



*Welcome to
Worship at Bethel*

*Sunday, December 3, 2023
First Sunday of Advent*

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*“A Family in Christ;
Moved by His Spirit;
Sharing His Love.”*

*: Please stand if you are able.
LBW: Lutheran Book of Worship (green)
WOV: With One Voice (blue)

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: *THE PROPHET'S CANDLE*

RESPONSIVE READING

I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.

In you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.

The Lord will make you a house when your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors,

I will establish his kingdom and the throne of his kingdom forever.

Comfort, O comfort my people says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord.

Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up,

And every mountain and hill be made low;

The uneven ground shall become level

And the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all people shall see it together. **For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.**

"Light One Candle"

*GATHERING HYMN

LBW # 34

"Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel" 1,4,5

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

LBW p.77

*HYMN OF MERCY

"I'd Rather Have Jesus"

*PRAYER OF THE DAY: **Stir up Your power, Lord Christ, and come. By Your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of Your new day, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Pew Bible page 680

Isaiah 64:1-9

PSALM

Pew Bible page 529

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth

before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.

Stir up your might, and come to save us!

Restore us, O God;

let your face shine, that we may be saved.

O LORD God of hosts,

how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

You have fed them with the bread of tears,

and given them tears to drink in full measure.

You make us the scorn of our neighbors;

our enemies laugh among themselves.

Restore us, O God of hosts;

let your face shine, that we may be saved.

But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,

the one whom you made strong for yourself.

Then we will never turn back from you;

give us life, and we will call on your name.

Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;

let your face shine, that we may be saved.

SECOND LESSON

Pew Bible page 1038

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

*GOSPEL VERSE

“Alleluia”

*GOSPEL

Pew Bible page 925

Mark 13:24-37

The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON HYMN

LBW # 25

“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”

SERMON

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HOLY BAPTISM

LBW p. 121

Eleanor Heuer

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy....**hear our prayer**

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

OFFERING

WOV # 741

“Thy Holy Wings”

***OFFERING PRAYER**

God our provider, by Your merciful hand abundance springs up from the earth. Receive and bless these gifts of Your own bounty. Let them be a sign of Your steadfast love and faithfulness for all people, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

COMMUNION

LBW p. 89

**Word's of Institution, *Lord's Prayer, Distribution*

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.

COMMUNION HYMNS

“He Will Come and Save You”

***COMMUNION BLESSING**

Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Generous God, in bread and cup You have revealed Your glory for all people to see together. Nourished by this meal, send us out to proclaim Your good news of liberation and release, brought to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

***BLESSING:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon 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.**

***SENDING HYMN**

WOV # 795

“Oh, Sing to the Lord” v.1,3,5

Please join us on Wednesday, December 6 for a mid-week Advent service at 12 noon, with a potluck lunch following at 12:30.