

OFFERTORY: "We Are an Offering" ELW, #692

HOLY COMMUNION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today 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.**

SONGS DURING COMMUNION:

"Holy, Holy, Holy" ELW, #473

"Here Is Bread" ELW, #483

"You Are Mine" ELW, #581

POST COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" ELW, #254

CORPORATE PRAYER:

"Into Your hands we commit our lives. Into Your hands we commit Your church."

GO IN PEACE

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Worship Team for today:

Presider: Pastor Barb Lemke

Pianist: Mila Khmeleva **Hymnists:** Patsy Lohmer & Joy Faciane

Reader: Jon Lohmer **Greeter:**

Usher: Richard Richmond, Marv & Ev Kelley **Communion Asst.:** &

Screen/Sound: Travis Kleven **Video FaceBook & YouTube:** Debbie Diedrich

Sunday Worship Service



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First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2023

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SUNDAY WORSHIP
December 3, 2023
9:30 A.M.

PRELUDE: Mila Khmeleva

GATHERING: “All Who Are Thirsty”
“Lord Let My Heart Be Good Soil” ELW, #512

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CORPORATE PRAYER:
“Into Your hands we commit our lives. Into Your hands we commit Your church.”

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS ELW, pp. 94–96

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH *see insert*

OPENING HYMN: “Rejoice, Rejoice Believers” (vs. 1 & 4) ELW, #244

GREETING

KYRIE “Have Mercy on Me” (v. 1 & refrain)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

1ST READING: Isaiah 64:1–9

2ND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:3–9

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW, p. 188

GOSPEL: Mark 13:24–37

CHILDREN’S SERMON Kathy Harrison

HYMN: “My Lord, What a Morning” ELW, #438

SERMON “Caught in the Middle” Pastor Barb Lemke

APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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.*
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Ukraine and Israel, our prayers are with you

John & Casey Howshar

Delores Rasmussen & Dan Rasmussen

Eyes: Marvin Bohrer & Bonnie Frank

Pat Oakes – Robert McBride – Patti Schoenfeld – Mike Lemke – Linda Faciane (Joy’s aunt)
– Susan Riley (Lorraine Chambers’ friend) – Don Kirkegaard – Ashlyn (daughter of
friend Wade and Lynn Hampton) – Katherine (friend of Ron and Doris Freund) – Alicia
Jerrup (friend of Mary Katherine Smith) – Brenda (Jeff Grawe’s sister) – Cammy
(Debbie Diedrich’s aunt) – Leisa Mortenson and Bryce Dunn – Bianca (cousin of
Lorraine, Heidi, and Mary Sellinger)

Ray & Cathy Maver-Johnson

Danny Cowan

Armonni Gonzalez (friend of Patty Garcia’s daughter)

Bob Zenn

Carol Kirkegaard

Al Ryberg, Sylvia Cowan’s brother

Linda Washington

Karen Orth, James Orth’s mom

Abbie Chambers (Lorraine Chambers’ daughter-in-law) and her shipmates on the
USS Gerald Ford and their families

Ginny Fields, Linda Washington’s friend (stroke recovery)

Dakota Wells, Pat French’s great granddaughter (respiratory health)

Dennis Schmidt, Kathy Harrison’s brother (surgery to repair broken femur)

Judy, Susan Armor’s aunt

Stuart Andrews, Bob DeLapp’s nephew (recovering from heart surgery)

Carol Smith (recovery from sepsis)

Bill, Debbie Deidrich’s father (recovery from abdominal aorta surgery)

Homebound members: Pat French – Wil Wertz – Jim and Linda Craig – Josh Carter

Thanksgiving for Families:

Dana Klug, Danielle

Linda Kirkegaard

Jim & Lynette Koziol

OFFERING

Special Music

“My Lord, He Is a Comin’ Soon”

Winnen/Cothran
Bliss-Falk Families

Welcome!

We welcome all who gather for worship on this day and pray God's blessing on our time together!

Guests are invited to record their visit by signing the Guest Book located at the entrance to the worship space.

All worshippers are invited to sign the red attendance folder in the pew and pass it on to their neighbor to sign.

Upcoming Events

Women's Advent Luncheon – Today, Dec. 3, 12 p.m. For women of all ages. Bring a salad to share.

Advent Soup Supper and Worship – Wednesdays before Christmas Come for a meal at 6 p.m. and join in worship at 7 p.m. as we reflect on the lyrics of the hymn "Of the Father's Love Begotten."

Christmas Poinsettias – See forms in the Narthex if you wish to sponsor one (or more) of the 26 poinsettias we will adorn the altar region with for our Christmas Eve service. Plants will cost \$11, due by Dec. 17.

Game Day – Saturday, December 9, 3–5 p.m. Come for fun and fellowship!

Missions – A BIG THANK YOU to all who donated in November as we raised money for the Servant Corps Project. We collected a total of \$2455 (including the \$1,000 match). In December we are collecting brand new sneakers and funds to buy shoes for Wholly Kicks.

This Week at Bethel December 3–10, 2023

Sun	9:30 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Sunday School 12:00 p.m. Women's Advent Luncheon 3:00 p.m. Tongans
Mon	6:00 p.m. TOPS
Tue	6:30 p.m. Bible Study (Zoom)
Wed	6:00 p.m. AA 6:00 p.m. Soup Supper 7:00 p.m. Advent Worship 7:45 p.m. Choir Christmas Cantata Practice
Thu	11:00 a.m. Prayer Team 1:00 p.m. Bible Study (in-person) 7:00 p.m. 1 st /2 nd Year Confirmation
Fri	6:00 p.m. Tongans
Sat	9:00 a.m. Quilting Group (in-person) 3–5 p.m. Fellowship's Game Day
Sun	8:30 a.m. Choir Practice 9:30 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Sunday School 3:00 p.m. Tongans

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

- P Today is the first Sunday of Advent, the Sunday in which we recall the HOPE we have in Christ.
- C The prophets of Israel all spoke of the coming of Christ, of how the Savior would be born, a king of the line of David. They spoke of how he would rule the world wisely and bless the nations.**
- P On Christmas day the Christ of our hope was born. On Good Friday the Christ of our HOPE died. On Easter morning the Christ of our HOPE rose from the dead. He then ascended into heaven. On the last day the Christ of our HOPE will return again bringing in his kingdom to reign over all the earth.
- C As followers of Christ, we await his return. We light this candle to remember that as he came to us humbly in a manger at Bethlehem and gave light to the world, so he is coming again in power to deliver his people.**
- P We light this candle to remind us to be alert and to watch for his return.

