merry Christmas!**

## **POSTLUDE**

*Please place your candle in one of the baskets as you leave the worship space.*

### **A heartfelt “Thank You” to all the staff and volunteers who make Christmas Eve happen at Bethany!**

Thank you to all...

- ... worship servants: ushers, communion servers, altar guild, acolytes, lectors, sacristans, and sound techs.
- ... who assist with the set-ups and tear-downs.
- ... who decorate and clean up!
- ... who provide music.
- ... who plan and are willing to modify plans to create a wonderful Christmas atmosphere.
- ... who work in so many ways that may go unnoticed because they work so faithfully day in and day out.

# WORSHIP MUSIC SELECTIONS & MUSICIANS

*Music Director and Organist, Rick Seaton*

## DECEMBER 20, 7:00 P.M.

*Carillons, Dir. Jeffrey Harms*  
*Chancel Choir, Dir. Dr. James Kim*

ANTHEM	“Do You Hear What I Hear?”	arr. Douglas E. Wagner
OFFERING	“Christmas Day”	Gustav Holst
COMMUNION	“Come, All Ye Shepherds”	arr. John F. Wilson
	“Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella”	arr. John Rutter

## DECEMBER 23, 5:00 P.M.

*Jubilation & Celebration, Dir. Juli Orlandini*

ANTHEM	“Fum, Fum, Fum”	arr. Douglas E. Wagner
OFFERING	“Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella”	arr. D. Gartman Schultz
COMMUNION	“African Noel”	arr. J. Orlandini
	“On Christmas Night”	Michael Burkhardt

## DECEMBER 24, 3:00 P.M.

*Mia & Aaron Szalaj, violin*  
*Margaret Szalaj, cello*  
*Eliza Neff & Juliana Willson, vocal solos/duet*

ANTHEM	“Gesú Bambino”	Pietro A. Yon
OFFERING	“Mary, Did You Know?”	arr. M. Lowry & B. Greene
COMMUNION	“The Star Carol”	W. Hutson & A. Burt
	<i>Pastoral Symphony from “Messiah”</i>	G. F. Handel

## DECEMBER 24, 5:00 P.M.

*Denver Brass Quintet*  
*Carillons, Dir. Jeffrey Harms*

ANTHEM	“Do You Hear What I Hear?”	arr. Douglas E. Wagner
OFFERING	“Joseph’s Lullaby”	B. Bannister & B. Millard
COMMUNION	“Come, All Ye Shepherds”	arr. John F. Wilson
	“Huron Carol”	arr. Timothy Waugh

**DECEMBER 24, 7:00 P.M.**

*Denver Brass Quintet*

**Jan Ankele, Juli Orlandini, Michael Pohlenz, & Matt Weissenbuehler, *vocal ensemble***  
**Matt Weissenbuehler, *solo***

ANTHEM

*“Before the Marvel of This Night”*

Carl Schalk

OFFERING

*“Where Shepherds Lately Knelt”*

Carl Schalk

COMMUNION

*“O Holy Night”*

Adolphe Adam

*“O Little Town of Bethlehem”*

Walford Davies

**DECEMBER 24, 9:00 P.M.**

*Denver Brass Quintet*

**Chancel Choir, Dir. Dr. James Kim**  
**John Wollan, *solo***

ANTHEM

*“Hodie, Christus Natus Est”*

Healey Willan

OFFERING

*“Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella”*

arr. John Rutter

COMMUNION

*“Christmas Day”*

Gustav Holst

*“Vuggesang om Julekvælden”*

F. Melius Christiansen

*(“Christmas Eve Cradle Song”)*

**DECEMBER 24, 11:00 P.M.**

**John Wollan, *solo***

ANTHEM

*“O Holy Night”*

Adolphe Adam

OFFERING

*“The Star Carol”*

W. Hutson & A. Burt

COMMUNION

*“Vuggesang om Julekvælden”*

F. Melius Christiansen

*(“Christmas Eve Cradle Song”)*

*“On Christmas Night”*

Michael Burkhardt

*All ensembles and soloists are listed in order of appearance.*

## MEET BETHANY'S PASTORAL TEAM

Complete staff and contact information can be found at [www.bethany-denver.org](http://www.bethany-denver.org).



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## AN INVITATION TO WORSHIP TOGETHER...

**Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25**

10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

**First Sunday after Christmas, December 30**

8:15 and 10:30 a.m. Casual Worship with Holy Communion

*Worship leaders will include some of Bethany's young adults home from college for the holiday. Wear your favorite Christmas Sweater!*

**Service of Remembrance, Sunday, December 30**

12:00 Noon Worship with Holy Communion

*Join us for a reflective worship service where we remember those who have died this past year.*

**Sunday, January 6, 2018**

**Celebration of Epiphany**

8:15 and 10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

*Join in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30-10:15 a.m. for an inter-generational Epiphany festival to celebrate the Magi's journey to see the Christ Child.*

**Sunday, January 13, 2018**

**Baptism of our Lord**

8:15 and 10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

*We celebrate with all families that had a baptism in 2018.*

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### REGULAR SUNDAY WORSHIP

**8:15 & 10:30 a.m. with Holy Communion**

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**January and February Worship Series: Living Faith**

*Worship, Pray, Serve, Give, Study, Invite, Encourage*

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Come explore the practical ways that we live as disciples of Jesus.  
Join the education events for each faith practice, Sundays from 9:30-10:15 a.m.

## **Poinsettias are given by:**

Rebecca Abel in memory of my parents, Rev. Gene & Alma Abel

Waldo & Susan Ackerman with all glory to God

Dennis & Barbara Ahlman

Rick Ambrose in honor of family

Evie & Jim Ashmore in honor of grandkids Preston & Madison Koch and mother, Alice Metzloff

Kendra Barcus & Jeremiah Brayton in memory of parents, grandparents & great-grandparents, we love you!

The Bayles, Brooks & McLean families in memory of Jeffrey Alan McLean, beloved son, brother, husband & father

Jerry & Joyce Beabout in memory of our parents

Harvey & Margine Benson in memory of Harold Benson and Herbert & Esther Schoeneck

Bethany friends in memory of Kathy Shearer

Valdis & Pat Birznieks in honor of our grandchildren

Christine Brook in loving memory of Ben & Maxine Honaker

Tom & Mary Brook in memory of Ben & Maxine Honaker

Richard & Linda Bryant in honor of our children & grandchildren

Suzanne Bryson in honor & praise for my daughters & families; Kelly, Ted, Jack & Katie Murphy and Lisa, Andy, Owen & Wesley May

Bob & Judi Burchfield in memory of Robert & ClaraBelle Burchfield & Lester Hofmann

The Carr family in memory of James R. Carr, Don M. Frensley & Betty J. Frensley

Anna Catt-Rubald in memory of my great grandma, Ione Parkins

Elizabeth Josephine Catt-Rubald in memory of my grandma, Lois "Kitty" Catt

Rebecca & Rich Collins in honor/memory of our parents, Bob & Joan Czarneck and Jean Collins

Dave & Tammy Craven in memory of Don Draven

The Distler/Englund family in memory of Cletus & Charlene Distler and Dr. Garth Englund Sr.

The Englebart Family in memory of Kay Englebart

Don & Lil Filegar in honor of the Peltz family

Jeff & Kim Finnin in honor of our parents & family

John & Sharlene Funk in memory of Janet Funk, Susan Doherty and Dan C. Hinkle

Sandy Galyath in memory of Greg Galyath and in honor of kids & grandkids

Mike, Gen & Tom Gatterman in honor/memory Leonard Betten, Ralph, Helen, Nedra & Dean Gatterman

John & Connie Gerken in honor of our 51<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary

Donna Gleditsch in honor/memory of Paul Gleditsch and Darkoch family – parents and brother

Rich & Kathy Good in honor of our grandchildren, Brooks, Emmitt & Adeline

Terri Goodhue in honor/memory of her family

Jan & Dennis Graham in honor/memory of Hunter Graham

Matthew Gray in memory of Naomi & Paul Gray

Marilyn Guiver in honor/memory of Jessie & Mark

Anada & Ron Guse in memory of our beloved cousin, Beverly V. Kleiber

Joy Haas and the families of Daniel, Brad & Janet Sparling in memory of Ernest Haas

