



**YES, ALL KINGS SHALL
FALL DOWN BEFORE HIM;
ALL NATIONS
SHALL SERVE HIM.**

PSALM 72:11

***2nd Sunday in Advent
December 4, 2016***

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. for Advent and Sundays 8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Holy Communion: 1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays

Becky Lanzito & Karen Leicht - Organists, Ann Souza - Music Director,

Mandi Stilson – Choir/New Music Accompanist

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

We are pleased you chose to be with us in worship today, and pray the Lord blesses you as he has blessed us with your presence. Our goal is to help people find the right place for them to hear God's word and serve His mission. We'd love to support you in that spiritual journey. Please take a moment to complete an attendance card and place it in the Offering plate or give to an usher. This card will help us connect with you.

HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper is celebrated according to the Lutheran Confessions based on the teaching Jesus gave his disciples and us that he is truly present in this meal. Confident that our sins are forgiven, we experience our oneness with him and each other as he gathers us at his table. His true body and blood, given and shed for us, we share in this meal as he invites in Matthew 26:26-28, "Take and eat; this is My Body ... This is My Blood..." Baptized Christians sharing these beliefs are invited to receive Communion. All others are invited to the altar rail for a blessing. Wine can be taken by common chalice, individual cup, or by dipping your wafer into the chalice. Please address questions to the Elders or the Pastor. ***Non-alcoholic wine is in purple-colored cups.***

NURSERY

We have two rooms available for your use. When the service is in the sanctuary, the nursery is down the hall just past the restrooms. If the service is held in the gym, the nursery is in the youth room at the far end of the gym.

SERVING TODAY

8:00 a.m.

10:45 a.m.

<i>Elder:</i>	Mike Bandman	<i>Randy Gifford</i>
<i>Comm/Asst. Elder:</i>	Paul DeLassus	<i>Paul DeLassus</i>
<i>Acolytes:</i>	Sam Squires, Jeremy Leicht	<i>Jessica Chudy</i>
<i>Ushers:</i>	JJ Jones, Don Heidlauf, Tom Schultz	<i>John Schultz, Lance Rasmussen</i>
<i>Lay Readers:</i>	Ted & Margie Tatgenhorst	<i>Pat Rasmussen, Karla Stewart</i>
<i>Greeters:</i>	Mary Kay Anderson, Brazda Family	<i>Norm Balliet, Joan Blasko</i>
<i>Fellowship:</i>	Sanders & Schill Families	
<i>Dec. Altar Guild:</i>	Kathy Schwartz	Sheila Bunnell
<i>Dec. Counters:</i>	David & Cheryl Ross	

TODAY'S FLOWERS ARE PROVIDED BY:

The Olson family in memory of Gayle's parents, Eugene and Elaine Puetz and Dawn Werfelmann to the Glory of God.

THE LITURGY FROM THE LETTER TO THE HEBREWS

This service carries the themes of Advent using words drawn from the New Testament Letter to the Hebrews—the Hebrew Christians who welcomed Jesus as Messiah.

Opening Hymn

The Advent of Our King

LSB 331



1 The ad - vent of our King Our prayers must now em - ploy,
2 The ev - er - last - ing Son In - car - nate deigns to be,
3 O Zi - on's daugh - ter, rise To meet your low - ly King,
4 As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come a - gain



And we must hymns of wel - come sing In strains of ho - ly joy.
Him - self a ser - vant's form puts on To set His ser - vants free.
Nor let your faith - less heart de - spise The peace He comes to bring.
And His true mem - bers all u - nite With Him in heav'n to reign.

- 5 Before the dawning day
Let sin's dark deeds be gone,
The sinful self be put away,
The new self now put on.
- 6 All glory to the Son,
Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one
Through all eternity.

Invocation and Greeting

P: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Grace be with all of you.

Hebrews 13:25

C: And also with you.

P: In a very little while, the One who is coming will come and will not delay. *Heb. 10:37*

Christ has appeared once for all at the end of the age
to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself.

Hebrews 9:26

C: I will put my trust in him.

Hebrews 2:13

P: Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Hebrews 13:8

C: I will put my trust in him.

P: I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters.

C: In the midst of the congregation I will praise you. Amen.

Hebrews 2:12

Confession of Sin

P: Brothers and sisters, we have come to Mount Zion Hebrews 12:22-24
and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem,
and to innumerable angels in festal gathering,
and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven,
and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,
and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant,
and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.
Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens,
Jesus, the Son of God,
let us hold fast to our confession.
For we do not have a high priest
who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses
but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are,
yet without sin.
Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness,
so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Heb. 4:14-16

Silence for meditation on our need for Christ's forgiveness.

