

2017 Cantata
“BETHLEHEM’S CHILD”



Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmö

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Pastor James Muske

Sunday, December 17, 2017

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: **“People Look East”** #248 ELW
 (Verses 1, 2 & 4)

“BETHLEHEM’S CHILD”

by Victor C Johnson and Lloyd Larson

BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHOIR CANTATA 2017

Directed by: Sheila Penoyer

Narrated by: Carolyn Morris, George Smith,
Laurina Tofteland, Char Berg, Randy Tofteland,
Wally Swenson, Steve Lackner

Come and Worship

Our Hope is in Emmanuel

Waiting and Longing

My Soul Does Magnify the Lord

Soloists: Pam Norlander and Randy Tofteland

Christ is Born in Bethlehem

Run, Shepherds!

Soloists: Rev. James Muske

Cradle Carol

Bethlehem’s Child

OFFERING

Ushers will begin passing the offering plate.
Please rise as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

**Savior of the nations, come. Make your home here in us.
Feed us with your love, that our faith shine ever new and
our lives reveal your light.**

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

May Christ, the Sun of righteousness, shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path. Almighty God, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: **“Lord of Light”** *Insert*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Cantata Participants

<u>Sopranos</u>	<u>Altos</u>	<u>Tenors</u>	<u>Basses</u>
Carol Bakken	Val Benton	Kathy Berland	Maynard Berland
Mary Braun	Char Berg	Lee Forrester	Jim Christensen
Jeannine Bruesewitz	Darlene Christensen	Denny Meidlinger	Steve Lackner
Carolyn Morris	Arty Heins	James Muske	Wally Swenson
Pam Norlander	Laurina Tofteland	George Smith	
Patti Smith		Randy Tofteland	
Sherri Whipple			

Rehearsal Pianist Arty Heins & Jeannine Bruesewitz! Thank you!

Christmas Worship Schedule

Sunday, December 24th Sunday Service: 9:00am

Candle Light Christmas Eve Service 3:30 pm and 5:00 pm

Monday, December 25th Christmas Day Service 10:00 am with Christmas Potluck following the Service (ham has been donated). All are welcome!

SERVING THIS WEEK

Music: Bethesda Adult Choir

Greeters: Rich & Marge Nelson

Ushers: George & Kathy Larson

Hospitality: Worship & Music

Thank you for your service!

Response to God’s Word Last Week (12/10/2017)

Attendance: 8:30am - 86

10:00am - 28

THIS WEEK at Bethesda December 18 thru December 25, 2017

Monday	12/18	1:00 pm Pinochle 7:00 pm AA & Alanon
Tuesday	12/19	Noon Pastor’s Text Study
Wednesday	12/20	8:00 am Bible Study 9:30 am Stitches 6:00 pm Praise
Thursday	12/21	8:00 am Romeos 12:30 Funtimers
Friday	12/22	10:00 Bones
Sunday	12/24	9:00 am Sunday Service 3:30 pm Worship Candle Light 5:00 pm Worship Candle Light
Monday	12/25	10:00 am Service of Holy Communion (followed by Potluck Ham Dinner)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the Cantata. We appreciate all the hard work and beautiful music you sang for the Cantata and throughout the year. God Bless you all! Anyone who was given a Cantata Book & CD please return them to the office.

2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available for pickup in the Fellowship Hall. Please stop and pickup your envelopes.

MAKE SOME PLANS FOR A GREAT SUMMER EVENT! When you see your loved ones this holiday season, invite the kids ages 4 – 5th grade to Vacation Bible School June 18-22, 2018. Sixth graders and older are welcome as student leaders.

NEED A GIFT IDEA? Check out the display in the fellowship hall and consider ordering farm animals from the ELCA or Heifer International Giving Programs.

CHRISTMAS CARING & SHARING this is the last Sunday to suggest a name of a neighbor in need of food or gas this Christmas season. Please keep in mind gifts are for food or gas at stores in our area. The mission is supported by the veggie stand donations and individuals who designate their gifts to local needs.


SUGGESTED HYMNS FOR CHRISTMAS In the Narthex is a basket and red scratch paper for you to write down a few suggested Hymns to sing at the Christmas Eve day service at 9:00am. The service will be a Prayer & Carol service.

NEW SMALL GROUP is coming to Bethesda!! We will develop goals (you choose how many and what areas) around the following: *Faith *Food *Fitness *Focus *Friends! It is designed around The Daniel Plan! There will be preparing and eating of food, good food, involved!! Anyone can participate! Young or old! Single or hitched! Near or far! Guy or gal! Look for more information in the next month or contact Mary at: mmvuke@yahoo.com; especially if you are a snowbird who might be interested in trying "remote attendance". Happy Holidays!

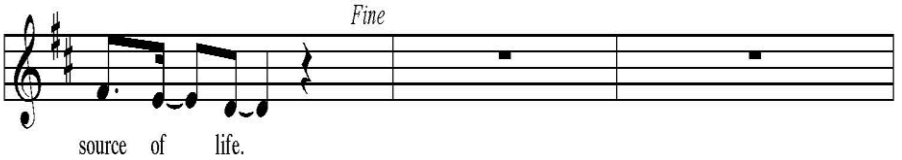
SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS during coffee hour in January. Topics include: January 7- Feed My Starving Children, January 14- Nursing Home Outreach, January 21- Veggie Stand, and January 28 - Sunday Coffee Servers. There will be a special table set aside for those who showed an interest for these specific topics on the Time & Talent sheets. Others are welcome to participate in the discussion and or find out more about these programs.

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE at First Lutheran Church of Aitkin on Thursday, December 21st at noon.

LORD OF LIGHT

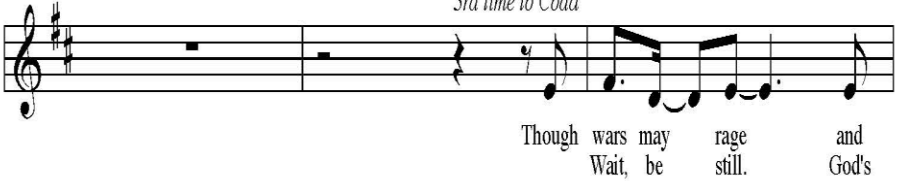


The Lord of light is my sal - va - tion. Whom shall I fear? He's the



source of life. *Fine*

(2 times each verse) *3rd time to Coda*



Though wars may rage and
Wait, be still. God's



pain sur - rounds you, your heart will hope. He's the source of life. The
strong arms keep you. Wait, be strong. He's the source of life.



For in the day of trouble, He will keep me safe. *Coda*



Though en-e-mies sur - round me, I will sing to the Lord. The *D.C. al Fine*