

Sunday Worship Service

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Worship Team for today:

Presider: Pastor Barb Lemke

Pianist: Cindy Josephson **Hymnist:** Kathy Harrison

Reader: Laina Kelley-Walker **Greeter:** **Usher:** Marv & Ev Kelley

Communion Asst.: Sean Gordon & **Screen/Sound:** Travis Kleven

Youth Offering Asst.: Kiera **Youth Communion Asst.:** Cole & Kiera **Acolyte:** Janessa

Video FaceBook & YouTube: Jamie Villante

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

- L** The season of Advent calls us to remember the hope we have in the coming of Jesus Christ. We light the first candle, the candle of hope.
- C** “Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.”
(Psalm 80:3)
Sean and Cole Gordon will light the first candle.
- L** May this light be a reminder of the hope we have in Jesus, the Son of God, the Light of the World.
- C** We wait in hope for the coming of the Lord.

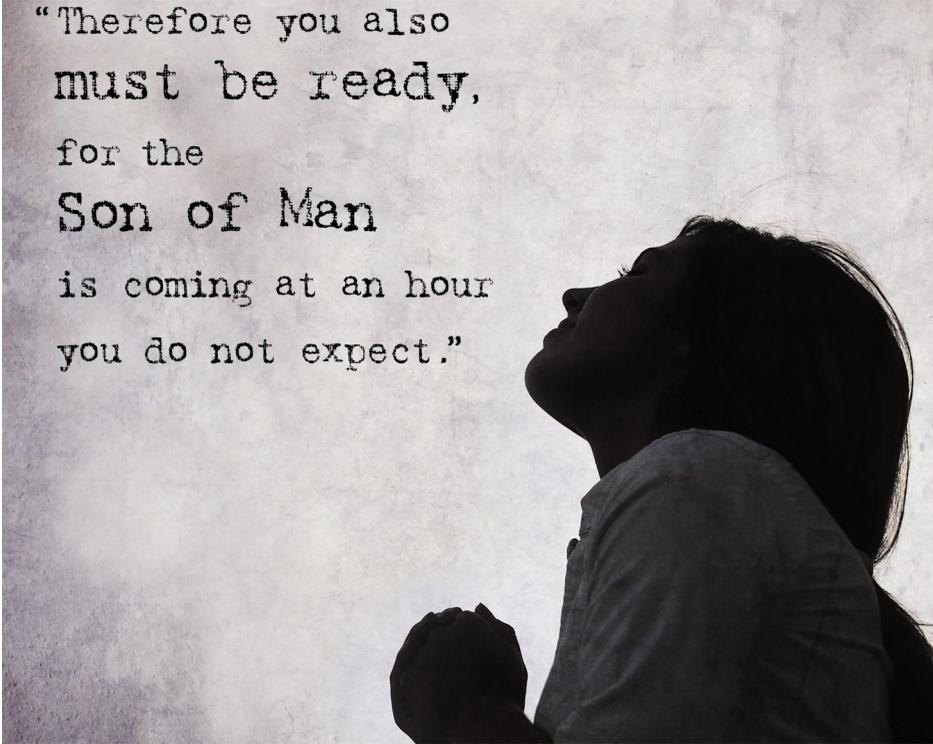


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Advent Kyrie

Sung to the tune of “Away in the Manager” ELW 277

VERSE 1
 Christ Jesus, our Savior, You come as our light,
 Shine hope in our darkness and hold us each night.
 Be born in our hearts, Lord, and teach us Your way.
 O Kyrie, Christ, be our mercy today.

VERSE 2:
 Lord, guide us and keep us in love pure and strong,
 Help us to be gentle, to right what is wrong.
 Prepare us to welcome Your kingdom of grace.
 O Kyrie, Lord, show us Your holy face.

*Text: North American, 19th century
 Music: James R. Murray
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Advent Offertory – Week 1

Sung to the tune of “Angels We Have Heard on High” ELW 289

VERSE 1 – Hope
 Come, O Lord, and light our way,
 Guide our hearts through Advent days.
 Hope is near, Christ soon will come,
 Come, O Lord, Emmanuel!
 Gloria in excelsis Deo;
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*Text: _
 Music: French carol; arr. Edward S. Barnes
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1st Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025

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Altar Flowers were given by Audra Gednalske in memory of her mother.



SUNDAY WORSHIP
November 30, 2025
9:30 A.M.

