

*APOSTLES' CREED LBW p. 85

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**

*SHARING OF THE PEACE
The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING WOV # 626
"People, Look East"

*OFFERING PRAYER
Creator God, You made the whole world, even the farthest stars, and You draw near to feed us. We praise You for these gifts of bread and wine. Strengthen us with this food that we may live in expectation for the advent of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

COMMUNION LBW p. 89
*Word's of Institution, *Lord's Prayer, Distribution
(Wine is a light pink, grape juice is a dark purple.)

COMMUNION HYMN WOV # 629
"All Earth is Hopeful"

*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
Generous God, we thank You for the gift of life, for the bread of salvation. We thank You for coming among us, for leading us into peace. We thank You for showering us with mercy, for sending us into the world. Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us as we feed the hungry in Your name. 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 WOV # 673
"I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"



*Welcome to
Worship at Bethel*

Sunday, December 1, 2024

First 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

*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH:

THE PROPHET'S CANDLE

RESPONSIVE READING

I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.

In you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.

The Lord will make you a house when your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors,

I will establish his kingdom and the throne of his kingdom forever.

Comfort, O comfort my people says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord.

Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up,

And every mountain and hill be made low;

The uneven ground shall become level

And the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all people shall see it together. **For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.**

"Light One Candle"

*GATHERING HYMN

LBW # 34

"Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel" 1,4,5

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

LBW p.77

*HYMN OF MERCY

"Praise the Name of Jesus"

*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

Jeremiah 33:14-16

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PSALM

Psalms 25:1-10

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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

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

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*GOSPEL VERSE

"Alleluia. To Whom Shall We Go?"

*GOSPEL

Luke 21:25-36

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The Gospel of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON HYMN

"My Lord, What a Morning"

WOV # 627

SERMON

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