

OFFERING
Special Music Joy Faciane

OFFERTORY: “I Hear a Sound” (v. 1 and chorus) see insert

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:

“Emmanuel” see insert

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” ELW, #276

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten” ELW, #295

“Jesus, Name Above All Names” see insert

POST COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: “He Came Down” ELW, #253

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: Joy Faciane and Patsy Lohmer

Reader: Jon Lohmer Greeter: Usher: Rick and Norma Breiding

Communion Asst.: & Screen/Sound: Travis Kleven

Video FaceBook & YouTube: Jamie Villante

Sunday Worship Service



Image: Galaxy as seen from Rocky Mountain National Park, photo by Jeremy Thomas on Unsplash.com

1st Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024

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SUNDAY WORSHIP
December 1, 2024
9:30 A.M.

PRELUDE: Cindy Josephson

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS ELW, pp. 94–96

OPENING HYMN: “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” ELW, #254

ADVENT SONG: “The Love of God” (v. 1 & refrain) *see insert*

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH *see insert*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

1ST READING: Jeremiah 33:14–16

PSALM: Psalm 25:1–10

2ND READING: 1 Thessalonians 3:9–13

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW, p. 188

GOSPEL: Luke 21:25–36

CHILDREN’S CHOIR Kathy Harrison

HYMN: “All Earth is Hopeful” ELW, #266

SERMON “Be Watchful” 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, Israel, and South Korea, our prayers are with you
Areas recovering from Hurricanes Helene and Milton
John & Casey Howshar
Delores Rasmussen & Dan Rasmussen
Eyes: Marvin Bohrer & Bonnie Frank
Robert McBride – Patti Schoenfeld – Mike Lemke – Susan Riley (Lorraine Chambers’ friend) – Ashlyn (daughter of friend Wade and Lynn Hampton) – Alicia Jerrup (friend of Mary Katherine Smith) – Leisa Mortenson (friend of Lynn Hampton) – Gary (Andrea Newport’s brother-in-law) – Scott Petrock (Carol Einertson’s son-in-law) – Tammy Hawley (Sheila Kelly’s boss) – Linda Hardy – Andrew Carpenter (friend of Alexa Weaver) – Joe Baker (husband of Cathy) – Rodney Steggs and his mother Rita Johnson (friends of Hamptons) – Peggy Russell (friend of Eddie & Pat Garcia) – Linda Kirkegaard
Ray Johnson Danny Cowan
Carol Kirkegaard Linda Washington (stroke)
Dan Dunn, friend of Hamptons Kaylee, friend of Hamptons
Susan Armor (healing of broken legs, kidney health)
Catherine McConchie (stroke recovery)
Glenis and Pat, Delores Rasmussen’s sisters (health)
Bill Schmidt (kidney health)
Gerald Kelley, Carol Smith’s significant other (Alzheimer’s)
Randy Morris, friend of Rusty Bliss (recovery from brain surgery)
Virginia, Susan Burdick’s mother (health)
Susan Burdick, (knee replacement surgery)
Brayden, friend of Debbie Diedrich (brainstem blastoma)
Mckay, Debbie Diedrich’s nephew (seizures)
Jane Jones, sister of Viola Clutterbuck (stroke recovery)
Judy Malle, Kevin’s step-mother (hernia surgery recovery)
Lynn Durant, Kevin Malle’s brother-in-law (major abdominal surgery recovery)
Sylvia Cowan (leg health)
Frank Ruhs, Ev Kelley’s brother, (heart health)
Ev Kelley and family of her uncle Johnnie

Homebound members: Wil Wertz – Jim Craig – Josh Carter

Thanksgiving for Families:
Mary Sellinger
Jodi Byrnes-Klaus & Ken Klaus, Grace, Katherine
Vernon & Laura Thompson

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

P Today we light the Advent wreath as a symbol of our journey toward the coming of Christ. Each candle represents a gift that Christ brings to the world. This week, we light the first candle, which represents Hope.

