

AND THE
peace of God,
WHICH TRANSCENDS
ALL UNDERSTANDING,
WILL GUARD YOUR HEARTS
AND YOUR MINDS IN
Christ Jesus.

PHILIPPIANS 4:7, NIV



*Welcome to
Worship at Bethel*

*Sunday, December 12, 2021
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

TEMPLE TALK

“Go the Extra Mile” for the Salvation Army

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

THE SHEPHERD’S CANDLE

NARRATION

RESPONSIVE READING

Who shall go out before them and come in before them,
who shall lead them out and bring them in,
so that the congregation of the LORD may not be like sheep
without a shepherd.

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me to lie down in green pastures:

He leads me beside still waters; He restores my soul.

He will feed his flock like a shepherd;

he will gather the lambs in his arms,

I will give you shepherds after my own heart,

who will feed you with knowledge and understanding.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields,

keeping watch over their flock by night.

The shepherds said to one another,

**“Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that
has taken place.”**

So they went with haste, leaving the ninety-nine on the mountains

to go in search of the one, that was astray:

The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

The God of peace brought again from the dead

our Lord Jesus, Christ, the Great Shepherd of the sheep.

“Light One Candle”

*GATHERING HYMN

WOV # 633

“Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn”

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

LBW p.77

*HYMN OF MERCY

“Bless His Holy Name”

***PRAYER OF THE DAY: Stir up the wills of Your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the preaching of John, that rejoicing in Your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; 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

Zephaniah 3:14-20

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PSALM

Isaiah 12:2-6

Pew Bible page 628

Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid,
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation.

And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name;
make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted.

Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;
let this be known in all the earth.

Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

SECOND LESSON

Philippians 4:4-7

Pew Bible page 1071

*GOSPEL VERSE

"Alleluia"

*GOSPEL

Luke 3:7-18

Pew Bible page 935

SERMON HYMN

"My Lord, What a Morning"

WOV # 627

SERMON

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*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

COMMUNION HYMNS

"Gloria to the Lord, Our God"

*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

"Rejoice in the Lord"

**GOD IS MY
SALVATION**

ISAIAH 12:2