PRELUDE: Cindy Josephson

GATHERING: “Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah” (v. 1) ELW, #240

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH *see back cover*

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

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS ELW, pp. 94–96

OPENING HYMN: “Christ, Be Our Light” (vv. 1, 2, 5) ELW, #715

GREETING

ADVENT KYRIE sung to tune of “Away in a Manger” *see back cover*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

1ST READING: Isaiah 2:1–5

2ND READING: Romans 13:11–14

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW, p. 205

GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36–44

CHILDREN’S SERMON Kathy Harrison
*Children leave for Sunday School afterwards, and will return for Communion.
Feel free to “pick them up” in the Fellowship Hall if you want them sooner.*

HYMN: “You Are Mine” ELW, #581

SERMON 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 *see insert*

Thanksgiving for Families:
Keith Rohrig & Jane Warner-Rohrig, Malia and Garret
Patti Schoenfeld
Michael & Anna Schulzek, Nora and Ivy

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: sung to tune of “Angels We Have Heard on High” *see back cover*

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:

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” ELW, #254

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” ELW, #257

“Wait for the Lord” (repeat 3X after initial play thru) ELW, #262

POST COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: “People, Look East” (vv. 1, 3) ELW, #248

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

GO IN PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Recent hospitalizations, illnesses, and concerns:

Laura Thompson (*foot surgery recovery*) Ruth (*Joni Dammen's friend & roommate, cancer*)
Stephanie & Bret's premature baby Michael (*Joy's friend*)

For the families who have lost loved ones:

The family of Dorothy Schulz (*Evelyn Kelley's aunt*)

For our homebound members and friends:

Wil Wertz – Jim Craig – Josh Carter

For those diagnosed with cancer:

Patti Schoenfeld Mike Lemke Linda Kirkegaard
Susan Riley (*Lorraine Chambers' friend*) Wendy (*Kim Evancho's friend*)
Ashlyn (*daughter of friend Wade and Lynn Hampton*) Connie Lovell (*Deloris DeLapp's friend*)
Alicia Michaels (*Mary Katherine Smith's friend*) Bob Bliss Patrick Stephenson
Gary (*Andrea Newport's brother-in-law*) Pastor Steve Ruechel
Scott Petrock (*Carol Einertson's son-in-law*) Marv Kelley Mike S. (*Gypsie's friend*)
Tammy Hawley (*Sheila Kelly's boss*) Summer Stephens (*Doris Freund's niece*)
Linda Hardy Heather & Heidi Mortenson (*Lynn Hampton's friends*)
Andrew Carpenter (*Alexa Weaver's friend*) Karen Ryberg (*Sylvia Cowan's niece*)
Rodney Steggs & his mother Rita Johnson (*Hamptons' friends*)
Peggy Russell (*Eddie & Pat Garcia's friend*)

For those dealing with ongoing concerns:

John & Casey Howshar Donna Arntson, *Lynn Hampton's sister-in-law (stroke)*
Delores Rasmussen & Dan Rasmussen Matthew Zenn, *Bob's grandson (heart health)*
Eyes: Marvin Bohrer & Bonnie Frank Craig Mortenson, *Lynn Hampton's friend (health)*
Ray Johnson Danny Cowan Pastor Barb (*health recovery*)
Kaylee, *friend of Hamptons* Mark Craig and his wife Susan, *Pr. Barb's cousin (car accident recovery)*
Bill Schmidt (*kidney health*) Michael Sellinger (*Mary Sellinger's son, stroke recovery*)
Gerald Kelley, *Carol Smith's significant other (Alzheimer's)* Paige Petrock (*Carol Einertson's granddaughter, CIDP*)
Sylvia Cowan (*leg and heart health*) Lisa Pruitt (*Andrea French's friend, congestive heart failure*)
Frank Ruhs, *Ev Kelley's brother (heart health)* Braden Elliott (*dislocated shoulder*)
Caroline Hailey-Kesler, *Linda Hailey's granddaughter (rare kidney disease)* Carol Einertson (*heart & kidney health*)
Scott Crosby (*recovery from infection*)
Cheryl Gednalske (*leg infection*)

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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

Women's Advent Salad Luncheon – Today, beginning approximately at noon. Please bring a salad or dessert to share.

Missions for November – Today is the last day that we are collecting monetary donations for Veterans Servant Corps as November's Missions focus. Please mark your checks as Missions in the note field. *December's Mission focus will be Wholly Kicks.*

Wednesday evenings in Advent Dec. 3–17 – Come at 6 p.m. for soup and salad suppers.; stay for worship at 7 p.m.

Choir – Choir rehearsals will be every Sunday at **8:00** a.m. through most of December.

Cantata and Potluck Breakfast – Sun., Dec. 7 Please join us for the Choir's Christmas Cantata at worship, as well as a potluck breakfast after. *Please make sure all of your items are fully cooked as our ovens are being used only for keeping things warm.*

"The Chosen" Bible Study – We have multiple options for "The Chosen" Bible Study groups that meet:

-Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

-Thursdays at 1 p.m. at the church.

Children's Choir Practice is after worship; meet up at the front by the piano. We will be

This Week at Bethel November 30–December 7, 2025

Sun	8:00 a.m.	Choir Practice
	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	~10:45 a.m.	Children's Choir Practice
	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 (<i>Zoom</i>)
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.	Potluck breakfast
	~10:45 a.m.	Children's Choir Practice
	3 p.m.	Tongans

singing in Church on Dec. 21.

Cards for Ministry – We are collecting CLEAN greeting cards of any kind (except holiday) WITH envelopes for New Beginnings Women's Prison Ministry. Please place them in the labeled bucket on the table in the entryway. **Calendars Too!** We are also collecting new 2026 calendars for this ministry, please drop off donations by **Dec. 14.**

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. **Christmas Eve sign-up is posted as well as new positions for the youth to help.**