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INCLUSION, SERVICE, COMMUNITY



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NOVEMBER 30, 2025

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CELEBRATE GROWTH

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**Visiting today?  
Welcome!**

**November 30, 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](http://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](mailto:finsecretary@templelutheran.org).

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



## LESSON READING: ISAIAH 9:2-7

A reading from Isaiah, chapter 9.

- <sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light has shined.
- <sup>3</sup> You have multiplied exultation;  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.
- <sup>4</sup> For the yoke of their burden  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
- <sup>5</sup> For all the boots of the tramping warriors  
and all the garments rolled in blood  
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
- <sup>6</sup> For a child has been born for us,  
a son given to us;  
authority rests upon his shoulders,  
and he is named  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
- <sup>7</sup> Great will be his authority,  
and there shall be endless peace  
for the throne of David and his kingdom.  
He will establish and uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time onward and forevermore.  
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

### **Need to contact the Pastor?**

The Rev. Timothy Johansen,  
by calling (610) 446-3270  
or by emailing [pastor@templelutheran.org](mailto:pastor@templelutheran.org)  
Emergency Phone Number (516)592-0412



# 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, 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

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

**December 20<sup>th</sup> – 4:30 PM Dress Rehearsal**

**December 21<sup>st</sup> – 10:00 AM Pageant**



If your child is interested in being part of the Christmas pageant this year, we hope that you will bring them to practice during worship each Sunday leading up to the pageant on December 21<sup>st</sup>. There will be a Pageant Dress Rehearsal from 4:30-6 pm on Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, followed by our annual Cookies, Cocktails, and Karaoke!



## 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. All are welcome.

## POINSETTIAS



Help brighten our sanctuary for Christmas Eve with poinsettias!

You can place an order by filling out the bulletin insert (\$8) or by visiting [templelutheran.org/poinsettias](http://templelutheran.org/poinsettias) (\$8.50). Please remember to indicate whether your gift is in honor or in memory of someone, and include their name.

Orders are due by **December 14**.



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

Confirmation Class meets every 3<sup>rd</sup>  
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](mailto:music@templelutheran.org).

## **SPIRITUAL DIRECTION GROUP**



**Meets every other Monday**  
**12/8, 12/22, 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](mailto:robmannix@gmail.com).

## **BIBLE STUDY**



**Every other Monday**  
**12/1, 12/15, 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!

## **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



## CHESTER EASTSIDE MINISTRIES

Take a bag from the narthex, fill it, and bring it back to church by **December 7** to be delivered to women at Chester Eastside Ministries in time for Christmas.

Inside each bag is a list of toiletries and examples of items to fill.



## FAIR ACRES GERIATRIC CENTER

Gifts are due **Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>** for blessing during worship and delivery to Fair Acres. Please follow the instructions included in your envelope.

## 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.



## 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 assist Calvin in his recovery and can be used however it will best support his needs. Thank you for helping us celebrate a legacy built on kindness, craftsmanship, and faithful care.

## TLC FOOD PANTRY



**Saturday, December 27, 1-2:30 pm**

TLC Food Pantry is open for in-person shopping every 4<sup>th</sup> 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\***

Please reach out to **Bridget McCormack** if interested in being part of this ministry. Monetary donations may be made by cash, check, or through PayPal at [templelutheran.org/tlcfoodpantry](http://templelutheran.org/tlcfoodpantry). Please make note of TLC Food Pantry when giving by cash or check.

## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

**January 26, 2-7 pm**

**Fellowship Hall**

Sign up to give blood on January 26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:kmburko@gmail.com) or

Larry Passmore, [LarryPassmore@gmail.com](mailto:LarryPassmore@gmail.com), for more information.



Scan to schedule an appointment.

## LIFE CENTER MEAL



**January 13**

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> 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>





# 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 in December

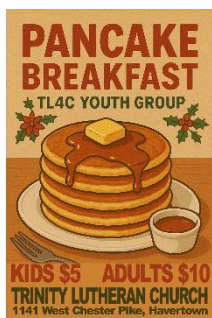
**@ Temple Lutheran Church, 5:30 pm**

**December 7** - Middle Schoolers (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month)

**December 14** - High Schoolers (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month)

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

Email Jenn Pruski @ [TL4CYouthLeader@gmail.com](mailto:TL4CYouthLeader@gmail.com) for more info!



## TL4C YOUTH GROUP

**December 6, 9-11 am**

**Trinity Lutheran Church**

**1141 West Chester Pike, Havertown**

**Kids \$5, Adults \$10**

Join us for a festive Pancake Breakfast hosted by the TL4C Youth Group! Enjoy a delicious morning together, complete with fluffy pancakes, Christmas cheer, and a special visit from Santa.

Bring family and friends for a warm and joyful start to the season!



## Cookies, Cocktails, and Karaoke

Saturday, December 20th at 6pm



Join us for this free, family-friendly community event! Enjoy cookie decorating, karaoke, and refreshments. Bring a Christmas treat or appetizer to share if you'd like.

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## 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, Diane Donnelly, Jeanne Donofrio, Chase Doyle and Adam, Christie Ennis, Bill Faust, Shane Faust, Kristine Ferguson-Franklin, Michelle Filler, Lois Ann Forgess-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, Wayne Meider, Lino Mescia, Cadence Monroe, Helen Neiser, Betty Pagan, Carmen Palacios, Tonya Parker, Pat Rhodes, Jeanne Santarsiero, Vivi Shea, Tom Shiffer, 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



## CALENDAR OF REGULAR MEETINGS

Mondays	7:00 p.m.	Spiritual Direction Group (12/8, 12/22, etc.)
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study (12/1, 12/15, 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

<b>November</b>	<b>30</b>	The Light Still Shines Sermon Series Begins
<b>December</b>	<b>1, 15</b>	Bible Study
	<b>6</b>	TL4C Pancake Breakfast @ Trinity Lutheran 9-11am
	<b>7</b>	TL4C Middle School
	<b>8, 22</b>	Spiritual Direction Group
	<b>14</b>	TL4C High School
	<b>20</b>	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal 4:30 PM
	<b>20</b>	<b>Cookies, Cocktails, and Karaoke! 6 PM</b>
	<b>21</b>	<b>Christmas Pageant 10 AM</b>
	<b>24</b>	<b>Christmas Eve Worship 4 &amp; 7:30 PM</b>
	<b>25</b>	<b>Christmas Day!</b>
	<b>27</b>	TLC Food Pantry Service Day

## 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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