



In gratitude, Bethel Lutheran Church amplifies God's grace, nourishes all creation, reaches out, and builds community.

- We are a Reconciling in Christ Congregation.
- Why a Public Church? To impact and enhance the community so that everyone feels a sense of love and belonging.



## **ADVENT 2**

**DECEMBER 7, 2025**

Bethel Lutheran Church - In-person and Online

YouTube: @bethelmpls

# ADVENT 2

December 7, 2025, 10:00AM

We welcome to the Lord's Table all people, without exception, who desire to receive the blessings of Christ's body and blood in this sacramental meal of bread and wine. If you are online, please prepare your own table with bread, wine, and/or a treat for anyone not receiving communion.

***Boldface font indicates congregational response.***

*Worship leaders will indicate when to stand and sit, as you are able.*

## GATHERING

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**Gathering Music**

"Lo, How a Rose"

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Greeting**

Wherever you are on your journey of faith, we believe that God meets us here. We gather in the name of the Creator, and of the Savior, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**Lighting the Candle**

In a world full of fear, where do you see glimmers of peace?

**We see glimmers of peace in the quiet of early morning, when people shake hands, when loved ones say they're sorry, and when the church sings together.**

You are right. Even in a fearful world, peace is all around us.

**Today we light the candle of peace as a reminder of this good news. May this flicker of light help us remember that even in a fearful world, peace is present. We only have to look for it.**

*Light candle.*

*This little light of peace, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of peace, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of peace, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

## Opening Hymn LBW 34

"Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel"



- 1 Oh, come, oh, come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
- 2 Oh, come, oh, come, great Lord of might, who to your tribes on
- 3 Oh, come, strong Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's
- 4 Oh, come, blest Day - spring, come and cheer our spir - its by your
- 5 Oh, come, O Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen wide our



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
Si - nai's height in an - cient times once gave the law  
tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save  
ad - vent here; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,  
heav'n - ly home; make safe the way that leads on high,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.  
and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re-joyce! Re - joice!  
and death's dark shad-ows put to flight.  
and close the path to mis - er - y.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

Text: *Psalterium Canticum Catholicarum*, Köln, 1710; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
Music: VENI, EMMANUEL, French processional, 15th cent.

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Merciful God, **we need bread and we need laughter. We need music and we need a hand to hold. We need a chair to sit in and we need work to do. But maybe more than anything, we need your peace. So move through this space today and speak to us as only you can. Speak a word of peace deep into our weary bones. For we need bread and we need laughter, but most of all, we need you. Amen.**

## Gloria, Gloria, Gloria



*¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!*  
*Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!*



*¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!*  
*Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!*



*Y en la tie - rra paz pa-ra\_a-que-llos que\_a-ma\_el Se - ñor.*  
*And on earth . . . peace to God's peo-ple. Glo - ry to God.*



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## WORD

### Poem

"God in the Kitchen"

### Children's Message, then Sunday School

*Children and the young at heart are invited to the front of the sanctuary.*

### Gospel Acclamation

*A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!*  
*Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!*

*A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!*  
*Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!*

*A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya,*  
*Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,*

*a - le - lu - ya! A - le - lu - ya!*  
*al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!*

### Gospel

Matthew 11:1-11

The Gospel of the Lord according to Matthew, the eleventh chapter. **Glorify to you, O Lord.**

After Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and preach in the towns of Galilee. When John, who was in

prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples to ask him, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?" Jesus replied, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me." As John's disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swayed by the wind? If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear fine clothes are in kings' palaces. Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written: "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

### Hymn of the Day ELW 299

"Cold December Flies Away"



- 1 Cold De - cem - ber flies a - way at the rose - red splen - dor.
- 2 In the hope - less time of sin shad - ows deep had fall - en.
- 3 Now the bud has come to bloom, and the world a - wak - ens.



A - pril's crown - ing glo - ry breaks while the whole world won - ders  
 All the world lay un - der death. Eyes were closed in sleep - ing.  
 In the lil - y's pur - est flow'r dwells a won - drous fra - grance.



at the ho - ly un - seen pow'r of the tree which bears the  
But, when all seemed lost in night, came the sun whose gold - en  
And it spreads to all the earth from the mo - ment of its



flow'r. On the bless - ed tree blooms the red - dest flow'r. On the tree blooms the  
light brings un - end - ing joy, brings the end - less joy of our hope, high - est  
birth; and its beau - ty lives. In the flow'r it lives, in the flow'r, and it



rose here in love's own gar - den, full and strong in glo - ry.  
hope, of our hope's bright dawn - ing, Son be - lov'd of heav - en.  
spreads in its heav'n - ly bright - ness sweet per - fume de - light - ful.

