



In gratitude, Bethel Lutheran Church amplifies God's grace, nourishes all creation, reaches out, and builds community.

- We are a Reconciling in Christ Congregation.
- Why a Public Church? To impact and enhance the community so that everyone feels a sense of love and belonging.



ADVENT 1 — HOPE

DECEMBER 1, 2024

Bethel Lutheran Church, in-person and online
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December 1, 2024, 10:00AM

We welcome to the Lord's Table all people, without exception, who desire to receive the blessings of Christ's body and blood in this sacramental meal of bread and wine. If you are online, please prepare your own table with bread, wine, and/or a treat for anyone not receiving communion.

Boldface font indicates congregational response.

Worship leaders will indicate when to stand and sit, as you are able.

GATHERING

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements


Gathering Song

Assisting Minister




O ser - vants of God, let us sing our praise.

All



We bless your ho - ly name, O God.

Assisting Minister



From the ris - ing of the sun to its set - ting,

All

We bless your ho - ly name, O God.

Assisting Minister

You lift up the weak and hun - gry.

All

We bless your ho - ly name, O God.

Assisting Minister *All*

And your glo - ry shines a - bove the heav - ens We

bless your ho-ly name, O God.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Lighting the Advent Candle ELW 240, v.1

“Light One Candle to
Watch for Messiah”



- 1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 3 Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 4 Light four can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.
He shall feed the flock like a shep - herd, gent - ly lead them home - ward.
Lift your heads and lift high the gate - way for the King of glo - ry.
He is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be shin - ing!

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954
Music: TIF IN VELDELE, Yiddish folk tune
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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. **By your mercy, forgive us of our sins, empower us to better understand your call, and redeem us for your life of justice. We pray this in the name of God, Parent, Messiah, and Advocate. Amen.**

Opening Hymn ELW 438

“My Lord, What a Morning”



My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn - ing; oh,



my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be - gin to fall.



- 1 You will hear the trum - pet sound,
- 2 You will hear the sin - ner cry, to wake the na-tions un-der - ground,
- 3 You will hear the Chris-tian shout,



look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be-gin to fall.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: BURLEIGH, African American spiritual

WORD

Psalm 25:1-10

Refrain

Carolyn Jennings

C Instrument

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

The musical score consists of three systems. The first system is for a C Instrument, showing a treble clef, a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#), and a melody of quarter and eighth notes. The second system is for the vocal line, with lyrics 'To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.' The third system is for the piano accompaniment, showing a grand staff with treble and bass clefs, a key signature of three sharps, and a melody of quarter and eighth notes in the right hand, and a bass line of quarter and eighth notes in the left hand.



- ¹To ¹ you, O LORD,
I lift ¹ up my soul.
- ²My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be ¹ put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph ¹ over me.
- ³Let none who look to you be ¹ put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame ¹ who are treacherous.
- ⁴Show me your ¹ ways, O LORD,
and teach ¹ me your paths. **R**
- ⁵Lead me in your ¹ truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all ¹ the day long.
- ⁶Remember, O LORD, your compas- ¹ sion and love,
for they are from ¹ everlasting. **R**
- ⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and ¹ my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love
and for the sake of your good- ¹ ness, O LORD.
- ⁸You are gracious and up- ¹ right, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners ¹ in your way.
- ⁹You lead the low- ¹ ly in justice
and teach the low- ¹ ly your way.
- ¹⁰All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast ¹ love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your ¹ testimonies. **R**

Children's Message, then Sunday School

Children and the young at heart are invited to the front of the sanctuary.

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia, al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

Gospel

Luke 21:25-36

The Gospel according to Luke, the twenty-first chapter. **Glorify to you, O Lord.**

“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. **Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.**” Then Jesus told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place and to stand before the Son of Man.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day ELW 242

"Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn"



1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for
2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -
3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when
4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though



an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for
man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is
all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so
dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall



soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.
qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;
qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.
crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -
mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -
Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in
Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less



geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and
kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to
won - der, the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and
sto - ry; may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and



lives now in - side us for - ev - er.
shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.
weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.
bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: REJOICE, REJOICE, Marty Haugen

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An Advent Creed

I believe in God, the One who loves all of creation, beyond our understanding.

