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INCLUSION, SERVICE, COMMUNITY



DECEMBER 21, 2025

4TH SUNDAY IN ADVENT



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WORSHIP FULLY
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**Visiting today?
Welcome!**

December 21, 2025

Notes for Today's Services

We hope that you will be able to join with us in worship in person or through the livestream on the website templelutheran.org.

Because this is a livestreamed service, your likeness may be shown on Temple's YouTube channel and website.

HOLY COMMUNION - We welcome **ALL** to share in the meal of God's forgiveness, receiving the real presence of Christ in the sacrament. Children are welcome to fully participate in Holy Communion or to come forward and receive a blessing. Please return to your seat by the side aisle. If you are unable to come forward, please notify an usher and communion will be brought to you.

OFFERING - During today's service, an offering will be gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. At Temple Lutheran Church, we acknowledge financial stewardship to be an act of discipleship, done in response to the Good News of God's love. As you hear God's Word today and consider the ways God has blessed you, we invite you to share only what God is calling you to share. We thank you for your generous gifts and assure you that your donations will help to change lives as we transform church, our neighborhood, and God's world in the name of Jesus.

Please consider e-giving as a way to continue meeting your pledge to Temple. Please contact our Financial Secretary for information or the form to do this at finsecretary@templelutheran.org.

For more information about Temple Lutheran, visit our website or use this QR Code.





A WILD WEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

**Starring the Children of
Temple Lutheran**

A big, heartfelt tip of the hat to Jeanne Daniels, Mary Johansen, Michelle

Smith, Cristina Escobar, our rootin'-tootin' parents, Florrie Marks, and Pastor Tim for wranglin' together this here beautiful pageant. We couldn't have done it without y'all!

GOSPEL READING: LUKE 1:68-79

⁶⁸ “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.

⁶⁹ He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his child David,

⁷⁰ as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,

⁷¹ that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.

⁷² Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors and has remembered his holy covenant,

⁷³ the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us

⁷⁴ that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear.

⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness in his presence all our days.

⁷⁶ And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,

⁷⁷ to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.

⁷⁸ Because of the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us,

⁷⁹ to shine upon those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”



WELCOME UNCONDITIONALLY

**Welcome to Temple Lutheran Church of Havertown.
You are not alone.**

Each of us is a child of God, made in the image of God. Together, we create a diverse community of people who strive to share the love of Christ and to do God's work in the world. Jesus imposed no restrictions on who He welcomed at His table and neither do we. Our different experiences make us stronger together than separate. We value diversity of all kinds and invite you to join us as we learn more about God and strive to bring God's kingdom to all on this earth. We, the people of Temple Lutheran welcome all children of God – made in God's image – to join us in our work, no matter your race, your ethnicity, your sexual orientation, your gender identity or gender expression, your age, your status, your income, or your ability.

Temple Lutheran Church commits to anti-racism, anti-sexism, anti-genderism, anti-classism, and anti-ableism because of our love of Jesus Christ and his work in our world.

We are a **Reconciling in Christ Congregation**, which extends hospitality, support, encouragement, and full participation to all children of God who seek to join us in doing God's work.



These are our core values, our mission, and our vision:

Core Values: Inclusion, Community, Service

Mission: Welcome Unconditionally, Worship Fully, Live Generously, and Celebrate Growth

Vision: Transforming Church, Our Neighborhood, and God's World in the name of Jesus.



WORSHIP FULLY



A WILD WEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT December 21st - 10 AM Pageant

Today is the day! Saddle up for a wonderful reminder of the wonders of Christmas, western style, by the children of TLC!

Christmas Eve at



TEMPLE LUTHERAN CHURCH



4 PM

CHILDREN'S SERVICE

7:15 PM

HANDBELL PRELUDE

7:30 PM

CANDLELIT WORSHIP

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

December 24

Children's Service 4:00 PM

Handbell Prelude 7:15 PM

Candlelit Worship 7:30 PM

Celebrate the wonder of Christmas with us! Our 4:00 pm Children's Service invites families to rejoice together as children receive a piece of the nativity and help build the scene throughout the service. Our 7:30 pm Candlelit Service (with a Handbell Prelude at 7:15 pm) offers a beautiful, reflective evening with communion. All are welcome.



CONFIRMATION CLASS **December 21, 5:30-7:30 pm** **Dinner included**

Confirmation Class meets every 3rd
Sunday of the month at 5:30 pm.

