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:** Patsy Lohmer & Joy Faciane
Readers: Jon Lohmer **Greeter:** **Usher:** Marv & Ev Kelley
Communion Asst.: Jon Lohmer & Sean Gordon **Screen/Sound:** Travis Kleven
Youth Offering Asst.: Kiera **Youth Communion Asst.:** Kiera **Acolyte:** Grealoni
Video FaceBook & YouTube: Jamie Villante

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

L Today, we light the candle of peace. We remember that Christ's birth brings peace to the world and to our hearts.

C **"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given… and He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6)**

Rhyan and family will light the first two purple candles.

L May the peace of Christ reign in our hearts this Advent season.

C **We light this candle of peace, trusting in the Prince of Peace.**

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.

Music: James R. Murray
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Advent Offertory – Week 2

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

Verse 2 – Peace
Shine Your peace upon the earth,
Calm our hearts, and give new birth.
All creation waits Your love,
Come, O Lord, Emmanuel!
Gloria in excelsis Deo;
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Music: French carol; arr. Edward S. Barnes
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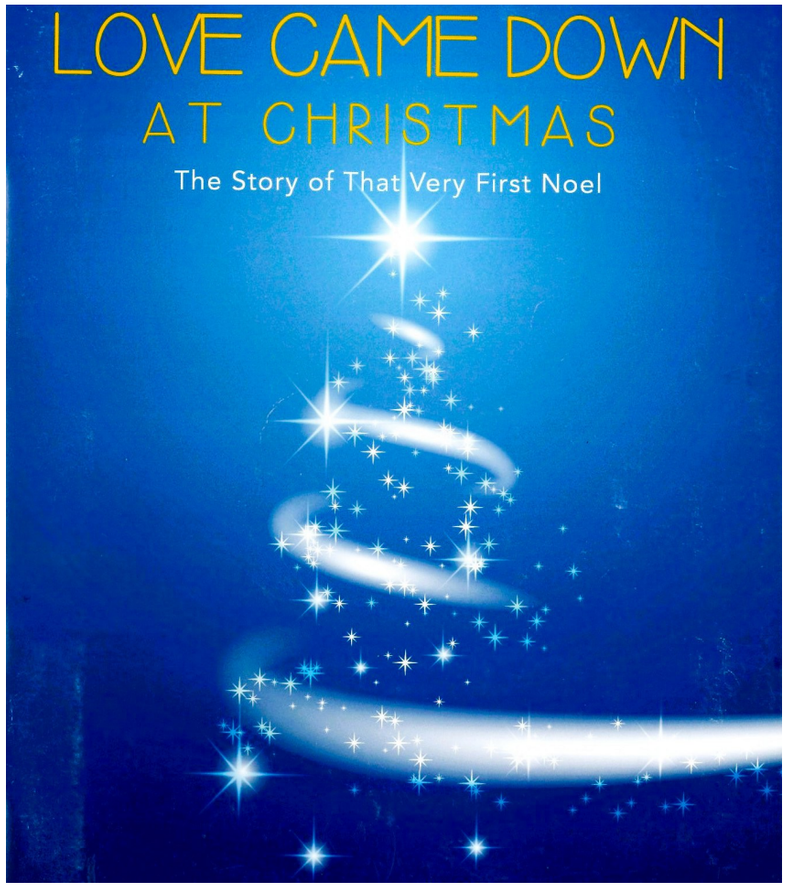
Altar Flowers were given by Pr. Barb in honor of her parent's anniversary.

Sunday Worship Service



2nd Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2025

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SUNDAY WORSHIP
December 7, 2025
9:30 A.M.

PRELUDE: Cindy Josephson

GATHERING: "Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah" (vv. 1 & 2) ELW, #240

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH *see back cover*

CORPORATE PRAYER:
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CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS ELW, pp. 94–96

OPENING HYMN: "Hark the Glad Sound" (vv. 1 & 4) ELW, #239

GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Love Came Down at Christmas—Cantata Part 1

Sing Noel, Sing Hallelujah The First Noel
Who Would Have Dreamed Love Came Down at Christmas

1ST READING: Isaiah 11:1–10

2ND READING: Romans 15:4–13

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW, p. 205

GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1–12

HYMN: "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" (vv. 1, 2, & 5) ELW, #249

HOMILY Pastor Barb Lemke

Love Came Down at Christmas—Cantata Part 2

Everywhere I Go You're Still Lord
Noel! Noel! Noel! Jesus, Our Emmanuel Finale

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:
Valeska Thompson
Bob & Margaret Zenn
Johnnie & Susan Armor, Joshua

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
"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" ELW, #272
"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" ELW, #276

POST COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" (vv. 1 & 4) ELW, #244

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Recent hospitalizations, illnesses, and concerns:

Ron McBroom *(Dana's husband, heart surgery)*
Laura Thompson *(foot surgery recovery)*
Ruth *(Joni Dammen's friend & roommate, cancer)*

For our homebound members and friends:

Wil Wertz – Jim Craig – Josh Carter

For those diagnosed with cancer:

Patti Schoenfeld Mike Lemke
Susan Riley *(Lorraine Chambers' friend)*
Ashlyn *(daughter of friend Wade and Lynn Hampton)*
Alicia Michaels *(Mary Katherine Smith's friend)*
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 *(Alexa Weaver's friend)*
Rodney Steggs & his mother Rita Johnson *(Hamptons' friends)*
Peggy Russell *(Eddie & Pat Garcia's friend)*
Linda Kirkegaard
Wendy *(Kim Evancho's friend)*
Connie Lovell *(Deloris DeLapp's friend)*
Bob Bliss Patrick Stephenson
Pastor Steve Ruechel
Marv Kelley Mike S. *(Gypsie's friend)*
Summer Stephens *(Doris Freund's niece)*
Heather & Heidi Mortenson *(Lynn Hampton's friends)*
Karen Ryberg *(Sylvia Cowan's niece)*

For those dealing with ongoing concerns:

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

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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

Cantata and Potluck Breakfast – *TODAY*
Please join us for the Choir's Christmas Cantata at worship, as well as a potluck breakfast after. **A Special 'Thank You'** to Larry Septrick for reading, Cindy Josephson for playing beautifully, and the entire Choir for all of their hard work and dedication in making this Cantata successful in praising Jesus.

Children's Choir Practice is after worship; meet up at the front by the piano. We will be singing in Church on Dec. 21.

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

Missions for December – We are collecting NEW sneakers and socks (preferably for toddlers or men's size 7) and monetary donations for Wholly Kicks as this month's Missions focus. Please mark your checks as Missions in the note field.

"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
We would love to have you join us.

This Week at Bethel
December 7–14, 2025

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
	3:00 p.m.	Tongans
Mon	6:00 p.m.	TOPS
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 *(in-person)*
Fri	6:00 p.m.	Tongans
Sat	9:00 a.m.	Quilting Group *(in-person)*
	4 p.m.	SLT Christmas Party
Sun	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	~10:45 a.m.	Children's Choir Practice
	3 p.m.	Tongans

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.***