I believe in Jesus, God's only child, born on this earth to show us the heart of God.

Jesus, who did what we could not, making us right with our Creator.

Jesus, who showed us that true power looks like loving God and loving neighbor.

Jesus, who commands that we work for hope, peace, love, and joy in our world.

Jesus, who grants us grace we cannot earn and belonging we cannot break.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, who lives in, around, and through us every day.

I believe in God's promises of the forgiveness of sins, eternal life, and resurrection.

I believe that we are named and claimed, loved and saved children of God.

By Brenda Froisland

Input from Meta C, Michelle L, Agape Dave, Carole U, Laurie H, Eric L, Brian M

Prayer Updates

Prayers of the People

As we prepare for Emmanuel, God-with-us, let us pray for all people and places that long for God's presence. *A brief silence.*

Each petition ends with a response:

Lord, receive our prayer, **and in your love, answer.**

Savior of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Peace

The peace of Jesus is with you always. **And also with you.**

Offering


For checks and cash offerings, please place them in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary. For members, if you are making a cash donation, place it in an envelope with your name on it. For online giving through PayPal scan the QR code.

*Online worshipers, please send checks directly to:
Bethel Lutheran 4120 17th Ave S, Mpls, MN 55407
Thank you for your generosity!*




Gathering of Gifts, v. 1


All



1. The eyes of all look to
2. To all who hun - ger



you, O God, to give them life and food. You
you pro - vide the fruit of vine and field. From



o - pen your wide your gra - cious hand and
these, your gifts, we set a - side a

grant them ev - 'ry good. With
 por - tion for this meal, where
 all cre - a - tion we pro - claim your
 you draw near to those who cry, their
 stead - fast love and glo - rious reign. We
 heart's de - sire to sat - is - fy. We
 bless your ho - ly name.
 bless your ho - ly name.

Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you. *All* And al - so with you.
Presider Lift up your hearts. *All* We lift them to the Lord.
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,



God of pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are



full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the One who comes, who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

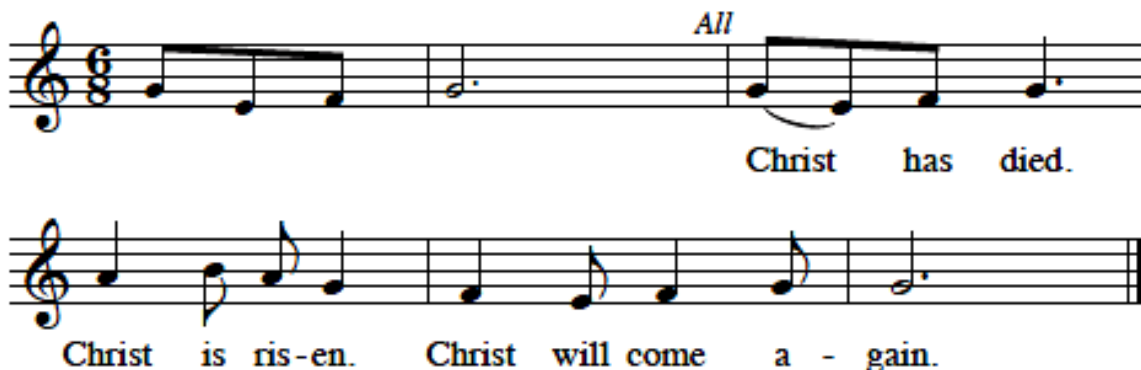


high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

MEAL

Words of Institution

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:



All
Christ has died.
Christ is ris-en. Christ will come a - gain.

The image shows two lines of musical notation in treble clef with a 3/4 time signature. The first line contains the melody for "Christ has died." with the word "All" written above the staff. The second line contains the melody for "Christ is ris-en. Christ will come a - gain." The lyrics are written below the notes.

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Holy Communion

Lamb of God



The image shows a single line of musical notation in treble clef with a 3/4 time signature. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody consists of several notes, including a long note at the end.

All

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

1., 2.

world; have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us.

