



*Welcome to
Worship at Bethel*

*Sunday, December 23, 2018
Fourth 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 ANGEL'S CANDLE*

"Light One Candle"

*GATHERING HYMN LBW # 59

"When Christmas Morn is Dawning"

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS LBW p.77

*HYMN OF MERCY

"He Is Exalted"

***PRAYER OF THE DAY: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON Pew Bible page 849

Micah 5:2-5a

PSALM Pew Bible page 529

Psalms 80:1-7

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth

before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.

Stir up your might, and come to save us!

Restore us, O God; **let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

O LORD God of hosts,
how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

You have fed them with the bread of tears,
and given them tears to drink in full measure.

You make us the scorn of our neighbors;
our enemies laugh among themselves.

Restore us, O God of hosts;

let your face shine, that we may be saved.

SECOND LESSON

Pew Bible page 1095

Hebrews 10:5-10

*GOSPEL VERSE

WOV # 612

"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

*GOSPEL

Pew Bible page 932

Luke 1:39-55

SERMON HYMN

LBW # 45

"Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful"

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

LBW # 44

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

*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

"Gloria to the Lord, Our God"

"Away in a Manger"

LBW # 67

*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

LBW # 39

"Joy to the World"