



SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 8, 2019

Welcome to Bethel Lutheran Church



We are glad you are here and we pray God will be real to you as you worship. Bethel is a Reconciling in Christ congregation. Knowing God loves all creation and holds us all, we welcome you who walk through our doors and you who are outside those doors. We welcome everyone and honor the rich diversity and giftedness that age, sexual orientation, race, belief, emotional and physical health, gender identity, marital status and station in life bring to the Bethel family and our relationships.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Gather around,
you are welcome here,
and you will hear Good News.

**In a world
where there are so many
discouraging and negative voices**

it is the God of encouragement
who will speak to you today.
The God of Jesus Christ.

**So come in, relax,
let your tiredness roll away.
Lift up your hearts, and listen.**

Restrooms are located in the basement on the east side of the building. A gender neutral restroom located behind the worship space next to the church office. Please ask the Usher or Greeter for assistance. There is also a rocking chair in the rear of the Sanctuary. Please use it as you wish.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Hymn

All Earth is Hopeful, verse 1 & 2



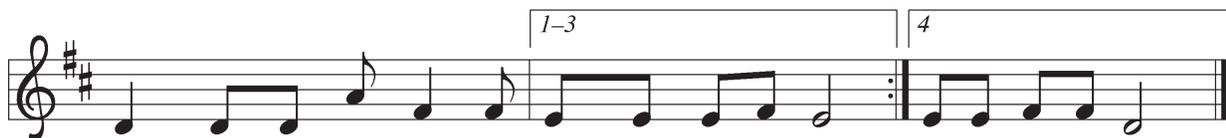
To - da la tie - rra es - pe - ra al Sal - va - dor
1 All earth is hope - ful, the Sav - ior comes at last!
2 Peo - ple of Is - rael, you heard the proph - et tell:
3 Moun - tains and val - leys will have to be pre - pared;
4 We first saw Je - sus a ba - by in a crib.



y el sur - co a - bier - to, la ob - ra del Se - ñor; es el
Fur - rows lie o - pen for God's cre - a - tive task: this, the
"A vir - gin moth - er will bear Em - man - u - el"; she con -
new high - ways o - pened, new pro - to - cols de - clared. Al - most
This same Lord Je - sus to - day has come to live in our



mun - do que lu - cha por la li - ber - tad, re -
la - bor of peo - ple who strug - gle to see how
ceived him, "God with us," our broth - er, whose birth re -
here! God is near - ing, in beau - ty and grace! All
world; he is pres - ent, in neigh - bors we see our



cla - ma jus - ti - cia y bus - ca la ver - dad. dar - nos li - ber - tad.
God's truth and jus - tice set ev - 'ry - bod - y free.
stores hope and cour - age to chil - dren of this earth.
clear ev - 'ry gate - way, in haste, come out in haste!
Je - sus is with us, and ev - er sets us free.

Today, we light the candle of Hope as we pray:

**Come, O Holy One,
as the water of life and refiner's fire!
Strengthen us with courage for your work of justice
that in all the creation and among every people
your peace may be established
and your joy abound,
through Jesus our Deliverer. Amen**

Opening Hymn

The King Shall Come



- 1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri - um-phant breaks,
- 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, to bear and fight and die,
- 3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic - to - rious, rose
- 4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn shall dawn up - on our race
- 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light and beau - ty brings.



when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
but crowned with glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn-ing sky.
and left the lone - some place of death, de - spite the rage of foes.
the day when Christ in splen - dor comes, and we shall see his face.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick - ly, King of kings.

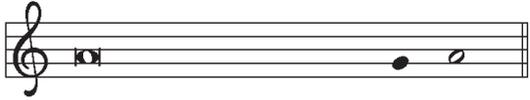
Greeting

The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.



Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



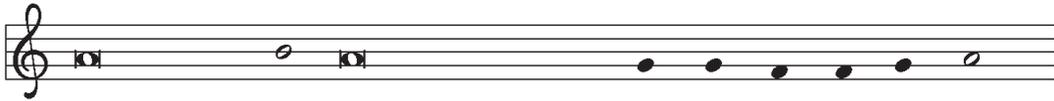
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - - men.

Assisting minister



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

Salutation

May God be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him,
and his dwelling shall be glorious.

P: Hear the Word of God.

C: Thanks be to God.



Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name”;

and again he says,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”;

and again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him”;

and again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope.”

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

P: Hear the Word of God.

C: Thanks be to God.



Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 3rd chapter.

The people respond: **Glory to you, O God.**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.' "

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The people respond: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Message

Sermon



Hymn of the Day

Comfort, Comfort Now My People



1 "Com - fort, com-fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.
2 For the her-ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.



Com-fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn-ing un - der sor - row's load.
call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the reign of God is here.
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be-fits God's ho - ly reign.