MUSIC MINISTRIES



If you sing or play an instrument, we would love for you to share your talents with Temple Lutheran Church! Chancel Choir rehearses on Sundays, and Handbell Choir rehearsals are on Tuesdays! Please email our Director of Music Ministries, Florrie Marks, at music@templelutheran.org.

BIBLE STUDY



Every other Monday
12/29, 1/12, etc. from 7 – 8:30 pm
Conference Room

Come as you are and grow in faith with friends. Each week, we explore scripture together, ask questions, and discover how God's Word connects with our daily lives. Whether you're new to Bible study or have been part of many, there's a place for you at the table!

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION GROUP



Meets every other Monday
12/22, 1/5, etc. @ 7 pm

TLC's Spiritual Direction Group offers a welcoming space to listen, share, and grow in faith together.

New faces welcome anytime!

Questions? Rob Mannix @ robmannix@gmail.com.

ADULT EDUCATION AT CAFÉ



Sundays at 9 AM

Grab a cup of coffee and join us in the Café for Sunday Adult Education. Each week we'll gather for conversation, learning, and reflection. All are

welcome!



LIVE GENEROUSLY



Helping Calvin Heal



ADVENT GENEROSITY PROJECT - HELPING CALVIN HEAL

Join us as we honor Calvin and his 32+ years of dedicated service to our Temple Lutheran family. Help decorate our generosity Christmas tree with Calvin's signature straw hats in gratitude for the countless tasks Calvin tended to as our sexton. Your gift will be given to help Calvin with medical expenses throughout his recovery. Thank you for helping us celebrate a legacy built on kindness, craftsmanship, and faithful care.

SAVE THE DATE: January 11th, we will celebrate Calvin's 32+ years at TLC at worship with a luncheon following in Fellowship Hall!

BLANKET AND COAT DRIVE

Through January



Help us share warmth this winter!

Please bring freshly laundered blankets and coats you no longer need. Your generosity will make a big difference for neighbors in need. For more information see Greg Swindells.

TLC FOOD PANTRY



Saturday, December 27, 1-2:30 pm

TLC Food Pantry is open for in-person shopping every 4th Saturday of the month from 1-2:30 pm.

Needs: Dish Soap, Laundry Detergent, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Fruit/Applesauce (Cans or Plastic),

Canned Chicken and Tuna, Snack Items, Veggies, and Soup

no glass or expired items

HELP NEEDED WITH INVENTORY

We are looking for someone to bring in the items from the bin outside and label them 1 day a week. 3 days are open.

Please reach out to **Bridget McCormack** at bridget3mccormack@gmail.com if interested.

Monetary donations may be made by cash, check, or through PayPal at templelutheran.org/tlcfoodpantry. Please make note of TLC Food Pantry when giving by cash or check.

LIFE CENTER MEAL



January 13

Every 2nd Tuesday of each odd month, we deliver and serve a meal to residents at the Life Center in Upper Darby. Our next date will be in January, so sign up and let us know how you want to help. Thank you for your generosity!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4eaaae28a3fe3-life27>

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

January 26, 2-7 pm

Fellowship Hall

Sign up to give blood on January 26th in Fellowship Hall. Follow the signs to enter the doors to Café on Earlington Rd.

Contact Kristy Burko [at](mailto:kmburko@gmail.com)

kmburko@gmail.com or

Larry Passmore, LarryPassmore@gmail.com, for more information.



Scan to schedule an appointment.



CELEBRATE GROWTH



CONSECRATION SUNDAY

Thank you to everyone who was able to worship with us on Consecration Sunday! We continue to welcome estimate of giving cards for 2026, which help us to plan our annual budget for the Annual meeting (Jan. 25) vote.



TL4C YOUTH GROUP

Meetings

Temple Lutheran Church

Jan. 4, 5:30 pm – Middle Schoolers (1st Sunday of each month)

Jan. 11, 6:00 pm - High Schoolers (2nd Sunday of each month)

Youth in grades 6-12 are welcome to participate in TL4C. Led by Temple's Youth Minister Jenn Pruski, youth gather to build faith through service projects, games, dinners, and fun!

Email Jenn Pruski @ TL4CYouthLeader@gmail.com for more info!

