

HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED...

THE  
*Prince of Peace.*

ISAIAH 9:6



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*Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church  
Christmas Program  
Sunday, December 7, 2025  
10:15 AM*

## INTRODUCTION

*At the heart of our Advent preparation stands John the Baptist, who calls us to repent and make a new beginning. As the darkness increases we turn toward the approaching light of Christ. For Christians he is the root of Jesse, the righteous judge who welcomes all, especially the poor and meek of the earth. We wait with hope for that day when the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and there will be no more hurt or destruction. From the Lord's table we are sent in the spirit of John the Baptist to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of God has come near.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRELUDE

## ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

### HYMN 240

*Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah*  
verses one & two

**TIF IN VELDELE**



- 1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 3 Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 4 Light four can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra-el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.  
He shall feed the flock like a shep-herd, gent - ly lead them home-ward.  
Lift your heads and lift high the gate-way for the King of glo - ry.  
He is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be shin - ing!

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Music: TIF IN VELDELE, Yiddish folk tune  
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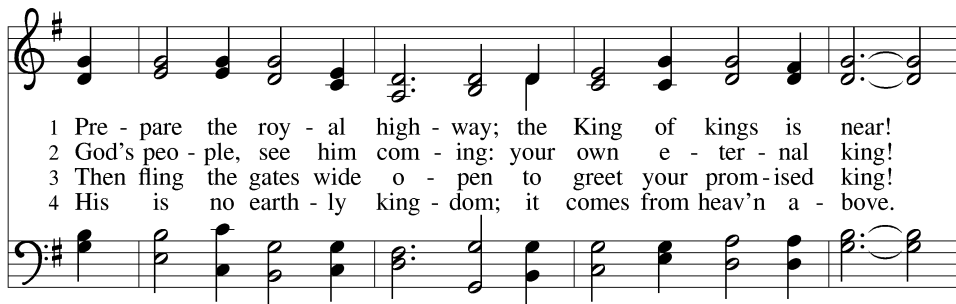
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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

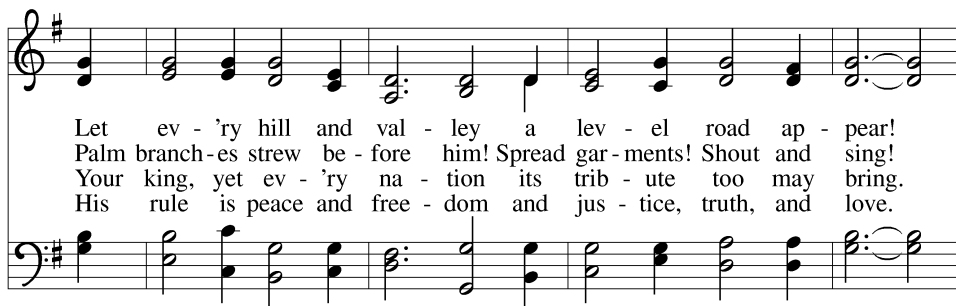
Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!  
 2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!  
 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!  
 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.

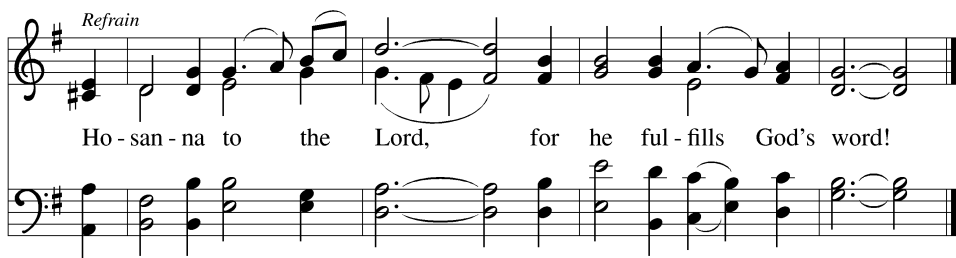


Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!  
 Palm branch-es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!  
 Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.  
 His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:  
 God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!  
 All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:  
 So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

*Refrain*



Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

# SERMON

## "Babushka Christmas"

*Written by Rebekah Bouye & Carol Busbee*

**SCENE 1**     *Babushka at Home*

**SCENE 2**     *The Littlest Angel takes the first candle of Advent to the manger.*  
**Congregation Sings O Come All Ye Faithful - verse 1**

