



St. Luke's Lutheran Church



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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

December 24, 2023 – 4:00 PM

*Rev. Michael J. Schmidt, Sr. Pastor
Gretchen Hartsook, Director of Music*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS SERVICE

WELCOME

We are glad you are here to worship our Savior with us. Please remember to turn your cell phone to silence. Restrooms are on the west side of the sanctuary. Prayer requests can be submitted to the church office through email, office@stlukesmanhattan.org, or by calling 785-539-2604. On Communion Sundays, if you need non-gluten wafers at communion, or need to have communion brought to you, please notify the elder who is serving. We hope you will join us again so that you may experience Jesus.

AS WE GATHER

Merry Christmas! Jesus is born!

IMAGE ON THE COVER

⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

– Luke 2:7

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Please use this time to prepare your hearts for coming into the presence of Jesus.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

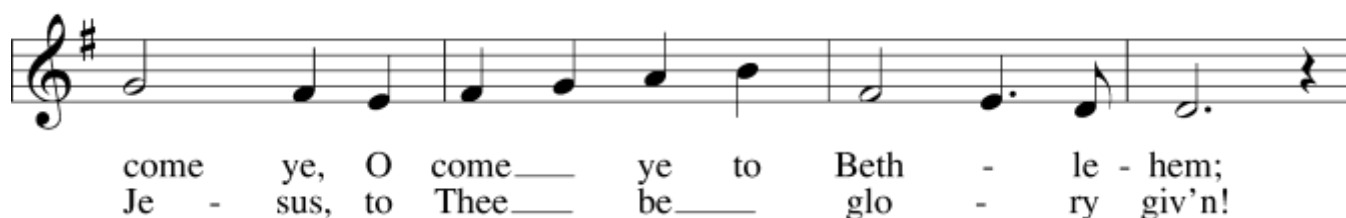
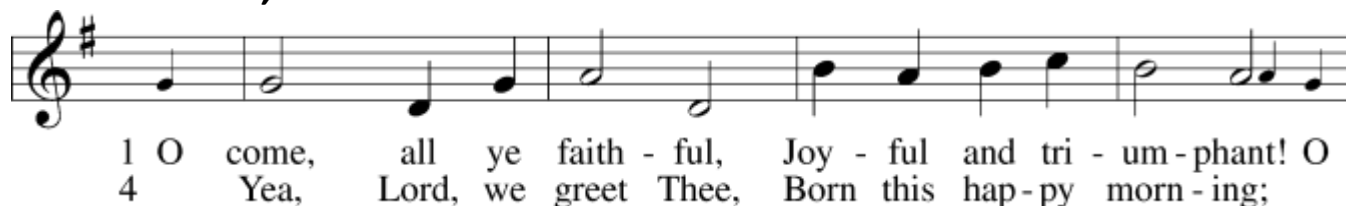
WELCOME

✂ PREPARATION ✂

OPENING CAROL

379 O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

sts. 1 & 4



Refrain



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Stand

The sign of the cross ✝ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING

P Jesus Christ was born

C To save us from our sin!

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

P Jesus, we come before you and worship you. But Lord, we know that we are unworthy of you. You are holy; we are not. You are love; we have failed to love those around us. Forgive us. We know that you came ...

C To save us from our sin.

P Because of Jesus, because the babe in a manger eventually died on a cross to pay for our sin, we are forgiven. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *[John 20:19-23]*

C Amen.

CAROL

367 ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY

sts. 1 & 2

1 An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er
2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your
all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing,
Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth.
Yon - der shines the In - fant Light.
Refrain
Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship;
Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

P Dear Father in heaven, thank you for the Gift of Christmas – Jesus, Your Son! With angels, we sing your praises. With the shepherds, we tell others what you have done for us. And with Mary, we ponder these things in our heart. In Jesus name, we pray.

C Amen.

Sit

CAROL

THE FIRST NOEL

The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel.

✕WORD✕

1ST GOSPEL READING – Luke 2:1-5

¹In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.

P Jesus Christ was born,
C To save us from our sin!

CAROL

361 O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

sts. 1 & 4



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!
4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep The si - lent stars go by;
Cast out our sin, and en - ter in, Be born in us to - day.



Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing light.
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad tid - ings tell;



The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.
O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Im - man - u - el!

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2nd GOSPEL READING – Luke 2:6-7

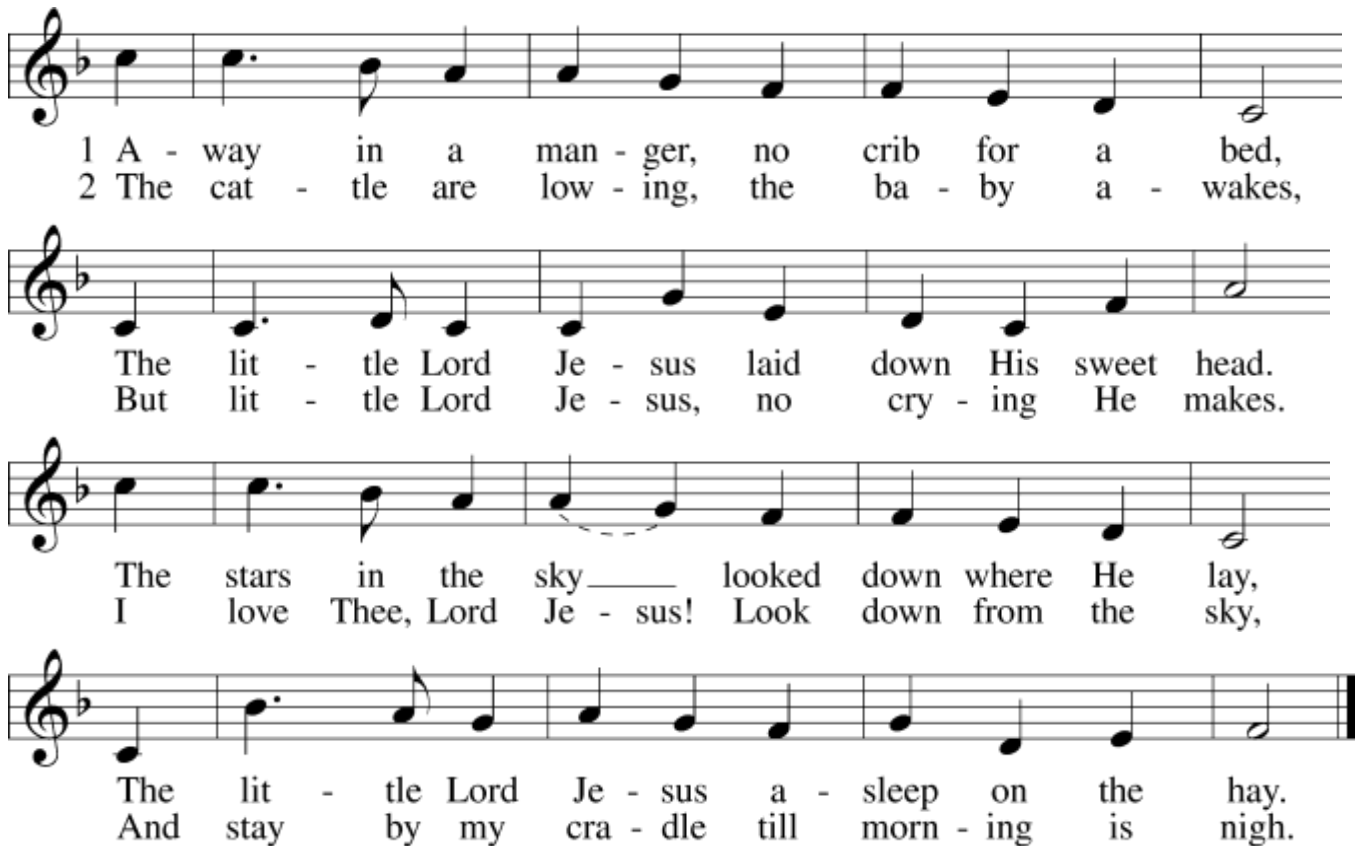
⁶And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

- P** Jesus Christ was born,
- C** To save us from our sin!

CAROL

364 AWAY IN A MANGER

sts. 1 & 2



1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,
2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down His sweet head.
But lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes.
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
I love Thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,
The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
And stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.

