



TEMPLE  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH

INCLUSION, SERVICE, COMMUNITY

The First  
Carols  
of  
Christmas

A Sermon Series  
beginning Nov. 27

TEMPLE  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH  
[www.templelutheran.org](http://www.templelutheran.org)

3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 11, 2022



501 Brookline Blvd,  
Havertown, PA 19083 —  
(610) 446-3270  
[www.templelutheran.org](http://www.templelutheran.org)

WELCOME UNCONDITIONALLY	WORSHIP FULLY
LIVE GENEROUSLY	CELEBRATE GROWTH

**Visiting today?  
Welcome!**

**December 11, 2022  
Notes for Today's Service**

**We hope that you will be able to join with us in worship in person or through the live streaming on the website [templelutheran.org](http://templelutheran.org).**

*Being 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. Please come forward to the communion rail by the center aisle maintaining a 3 feet distance. 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](mailto:finsecretary@templelutheran.org).*

## TODAY'S READING

### LUKE 1:57-79

<sup>57</sup>Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. <sup>58</sup>Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. <sup>59</sup>On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. <sup>60</sup>But his mother said, "No; he is to be called John." <sup>61</sup>They said to her, "None of your relatives has this name." <sup>62</sup>Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. <sup>63</sup>He asked for a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And all of them were amazed. <sup>64</sup>Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. <sup>65</sup>Fear came over all their neighbors, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. <sup>66</sup>All who heard them pondered them and said, "What then will this child become?" For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him. <sup>67</sup>Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke this prophecy: <sup>68</sup>"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them. <sup>69</sup>He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David, <sup>70</sup>as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, <sup>71</sup>that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. <sup>72</sup>Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, <sup>73</sup>the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us <sup>74</sup>that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, <sup>75</sup>in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. <sup>76</sup>And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, <sup>77</sup>to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. <sup>78</sup>By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, <sup>79</sup>to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

## ALTAR FLOWERS

In honor of the glory of God  
Flowers this week sponsored by Nancy Hallowell.



# WELCOME UNCONDITIONALLY

## CAFÉ

Have you noticed the deep divisions in American society as reflected in electoral politics and court judgments? In Café over the next few weeks the group will explore our Lutheran theological belief regarding the Two Kingdoms. The idea is that there is a kingdom of God and a kingdom of people. We will look at this in light of current debates of the separation of Church and State. Please join us as we struggle with our response to a hurting world. Come join friends in conversations.

Discussion and fellowship every Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

In Person (in the Café) or on Zoom.

[Adult Café Link](#)

## BOOK CLUB – Monday, January 9 7:30 PM



**The Women of the Bible Speak:  
The Wisdom of 16 Women and Their Lessons for  
Today** by Shannon Bream

If you would like a copy of a book but cannot afford it, please let Pastor Tim know!

Please join us on Monday, January 9 at 7:30 p.m. for great discussion and fellowship. We will be having the book club in person at Temple’s Café, with the option to Zoom in as well. Even if you haven't read the book, you are very welcome to join!

Meeting ID: 838 3646 6562 Passcode: BookClub

## MUSIC MINISTRY



Interested in being part of music at Temple Lutheran Church?

We have Chancel Choir, Handbell Choir, and Children’s Music.

**Beginners welcome!** Please contact our Director of Music Ministries, Florrie Marks, @ [music@templelutheran.org](mailto:music@templelutheran.org).



# WORSHIP FULLY

## SPONSORING ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers are a great way to beautify the sanctuary and remind your fellow worshipers of the new life that Jesus brings. They are also a great way to commemorate an event near a specific date, or honor/remember someone close to your heart. Select the week, enter the note you would like in the bulletin and pay through PayPal. The cost is \$42 per week. The florist will deliver a beautiful arrangement to the church. You can collect it after the 10:00 a.m. service or ask for it to be delivered to someone in the community going through a difficult time.



[Order Altar Flowers](#)

Questions: Contact the [TLC Office](#).

## MIDWEEK ADVENT CRAFT AND STUDY



6:30 pm Family Friendly Craft  
in Fellowship Hall

7:00 pm Advent Study in Café

*Pastor Tim providing a delicious  
holiday treat each week!*

**All are welcome!**

Wednesdays in Advent, Temple Lutheran Church welcomes you to midweek ministry with a craft, study, and treat.

(11/30 – Hot Chocolate Bar)

At 6:30 pm, we will gather in Fellowship Hall for a family friendly craft. We will move to Café at 7 pm for an Advent study which will begin and end with music and prayer. We will be looking at a reading from Psalms and a reflection from ELCA World Hunger (a ministry of our National Church that is transforming God's world in the name of Jesus).



# LIVE GENEROUSLY

## ADVENT GENEROSITY PROJECT



Help a family from Ukraine

The Tatarchuk-Gadzhaman family recently moved to Havertown from war-torn Ukraine. Olga and Alex are raising their three children and doing their best to assimilate while coping with the trauma of losing their home. Olga is trying to bring her parents, Igor and Elena, safely to the United States so that her children can be reunited with their grandparents. 100% of everything donated will go towards getting them set up with an apartment while they learn English and look for jobs in the U.S.