### SCENE 3 *Animals*

**SCENE 4**     *The Littlest Angel takes the second candle of Advent to the manger.*  
**Congregation sings O Come All Ye Faithful - verse 2**

**SCENE 5**      *The Wisemen Begin Their Journey*

**SCENE 6**      *Birth of Jesus Foretold*

**SOLO** *Be Born in Me*  
**Roxanne Rich**

## Francesca Battistelli

**SCENE 7**     *Mary and Joseph Arrive at the Inn*

**SCENE 8**     *The Littlest Angel takes the third candle to the manger.*  
**Congregation sings O Come All Ye Faithful - verse 3**

**SCENE 9**     *Baby Present*

**ANTHEM** *Away In A Manger*  
**Nursery Department**

James R. Murray

**SCENE 10**    *The Littlest Angel takes the fourth candle to the manger*  
**Congregation sings O Come All Ye Faithful - verse 4**

**SCENE 11**     *Angels!*

**VOLUNTARY**      *Angels We Have Heard On High*  
**Jenny Wright, Piano**

# GLORIA

**SCENE 12**     *Babushka Visits the King*

Please note - hymn will be sung during the production

# HYMN 283

## O Come, All Ye Faithful

## ADESTE FIDELES



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O  
2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,  
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;  
sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!  
Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!



come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:  
Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!  
Glo - ry to God . . . the . . . high - est:  
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:



*Refrain*  
Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,  
O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,




ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.  
O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

# OFFERING

## HYMN 267

### *Joy to the World*

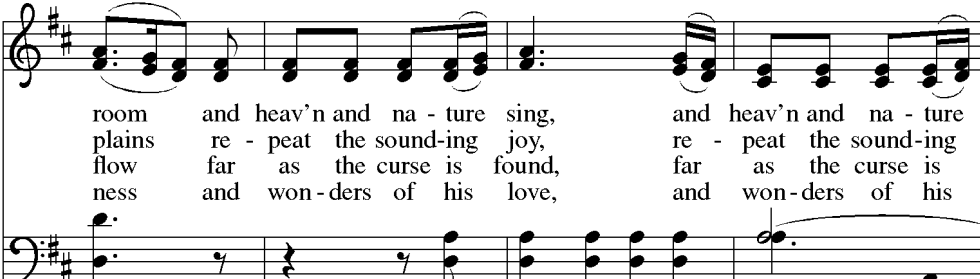
## ANTIOCH



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -  
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their  
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the



ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him  
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings  
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -



room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture  
 plains re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat the sound-ing  
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and



sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.  
 heav'n and na - ture sing,

## REMARKS

Pastor Wade Roof

## LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



Today's Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in Honor of Charlie Sharpe. A righteous man walks in his integrity; His children are blessed after him." Proverbs 20:7. Todd and I, along with our families and friends, are so BLESSED by this man!

Help me wish Charlie a very HAPPY 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on December 10<sup>th</sup>!

Daddy, you are so LOVED!! Your Family!

Today's Advent Wreath is given to the Glory of God and in honor of all our family & friends and in memory of Thomas Hazlett Stork, Jr. and all of our loved ones who have gone before us by Tom and Carol Stork.



### ***Worship Assistants***

<i>Lector</i> .....	<i>Vaughn Hall</i>
<i>Greeter</i> .....	<i>Youth</i>
<i>Ushers</i> .....	<i>Youth</i>

During this second week of Advent, we reflect on our lives and focus on becoming better versions of ourselves in preparation for Jesus' coming. We remember the journey Joseph and Mary took from Nazareth to Bethlehem.

