

**\*SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

*“My Lord, What a Morning”*

WOV # 627

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

**Nourishing God, You are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert. Through this meal, satisfy our parched places, that we may rejoice and be for the world signs of Your kingdom come. Amen.**

**COMMUNION**

LBW p. 89

\*Word's of Institution, \*Lord's Prayer, Distribution  
(Wine is a light pink, grape juice is a dark purple.)

**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 HYMN**

LBW # 41

*“O Little Town of Bethlehem”*

**\*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**

**God our host, at this table You have fed us with joy and gladness. Send us forth, eager to share the feast, welcome the stranger, and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

**\*BLESSING**

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. May 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**

*“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”*

LBW # 55



*Welcome to  
Worship at Bethel*

*Sunday, December 7, 2025  
Second 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 BETHLEHEM CANDLE*

NARRATION

RESPONSIVE READING

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah,

**from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel.**

Whose origin is from of old,  
**from ancient days.**

Where is he who is born king of the Jews?

**In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet.**

Joseph went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem,

**because he was descended from the house of David.**

Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place,

**which the Lord has made known to us.**

*"Light One Candle"*

\*GATHERING HYMN WOV # 633

*"Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn"*

\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS LBW p.77

\*HYMN OF MERCY  
*"Praise the Name of Jesus"*

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way of Your only Son. By His coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON Pew Bible page 627

Isaiah 11:1-10

PSALM Pew Bible page 522

Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19

Give the king your justice, O God,  
**and your righteousness to a king's son.**

May he judge your people with righteousness,  
**and your poor with justice.**

May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,  
**and the hills, in righteousness.**

May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,  
**give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.**

May he live while the sun endures,  
**and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.**

May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,  
**like showers that water the earth.**

In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound,  
**until the moon is no more.**

Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,  
**who alone does wondrous things.**

Blessed be his glorious name forever;  
**may his glory fill the whole earth. Amen and Amen.**

SECOND LESSON Pew Bible page 1035

Romans 15:4-13

\*GOSPEL VERSE  
*"Alleluia"*

\*GOSPEL Pew Bible page 878

Matthew 3:1-12

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

SERMON HYMN LBW # 36

*"On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry"*

SERMON Rev. Mark Kindem

\*NICENE CREED LBW p. 85

\*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  
Lord, in Your mercy,  
**hear our prayer**