



*Welcome to  
Worship at Bethel*

*Sunday, December 2, 2018  
First Sunday in Advent*

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*"A Family in Christ;  
Moved by His Spirit;  
Sharing His Love."*

\*: Please stand if you are able.  
LBW: Lutheran Book of Worship (green)  
WOV: With One Voice (blue)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH:  
*THE PROPHET'S CANDLE*

\*GATHERING HYMN LBW # 34  
*"Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel" v. 1,4,5*

\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS LBW p.77

\*HYMN OF MERCY  
*"Bless His Holy Name"*

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY: **Stir up Your power, Lord Christ, and come. By Your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for Your life of justice, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON Pew Bible page 724  
Jeremiah 33:14-16

PSALM Pew Bible page 492  
Psalm 25:1-10

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

O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame;  
**do not let my enemies exult over me.**

Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;  
**let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.**

Make me to know your ways, O LORD; **teach me your paths.**

Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my  
salvation; **for you I wait all day long.**

Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love,  
**for they have been from of old.**

Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;  
**according to your steadfast love remember me, for  
your goodness' sake, O LORD!**

Good and upright is the LORD;  
**therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

He leads the humble in what is right,  
**and teaches the humble his way.**

All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,  
**for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.**

SECOND LESSON

Pew Bible page 1076

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

\*GOSPEL VERSE

*“Alleluia”*

\*GOSPEL

Pew Bible page 960

Luke 21:25-36

SERMON HYMN

WOV # 629

*“All Earth is Hopeful”*

SERMON

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LBW p. 84

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and**

**apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen**

**\*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Lord in your mercy....**hear our prayer**

**\*SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**OFFERING**

**LBW # 25**

*"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"*

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

**God of abundance, we bring before You the precious fruits of Your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of Your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**COMMUNION**

**LBW p. 89**

**\*Word's of Institution, \*Lord's Prayer, Distribution**

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

*"Because He Lives"*

*"My Lord, What a Morning"*

**WOV # 627**

**\*COMMUNION BLESSING**

Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**Holy One, we give You thanks that in this bread and cup we have feasted again on Your endless love. Let that love overflow more and more in our lives, that we may be messengers to prepare Your way, harvesters of justice and righteousness, and bearers of Your eternal Word, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**\*BLESSING:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

**\*DISMISSAL:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**\*SENDING HYMN**

*"Count Your Blessings"*