

ABOUT THE DAY: *God keeps the promise made to David to give him an everlasting throne. The angel tells Mary that God will give David's throne to her son Jesus. She is perplexed by Gabriel's greeting and by the news of her coming pregnancy, but she is able still to say, "Count me in." We who know that Jesus is called king only as he is executed still find it a mystery hard to fathom, but with Mary today we hear the news of what God is up to and say, "Count us in."*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Gabriel's Message*

-Paul Manz

All who are able are invited to stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, whose forgiveness is sure and whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen.

Together let us honestly and humbly confess that we have not lived as God desires.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Loving and forgiving God,

we confess that we are held captive by sin. In spite of our best efforts, we have gone astray. We have not welcomed the stranger; we have not loved our neighbor; we have not been Christ to one another. Restore us, O God. Wake us up and turn us from our sin. Renew us each day in the light of Christ. Amen.

People of God, hear this glad news: by God's endless grace your sins are forgiven, and you are free—free from all that holds you back and free to live in the peaceable realm of God. May you be strengthened in God's love, † comforted by Christ's peace, and accompanied with the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

PEACE

Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

GATHERING HYMN: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel vs. 1-4 p. 15*

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

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.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

We praise you, O God, for this wheel of time that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the candles on this wreath, open our eyes to see your presence in the lowly ones of this earth. Enlighten us with your grace, that we may sing of your advent among us in the Word made flesh. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

Amen.

Light all four candles.

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah



- 1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 3 Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 4 Light four can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.
He shall feed the flock like a shep - herd, gent - ly lead them home - ward.
Lift your heads and lift high the gate - way for the King of glo - ry.
He is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be shin - ing!

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

All may be seated

FIRST READING: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Instead of David building a house (temple) for God, God promises to establish David's house (dynasty) forever. Centuries later, after the Babylonian exile, no king sat on the throne. Even then, however, the people of Israel remembered this promise and continued to hope for a king, the messiah, God's anointed.

¹Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ²the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." ³Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you."

⁴But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: ⁵Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? ⁶I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. ⁷Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" ⁸Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; ⁹and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. ¹⁶Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever. *The word of the Lord.*

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Luke 1:46b-55 (read responsively – congregation reads bold)

You, Lord, have lifted up the lowly. (Lk. 1:52)

^{46b}My soul proclaims the greatness | of the Lord,

⁴⁷my spirit rejoices in | God my Savior,

⁴⁸**for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your | lowly servant.**

From this day all generations will | call me blessed:

⁴⁹you, the Almighty, have done great | things for me
and holy | is your name.

⁵⁰**You have mercy on | those who fear you,
from generation to | generation.**

⁵¹You have shown strength | with your arm
and scattered the proud in | their conceit,

⁵²**casting down the mighty | from their thrones
and lifting | up the lowly.**

⁵³You have filled the hungry | with good things
and sent the rich | away empty.

⁵⁴**You have come to the aid of your | servant Israel,
to remember the prom- | ise of mercy,**

⁵⁵the promise made | to our forbears,
to Abraham and his chil- | dren forever.

SECOND READING: Romans 16:25-27

Paul closes his letter to the Romans by praising God because, in the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ, God has revealed the promised, divine plan of salvation for all humanity. Paul proclaims this gospel of Christ in order to bring about the obedience of faith among all nations.

²⁵Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages ²⁶but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—²⁷to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen. *The word of the Lord.*

Thanks be to God.

All who are able are invited to stand

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 1st Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 1:26-38

In this annunciation, Luke makes clear that God comes with good news for ordinary people from little known places. This king will not be born to royalty in a palace, but to common folk in a stall. Here Luke highlights the role of the Spirit, a special emphasis in this gospel.

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her. *The Gospel of the Lord.*

Praise to you, O Christ.

All may be seated

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

All who are able are invited to stand

HYMN: *My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord* p. 16

All who are able are invited to stand

NICENE CREED

In the words of the Creed, let us confess our faith:

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of power and might, tear open the heavens and come quickly to this weary world. Hear our prayers for everyone in need.

A brief silence.

