

OFFERING

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:

"Bread of Life from Heaven" (*refrain only*) ELW, #474

"By Your Hand You Feed Your People" ELW, #469

"It Came upon the Midnight Clear" ELW, #282

"The First Noel" ELW, #300

POST COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" (vs. 1 & 3) ELW, #288

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:** Ron & Doris Freund

Reader: Jon Lohmer **Greeter:**

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

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

Sunday Worship Service

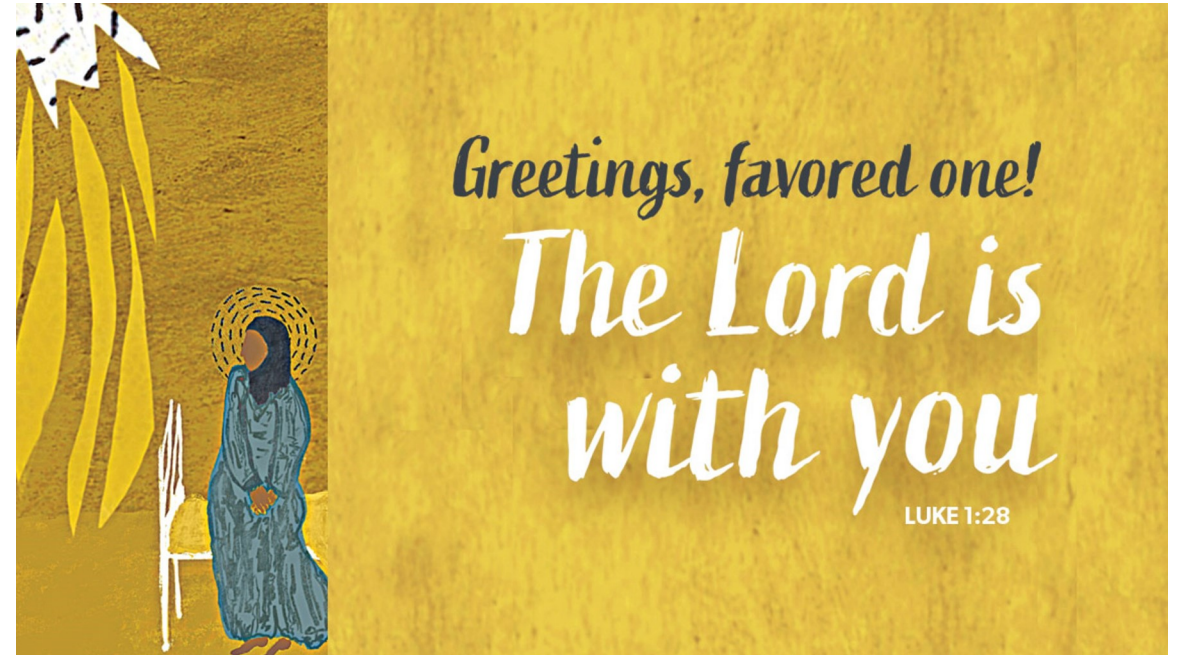


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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2023

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SUNDAY WORSHIP
December 24, 2023
9:30 A.M.

PRELUDE: Cindy Josephson

GATHERING: “O Little Town of Bethlehem” ELW, #279
“He Came Down” 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 *see insert*

OPENING HYMN: “People, Look East” (vs. 1, 3, & 4) ELW, #248

GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

SPECIAL MUSIC “Earth was Waiting” Choir

1ST READING: 2 Samuel 7:1–11, 16

PSALM: “The Annunciation” & “The Magnificat” *Holden Evening Prayer*, p. 7

2ND READING: Romans 16:25–27

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW, p. 188

GOSPEL: Luke 1:26–38

CHILDREN’S SERMON Kathy Harrison

HYMN: “What Child Is This” ELW, #296

SERMON “Nothing is Impossible for God” 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) – Ashlyn (daughter of friend Wade and Lynn
Hampton) – Katherine (friend of Ron and Doris Freund) – Alicia Jerrup (friend of Mary
Katherine Smith) – Cammy (Debbie Diedrich’s aunt) – Leisa Mortenson and Bryce
Dunn – Bianca (cousin of Lorraine, Heidi, and Mary Sellinger) – Gary (Andrea New-
port’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)
Bill, Debbie Deidrich’s father (recovery from abdominal aorta surgery)
Art Jones (surgery)
Lee Tapey (Deloris Delapp’s sister-on law, hospice)
Carol Smith – thanksgiving for doing well in her recovery from sepsis
Don Kirkegaard – thanksgiving for remission in his cancer
Brenda (Jeff Grawe’s sister) – thanksgiving for clear scan for cancer
Stuart Andrews (Bob DeLapp’s nephew) – thanksgiving for recovery from heart surgery

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

Thanksgiving for Families:

Jon & Patsy Lohmer
Kevin Malle
Robert & Dawn McBride

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

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

Giving Tree for Mehari Family – Thank you to everyone who contributed so generously to the collection of gifts for the Mehari family. They are very grateful for the presents.

This Week at Bethel December 24–31, 2023

Sun	8:30 a.m. Choir Practice 9:30 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Sunday School 3:00 p.m. Tongans 7:00 p.m. Worship 11:00 p.m. Worship
Mon	Christmas Day Church closed
Tue	6:30 p.m. Bible Study (<i>Zoom</i>)
Wed	6:00 p.m. AA
Thu	11:00 a.m. Prayer Team 1:00 p.m. Bible Study (<i>in-person</i>)
Fri	6:00 p.m. Tongans
Sat	9:00 a.m. Quilting Group (<i>in-person</i>)
Sun	9:30 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Sunday School 3:00 p.m. Tongans

Christmas Eve Day Worship

Sunday, December 24 at 9:30 A.M.

Christmas Eve

7:00 P.M. Candlelight & Communion

11:00 P.M. Candlelight & Communion

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

- P Today is the third Sunday of Advent, the Sunday in which we recall the PEACE 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 PEACE was born.
On Good Friday the Christ of PEACE died.
On Easter morning the Christ of PEACE rose from the dead.
He then ascended into heaven.
On the last day the Christ of PEACE will return again bringing in his kingdom to reign over all the earth.
- C As followers of Christ, we await his return. We light these four candles 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 filled with PEACE as we watch for his return.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF
ADVENT

