



*Welcome to  
Worship at Bethel*

*Sunday, December 9, 2018*  
*Second 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)

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK “Go the Extra Mile” for Suicide Prevention

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH:

### *THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE*

#### **NARRATION**

Who are the people of Bethlehem? Mary and Joseph and Jesus of course. But they do not stand alone. They are part of a community - made up of friends and neighbors, and a community that has a long history. Rachel, the wife of Jacob, the mother of Joseph and Benjamin, was buried near Bethlehem. Ruth, the Moabite woman, wife of Obed, mother of Jesse, grandmother of David, was an adopted citizen. Someone from the community dug a deep well that had clear water, a well so refreshing that people would risk their lives to drink from it.

#### **RESPONSIVE READING**

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, **from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel.**

Whose origin is from of old, **from ancient days.**

Where is he who is born king of the Jews? **In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet.**

Joseph went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem,

**because he was descended from the house of David.**

Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, **which the Lord has made known to us.**

*“Light One Candle”*

\*GATHERING HYMN

WOV # 633

*“Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn”*

\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

LBW p.77

\*HYMN OF MERCY

*“Greater is He that is in Me”*

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY: **Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; 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 874  
Malachi 3:1-4

PSALM Pew Bible page 932  
Luke 1:68-79

SECOND LESSON Pew Bible page 1068  
Philippians 1:3-11

\*GOSPEL VERSE  
*“Alleluia, To Whom Shall We Go?”*

\*GOSPEL Pew Bible page 934  
Luke 3:1-6

SERMON HYMN LBW # 26  
*“Prepare the Royal Highway”*

SERMON  
Rev. Mark Kindem

\*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**

*“Give Thanks”*

**\*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**

*“Upon a Strange and Awesome Night”*

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

LBW # 36

**\*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**

*“Jesus Was Sent”*