Gracious God, all generations call you blessed. In this holy season we pray for our neighbors of other denominations and faiths. Inspire the faith of their people. Cultivate understanding among us and strengthen us in love and service to our community. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Creator God, you scatter the proud. Everything we have belongs first to you. Bless and protect the seas, mountains, plains, forests, skies, and soils that surround us. Give us humility as we tend them. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Righteous God, you humble the powerful and lift up the lowly. We pray for the leaders of all nations, that they amplify the voices of people in need. Guide all people entrusted with leadership, to create societies in which everyone can flourish. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Compassionate God, you fill the hungry with good things and send the rich away empty. Nourish those who lack access to adequate food and nutrition. Bless the work of advocates, community organizers, and food pantries. Encourage others to provide for their neighbors in need. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Eternal God, you are faithful to the promises you made to our forebears. We give thanks for the ministry of Katharina von Bora Luther and other ancestors who organized, planned, dreamed, encouraged, and reached out as they served you. We give thanks for the bold leadership of female leaders in our own time. Inspire others with their steadfast witness. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Healing God, you pour out mercy to all who cry out to you. Surround everyone in need of healing in body, mind, or spirit with your tender presence (*especially George, Doug, Lillian, Arlene, Linda, Dorothy, Jim, Shirley, Clark, Lois, Dan, Candy, Richard, Kaylie, Dave, Irene, Julie, Justin, Darlene, Randy, Louise, Kaela, Dorothy, Stan*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For those celebrating birthdays this week. May they continue to grow in faith as they grow in years, *especially Anna, Julie, Richard, Alexander, Steven, Stephany, Lisa, Charlotte, Grace, Matthew, Sadie, Dale*. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For those celebrating anniversaries this week. May they be bound together by your love, now and forever *especially Andrew & Emily, Gilbert & Grace, Kelley & Greg, Herbert & Dorla*. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Gracious Lord, as our shepherd, guide the ministries of all our siblings in Christ in congregations who continue to do your work. Through your Holy Spirit provide courage, perseverance and resources to those who speak your word of truth and love. We give thanks this day for our sisters and brothers united through you. We pray especially for Heidelberg Lutheran, Heidelberg, and their transitional pastor, Rashion Santiago. May they be filled with your Holy Spirit. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Draw near to us, O God, and receive our prayers for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray as our Lord taught us:

**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.**

DIALOGUE

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.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (spoken)

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,

the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.

Come among us.

Bless this meal.

May your Word take flesh in us.

Awaken your people.

Fill us with your light.

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours,

Holy One of Israel,

Word of God incarnate,

Power of the Most High,

one God, now and forever.

Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Even as we watch and wait, Christ is here.

BLESSING

The Creator of the stars bless your Advent waiting, the long-expected Savior fill you with love, the unexpected Spirit guide your journey, ✚ now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN: *O Come, O come, Emmanuel vs. 5-8 p. 15*

EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: *Magnificat*

-Jean Francois Dandrieu

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (*Veni, Emmanuel*) ELW 257

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My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord (*Ich heb mein Augen sehnlich auf*) ELW 573

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Christmas Eve Worship Service December 24th

Our prerecorded service will include singing Christmas carols, a brief message, reading of the Christmas gospel, a children's message, and candle lighting. It will be available to stream (Thursday after 3:00 p.m.) at your family's convenience. Please take time out on December 24th to celebrate the great love God has for everyone when He gave us His only Son, Jesus Christ.

**Drive-thru communion Christmas Eve 6 - 7 pm
in the Family Center (back) parking lot.**

Don't forget to pick up your candles
outside the church office (on the bench)!



**Fourth Sunday
of Advent**

THIS WEEK (Dec. 20-26)

TODAY (20th)

-9:15am, LIVE-STREAMED Worship Service w/communion & Sunday School Christmas Program

-10:30 am, Drive-thru Communion

-6:30pm, New Beginnings, M3/5/7

MON (21st)

-9:00am, Food Pantry

-7:00pm, Boy Scouts, Social Hall

THU (24th)

-Church Office Closed

-Pre-recorded Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service (Available after 3:00 p.m.)

-6:00-7:00 p.m., Drive-thru communion

NEXT WEEK (Dec. 27 – Jan. 2)

SUN (27th)

-9:15am, LIVE-STREAMED Worship Service of Lessons & Carols

-NO Sunday School

The church office will be open Dec. 21, 22 & 23 and closed Dec. 24, 25, & 28.

You may pick up poinsettias on Tuesday, Dec. 22 or Wednesday, Dec. 23 from 9am – 12 noon, or after Christmas.

