



Welcome to  
Worship at Bethel

**Sunday, December 8, 2019**

Second Sunday of 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)

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Go the Extra Mile” for the Salvation Army

## ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

Reading

*“Light One Candle” v.2*

\*GATHERING HYMN

LBW # 26

*“Prepare the Royal Highway”*

\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

LBW p.77

\*HYMN OF MERCY

*“Praise the Name of Jesus”*

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY: Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way of Your only Son. By His coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Pew Bible page 627

Isaiah 11:1-10

PSALM

Pew Bible page 522

Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19

Give the king your justice, O God,

**and your righteousness to a king's son.**

May he judge your people with righteousness,

**and your poor with justice.**

May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,

**and the hills, in righteousness.**

May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,

**give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.**

May he live while the sun endures,

**and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.**

May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,

**like showers that water the earth.**

In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound,

**until the moon is no more.**

Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,  
**who alone does wondrous things.**

Blessed be his glorious name forever;  
**may his glory fill the whole earth. Amen and Amen.**

SECOND LESSON

Pew Bible page 1035

Romans 15:4-13

\*GOSPEL VERSE

*“Alleluia”*

\*GOSPEL

Pew Bible page 878

Matthew 3:1-12

SERMON HYMN

LBW # 36

*“On Jordan’s Banks the Baptist’s Cry”*

SERMON

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\*NICENE CREED

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**

*“Create in Me a Clean Heart”*

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

**Giver of every good thing, we set before You the gifts that You have already given to sustain our lives and to share with others. Help us to be good stewards of the earth and all that is in it, and let our lives be a testimony to the abundant feast You prepare for all who hunger. Amen.**

**COMMUNION**

LBW p. 89

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

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

*“Come and Behold Him”*

*“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”*

LBW # 44

**\*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**

**God of abundance, we give You thanks that in this holy meal You have invited us to feast with You and one another. May the taste of Your love remain with us, and may our words and our work in Your name invite others into Your bountiful grace. Send us from Your table to proclaim Your presence, even as we await the glorious coming of Christ our Savior. 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**

LBW # 55

*“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”*