Reader 1: The prophet Isaiah said:
“*The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.*” (Isaiah 9:2)
As we light this candle, we remember the promises of God, who brings light to the darkness and hope to the hopeless.

Reader 2: Jesus said:
“*I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.*” (John 8:12)
May this light remind us of Christ’s coming into the world, bringing hope to all.

Light the appropriate candle.

P Let us pray: Gracious God, as we light this candle, we remember Your promise to send a Savior. As we wait, fill our hearts with Your light, and help us to share Your hope, peace, joy, and love with the world. May this light shine brightly in our lives and guide us as we prepare for Christ’s coming.

C Amen.

The Love of God

Note: The *italicized* word is a change for this week to match the theme of this Sunday in Advent.

VERSE 1
The *hope* of God is greater far
than tongue or pen can ever tell;
It goes beyond the highest star,
and reaches to the lowest hell;
The guilty pair, bowed down with care,
God gave His Son to win;
His erring child He reconciled,
and pardoned from his sin.

REFRAIN
O *hope* of God, how rich and pure!
How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure
The saints’ and angels’ song!

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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

Children’s Choir – The Children’s Choir will sing at today’s worship service.

Choir – Choir rehearsals are every Sunday at 8 a.m. through Dec. 8. The choir will sing the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. The choir is preparing for their Christmas Cantata, which will be on Dec. 8, and will be followed by a delicious Celebration Breakfast. *All are welcome!*

Missions for December – We are collecting new sneakers and socks, especially toddler sizes, and monetary donations for Wholly Kicks as December’s Missions focus. Please mark your checks as Missions in the note field.

“The Chosen” Bible Study – We would love to have you join us on either Sundays (11 a.m. at church), Tuesdays (6:30 p.m. on Zoom), Wednesdays (6 p.m. on Zoom), or Thursdays (1 p.m. at church) as we continue our study with Season 2 of “The Chosen.”

Worship Helpers Needed – Please see sign-up sheets outside the entry to the sanctuary. We are especially in need of greeters, ushers, and communion assistants.

This Week at Bethel December 1–8, 2024

Sun	8:00 a.m.	Choir Practice
	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Women’s Advent Luncheon
	3:00 p.m.	Tongans
Mon	6:00 p.m.	TOPS
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
Tue	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study (Zoom)
Wed	6:00 p.m.	Advent Soup Supper
	7:00 p.m.	Advent worship service
Thu	11:00 a.m.	Prayer Team
	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study (<i>in-person</i>)
Fri	6:00 p.m.	Tongans
Sat		
Sun	8:00 a.m.	Choir Practice
	9:30 a.m.	Worship with Choir Cantata
	10:45 a.m.	Choir hosts breakfast
	11 a.m.	Sunday School/Bible
Study	3 p.m.	SLT Christmas Party (<i>off site</i>)
	3:00 p.m.	Tongans



Advent
SUPPER

Join us on

Wednesday evenings

December 4–18

for soup and salad suppers.

Then stay for worship at 7:00 P.M.

as we reflect on the words of
Isaiah 9 about our Prince of Peace.

I Hear a Sound

VERSE 1

I hear a sound coming from the mountain,
I hear it louder each day;
I hear a sound coming from the mountain,
And it says, "Prepare ye the way."

CHORUS:

**Prepare ye the way,
Prepare ye the way,
Prepare ye the way
of the Lord.**

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Jesus, Name Above All Names

VERSE 1:

Jesus, name above all names,
Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us,
Blessed Redeemer, living Word.

VERSE 2:

Jesus, loving Shepherd,
Vine of the branches, Son of God;
Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counselor,
Lord of the universe, Light of the world.

VERSE 3:

Praise him, Lord above all lords,
King above all kings, God's only Son.
The Prince of Peace, who by his Spirit
comes to live in us, Master and Friend.

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