Assisting at Worship this Morning

Lector: Karen Boardman

Cantor: Jamie Edelman & Nora Heckman

Video: Tom Daniels

Say a Prayer & Send a Card & Pay a Visit

Fellowship Mnr: Florence Roth

Lehigh Commons: Barbara Diehl

Mosser: Arlene Miller

The Palmerton: Ferne Rock

Manor Care: MaryAnn Rau

Home: Margaret Smith, Olive Wood, Warren Gressley

Please keep these people in your prayers:

George Hein, Doug Fay, Lillian Young, Arlene Miller, Linda Grantz, Dorothy Diehl, Jim Miller, Shirley Hamm, Clark Snyder, Lois Heisler, Dan Stark, Candy Cordes, Richard Seltzer, Kaylie Radocha, Dave Ludwig, Irene Johnson, Justin Williams, Julie Williams, Darlene Wenhold, Randy Wenhold, Louise Quaintance, Kaela Bitting, Dorothy Stehly, Stan Sockel

Birthdays this week: Anna Toth, Julie Boscia, Alexander Boscia, Steven Budlong, Stephany Heckman, Lisa Williams, Charlotte Halloran, Grace Horn, Matthew Weremedic, Sadie Belnoski, Dale Bieber

Anniversaries this week: Andrew & Emily Gross (6), Gilbert & Grace Keller (52), Greg & Kelley Stout (25), Herbert & Dorla Hullinger (67)

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2020-2021 SPONSORSHIPS

All sponsorships have been temporarily suspended until we are back to live worship.

Thanks for understanding!

HOW TO RESERVE YOUR SPONSORSHIPS: Contact Donna Hahn at 610-395-0613 or dhahn16@gmail.com with your choice of date(s) and sponsorships(s). **Please indicate when reserving your date whether you wish to pick up the flowers after the 9:15 service or want them taken to shut-ins.** If no preference is given, flowers will be taken to shut-ins.

Altar flowers are \$40. Bulletins are \$20. Checks may be made payable to JELC and either mailed or dropped in the offering plate.

SPONSORSHIP POLICY: Flowers and other sponsorships may be reserved no earlier than one year from the chosen date. If you wish to reserve the same weekend for the following year, you may do so the day after the current year's sponsorship. No dates will be held; the first request for a date (within the one year limit) will be taken regardless of the previous year's sponsor.

ATTENDANCE – 12/13/20 – 40-streaming

**Treasurer's Report
for November 2020**

	Month	YTD	Budget Amounts	
			Month	YTD
Income:				
Operating Income	\$ 19,390.00	\$ 279,215.00	\$ 28,950.00	\$ 318,450.00
Benevolence	\$ 1,070.00	\$ 13,110.00	\$ 1,667.00	\$ 18,337.00
Property	\$ 2,009.00	\$ 24,252.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 27,500.00
Deficit Reduction	\$ 546.00	\$ 9,045.00	\$ -	\$ -
Total Income	\$ 23,015.00	\$ 325,622.00	\$ 33,117.00	\$ 364,287.00
Expenses:				
Administration	\$ 1,898.00	\$ 13,995.00	\$ 1,985.00	\$ 21,835.00
Ministries	\$ 1,002.00	\$ 8,755.00	\$ 1,437.00	\$ 15,807.00
Payroll	\$ 20,884.00	\$ 233,984.00	\$ 22,049.00	\$ 242,539.00
Property-Utilities, grounds, etc	\$ 3,156.00	\$ 69,319.00	\$ 7,942.00	\$ 87,362.00
Benevolence	\$ 1,767.00	\$ 19,592.00	\$ 1,917.00	\$ 21,087.00
Total Expenses	\$ 28,707.00	\$ 345,645.00	\$ 35,330.00	\$ 388,630.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (5,692.00)	\$ (20,023.00)	\$ (2,213.00)	\$ (24,343.00)

We are now seeing updates on the Truist website for the next phase of the PPP SBA process where we apply for the loan forgiveness but we are in a holding pattern as Truist is finishing their online application process. So, we are still tracking our employee payroll expenses and utilities (electric & oil), which are being paid for through PPP SBA loan funds. We are required to track all these expenses separately for the necessary documentation in our forgiveness application with Truist Bank to show that we have met qualifications for possible forgiveness and conversion to a grant.

In this month's Treasurer's Report, the dollar amounts show the full expenses associated with Payroll and the Property-Utilities, grounds, etc. in the expenses section of the report. These expenses are still being tracked separately from our normal income and expense records using features of our PowerChurch software. This month's Treasurer's Report shows a deficit for the YTD (year to date) a little **less than (\$15,000)**. Treasurer's Reports will NOT be reporting any surplus amounts due to the \$ 47,400 SBA Loan, since this amount was deposited into our Operating Income as a balance adjustment until we are potentially granted forgiveness.