For every \$10 given to support this family, we will add another sunflower to our Christmas tree in the narthex in honor or in memory of someone special to you. Thank you for your generosity!

**\*\*\*An anonymous donor has offered to double the donations made to the Advent Generosity Project!\*\*\***

Thank you for Living Generously!

## LIFE CENTER MEAL

Tuesday, January 10

Life Center SignUp



The next date is January 10th! If you would like to cook, we need meatloaves and mac and cheese trays. Non baked items needed as well. More info on the SignUp Genius! Please label Life Center so we know to take it!

There is a **need for servers** so please see the signup genius below for ways to give of items and/or time.



**Thank you to all who brought gifts in for delivery to foster children in the area and women through Chester Eastside Ministries. We supplied gifts for 156 children and women!**

## POINSETTIAS



Adorn the Church in red for Christmas! Poinsettia plant orders will be due **December 14<sup>th</sup>**. Price per plant is \$7.50, and we ask you to pick them up after the Christmas Day worship or that following week. Remember to add In Memory/ In Celebration of note. You may order by

bulletin insert or by this link on our website <https://www.templelutheran.org/poinsettia-sale>.

[Order Poinsettias](#)

## GIVING TO TEMPLE

**Did you know** that Temple has doubled its' congregational giving in the last ten years? This drastically affects 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 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](#)

[PayPal Giving](#)

The Rev. Timothy Johansen,  
by calling (610) 446-3270  
or by emailing [pastor@templelutheran.org](mailto:pastor@templelutheran.org)  
Emergency Phone Number (610) 853-1736



# CELEBRATE GROWTH

## FOOD PANTRY SERVICE DAY



**\*DECEMBER 17\***

**3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in December**

**1-3 PM**

Our next day for providing food and necessities to those in need will be **December 17<sup>th</sup>** a week

earlier due to the Christmas holiday.

**Needs:** Peanut butter, canned fruit, detergent, snacks, and tomato products. To volunteer please email Bridget McCormack at [bmccormack29@gmail.com](mailto:bmccormack29@gmail.com).

## **TLC: Tender Loving Care**

### **Sharing words of inspiration and hope!**

We are excited to offer this blog as way to share God's presence in our lives and community.

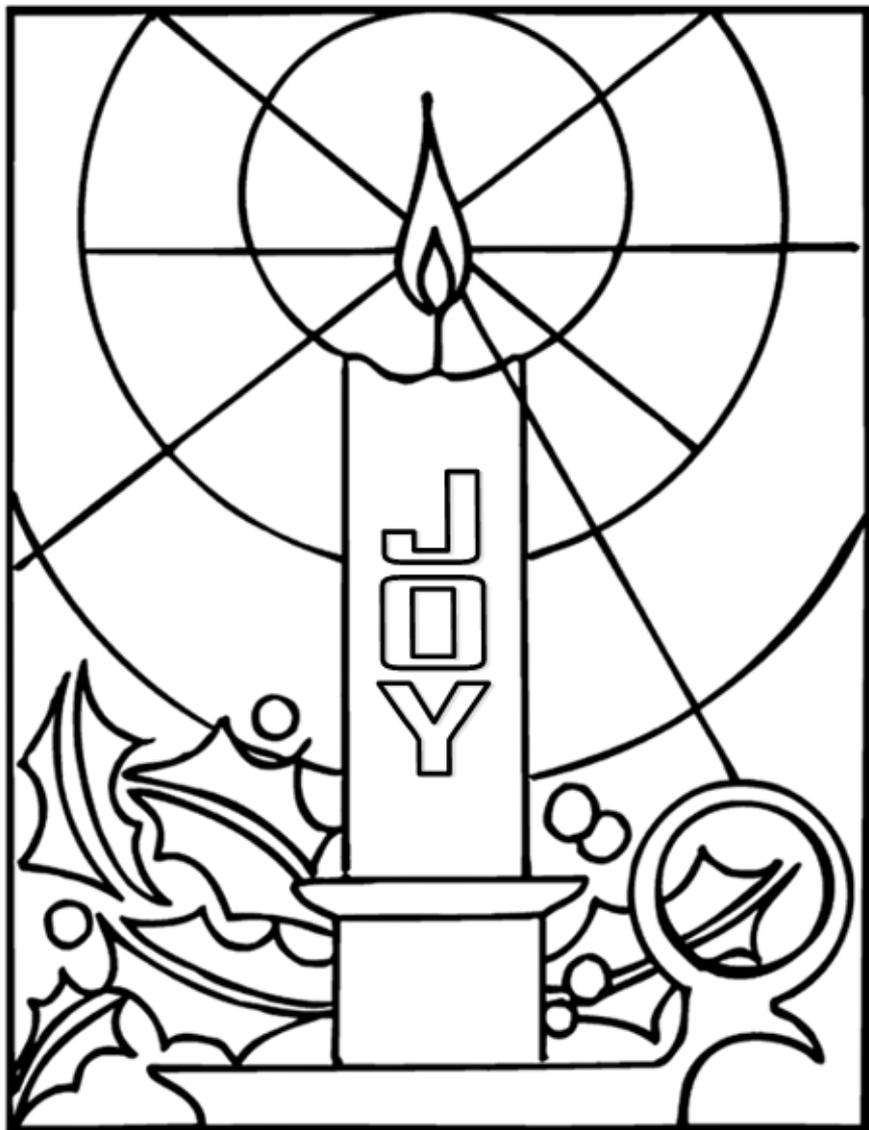
Perhaps you attended Café and were moved by the discussion. You spent time helping at the food pantry and witnessed a kindness that may move others. Something Pastor Tim shared in a sermon helped you to learn a new perspective. You have a recipe that has been passed down for generations and a story to go with it. Kids are welcome to share their stories as well! Please reach out to Lisa Schneller @ [lisaschneller23@gmail.com](mailto:lisaschneller23@gmail.com) to post on our blog.