Absolution (Forgiveness)

P: The Holy Spirit says, Hebrews 10:15-17
“This is the covenant that I will make with them
after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts,
and I will write them on their minds,”
and, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”
Your sins are forgiven
in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen. Christ has appeared once for all at the end of the age
to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself.**

Hebrews 9:26

I will put my trust in him. Amen.

Hebrews 2:13

Greeting and Collect (Prayer of the Day)

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Old Testament Canticle (sung three times)

from LSB # 261

Refrain



The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

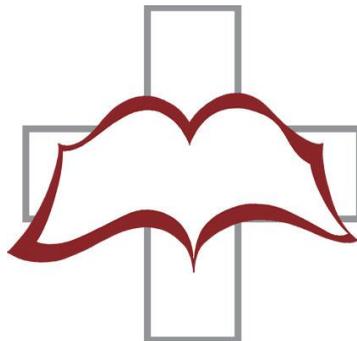
Psalm Reading

Psalm 72:1-7 (ESV)

- ¹Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the royal son!
- ²May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice!
- ³Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness!
- ⁴May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the children of the needy,
and crush the oppressor!
- ⁵May they fear you while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!
- ⁶May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth!
- ⁷In his days may the righteous flourish,
and peace abound, till the moon be no more!

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



Anthem**“Waiting for a King”****Adult Choir**

- Use the anthem’s music and words to help you to meditate on God’s Word and His truth for you today. Maintain this as meditative time.

Verse 1

Waiting for a King
 When will He come
 Waiting for a King
 God’s holy One
 Will the world be ready
 Is His advent near
 Waiting for a King
 When will He appear

God’s only Son
 Will the world receive Him
 Will He stand alone
 Waiting for a King
 To come and take His throne

Eyes will be opened (2x)
 They will know the Lord

Verse 3

Waiting for a king
 Ruling in might
 Waiting for a king
 To shine in our night
 Will the world be ready
 When He comes to stay
 Waiting for a King
 Will this be the day

Verse 2

Waiting for a King
 When will He come
 Waiting for a King

Bridge

In the fullness of time
 The Prince of Peace will come
 The promised Messiah
 God’s chosen One
 For those who are righteous
 Hope will be restored
 Their eyes will be opened

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New Testament Reading**Romans 15:4–13 (ESV)**

⁴For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

⁸For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God’s truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name.”

¹⁰And again it is said,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.”

¹¹And again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him.”

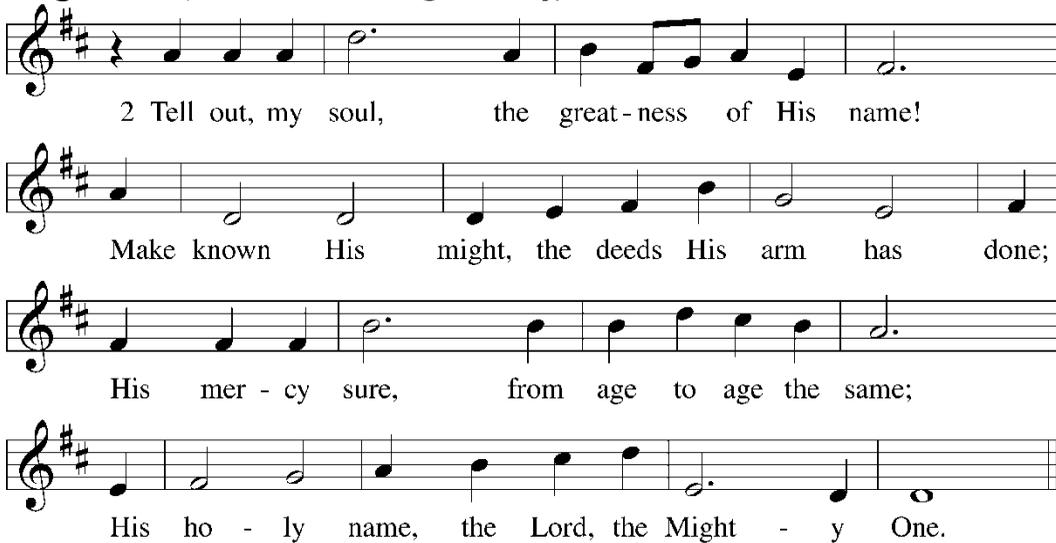
¹²And again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope.”