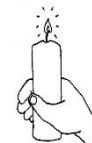


A gentle reminder about appropriate masks that are required to be worn whenever in the Jordan building: The masks should be either the disposable type or two-layer fabric masks of a similar design that cover both the nose and mouth. Face coverings such as plastic shields (unless used in conjunction with an appropriate mask) and masks with vent valves included, are not considered by the CDC to provide adequate protection. CDC approved masks are available in Monica's office if needed.

Having every all abide by the CDC guidelines will enhance the safety of others within the building. The responsible focus here is not our own personal preferences, it is based upon our loving consideration for those around us and reliable information. Please enjoy our streamed services from the comfort of your home now through January 10th, 2021.

The Relaunch Committee

Small candles: will be available for pick up, to light at home during the Christmas Eve service. If you have your own candles, please feel free to use one, but anyone not having candles is welcome to stop by the church and take one from the box that will be placed on the bench outside the church office after Wednesday. If you are homebound but in need of candles, please call the office and we will arrange to have them delivered to you, just let us know how many you need. (one per family member, please)



Church Office Hours: The office is still open! Hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 12:00 noon, to take your phone calls, drop off your offering envelopes, etc. Every effort will be made to do so contact-free.

Scrip Cards: can be picked up. Please call the church office and we will arrange for you to pick up your gift cards BEFORE CHRISTMAS - contact free if needed.

Our clothing collection: is TEMPORARILY ON HOLD due to the collection company's inability to schedule a pick up. We are out of storage space right now so, please, no clothing drop offs till further notice.

Living Lutheran Magazine, Upper Room, and Christ in Our Home: are all available from the church. Please call and we can make arrangements for you to pick one up while we are here, or put one on the bench for you to pick up at your convenience.

Poinsettias: For those who sponsored poinsettias, they will be available for pick up on either Tuesday, 12/22 or Wednesday, 12/23 since the service will be pre-recorded on Monday. You may also pick one up after Christmas.

We send our gratitude to those who continue to faithfully make their offerings!

We highly recommend that at this time you prayerfully consider using online giving. Here is how you sign up:

WEBSITE – go to www.jordanlutheran.org click on the **SUPPORT** tab, then **Electronic Giving** and you will be offered two options to set up your electronic giving

GIVE+ PLUS (a free, secure phone app) download this free app to your mobile phone, search by zip code 18069 and when you see Jordan, follow the instructions to make your donation.

Congratulations to Pastor Dody and Jim on the birth of a new grandson! **Anthony Robert Erdie** was born December 10th to her daughter, Krystle, and husband, D.J. Anthony weighed 8.5 lbs. and is 20 ¼ in. long. He is welcomed by his two older sisters, Nadia and Kassidy. Best Wishes to all!



*With
Christian
Sympathy*

Long-time Jordan member, **LaRue Wuchter**, 91, passed away on December 16th at Whitehall Manor where she resided for several years. The Christian sympathy of the congregation is extended to her daughters, Pat Geiger and Catherine Eckert and son, Kevin and their families. She was predeceased by her husband, Harvey, in 1996. A service was not yet announced at the time of this bulletin. Please remember LaRue and her loved ones in your prayers.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
 3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
 4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joice! Re-joice!
 in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
 and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

- 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. *Refrain*
- 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. *Refrain*
- 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. *Refrain*
- 8 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
 and ransom captive Israel,
 that mourns in lonely exile here
 until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*

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My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord

1 My soul now mag - ni - fies the Lord; my spir - it
 2 For you a - lone, O God of might, have done a -
 3 Your arm is strong; your strength is great. You scat - ter
 4 You feed the hun - gry as your own; the wealth - y
 5 Sing glo - ry to the Ho - ly One, give hon - or

leaps, by joy pos - sessed. You keep me in your kind re -
 maz - ing things for me. Your mer - cy flows; your name like
 those of proud in - tent and cast them down from high es -
 leave with emp - ty hands. You give your help to Is - ra -
 to the in - car - nate Word, and praise the Pow'r of God most

gard; all gen - er - a - tions call me blessed.
 light re - mains in time per - pet - ual - ly.
 tate; then give the low your nour - ish - ment.
 el; your gra - cious prom - ise al - ways stands.
 high, from age to age by all a - dored.

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