*What has your journey toward Christmas been like so far?*

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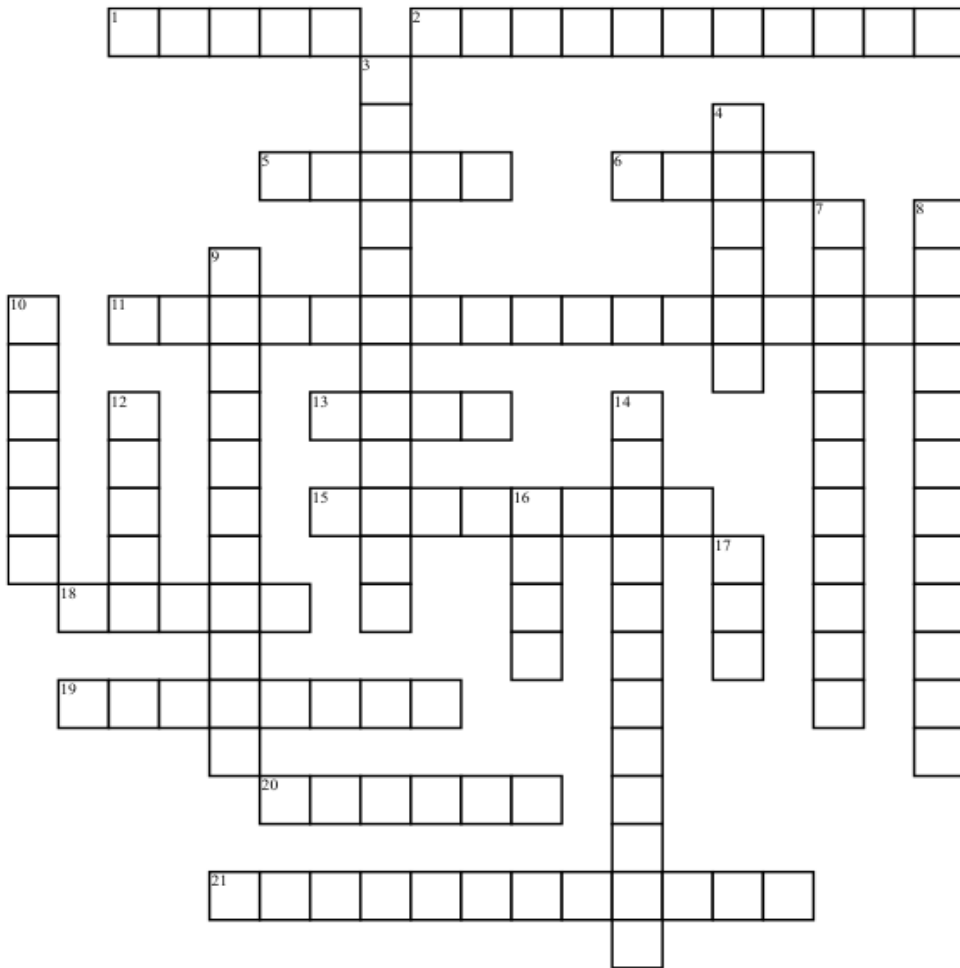
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# The Players

Babushka	Finn Evans	Nursery Department	Stanton Moye
Wiseman 1	Beau Wright	& Sheep	Garrett Skorzewski
Wiseman 2	Mattox Fleming		Natalie Kleber
Wiseman 3	Stan-Lee Rybicki		Silas Rybicki
Camel	Reed Glass		Arwynn Glance
Old Donkey	Foster Rich		Austin Parker
Young Donkey	Flora Evans		Allison Hostetter
Lamb	Antonio Lyons		Hazel Emogene Baney
Rooster	Barbara Popkowski	Shepherds	Paxton Goings
Goat	Emma Lyons		Blakely Goings
Cow	Maggie Mae Michael	Crew	Jensen Redmond
Shepherd	Baker Morris		Tammy O'Quinn
Innkeeper	John Allan Cothran		Carol Busbee
Elizabeth	Lizzie Brown		Tom Smith
Mary	Ashlynn Busbee		Sally Kleber
Pig	Georgia Popkowski		Ruth Goldsmith
Dove	Tilly Phillips		Randy Klapman
Innkeeper's Wife	Augusta Anderson		Elizabeth Klapman
Gabriel	Scarlet Rybicki		Wendy Spainhour
Mouse	Court Morris		Rebekah Bouye
Joseph	Marshall Neeley		Sarah Rybicki
Angels	Emily Sippel		Brennen Hutto
	KateLynn Parker		Linda Spainhour
	Margaret Raye Flora	Music	Jenny Wright
Littlest Angel	Charleigh Davis		Kevin Davis
Nursery Department	Gavin Goings		Roxanne Rich
& Sheep	Graham Matthews	Narrator	Vaughn Hall
	MJ Witcher	Lighting	Brooklyn Glass
	Bryce Finley	Sound	Burns Roof
	Della Phillips		