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Magnificat (based on the Song of Mary) Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord LSB 935, st. 2



2 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of His name!
Make known His might, the deeds His arm has done;
His mer-cy sure, from age to age the same;
His ho-ly name, the Lord, the Might-y One.

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Gospel Declaration

P: Long ago in many and various ways

God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

C: But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.

P: He is the reflection of God’s glory

and the exact imprint of God’s very being,

C: and he sustains all things by his powerful word.

P: When he had made purification for sins,

C: he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high. Amen.

Hebrews 1:1-3

Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:1–12 (ESV)

¹In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea,

²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” ³For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.’”

⁴Now John wore a garment of camel’s hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

⁸Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹And do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. C: *Thanks be to God.*

Hymn of the Day

Jesus Shall Reign

LSB 832



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun Does its suc -
2 To Him shall end - less prayer be made, And end - less
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue Dwell on His
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er He reigns: The pris - 'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring Hon - ors pe -



ces - sive jour - neys run; His king - dom stretch from
prais - es crown His head; His name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song; And in - fant voic - es
leap, un - loose their chains, The wea - ry find e -
cu - liar to our King; An - gels de - scend with



shore to shore Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise With ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim Their ear - ly bless - ings on His name.
ter - nal rest, And all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, And earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Offering & Prayer Requests

In addition to the prayer requests already received, Pastor will pause here to see if there are additional requests. Prayers can be thanksgivings, joy, requests for yourself, or requests for others.

Offertory (based on the Song of Mary) *Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord* LSB 935, st. 1
Sung as our Offerings are brought forward to the Altar



I Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord!



Un - num - bered bless - ings, give my spir - it voice;



Ten - der to me the prom - ise of His Word;



In God my Sav - ior shall my heart re - joice.

Prayers

P: In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.
Brothers and sisters, let us pray to the God of peace.

Hebrews 5:7
Hebrews 13:20

The Lord's Supper: What We Believe

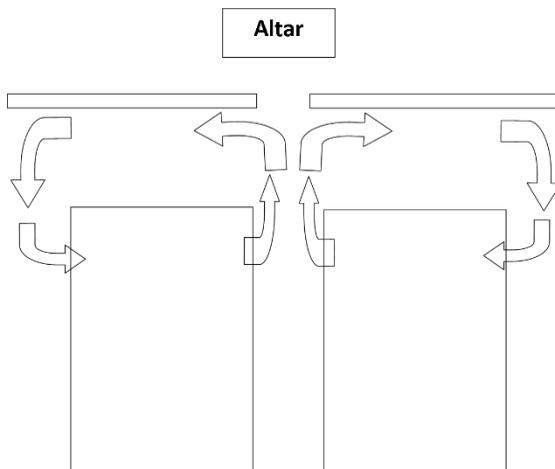
All Christians who are baptized and have been instructed are invited to receive Communion with us if you believe as we do—that the bread is the body of Christ, and the wine is the blood of Christ, truly present for us for the forgiveness of our sins.

If this is a new teaching to you, or if this is different than you believe, we ask that you wait to commune until we've had a further chance to talk. We invite those who are not communing to come to the rail, cross your arms, and receive a blessing from the Lord.



Communion Distribution

- Pastor distributes the bread, and the Elders distribute the wine—with individual cups or common cup. The individual trays also contain alcohol-removed wine in the center of each tray in the purple cups.
- Each side will be ushered from the center aisle to the communion rail, row by row, starting with the front.
- Go to the rail on your side of the sanctuary, filling in starting with the outside wall towards the center.
- Once you have received the elements, you may remain at the rail for prayer and leave at your own pace.
- Return to your seat using the outside aisle.
- Use the distribution time to prepare yourself for communion, sing the hymns as prayers to God, and maintain this as meditative time.



Preparation for the Lord's Supper

P: Brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful.

Hebrews 10:19-23

Grace be with all of you.

Hebrews 13:25

C: *And also with you.*

Proper Preface (Prayer)

P: Let us pray. It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name.

C: *Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

All: 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.

Words of Institution

Pax Domini (The Peace of the Lord)

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: *And also with you.*

(We greet one another in peace saying "God's peace" or "The Lord be with you.")