Carol Haller in memory of Bryan Shaha

Olga Hellweg & family in memory of William & Timothy Hellweg  
Bill & Diane Herrmann in honor of our grandchildren; Jillian, Abby, Colbie & Reed  
Gail Hipke in memory of John Hipke  
Joayne Hogoboom in honor of my dear family!  
Julie & Guy Holliday in honor of the many blessings to our family  
Eric & Jenny Holtze in honor of Charlotte Louise & Ella Gray  
Steve & Elizabeth Holtze in honor of our grandchildren  
Shelley & Brian Hook in memory of our mothers: Milda & Marlene  
Jean Hossfeld in memory of John Hossfeld and in honor of all of our family members  
Robert & Marilyn House in honor of Taner, Callie & Ryan  
Sharon Ingles in honor of Julie & Jason's wedding  
The Janicek family in honor of the gift of hope in the birth of baby Jesus  
Terry, Laurie & Katie Jeddloh in memory of our parents; Mel, MaryLou & Richard, and siblings  
    Gary, Pam & Jeffrey  
Arlene Mohler Johnson in memory of Don Johnson  
Brent & Jill Johnson in honor/memory of Robert McBride  
Joe & Julie Johnson in honor of our children, Jason & Jeremy  
Karen & Jim Kimsey in honor of our many blessings  
Bill & JoAnne King in honor/memory of Elisabeth, Dorothy & Chuck King and Rex & Betty  
    Grimsley, sister and parents  
Aaron & Lisa Klehr in honor/memory of John Freeburg  
Debbie Klein in honor/memory of loved ones  
T. Mark Kraft & Garth Criswell in memory of Sharon V. Kraft  
Art Kraus & Michelle Stone Kraus in memory of our parents, John & Mildred Kraus and Michael &  
    Arline Stone  
Mark & Lynn Lacy  
Kevin & Sally Live in honor of Roberta Mackiewicz & Phyllis Lieb  
Jack & Jean Lindsey in honor of our parents  
Shirley Marek in honor/memory of Al West  
Diane McAllen in memory of Robert & Rachel Friedell  
Patrick McCarter in memory of my beloved Catherine  
Davie & Jodie Meendering in thankfulness for their recent wedding at Bethany  
Dick & Marilyn Metcalfe in memory of Betty Phillips McCollister  
Janet & Jim Mortinsen in honor of our children: Matt, Peter & Abby  
Dave & Pia Newoonder in memory of Barbara Newoonder & John Hayes  
Judi & Bob Newman in honor/memory of our parents and grandparents  
The Nixon family in honor/memory of MaryJane Starnes, Marge & Floyd Nixon  
Marilyn Ogden in memory of Chuck Ogden  
Vivian Pereboom in honor/memory of Don Pereboom  
Robert Puccini & Judith Ganshaw in memory of our parents  
Mary & Gary Rathje in celebration of our children & grandchildren & in loving memory of our  
    beautiful grandson, Ethan  
Synnove Rognerud in memory of my son, Glenn, we all love you & miss you every day

Jonathan, Melissa, Jennifer & Christine Russ in memory of Peter Russ and Lewis & Darlene Haines  
Gary & Suzan Schlatter in honor of Nicole, Gary Jr. & Amanda  
The Scholbe family  
John & Lynda Schroer in honor of parents & family  
Mary & Gary Shimp in memory of Fred & Alma Shimp and Wally & Kay Westerman  
Jane Soderberg in honor/memory of Nancy & Lars Soderberg Sr. and Albert Gravenhorst  
Mel Stolzenburg & Rose Martinez in honor & memory of our parents, first faith formers  
Barb & Erik Stone in memory of our grandparents  
Teresa Sauve-Wilson in honor/memory of my mom, Dorothy  
Brian & Karen Tennien in honor of Lily, Violet, Ivy, Brooklynn, Sonny & Grant  
Pat Wallingford in memory of my parents & siblings  
Bill & Judi Warkentin in honor of our many, many blessings  
Craig Weber & Dianne Williams in honor/memory of our parents: Harvey & Janie Wichner and  
Caroline & Ted McClure  
Matt & Annell Weissenbuehler in honor of our family past, present & future  
Tim & Cheryl Whitecotton in honor of veterans, volunteers & all those that sacrifice for others  
Joan & Brad Whittlesly in memory of our parents  
Nancy Windes in memory of Jo Ricks  
The Witt/Puga family in loving memory of Catherine Witt and Joan Witt Cowan  
Barb & Al Youngdahl in honor/memory of Sandy Carroll & Eric Friesen  
JoAnn, Tom and Sharon Zelasko in honor/memory of Mom & Dad  
Peter & Lucille Zwanzig in memory of our loved ones