# Advent Crossword Puzzle



## Across

1. On Christmas we celebrate the birth of.....
2. The Advent wreath is a symbol of.....for the coming of Christ
5. Every human being is loved by god and has dignity and.....
6. Advent begins.....Sundays before December 25.
11. ....is a sequence of specific seasons and feasts that are celebrated in the liturgy during a year's time.

13. On Christmas, we receive gifts, a custom that may have started in remembrance of the....from the East who brought gifts to the infants Jesus.

15. What month does Advent begin in?

18. The color for Christmas is.....

19. Jesus is the.....

20. What season does the liturgical year begin in?

21. When is Jesus born?

## Down

3. The vigil mass takes place on.....

4. The color of Advent is.....

7. On the....of December Jesus was born.

8. During the 4 weeks of Advent we prepare to celebrate the.....

9. Christmas is a time to..... with thankfulness in our hearts

10. ....is the father of Jesus

12. At Christmas we celebrate the great..... that each one of us is loved by God

14. The Christmas season begins with the.....

16. ....is the mother of Jesus.

17. The color of Christmas [white] is a symbol of.....



**Welcome to Mt. Tabor.** We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us today! If you are a visitor, please fill out and return the attendance card in your pew rack so we may have a record of your attendance. Our ushers and greeters will be glad to answer any questions you may have about our worship service. We hope that you will experience the presence of the Risen Christ today!

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**Lord Teach Us To Pray:**

*As God's people called to love one another, let us pray for the following members of our church family, who celebrate the anniversary of their baptism this week:* Karen Foley, Shawna Busbee, Acy Flora, Gavin Carrion, Lynda Mason, Thomas Tuten, Marielle Downing, Aubrey Horton, Rachel Hunnicutt, Kevin Bozard, Andrew Hamson, Lucky Jones, Norma McKinley, Brittany Smoak, Mary Katherine King, Burns Roof, Sandy Dennis, Becky Newman, McKenna Cassella, Kenlee Cassella.

**Most Recent Prayer Concerns:**

Addie Wilkerson Pinner, Dennis Rybicki, Jr., Liliana Stork, Natalie Cook  
Karen Holton, Barbara Raulerson

**Ongoing Prayer Concerns:**

Jana Payne, Grace Kelly, Carolyn Dufries, Pastor Lavaughn Keisler, John Conrad, Linda Price, Bruce Merchant, Al & Judy Jordan, Luther Swicegood, Sandra Baker, Alice Pollock, Jimmy Williams, Mona Myers, Sadie Howard, Elmer Sundlie, Emma Lou Easley, Paul Addy, Paul & Jeanie Jacobs, Pastor Jerry & Janice Livingston

**Family & Loved Ones of Mt. Tabor:**

Judy Lazarzyk, Bobby LoVine, Robbie Burgess, Ronnie Boland, Tonia Boland, Andy Rauch, Peggy Roessler, Sherwood Williams, John Bailey, John Sharpe, Bishop Ginny Aebischer, Bobby Brown, Steve Blake, Zach Wash, Jack Hayde, Barbara Antley, Ty Arlet, Bill Baney, Tyler Corbitt, Eddie Porter, David "Bubba" Martin, Jr., Kimberly Chapman, Nancy Waugh, Emily Waugh, Sam Waugh, Laura Ann Merrill, Johnny Smith, Anne Moyer

**Members of Mt. Tabor Serving in the Military:**

Adam Davis, Samuel Davis, Scott Hash, Alex Morris

**Family and Loved Ones Serving in the Military:**

Cory Fabian, Zachery Gayden, Josh Watson, Jacob Henry Burgan, Caleb Neff

**The Family Of:**

Otis Amick, Fred Fetner

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***Worship Leaders***

*Rev. Wade T. Roof, III, Senior Pastor*

*Rev. Rus Stilwell, Pastor of Visitation*

*Mr. Kevin Davis, Director of Music*