To God's peo - ple now pro-claim that God's par - don waits for them!
Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way.
For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,



Tell them that their war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for-ev - er.
Val - leys, rise to greet the Sav - ior; hills, bow down in hum-ble fa - vor.
and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

Prayers of the People

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you



WE CELEBRATE THE MEAL

Offering

Offertory Hymn

In the Bleak Midwinter, verses 1 and 3



1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,
2 Heav - en can - not hold him, nor . . . earth sus - tain;
3 What . . . can I give him, poor . . . as I am?



earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;
heav'n and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign;
If I were a shep - herd I would bring a lamb;



snow had fall - en, snow on snow, snow on snow,
in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble place suf - ficed
if I were a wise . . . man I would do my part;



in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.
the Lord . . . God al - might - y, Je - sus Christ.
yet what I can I give him— give my heart.

Offering Prayer

Giver of every good thing, we set before you the gifts that you have already given to sustain our lives and to share with others.

Help us to be good steward of the earth and all that is in it, and let our lives be a testimony to the abundant feast you prepare for all who hunger.

Amen

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary that we should . . . join their unending hymn:

Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy



San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra.
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.



Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: San - to e - res Se - ñor.
My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done in earth,
As it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
The power, and the glory,
For ever and ever.
Amen.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion

God keeps adding places to the table. Come to the banquet that has no end!

Communion Distribution

Communion Hymn

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



- 1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
- 2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
- 3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ring bore,
- 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.
in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

Prayer After Communion

God of abundance, we give you thanks that in this holy meal, you have invited us to feast with you and one another. May the taste of your love remain with us, and may our words and our work in your name invited others into your bountiful grace. Send us from your table to proclaim your presence, even as we await the glorious coming of Christ our Savior.

Our welcome extends to the Communion Table. We recognize that this is Christ's Table and Christ's invitation. Please come forward as you are invited. If you prefer not to receive Communion at this time, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing – just fold your arms across your chest so that we know you prefer a blessing. Wine is served from the first chalice; grape juice is served from the second. We also offer gluten-free bread and individual cups of wine.

WE ARE SENT IN JESUS' LOVE

Announcements

Blessing

May God, who gathers us in love, lead you in pathways of righteousness and justice.

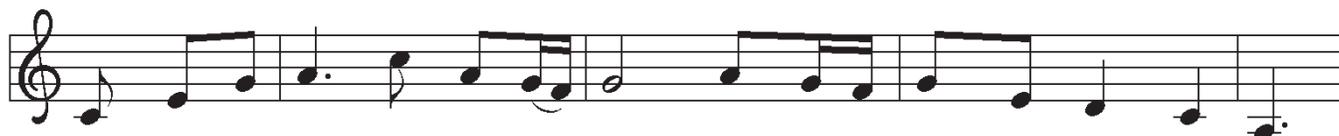
May God, who knows us more deeply than we know ourselves, lead you in pathways of forgiveness and freedom.

May God, who fills us with good things, lead you in pathways of equity and abundance.

The blessings of the Holy Trinity, † one God, be upon you and remain with you forever.

Sending Hymn

O Day of Peace



1 O day of peace that dim-ly shines through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,
2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the fierce de - vour the small;



guide us to jus - tice, truth, and love, de-liv-ered from our self - ish schemes.
as beasts and cat - tle calm-ly graze, a lit-tle child shall lead them all.



May swords of hate fall from our hands, our hearts from en - vy find re - lease,
Then en - e - mies shall learn to love, all crea - tures find their true ac - cord;



till by God's grace our war-ring world shall see Christ's prom-ised reign of peace.
the hope of peace shall be ful-filled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.

Dismissal

Go in peace, Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Prayer Requested For:	Prayer Concern:	Prayer Contact:
For the People of Bethel Lutheran	May the wisdom and counsel of the Holy Spirit abide within the people of Bethel during this time of change and transition.	Staff
For the environment and all those working to bring about live-giving change	Grant us wisdom to care for earth and energy to act now for the good of future generations	Staff
Steve Stoner	Prayers of healing and comfort.	Staff
Katie Reitel & Family	Prayers for peace & assurance of God's love.	The Bentleys
Faith St. John	Healing and support as she undergoes treatment for cancer.	Pastor Core
Leo Lawrence	Prayers for healing.	Pastor Core
Jennifer Nevills, former YDIC director	Struggling with heart disease.	Karen Anderson
Bob Hoggard	Prayers of peace and comfort as he nears the end of his earthly life.	Becky McAllister
Margie Fletcher	Prayers of healing; Peace and comfort for her and Mike, Mitch and Micah.	Karen Anderson
Willie Torrey and his family	Prayers of thanksgiving for a good turn of events in his life; prayers for his son and for peace in his family.	Willie Torrey
Christy Runyan	Preparing for surgery next month; prayers of comfort.	Karen Anderson
David Gyles	Peace, assurance of God's presence and comfort; freedom from pain. Prayers of comfort for his companion Sandy Morris.	Pastor Core
Joan Barber	Peace and comfort and freedom from discomfort as she begins palliative care.	Pastor Core
Michael Barber	Prayers of thanksgiving for a good recovery.	Pastor Core
Tylar Jackson, Garvin, Brittany Jo Dougherty, Gabrielle Mancina-Marson	Healthy whole soul.	Miss Tracy Lynn Mancina
Our prayers continue for many among us: for Timothy Collins, Elizabeth, Rob, Jacob Bard, Miles Bard, Annalu Lingnau, Ben Lingnau III, David Lingnau, Patricia Connor.		



