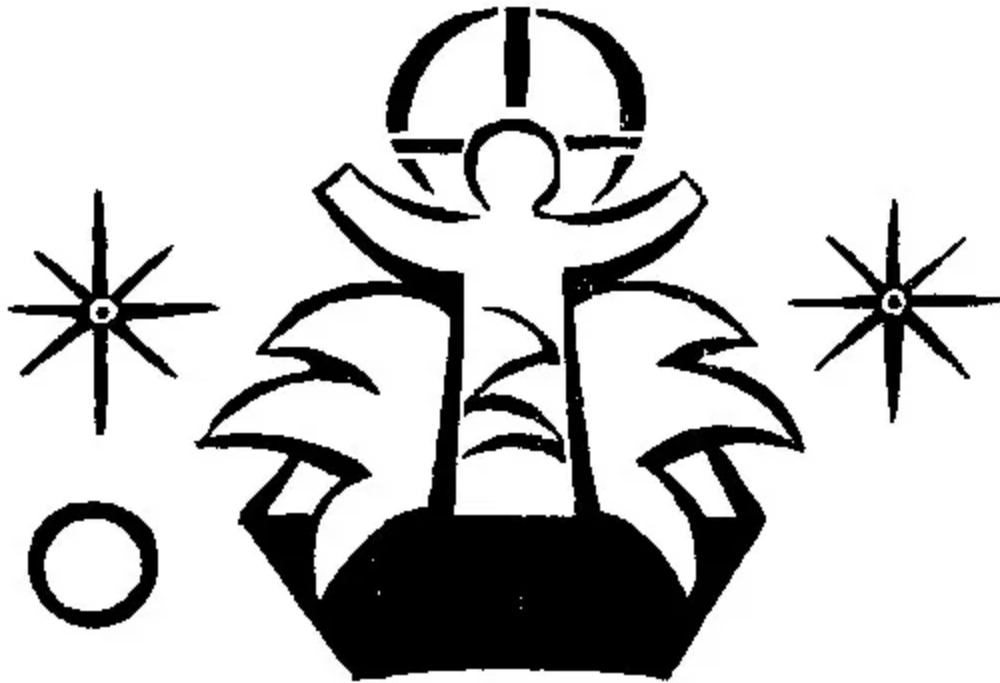


**2019 Cantata**  
**“EMMANUEL – God with Us!”**



**EMMANUEL**

**Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmo**

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Pastor James Muske



**“EMMANUEL – God with Us!”**

Contemporary Lessons & Carols

Arranged by: Lloyd Larson

Directed by: Sheila Penoyer

Narrated by: Steve Lackner

**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

**Prepare the Way of the Lord**

*Soloists: Randy Tofteland*

**Emmanuel, God with Us**

**Breath of Heaven (Mary’s Song)**

*Soloists: Laurina Tofteland*

**Mary, Did You Know?**

**Christmastime**

**O Come, All Ye Faithfull**

Congregation Join In - #283 ELW

(verses 1,3,4)

Pianists: Arty Heins

**One Small Child**

**O Holy Child of Bethlehem**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion.*

Keeping awake as we watch for Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Holy God, we rejoice that your promises take on flesh in Jesus. Grant patience to your church awaiting the fulfillment of your reign of justice and peace. Restore in us the hope that we are called to proclaim to the world. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Life-giving God, we rejoice that you coax flowers from the desert and water from the wilderness. Send rain to parched fields and sun to flooded plains. Nurture all that lies sleeping under frozen ground. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Almighty God, we rejoice in your authority as Prince of peace. Deliver us from those who wield power through unjust and oppressive ways. Raise up prophets to speak your truth in this and every nation. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Gracious God, we rejoice that you dwell in human bodies. Renew signs of your joyful presence in people of all shapes, sizes, ages, and abilities. (*We pray especially for . . .*) Empower all to embrace their callings and the gifts of your Spirit. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Generous God, we rejoice that you create us to praise you. Strengthen the voices and hands of all who prepare to celebrate Christ's birth with music, dancing, and proclamation, in worship and in the community. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Eternal God, we rejoice that all who die in Christ are raised to new life. We thank you for the lives of those who have prepared the way for us

and have now joined the great cloud of witnesses (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You hear the cries of our hearts, O Lord. Fill us with hopeful expectation, that in each day and hour we may love and serve our neighbors, in Jesus' name.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please be seated*

## **OFFERING**

Ushers will begin passing the offering plate.

Please rise as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Giver of every good thing,

**we set before you the gifts that you have already given to sustain our lives and to share with others. Help us to be good stewards of the earth and all that is in it, and let our lives be a testimony to the abundant feast you prepare for all who hunger. Amen**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### **BLESSING**

May God, who gathers us in love, lead you in pathways of righteousness and justice. May God, who knows us more deeply than we know ourselves, lead you in pathways of forgiveness and freedom. May God, who fills us with good things, lead you in pathways of equity and abundance. The blessing of the holy Trinity, † one God, be upon you and remain with you forever.

**Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN:**

**“People Look East”**

**#248 ELW**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Visitors! It has been great having you join us for worship!  
Please come again.**

## **SERVING THIS WEEK**

Music: Bethesda Adult Choir

Greeters: Wayne & Janice Olson

Ushers: Chuck & Elsa Carlson

Hospitality: Lynne & Denny Meidlinger

***Thank you for your service!***

### **Cantata Participants**

#### **Sopranos**

Carol Bakken

Mary Braun

Jeannine Bruesewitz

Carolyn Morris

Sherry Whipple

#### **Altos**

Val Benton

Char Berg

Darlene Christensen

Arty Heins

Laurina Tofteland

#### **Tenors**

Kathy Berland

Lee Forrester

Denny Meidlinger

Randy Tofteland

#### **Basses**

Jim Christensen

Steve Lackner

James Muske

Wally Swenson

**Rehearsal Pianist: Jeannine Bruesewitz & Arty Heins! Thank you!**

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

Response to God's Word Last Week (December 8, 2019)

Attendance: 8:30am - 59 10:00am - 28

**THIS WEEK at Bethesda****Dec. 16 thru Dec. 22, 2019**

Monday	12/16	10:00 am	Council Meeting
		11:30 pm	Pinochle
		7:00 pm	AA & Alanon
Tuesday	12/17	10:00 am	Pastor Text Study
Wednesday	12/18	8:00-Noon	WIC
		9:00 am	Bible Study
		10:00 am	Stitchers
		6:00 pm	Praise Choir
Thursday	12/19	8:00 am	Romeos
		10:00 am	Poinsettia Setup
		11:30 pm	Funtimers
Friday	12/20	10:00 am	Bone Builders
Sunday	12/22	9:00 am	Sunday Service – No Sunday School
		10:00 am	Multi-Media Congregational Meeting

**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 through-out 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 rest of this month and January, February, March and first week in April, 2020

**MAKE SOME PLANS FOR A GREAT SUMMER EVENT!** When you see your loved ones this holiday season, invite the kids ages 4 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade to Vacation Bible School June 15-19, 2020. Six graders and older are welcome as student leaders.

**MARGE GARBO** Marge's new mailing address is: 1514 Oakwood Ave, DeKalb, IL 60115.

**BLESSING BOX** We received \$127.67 in the Blessing Box last Sunday. Donations will go to Local Benevolence. Thank you! What a Blessing!

**TOGETHER HERE** The next meeting will be Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>. See bulletin board in the Narthex for more information.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

(CONTINUED)

**AUDREY KULLBERG** Audrey passed away peacefully on November 29th, in Minneapolis. Her wishes were to have a private, family service in the Twin Cities, which will occur near Christmas. She also wanted to thank all of her Bethesda friends with a simple remembrance during coffee hour and fellowship after a Sunday services. We hope to make this happen in January. Thank you for your prayers and love.

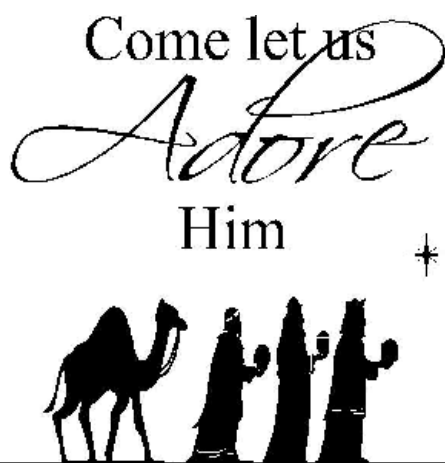
**NEED A GIFT IDEA?** Check out the display in the fellowship hall and consider ordering farm animals and other items from the ELCA or sponsor a child thru Lutheran Partners in Global Ministry.

**CHRISTMAS CARING & SHARING** Once again we are wondering if you know of a neighbor in need of a food / gas gift card this Christmas season. Our mission is supported by the veggie stand donations and individuals who designate their gifts to local needs. See the display in the Narthex.

**HYMN FEST** John Kozial, Jr. will be joining us on Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup> to perform a “Hymn Sing” for our Sunday service at 9:00am. The Congregation will be able to request their favorite holiday hymns for the service that day.

**CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATIONAL MEETING** will be held on Sunday, December 22, 2019, after the service to answer any additional questions or concerns you may have on the Multi-Media Expansion update included in the December Newsletter.

**FREE CHRISTMAS TREE** anyone interested in the 10 ft. tall Christmas tree that was previously in the sanctuary please see Dianne Jones.



## Christmas Worship Schedule

**Tuesday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> Candlelight Christmas Eve  
Service 3:30pm&5:00 pm**

**Wednesday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day Service  
10:00 am with Christmas Potluck following the  
service (ham has been donated). All are  
welcome!**



## On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es  
 2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the  
 3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge  
 4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us  
 5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent

that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,  
 way for God with - in, and let us all our  
 and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we  
 rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -  
 has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther

for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!  
 hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.  
 waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.  
 on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.  
 we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

# People, Look East

1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing  
2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is  
3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the  
4 An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new

of the year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble,  
plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,  
bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,  
life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming

trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look  
that in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look  
bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look  
with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look

east, and sing to - day— Love, the Guest, is on the way.  
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Rose, is on the way.  
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Star, is on the way.  
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Lord, is on the way.