ANNUAL MEETING

January 25, 11:30 AM

Fellowship Hall

Gather in Fellowship Hall after worship on Sunday, January 25th for TLC's Annual Congregational Meeting. We will enjoy a meal together and hear from Pastor Tim, our Council President Bernie Toth, and others as we

continue to live out our mission at Temple Lutheran to Welcome Unconditionally, Worship Fully, Live Generously, and Celebrate Growth! All confirmed youth are eligible to vote, so encourage them to participate in this important part of being a mission partner! Show up for fellowship, celebration, and voting!



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

For Healing and Encouragement: Paula Andrade, Paul Arata, Margaret Barger, Jack Byers, Mike Carr, Joan Clarke, Linda Cohen, Jane Corso, Bobbie Delaney, Gordon Dershimer, Declan Devlin, Julie Diehl, Donna, Diane Donnely, Jeanne Donofrio, Chase Doyle and Adam, Christie Ennis, Bill Faust, Shane Faust, Kristine Ferguson-Franklin, Michelle Filler, Lois Ann Forgress-Oler, Kelly Gallagher, Michael Gallagher Jr., Susan Gallagher and family, Roger Gasper, Todd Gasper, Evin Gerofsky, Thomas Gibson (Gibby), Roy Hallowell, Greg Hallquist, Florence Homer, Clay Isakson, Craig Jamgochian, Boyce Johnson, Em Johnston, Gina Kapusniak, Kailyn Kilfoyle, Kim Komar, Louis F. Lamoreux, Calvin Lawler, Jean Long, Lori Lutz, Madison Lynn, Susie Margarite and family, Salvino Marra, Janet Marinari, Tricia McGee, Wayne Meider, Lino Mescia, Cadence Monroe, Helen Neiser, Betty Pagan, Carmen Palacios, Tonya Parker, Pat Rhodes, Jeanne Santarsiero, Vivi Shea, Chris Smith, Clark Smith, Merry Snyder, Patricia Snyder, Karen Spangler, Derick Spence, Phil Strybuc, Gaetan Termini, Dick Torti, Steve and Sue Voccola, Lily Walker, Barbara Ward, Philip White, Linda Wilke, and Chloe Gorby Zarko.

GIVING TO TEMPLE

and God's world. Your contributions drastically affect the impact we can have on our community and beyond. It's because of your generosity that this is a growing, thriving, multi-generational community of people dedicated to living out our values of Inclusion, Service, and Community.

There are now many ways you can financially contribute regularly to TLC's Mission:

- Mail a check to the church office, 501 Brookline Blvd, Havertown, PA 19083
- Authorize payment through your bank
- Sign up for electronic giving with Celia Engman
- Questions? Contact [Celia Engman](#)
- Use this [PayPal link](#) or QR Code

Give Through PayPal



CALENDAR OF REGULAR MEETINGS

Mondays	7:00 p.m.	Spiritual Direction Group (12/22, 1/5, etc.)
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study (12/29, 1/12, etc.)
Tuesdays	7:15 p.m.	Handbell Choir
	8:30 p.m.	The Oakmont Group [AA Meeting]
Fridays	7:30 p.m.	I Am Responsible [AA meeting]
Saturdays	9:30 a.m.	Bryn Mawr Early Birds [AA meeting]
Sundays	9:00 a.m.	Adult Café
	8:15 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.	Worship
	11:15 a.m.	Chancel Choir

12-Step meetings are held regularly at the church, but not all of them are posted at the request of each group's leadership.

Please contact Pastor Tim if you have an addiction and need help.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December	14	TL4C High School
	15	Bible Study
	20	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal 4:30 PM
	20	Cookies, Cocktails, and Karaoke! 6 PM
	21	Christmas Pageant 10 AM
	21	Confirmation Class
	22	Spiritual Direction Group
	24	Christmas Eve Worship 4 & 7:30 PM
	25	Christmas Day!
	27	TLC Food Pantry Service Day
January	11	Celebrating Calvin Worship and Luncheon

Partners in Ministry

Ministers	People of Temple Lutheran Church
Pastor	The Rev. Timothy B. Johansen
Congregation Council President	Bernie Toth
Director of Music Ministries	Florrie Marks
Director of Discipleship	Rob Mannix
Parish Administrator	Darcy Mannion
Director of Sunday School	Jeanne Daniels
Youth Minister	Jennifer Pruski
Custodian	Delaney Mannion

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