Text: Catalanian carol; tr. Howard Hawhee, b. 1953  
Music: EL DESEMBRE CONGELAT, Catalanian carol  
Text © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

## Advent Creed

**I believe in God, the One who loves all of creation, beyond our understanding.**

**I believe in Jesus, God's only child, born on this earth to show us the heart of God.**

**Jesus, who did what we could not, making us right with our Creator.**

**Jesus, who showed us that true power looks like loving God and loving neighbor.**

**Jesus, who commands that we work for hope, peace, love, and joy in our world.**

**Jesus, who grants us grace we cannot earn and belonging we cannot break.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, who lives in, around, and through us every day.**

**I believe in God's promises of the forgiveness of sins, eternal life, and resurrection.**

**I believe that we are named and claimed, loved and saved children of God.**

By Brenda Froisland  
Input from Meta C, Michelle L, Agape Dave, Carole U, Laurie H, Eric L, Brian M

## Prayer Updates

### Prayers of the People

God of starlight ... released, and the lion lying with the lamb. **Amen.**

### Peace

The peace of Jesus is with you always. **And also with you.**

### Offering

*For checks and cash offerings, please place them in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary. For members, if you are making a cash donation, place it in an envelope with your name on it. For online giving through PayPal scan the QR code.*

*Online worshipers, please send checks directly to:  
Bethel Lutheran 4120 17th Ave S, Mpls, MN 55407  
Thank you for your generosity!*



### Offering Prayer

Let us pray. Risen One, **you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true Savior. Amen.**

## MEAL

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### The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to our God.

**And also with you.**

**We lift them to God.**

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**



## Holy, Holy, Holy



San - to, san - to, san - to\_es el Se - ñor,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . . God,



Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to\_es el Se - ñor.  
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.



San - to, san - to, san - to, san - to\_es el Se - ñor,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . God,



Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to\_es el Se - ñor.  
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.



Ho - san - na en el cie - lo, ho - san - na en la  
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na here on



tie - rra. Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en el  
earth. . . . . Blest is the one who comes in the



nom - bre del Se - ñor. Ho - san - na en el  
name . . . of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the



*cie - lo, ho - san - na en la tie - rra. Ben -*  
*high - est, ho - san - na here on earth. . . .*



*di - to el que vie - ne en el nom - bre del Se - ñor.*  
*Blest is the one who comes in the name . . . of the Lord.*

### Words of Institution

For as often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the mystery of faith, that **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

### Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

### Invitation to Communion

## Lamb of God



Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;  
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .



ten pie-dad de no - so - tros,                      ten pie-dad de no - so - tros.  
have . . mer-cy up - on us,                      have . . mer-cy up - on us.



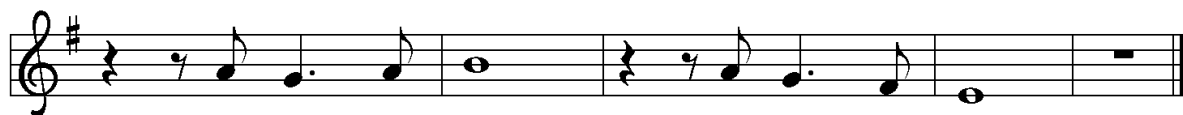
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Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;  
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .



da - nos tu paz,                      da - nos tu paz.  
grant us your peace,                      grant us your peace.

Communion Hymn GS2 40

"Bread for the Journey"



1, 5 Give us bread for the jour - ney, give us bread.  
2 Guide our way as we trav - el, guide our way.  
3 Make us one with each oth - er, make us one.  
4 Lead us home to the gar - den, lead us home.



Give us bread for the jour - ney, give us bread.  
Guide our way as we trav - el, guide our way.  
Make us one with each oth - er, make us one.  
Lead us home to the gar - den, lead us home;



When our legs are get - ting heav - y, and we're hang - ing down our heads,  
With so ma - ny roads be - fore us, where to go is hard to say.  
All the walls we've built a - round us: may we learn to tear them down.  
where we'll live with all cre - a - tion, find our place and nev - er roam.



give us bread for the jour - ney, give us bread.  
Guide our way as we trav - el, guide our way.  
Make us one with each oth - er, make us one.  
Lead us home to the gar - den, lead us home.