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3rd GOSPEL READING – Luke 2:8-12

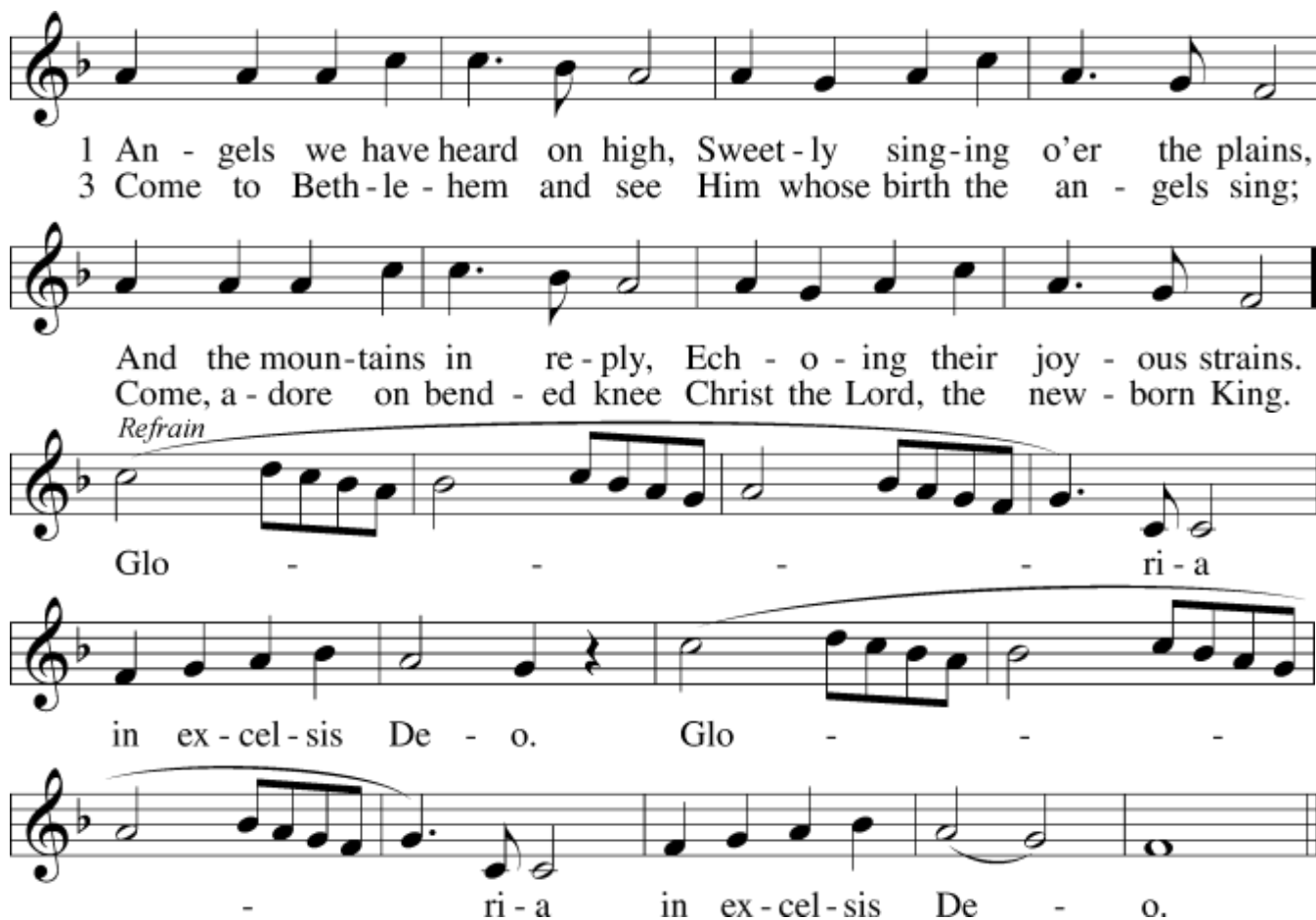
⁸And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹²And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”

- P** Jesus Christ was born,
- C** To save us from our sin!

CAROL

368 ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

sts. 1 & 3



1 An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;

And the moun - tains in re - ply, Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.

