



## ***“Lead Me Back to Bethlehem”***

*Beaver Valley Christmas Cantata  
By Pepper Choplin*



*Directed by Shelly Berg  
Accompanied by Gingi Hanson*

### **Musicians:**

#### Soprano:

Janet Andersen  
Emily Muller  
Sarah Rust  
Lesley Schoolcraft  
Tricia Steen  
Ruth Tieszen

#### Alto:

Georgia Backer  
Sylvia Benson  
Sue Johannsen  
Linda Hengeveld  
Susan Kruse  
Kathy Reisenweber  
Amy Johnson

#### Baritone:

Denis Andersen  
Doug Anderson  
Rick Bonander  
Lyndon Severtson  
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Rodney Lowe



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*Welcome! We are glad you are with us today!!*

*“If you do not have a church home, you are welcome here. If you would like to become a member, contact any member or the church office.”*

**Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024; 9:30 am**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome / Announcements / Sharing of Peace**

#### **Opening Hymn**

*Hark, the Glad Sound*

ELW #239

### **Apostolic Greeting**

### **Call to Worship**

P: We come from a world of darkness

**C: Into Christ’s world of light.**

P: We come from a world of weariness

**C: Into God’s strength and hope.**

P: We come from a slumbering world.

**C: Strengthened by the Spirit, we come to awaken our souls and wait for the Night of the Father’s Love.**

### **Prayer of the Day (All)**

**Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

### **Children Light the Advent Candle – The Bethlehem Candle**

**Hymn of the Day** *Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah* ELW #240 (Vss. 1 & 2)

## First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

Tricia Steen

<sup>1</sup> See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>2</sup> But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; <sup>3</sup> he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. <sup>4</sup> Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

## Gospel Acclamation

*All Earth is Hopeful*

ELW #266 (Vs. 2)

## Holy Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

*(Response after the announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.**)*

<sup>1</sup> In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, <sup>2</sup> during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup> He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, <sup>4</sup> as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.

<sup>5</sup> Every valley shall be filled,  
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,  
and the crooked shall be made straight,  
and the rough ways made smooth;

<sup>6</sup> and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

*(Response after the conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.**)*

## Children's Message

Brittany Gerovac

## Offering

*(The children's offering basket will be on the front steps of the church so that they can in yet another way feel involved in Sunday worship)*



## Offertory Hymn

*Prepare the Royal Highway*

ELW #264

## Prayer

### The Lord's Prayer

### Christmas Cantata

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Performed by Adult Choir members of Beaver Valley Lutheran Church

### Cantata Songs

*Come, Emmanuel!*

*Fear Not, the Lord is with You*

*Lead Me Back to Bethlehem*

*Come Down to Bethlehem*

*Treasures of the Heart*

*Frankincense, Myrrh, and Gold*

*You Are Lord*

*Angels We Have Heard on High!*

### The Benediction

### Three-fold Amen

### Sending

P: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

