

December 7, 2025

Sunday Worship

As for Me and My House

Welcome, Announcements, & Call to Worship

Christmas Day

The First Noel

O Come All You Unfaithful

Bethany Family Prayer

Sermon: Zechariah's Song

Remember Him

Communion

Benediction & Compassion Offering

Highlights

Compassion Offering

Our monthly compassion offering collection is after our services this week. This isn't part of our regular tithes—this is something special we do to express Christ's love by meeting needs within our church, our community, and around the world. The compassion fund is overseen by our elders and benevolence team. You can contribute by visiting bethanycentral.org/compassion or by giving to the Compassion Fund after the service—look for ushers holding special offering baskets as you exit.

Holiday Services Schedule

Check out our upcoming holiday services schedule.
Special Christmas Eve Service: Wednesday, December 24th, 4pm. No child care provided.
Combined Worship Services: Sunday, December 21st and Sunday, December 28th will each be a single service at 9:30 am. We will also not have Sunday School or Children's church but nursery is available (0-2yrs).

Christmas Night of Worship

Sunday, December 7th, 6:00 pm

Celebrate the joy of Christmas and the incredible gift of Jesus at our Christmas Night of Worship! Enjoy an evening filled with carols, Christmas classics, and beloved songs that help us reflect on the gift of our precious Savior, Jesus. Stay afterward for a time of dessert and fellowship with festive treats.

Announcements & Events

Staff Christmas Gift

The elders are collecting gifts to express our love and appreciation for our pastors & staff at this special time of year. Envelopes are available at the welcome tables or give by going to bethanycentral.org/staffgift.

GO Trip: New York City - Info Meeting

Dec. 14 (12:15 PM) & Dec. 17 (6:00 PM) | The Gathering Rm

For those interested in or praying about joining our Summer 2026 Global Outreach trip to New York City, there will be an information meeting on Sunday, December 14th, after second service in the Gathering Room. This is a great opportunity to ask questions, learn more, and apply if you are ready to join the team. A second meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 17th, at 6:00 PM. Each meeting will last approximately 30 minutes.

Wednesday Activities: Holiday Schedule

Please take note that all Wednesday night activities will be paused for three weeks—December 17, December 24, and December 31. Awana and Youth Group will resume on January 7. On that evening, Youth Group will meet off-site from 6:00–8:00 PM at Elevate in Peoria. Students who plan to jump will need a signed waiver and \$12 to participate.

The Table & The Anvil: Small Gatherings, Real Connection

The Table (for women) and The Anvil (for men) are small gatherings designed to help you build community and share life together. These are small group gatherings hosted by people from our church, happening at various times and locations to fit your schedule. Each gathering is unique. Whether you're eating a meal together or enjoying a fun activity together, it's a chance to meet new people and enjoy genuine fellowship. Visit bethanycentral.org/gatherings to browse all available gatherings and sign up!

BEST Lunch and Learn

Monday, December 15th, 11:00 am

Join us for our next BEST Lunch as we enjoy Christmas Carols and Classics with the Bethany Brass! Come celebrate the season with beautiful music and warm fellowship. You can RSVP at bethanycentral.org/best or by calling the church office at 309.692.1755.

Zechariah's Song

Dr. Ritch Boerckel • Luke 1:57-80

Zechariah Unveils Four Wonders About God

Wonder #1: God speaks _____ to inform our worship.

Wonder #2: God gives _____ to move us to worship.

Wonder #3: God proclaims _____ to prepare us for worship.

Wonder #4: God sends His _____ to infuse joy into worship.