TLC Blog

Another way to communicate the wonderful happenings of Temple Lutheran Church is to write an article for our monthly newsletter, **The Evangel**. We love to have articles written by all ages! Anyone who takes pictures at church events to send to the church office or to Eileen. Email articles and/or pictures to Eileen Keaveney [ekeaveney@yahoo.com](mailto:ekeaveney@yahoo.com).

TLC Evangel

# Third Sunday of Advent



# CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

December 18 10 am Christmas Pageant  
"The Best Present of All"



December 24 4 pm Christmas Eve Story Worship  
7 pm Christmas Eve Musical Celebration  
7:30 pm Christmas Eve Worship  
December 25 10 am Christmas Day Worship



## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

**For Healing and Encouragement:** Paul Arata, Brendan Bell, John Burd, Jack Byers, Mike Carr, Linda Clack, Joan Clarke, Family and Friends of William Codner, Sue Cook, Jane Corso, Cynthia Davis, Marge Davis, Bobbie Delaney, Gordon Dershimer, Declan Devlin, Diane Donnely, Chase Doyle and Adam, Mary England, Christie Ennis, Bill Faust, Shane Faust, Kristine Ferguson-Franklin, Michelle Filler, Lois Ann Forgress-Oler, Todd Gasper, Brian Hegarty, Roy Hallowell, Greg Hallquist, Family and Friends of Delores Harrison, Florence Homer, Amy Ingram, Cari Isakson, Craig Jamgochian, Dan Joseph, Gina Kapusniak, Kailyn Kilfoyle, Kim Komar, Louis F. Lamoreux, Jean Long, Leia Jean Louis, Madison Lynn, Kevin Mack, Janet Marinari, Wayne Meider, Lino Mescia, Audie Murphy, Helen Neiser, Betty Pagan, Carmen Palacios, Merry Snyder, Patricia Snyder, Karen Spangler, Benny Strain, Gaetan Termini, Dick Torti, Diana Valvardi, Lily Walker, Barbara Ward, Philip White, and Linda Wilke.

# CALENDAR OF REGULAR MEETINGS

Tuesdays	7:15 p.m.	Handbell Choir
	8:30 p.m.	AA Meeting
Friday	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.	Sunday School / Café
	9:40 a.m.	Children's Music
	10:00 a.m.	In-person, Live Streamed Worship
	11:30 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

<b>November</b>	<b>27</b>	Advent – The First Carols of Christmas worship series
<b>December</b>	<b>7</b>	Advent Midweek Series – 6:30 pm Craft, 7 pm Study
	<b>14</b>	Advent Midweek Series – 6:30 pm Craft, 7 pm Study
	<b>17</b>	Food Pantry Day 1-3 pm
	<b>17</b>	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal 4 pm – 6 pm
	<b>17</b>	<b>Cookies, Cocktails, and Karaoke! 6 – 8 PM</b>
	<b>18</b>	Christmas Pageant “The Best Present of All”
	<b>21</b>	Advent Midweek Series 6:30 pm Craft, 7 pm Study
	<b>24</b>	Christmas Eve Services 4 pm, 7 pm, 7:30 pm
	<b>25</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS!</b>

## Partners in Ministry

Ministers	People of Temple Lutheran Church
Pastor	The Rev. Timothy B. Johansen
Congregation Council President	Amanda Quillen
Director of Music Ministries	Florrie Marks
Director of Discipleship	Rob Mannix
Parish Administrator	Darcy Mannion
Director of Sunday School	Jeanne Daniels
Sexton	Calvin Lawler Sr.



*From Sundays and Seasons.com. Copyright 2021 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved.  
Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #20544.  
All other copyrighted materials used by permission by CCLI, License #1403394  
Augsburg Fortress license # 15109-HS and OneLicense # A-701173.*