



Welcome to
Worship at Bethel

Sunday, December 15, 2019
Third 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

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

Reading

"Light One Candle" v.1-3

*GATHERING HYMN

WOV # 633

"Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn"

***PRAYER OF THE DAY: Stir up the wills of all who look to You, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in Your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in Your way; 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 649

Isaiah 35:1-10

NARRATION & BETHEL CHOIR

"Child of Promise, Child of Love"

PSALM

Pew Bible page 570

Psalms 146:5-10

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD their God,

who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith forever;

who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the
hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

**The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.**

The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and
the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Praise the LORD!

James 5:7-10

NARRATIONS & BETHEL CHOIR

Narration

“Angels’ Song”

Narration

“Run, Shepherds, Run”

Narration

“We Would See Jesus”

*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

***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*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day 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.

COMMUNION HYMNS

"People, Look East"

WOV # 626

"What Child Is This"

LBW # 40

***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.

NARRATION & BETHEL CHOIR

"Christmas Benediction"

***SENDING HYMN**

LBW # 60

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

