

2018 Cantata “MORNING STAR”



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Sunday, December 23, 2018

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: **“Hark, the Glad Sound!”** **#239 ELW**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Our souls magnify the Lord, and our spirits rejoice in God our Savior.

God has looked with favor on the lowliness of God's servant.

God's mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

God has shown strength with God's arm. God has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

God has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly;

God has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.

Come, for God is doing a new thing! Come, let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of our Greatest Joy,

may the joy we find in you leap within us this day. Give us the imagination to sing your praises in all that we do and in all that we are, for you have done great things for us. Our souls magnify you and our spirits rejoice in you!

Amen.

BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHOIR CANTATA 2018

“MORNING STAR”

by Lloyd Larson

Directed by: Sheila Penoyer

Narrated by: Steve Lackner & Susan Samuelson

Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Morning Star

Chosen by God

Soloists: Sherry Whipple and Randy Tofteland

O Little Town of Bethlehem

He Come from the Glory

Soloists: Jim Christensen and Laurina Tofteland

Why do the Shepherds Sing

Morning Star (Finale)

Join in: “Hark the Herald Angels Sing” (Vs. 1 & 3) #270 ELW

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Prepare the Royal Highway” #264 ELW

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion.

As we await the coming of Christ, we pray in hope for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Faithful Lord, you keep your promises. Move your church to sing like Mary and rejoice like Elizabeth. Teach us to sing of your faithfulness all our days. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Ancient of Days, with joy you danced over the waters and birthed creation. Give us joy in caring for the soil beneath us, the water around us, and the sky above us. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Prince of peace, your sacrifice gives abundant life to all. Raise up leaders in every nation whose goals are health and well-being for all people and creation. Grant them wisdom and compassion to serve as you would have them serve. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Good Shepherd, you feed your flock. Fill the hungry with good things. Lift up the lowly. Accompany the refugee. Comfort the lonely. Heal the sick (*especially*). Send us in haste to surround them with your love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Love Incarnate, you are with us at the manger, on the cross, and on the resurrection road. Walk with all who live with depression, grief, or heartache in this season. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Ever-living God, you are Alpha and Omega. We thank you for all who sing now in the heavenly choir, especially those dear to us. Join our voices with theirs in praise of the Christ child. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Confident that the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we bring to you these prayers and those unspoken, in the name of Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

May God direct your ways in peace, make you abound in love for one another and for all, and strengthen your hearts until the coming of our Lord Jesus. Almighty God, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen**

CLOSING HYMN:

“The First Noel”

#300 ELW

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

Cantata Participants

Sopranos

Carol Bakken

Mary Braun

Jeannine Bruesewitz

Karen Elias

Carolyn Morris

Patti Smith

Sherrie Whipple

Altos

Val Benton

Char Berg

Darlene Christensen

Arty Heins

Laurina Tofteland

Tenors

Lee Forrester

Denny Meidlinger

Susan Samuelson

George Smith

Randy Tofteland

Basses

Jim Christensen

Steve Lackner

James Muske

Wally Swenson

Rehearsal Pianist Arty Heins & Jeannine Bruesewitz! Thank you!

Call to Worship and Prayer of the Day written by Rev. Stephen M. Fearing

SERVING THIS WEEK

Music: Bethesda Adult Choir Greeters: Sylvia Tapelt & Bev Wedig

Ushers: Nancy Hansen & Paula Spetz

Hospitality: Ron & Arty Heins, Sam & Sue Samuelson & Choir

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week (Dec. 16, 2018)

Attendance: 8:30am - 62 10:00am - 27

THIS WEEK at Bethesda

Dec. 24 thru Dec. 30, 2018

Monday	12/24	12:30 pm	Cards
		3:30 pm	Candle Light Service
		5:00 pm	Candle Light Service
		7:00 pm	AA & Alanon
Tuesday	12/25	10:00 am	Christmas Day Service (<i>followed by Pot Luck Ham Dinner-All are welcome</i>)
Wednesday	12/26	10:30 am	Stitchers
		6:00 pm	Praise Choir
Thursday	12/27	8:00 am	Romeos
		12:30 pm	Funtimers
Friday	12/28	10:00	Bone Builders
Sunday	12/30	9:00 am	Sunday Service

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.

ONE SERVICE only one Sunday Service, at 9:00am, for the months of January, February & March, 2019

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

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.

MORE GREAT LAST MINUTE GIFTS – Bethesda Centennial Sweatshirts & T-shirts. More sizes and colors are in. They are for sale in the Fellowship Hall every day.

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 17-21, 2019. Sixth graders and older are welcome as student leaders.

2019 BETHESDA CENTENNIAL FUNDRAISER CALENDARS are here! These will make great last minute Christmas gifts! Only \$10 and available in the Fellowship Hall after service today and for weeks to come.

FIND OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING at Bethesda - like us on Facebook and visit us on line at: www.blcmalmo.org

PICTURE DIRECTORIES are here! If you had your picture taken please pick up your complementary directory in the Fellowship Hall. If you didn't have your picture taken, updated smaller directories are available in the Fellowship Hall.

Christmas Worship Schedule

Monday, Dec. 24th Candle Light Christmas Eve Service 3:30pm&5:00 pm

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

Come let us
Adore
Him ✦





POINSETTIA Donations



<u>Name</u>	<u>In Memory/Honor of</u>
Marilyn Andrews	Dave & Parents
Carol Bakken	Maynard
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Kathy Berland	Brent (son)
Judie Birk	Family
Jeannine Bruesewitz	Darwin & Parents
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Merrily Jones	Husband & Parents
Ron & Arty Heins	Warren & Mary Heins & Art VanDriel
Darrell Kelly	Family & Friends
Craig & Pat Kullberg	Thanksgiving for Family
Jerry & Carolyn Morris	
Keith & Dorothy Munding	Loved Ones
Pastor James Muske	Family
Al & Sue Samuelson	Parents & Family
Penny Sjoquist	Family
George & Patti Smith	Our Fathers: Joe & David
Dick & Sue Stebbins	Loved Ones
Dave & Joanne Stueven	Our Family
Mary Swanson	Del & Jenny
Sylvia Tapelt	Family
Mark & Mary Vukelich	Family
Bev Wedig	Al & Jen

Thank you to those who have made donations for the beautiful flowers to decorate our sanctuary!