Refrain

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -

- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

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Stand

4th GOSPEL READING – Luke 2:13-14

P ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

C ¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

P Jesus Christ was born,

C To save us from our sin!

CAROL

380 HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

sts. 1 & 2



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,



Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
Late in time be - hold Him come, Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God - head see, Hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty!



With the an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Pleased as Man with man to dwell, Je - sus, our Im - man - u - el!



Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King!"

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Sit

5th GOSPEL READING – Luke 2:15-18

¹⁵When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them.

P Jesus Christ was born,
C To save us from our sin!

CAROL - 370 WHAT CHILD IS THIS

sts. 1 & 2

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mar - y's lap is
2 Why lies He in such mean es-tate Where ox and ass are
sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet While
feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The
shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is
si - lent Word is plead - ing. Nails, spear shall
Christ the king, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mar - y!
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the son of Mar - y!

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6th GOSPEL READING – Luke 2:19-20

¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

P Jesus Christ was born,
C To save us from our sin!

CAROL


388 GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

sts. 1 & 2

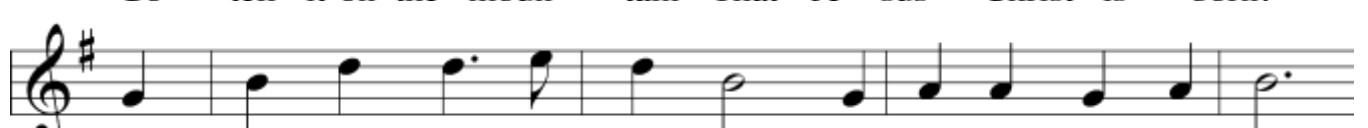
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Go tell it on the moun - tain, O-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;



Go tell it on the moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born!



1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing O'er si - lent flocks by night,
2 The shep-herds feared and trem - bled When lo, a - bove the earth



Refrain

Be - hold, through - out the heav - ens There shone a ho - ly light.
Rang out the an - gel cho - rus That hailed our Sav - ior's birth.

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“Star of Wonder”
By Cynthia A. Hinkle

OFFERING

Luke 2:12 – “And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” Truly, as St. Paul said, He who was rich for our sakes became poor, for behold the King who must be laid in a manger, no crib for His bed! There in the manger is the very picture of self-giving generosity.

OFFERING

There are several ways to give.

1. **A basket** is available in the narthex as you exit.
2. Please **send** your offerings to
St. Luke’s Lutheran Church
4801 Anderson Avenue
Manhattan, KS 66503
3. Give through our **website**:
<https://stlukesmanhattan.org/about-us/financial-support/>
4. **Electronic Funds Transfer** - Sign up through the church office.

SONG – “Happy Birthday to You” (Jesus)

Stand

APOSTLES' CREED

P We confess our faith together, using the words of the Apostles' Creed,

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✝ everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

P Lord Jesus, we praise You tonight and throughout the year because you came ...

C To save us from our sin!

P Lord Jesus, we thank you for becoming a human being ...

C To save us from our sin!

P Lord Jesus, let our lives be a witness to your goodness to us, for we know that you came...

C To save us from our sin!

P Lord Jesus, bring to faith those who do not know you, so that they also may rejoice in the fact that you came ...

C **To save us from our sin!**

P In Jesus' name, we pray.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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

C **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**

CANDLELIGHTS

Flameless candles will be distributed. Please screw in the bottom securely to turn the light on.

CAROL

363 SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT

sts. 1–3

1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,
all is bright Round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
at the sight; Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
love's pure light Ra - diant beams from Thy ho - ly face
Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, Sleep in heav - en - ly
Heav'n - ly hosts sing, Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is
With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy
peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
birth, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.

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RESPONSIVE READING

- P** Jesus Christ was born
C To save us from our sin!

BENEDICTION

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.
C Amen.

CAROL

387 JOY TO THE WORLD *sts. 1, 4*

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her
4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions
King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him
prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -
room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
ness And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His
sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

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POSTLUDE

Merry Christmas!

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Please continue to greet the people around you as you exit the Sanctuary.

Please return the flameless candle in the narthex.

Please join us for
birthday cake (and other refreshments)
and a gift bag and balloon for the children.