Stewardship of Service	Today - Dec 8	Next Week - Dec 15
Ministers:	All Baptized Members of Bethel	All Baptized Members of Bethel
Pastor:	Pr. Joan Beck	Pr. Tom Hiller
Music Director	Jamie Webster	Jamie Webster
Musician		
Usher:		Shirley Kolpin
Reader:	Jared Burdick	Karen Anderson
Communion:	Stephanie Burdick and JulieAnn Edman	Joann and Emily Noll
Preparation of the Altar:		

BETHEL NEWS

TODAY

- **Dec 8** | **Pastor Tom Hiller**, preaching and presiding



COMING UP:

- **Dec 11** | **Angel Project** - Please deliver the items you have signed up to bring to church by 12/11 so Joann and Jackie can fill in shopping for any needed items.
- **Dec 13 & 14** | **Angel Project Help** - Sorting food & wrapping gifts
- **Dec 15** (*weekend of*) | **Angel Project Help** - Deliveries to families



SERVICE SCHEDULE:

- **12/15** | **Pastor Tom Hiller**, *Third Sunday in Advent*
- **12/22** | **Pastor Joan Beck**, *Fourth Sunday in Advent*
- **12/24** | **Pastor Joan Beck**, **Christmas Eve Service 5 pm**
It will be a festive candlelight service with Holy Communion with lessons and carols.
- **12/29** | **Pastor Tom Hiller**, *First Sunday of Christmas*

OTHER NEWS

Women's Spirituality Group | Saturday 8:30 am (12/07), Edman's home

Women of Bethel

This coming Saturday, December 7, is time for our Women's Group to meet again. This month we have two opportunities to meet, share stories, pray, and contemplate. We finally start at the beginning of In Wisdom's Path as she opens with Advent, the beginning of the church year. In her other book, Night Visions, Jan Richardson says this about Advent: "In this strange season when we are suspended between realization and expectation, may we be found honest about the darkness, more perceptive of the light." What does this mean to each of us, as well as Bethel, as we walk this new path we are on together. We have an opportunity for rich discussion!

Let's meet for breakfast at my house this Saturday at 8:30am, probably with quiche again. And of course coffee and tea. I'm considering changing meeting times to every other Saturday as Thursdays have been sparsely attended. Please let me know your opinions. I know you have them.

Blessings!

JulieAnn Edman

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Angel Project 2019

Reminder:

- Please deliver the items you have signed up to bring to church by December 11 so Joann and Jackie can fill in shopping for any needed items.
- We are still looking for a sponsor for a mother and child.

The Annual Bethel Angel Project is underway. We are adopting 5-8 families this year. **If adoption isn't up your alley, maybe you'd like to supply part of the Christmas Food Box.**

You can do this in a number of ways:

A donation of one or more of the needed supplies – see the sign-up sheet on the easel at the back of the Sanctuary. A donation of \$\$ always works. We are asking for specific items for the food box this year as some of the needed items can be obtained through alternative low cost sources. Look for that sign-up Sheet and shop for paper towels, toilet paper, dish soap, laundry soap, etc.

Other ways you can help:

- Donation of a \$25 Gift Card for Fred Meyer (each family will receive a card so that they can supplement their Christmas needs as is right for their family)
- Grocery Shopping for additional food items as needed
- Organizing Food Baskets and wrapping gifts on December 13 & 14
- Delivering Packages and Food Boxes to families the weekend of December 15.

The Bethel Choir

Everyone is welcome to join in on the singing and celebrating.

Please continue to give Jamie your feedback about what piques your interest and is joyful for you to sing. If the music selections are challenging (either positively or negatively), she would like to hear that too.

Choir Practice is every week except when our music director, Jamie Webster, is out of town.

The Choir sings during service once a month. The dates for performing and no choir practice are listed below:

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Sign Up Genius Link for Food Ministry:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050a48a4ad2da46-bethel1>