1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; To His feet your
 2 Praise Him for His grace and fa - vor To His peo - ple
 3 Fa - ther - like He tends and spares us; Well our fee - ble
 4 An - gels, help us to a - dore Him; You be - hold Him



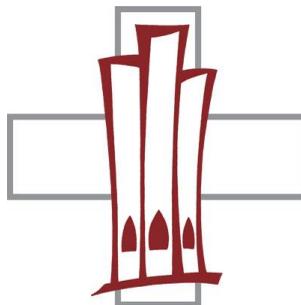
trib - ute bring; Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
 in dis - tress; Praise Him still the same as ev - er,
 frame He knows; In His hand He gent - ly bears us,
 face to face; Sun and moon, bow down be - fore Him,



Ev - er - more His prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia,
 Slow to chide and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia,
 Res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia,
 All who dwell in time and space. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
 al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in His faith - ful - ness.
 al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet His mer - cy flows.
 al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.



Second Distribution Hymn**Hark the Glad Sound**

LSB 349



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior
 2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's
 3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come



prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a
 bond - age held. The gates of brass be - fore Him
 soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His
 shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es



throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.
 burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.
 grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.
 ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

Common Dismissal

P: Now may this true body and true blood of our Lord...

C: Amen.**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

P: Father, we have tasted the goodness of Your Word. We have tasted and seen Your salvation that comes to us by Your Son, through His body and blood we have received at Your altar. The Good News has come to us, and we praise You from Your dwelling place. We praise You as we go this day. We ask that You will strengthen us in faith in this Good News. In the Name of Jesus, we pray.

C: Amen.*Hebrews 6:5, 4:2***Benediction**

P: Now may the God of peace,
 who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus,
 the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant,
 make you complete in everything good so that you may do his will,
 working in you that which is pleasing in his sight,
 through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. *Hebrews 13:20-21*

C: Amen.



1 Lift up your heads, you ev - er - last - ing doors,
 2 Who is this King of great and glo - rious fame?
 3 Who may as - cend Mount Zi - on's ho - ly hill
 4 "Wor - thy is Christ!" The Lamb who once was slain



And weep no more! O Zi - on's daugh - ter, sing,
 What is His name? Lord God of Sab - a - oth,
 To do God's will? The One whose un - stained hands
 Now lives to reign. He rules our earth - ly ways



To greet your com - ing King; Now wave the vic - tor's
 Of whom the proph - ets wrote, Whose cho - sen, hum - ble
 Can meet the Law's de - mands, Whose pu - ri - ty with -
 As Lord of An - cient Days— O join the end - less



palm And sing the an - cient psalm: "Lift up your
 steed De - clares Him king in - deed! Ho - san - na,
 in Re - veals One free from sin. Come, praise this
 song Sung by the ran - somed throng: "Wor - thy is



heads, you ev - er - last - ing gates!" Your King a - waits!
 Lord! Mes - si - ah, come and save From sin and grave.
 King who claims the cross as throne— Praise Him a - lone!
 Christ!" The Lamb be praised a - gain! A - men! A - men!

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Announcements



C.O.O.L. Holiday Food Baskets **Deadline is next Sunday, December 11**

The C.O.O.L. Food Pantries are getting ready for the thousands of people in Lake County who will come to the pantries seeking food assistance for the Christmas holiday.

This holiday season we are offering two ways to feed our families:

1. Holiday Gift Baskets are available for a low price of \$20.00. Donations can be placed in the offering with checks made out to Bethel and "C.O.O.L. Holiday Basket" marked in the memo.
2. For those of you who prefer to do your own shopping, there is a list of holiday food items on the Hub.

Non-perishable food donations may be dropped in the plastic container under the sanctuary coat rack. If you have perishables, contact C.O.O.L. at 847-662-1230 to schedule a drop off. The C.O.O.L. Food Pantries have plenty of refrigerator and freezer space to store frozen meat.



Bernie's Blessings ***Coat/Blanket Collection*** **Deadline is December 18**



We will again be collecting coats and blankets for Bernie to distribute on the streets of Chicago on Christmas Eve. For over 20 years the people of Bethel have donated many, many coats and blankets that are given to the homeless who are out in the cold and bad weather. Bernie shares the love of Christ with them while providing them warmth.

If you see a good deal on a new coat, we would gladly accept it. Blankets of all kinds will also be accepted. Place items in the fellowship hall.

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Children's Christmas Worship Celebration

Our Sunday School children will be leading worship
Sunday, **December 11** at 4:00 pm.

They will be telling the Christmas story through singing,
ringing and words. This year's presentation is titled:

"Jesus Means Christmas to Me."

Contact Ann Souza with any questions or concerns:
singng4him@sbcglobal.net or 847-336-0520.

The children will have another practice on Saturday, **December 10:**

9:30 a.m. - instrumental prelude students

10:00 a.m. - all children preschoolers through 8th graders