

"And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars,  
and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity ...  
people fainting with fear  
and with foreboding  
of what is coming  
on the world ...



Now when these things begin to take place,  
straighten up and raise your heads, because  
**your redemption is drawing near."**

Luke 21: 25-26 & 28, ESV

*Welcome to  
Worship at Bethel  
Sunday, November 28, 2021  
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" v. 1,4,5*

\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

LBW p.77

\*HYMN OF MERCY

WOV # 798

*"Bless the Lord, O My Soul"*

\*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

Pew Bible page 724

PSALM

Psalm 25:1-10

Pew Bible page 492

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

Pew Bible page 1076

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

\*GOSPEL VERSE

*"Hallelu, Hallelu"*

\*GOSPEL

Pew Bible page 960

Luke 21:25-36

SERMON HYMN

LBW # 534

*"Now Thank We All Our God"*

SERMON

Rev. Mark Kindem

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**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**

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

LBW # 518

*"Beautiful Savior"*

**\*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**

*"I'll Fly Away"*