

**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.**

**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 HYMN**

LBW # 40

*"What Child Is This"*

**\*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**

**Gracious and abundant God, You have done great things for us, and we rejoice. In this bread and cup You give us life forever. In Your boundless mercy, strengthen us and open our hearts to the world's needs, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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 # 70

*"Go Tell It on the Mountain"*



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF  
ADVENT**

*Welcome to  
Worship at Bethel*

*Sunday, December 20, 2020*

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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: *ANGEL'S CANDLE*

NARRATION & RESPONSIVE READING

*"Light One Candle"*

\*GATHERING HYMN LBW # 45

*"Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful"*

\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS LBW p.77

\*HYMN OF PRAISE WOV # 798

*"Bless the Lord, O My Soul"*

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Stir up Your power, Lord Christ, and come. With Your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that would obstruct Your mercy, that willingly we may bear Your redeeming love to all the world, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one god, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON Pew Bible page 278  
2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

PSALM Pew Bible page 534  
Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26

I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever;  
**with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.**

I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;  
**your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one,  
**I have sworn to my servant David:**

"I will establish your descendants forever,  
**and build your throne for all generations."**

Then you spoke in a vision to your faithful one, and said:  
**"I have set the crown on one who is mighty, I have exalted one chosen from the people.**

I have found my servant David;  
**with my holy oil I have anointed him;**

my hand shall always remain with him;  
**my arm also shall strengthen him.**

The enemy shall not outwit him,  
**the wicked shall not humble him.**

I will crush his foes before him  
**and strike down those who hate him.**

My faithfulness and steadfast love shall be with him;  
**and in my name his horn shall be exalted.**

I will set his hand on the sea **and his right hand on the rivers.**

He shall cry to me,  
**'You are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation!'**

SECOND LESSON Pew Bible page 1037  
Romans 16:25-27

\*GOSPEL VERSE  
*"Alleluia. To Whom Shall We Go?"*

\*GOSPEL Pew Bible page 931  
Luke 1:26-38

SERMON HYMN WOV # 752  
*"I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"*

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.**