

***OFFERING PRAYER**

God of glory, great are Your wonders among us and many are the blessings You bestow. Use us and these Your gifts for the needs of the world, that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in Your saving grace, through Christ our Savior. Amen.

COMMUNION

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*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 # 54

"It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

***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**

Incarnate God, You are among us at this table. May we treasure this gift and ponder in our hearts the mystery of Your presence. Move us to discover the wonders of Your love in the everyday moments of our lives, through Christ born in us. 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**

LBW # 70

"Go Tell It On the Mountain"



*Welcome to
Worship at Bethel*

*Sunday, December 28, 2025
First Sunday of Christmas*

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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

*INVOCATION

"In the Name of the Father"

*GATHERING HYMN

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"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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*HYMN OF MERCY

"Bless His Holy Name"

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, You wonderfully created and yet more wonderfully restored the dignity of human nature. In Your mercy, let us share the divine life of Jesus Christ who came to share our humanity, and who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

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Isaiah 63:7-9

PSALM

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Psalms 148

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his host!

Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars!

Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for he commanded and they were created.

He established them forever and ever;
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

Praise the LORD from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps,

fire and hail, snow and frost,
stormy wind fulfilling his command!

Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!

Wild animals and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds!

Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!

Young men and women alike,
old and young together!

Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; **his glory is above earth and heaven.**

He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful,
for the people of Israel who are close to him.
Praise the LORD!

SECOND LESSON

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Hebrews 2:10-18

*GOSPEL VERSE

"Alleluia"

*GOSPEL

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Matthew 2:13-23

The Gospel of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON HYMN

LBW # 59

"When Christmas Morn Is Dawning"

SERMON

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*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING

"Upon a Strange and Awesome Night"