Text: Bret Hesla  
Music: BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY, Bret Hesla  
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Post Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthens you in faith, holds you in God's grace, forgives your sins, and empowers you to love all others.  
**Amen.**

## Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray. Loving God, **in a world racked with fear, you gather us together. You set the table. You meet us here. You nourish our bodies as you nourish our spirits. You remind us that this is a joyful feast, and that fear cannot win every time. So with renewed courage, with renewed hope, with renewed conviction, send us out into the world. Help us to feed others as you have fed us. With gratitude we pray. Amen.**

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## SENDING

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### Benediction

Friends, as we go, look for God's Spirit, reach for each other's hands, and choose courage whenever you can. Always remember that the Good News is greater than fear. In the name of the one who calls, the one who sends, the one who journeys with us — go in peace and do not be afraid. **Amen.**

### Sending Hymn ELW 264

“Prepare the Royal Highway”



- 1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
- 2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!
- 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!
- 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!  
Palm branch-es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!  
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.  
His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:  
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!  
All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:  
So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:



Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772–1847; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*  
Music: BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN, Swedish folk tune, 17th cent.  
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## Dismissal

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

## Sending Music

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

<b>Ministers:</b>	All Believers	<b>Musician:</b>	Anne Phillips
<b>Presiding Minister:</b>	Rev. Brenda Froisland	<b>Sacristy:</b>	Stephanie Johnson
<b>Assisting Minister:</b>	Sharon Rodi	<b>Ushers:</b>	Jerry Johnson
<b>Lector:</b>	Jerry Johnson	<b>Live Streaming:</b>	Gene Rodi and Ted Allison
<b>Cantor:</b>	Sarah Berke	<b>Hospitality:</b>	Sharon Rodi
<b>Music Director:</b>	Bernie Asher	<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Barb Saunders and Barb Wandberg

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BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH'S  
2ND SATURDAY

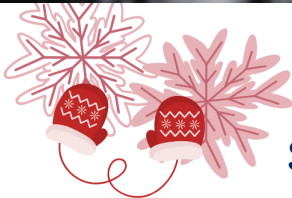
# CONCERT SERIES

ANGELICA ENCORE CHOIR  
DECEMBER 13, 2025, 3PM

*Suggested \$10 Donation.*

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**ALL ARE WELCOME**  
*without exception!*



STARTING IN NOVEMBER



**We are collecting coats,  
hats, scarves, and mittens  
for people experiencing  
homelessness!**

Please drop them off at Bethel  
before December 31, 2025.



# PRAYER

## list...

### PRAY FOR BETHEL MEMBERS

Matt Psick	Karen McBride
Sarah Psick	Laurel Jorgensen
Alice Evenson	Gloria Condon
Mike Wohnoutka	Hundt Family
Dave and Libby Krogh	Puckett Family
Hoover Family	Darrell Dahl
Leonard and Sharon Phillips	Walker Family
David and Sue	Cannon Family
Dorumsgaard Ayers	Warwick Family
Joyce Hughes	Pikkarainen Family
Jerry Johnson	Gert Carlson

### MORE PEOPLE OF GOD

- The families and neighbors of Annunciation Church and School
- Victims of natural and human disasters
- People of Ukraine, Israeli Citizens, Iranian Citizens, and Palestinians in Gaza
- All of us regarding COVID, RSV, Flu, Mpox
- Black, Brown, Indigenous, and Asian Lives
- People without homes

### MEMBERS, RELATIVES AND FRIENDS IN THE SERVICE

Katrel Bishop (Pr B's nephew)  
Adam Froisland (Pr B's nephew)  
Evan Harrison (Pr B's great nephew)

### PRAY FOR OUR RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Martha Christensen (Sarah Psick's sister)  
Amanda and Sage (Candy Hickenbotham's family)  
Ethylmae Ross (Gloria Condon's aunt)  
The family of Nick (Ann Allison's nephew)  
Ian (Pr B's friend)  
Eric (Pr B's and Mary's family friend)  
Julian (Jan Walker's friend)  
Kevin Johnson and family (Les' brother)  
Beth (Dan Hauge's sister)  
Kristian (Pr B's friend)  
Steve (Pr B's brother)  
Michael (Marilyn Newborg's brother)  
Donovan (Angel Cannon's father)  
Rita (Sharon Phillips' friend)  
Calvin (Angel Cannon's godfather)  
Laura (Lisa Chovan Spence's sister)  
Wayne (Karen Warwick's dad)  
Trent and Michelle (Norma's Family)  
Darlene (Jeff Alberts' mom)  
Susan (Mike Condon's sister)  
John (Kathy Hundt's brother-in-law)  
Andrea (Mona Falk's daughter)

### BETHEL'S MISSION PARTNERS

- ❖Bancroft Neighborhood Association   ❖Bread of Life Deaf Lutheran Church (BOLD)  
❖ReconcilingWorks   ❖Casa de Oracion - Pentecostal  
❖Mpls Area Synod   ❖Nokomis Healthy Seniors   ❖CANMN