

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
“Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God”	WOV, #783
“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”	ELW, #254
“Infant Lowly, Infant Holy”	ELW, #276

POST COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: “Love Has Come” ELW, #292

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: Cindy Josephson **Hymnists:** Laina Kelley-Walker & Sheila Kelley

Reader: Richard Richmond **Greeter:**

Usher: Marv & Ev Kelley **Communion Asst.:** Heidi Davison &

Screen/Sound: Travis Kleven **Video FaceBook:** Jamie Villante **YouTube:** Tom Lenahan

Sunday Worship Service

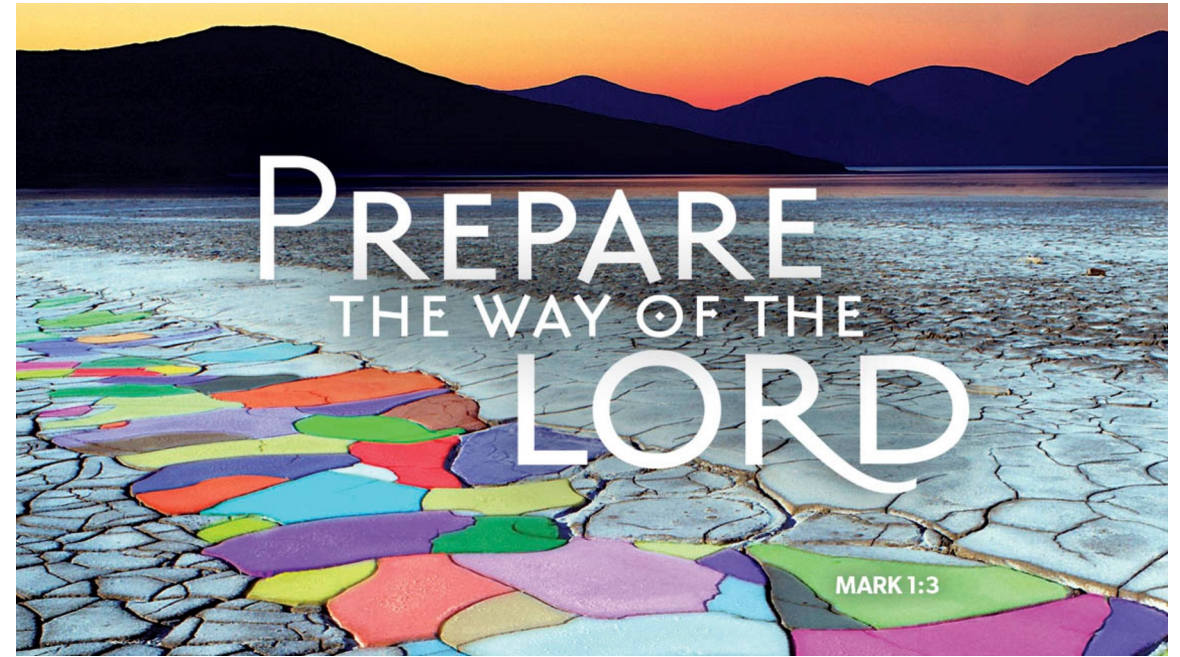


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Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2023

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Altar Flowers were given by Carol Kirkegaard in honor of the 16th
birthday of her grandchild Cameron Kirkegaard.



SUNDAY WORSHIP
December 10, 2023
9:30 A.M.

PRELUDE:		Cindy Josephson
GATHERING:	“Open Your Ears, O Faithful People” “He Came Down”	ELW, #519 ELW, #253
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		<i>see insert</i>
OPENING HYMN:	“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (vs. 1, 5 & 7)	ELW, #257.
GREETING		
KYRIE	“Have Mercy on Me” (v. 2 & refrain)	
PRAYER OF THE DAY		
1 ST READING:	Isaiah 40:1–11	
2 ND READING:	2 Peter 3:8–15a	
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:		ELW, p. 188
GOSPEL:	Mark 1:1–8	
CHILDREN’S SERMON		Pastor Barb Lemke
HYMN:	“All Earth is Hopeful” (vs. 1–3)	ELW, #266
SERMON	“What Do We Hope For?”	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) – Gary (Andrea Newport’s brother-in-law)

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

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

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

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)

Jim and all the family of Linda Craig

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

Thanksgiving for Families:

Nike Kranzler, Paige Herring

Charlotte Larson

Tim & Kim Laska

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: “We Are an Offering” ELW, #692

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

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.

Missions – In December we are collecting brand new sneakers and funds to buy shoes for Wholly Kicks.

Choir Cantata – The Bethel Choir will be presenting the cantata *The Colors of Christmas* as part of worship next Sunday. Following the service the choir will also serve breakfast. Come support the choir and all the hard work they have put in practicing for this special event.

Giving Tree for Mehari Family – Please see the tree in the Narthex and pick out a gift tag to shop for this week. Wrapped gifts with the gift tag attached are due back at the church by next Sunday, December 17.

This Week at Bethel December 10–17, 2023

Sun	9:30 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Sunday School 3:00 p.m. Tongans
Mon	6:00 p.m. TOPS
Tue	6:30 p.m. Bible Study (<i>Zoom</i>)
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 (<i>in-person</i>) 7:00 p.m. 1 st /2 nd Year Confirmation
Fri	10:30 a.m. Coffee Time w/ Pr. Barb (<i>Zoom</i>) 6:00 p.m. Tongans
Sat	9:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Group (<i>in-person</i>) 9:30 a.m. Choir Christmas Cantata Practice
Sun	8:30 a.m. Choir Practice 9:30 a.m. Worship—Cantata 11 a.m. Breakfast (<i>served by choir</i>) 11:30 a.m. Sunday School 1:00 p.m. Mila's Piano Recital 4:00 p.m. Tongans

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

- P Today is the second Sunday of Advent, the Sunday in which we recall the LOVE 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 LOVE was born. On Good Friday the Christ of our LOVE died. On Easter morning the Christ of our LOVE rose from the dead. He then ascended into heaven. On the last day the Christ of LOVE 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 manager 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.