3.

world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymn ELW 715

"Christ, Be Our Light"

1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the

truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants

your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the

dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your

church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957
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Communion Hymn ELW 472

"Eat This Bread"

Refrain

"Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.
 OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst."
 Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

Text: Taizé Community
 Music: BERTHIER, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994
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Post Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthens you in faith, holds you in God's grace, forgives your sins, and empowers you to love all others.

Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray. Creator of the stars at night, **we give you thanks for this gift of life. Increase our faith and open our eyes that we might recognize Jesus in all whom you call us to love and serve. Abide with us as darkness deepens and be our hope and highest joy, until at last with all your saints we dwell in your unfailing light. Amen.**

SENDING

Benediction

The God of hope fills you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope and love, by the power of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, this day and forevermore. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn ELW 248

"People, Look East"



1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing
2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is
3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the
4 An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new



of the year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble,
plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,
bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,
life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming



trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look
 that in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look
 bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look
 with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look



east, and sing to - day— Love, the Guest, is on the way.
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Rose, is on the way.
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Star, is on the way.
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965
 Music: BESANÇON, French carol
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Dismissal

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sending Music

Ministers:	All Believers	Musician:	Anne Phillips
Presiding Minister:	Rev. Brenda Froisland	Sacristy:	Stephanie Johnson
Assisting Minister:	Susan Johnson	Ushers:	Tom Keating and Norris Lovstuen
Lector:	Libby Krogh	Live Streaming:	Gene Rodi and Ted Allison
Cantor:	Dean Anderson	Hospitality:	Alice Evenson
Music Director:	Bernie Asher	Altar Guild:	Barb Saunders and Barb Wandberg

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PRAYER list...

PRAY FOR BETHEL MEMBERS

Gert Carlson	Karen McBride
Jan Walker	Sharon Phillips
David and Sue	Laurel Jorgensen
Dorumsgaard Ayers	Kevin Hoover
Larissa Hoover	Gloria Condon
Mike and Grace	Hundt Family
Simons	Puckett Family
Libby and Dave Krogh	Doris Christianson
Warwick Family	Darrell Dahl
Pikkarainen Family	
Cannon Family	
Walker Family	

MORE PEOPLE OF GOD

- Victims of natural and human disasters
- People of Ukraine, Israeli Citizens, and Palestinians in Gaza
- All of us regarding COVID, RSV, Flu, Mpox
- Black, Brown, Indigenous, and Asian Lives
- People without homes
- Refugees, Migrants and Asylum Seekers
- People dying due to gun violence

MEMBERS, RELATIVES AND FRIENDS IN THE SERVICE

Katrel Bishop (Pr B's nephew)
Adam Froisland (Pr B's nephew)
Dwana Froisland (Pr B's niece)
Evan Harrison (Pr B's great nephew)

PRAY FOR OUR RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Melissa (Pr Michelle's friend)
Julian (Jan Walker's friend)
Kevin and Sue Johnson (Les' brother and sister-in-law)
Beth (Dan Hauge's sister)
Kristian (Pr B's friend)
Jane (Ann Allison's sister)
Kathy (Krogh Family friend)
Judy (Sue Dorumsgaard Ayers' step-mom)
Steve (Pr B's brother)
Michael (Marilyn Newborg's brother)
Donovan (Angel Cannon's father)
Ian (Pr B's friend)
Laura (Sue Dorumsgaard Ayers' friend)
Rita (Sharon Phillip's friend)
Calvin (Angel Cannon's godfather)
Sandie (Anna Wohnoutka's aunt)
Laura (Lisa Chovan Spence's sister)
Wayne (Karen Warwick's dad)
Trent and Michelle (Norma's Family)
Darlene (Jeff Alberts' mom)
Susan (Mike Condon's sister)
John (Kathy Hundt's brother-in-law)
Andrea (Mona Falk's daughter)

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- ❖ Bancroft Neighborhood Association
- ❖ Bread of Life Deaf Lutheran Church (BOLD)
- ❖ ReconcilingWorks
- ❖ Casa de Oracion - Pentecostal
- ❖ Mpls Area Synod
- ❖ Nokomis Healthy Seniors
- ❖ CANMN