

PREPARE YE THE WAY OF THE LORD



*Welcome to
Worship at Bethel*

*Sunday, December 5, 2021
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

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH *THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE*

NARRATION

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

LBW # 26

“Prepare the Royal Highway”

*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”

*GOSPEL

Pew Bible page 934

Luke 3:1-6

SERMON HYMN

LBW # 29

“Comfort, Comfort Now My People”

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

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

WOV # 731

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

*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

Most High God, You have come among us at this table. By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of Your word, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest. 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 # 651

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

He is like
a refiner's **fire.**

MALACHI 3:2, NRSV