

Bethel Lutheran Mission Statement

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Come As You Are.....

What does it mean when you are welcomed to worship at Bethel? It means Bethel Lutheran Church family extends a special welcome to those who are single, married or divorced. It means we want to welcome those children who are crying or soon will be. It means you are welcome if you can sing like an angel or plan to lip synch your way through every hymn. You are welcome here if you're "just browsing", just woke up or just got out of jail. We don't care if you're more Lutheran than old Martin or haven't been to worship in who knows how long. We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60, but have not grown up yet, as well as to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We follow a strange and wonderful Lord who welcomes everyone so we at Bethel strive to do the same.

In other words
WE WELCOME YOU!!
BE.THE.Love

Today in Service:

Pastor: Pastor Amy Eisenmann
Director of Youth & Family Ministries: Lisa Bassingthwaite
Director of Volunteer & Hospitality Ministries: Joyce Johnson
Choir & Handbell Director: Linda Palmer
Ministers: All baptized members of Christ's Church

This Week

Organist: Stacy Owens

Ushers:

Cantor: Amy Boyer

Reader: Diane Finnie

Soundboard: Brad & Angie Cruff

Streaming: Brian & Amy Boyer

Coffee & Treats:

Altar Flowers: Suzanne Pehl – in memory of Terry Pehl

Eternal Candle: Suzanne Pehl – in memory of Terry Pehl

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Sunday, December 22, 2024

9 am Service
4th Sunday of Advent

Gathering



Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Advent Wreath Hymn **ELW 257**

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (Verse 2)

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Linda Miller & Larry Bethel

Opening Hymn **ELW 242**

“Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn”

Greeting

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

A: **And also with you.**

Kyrie **p. 147-148**

Hymn of Praise **“Glory to God”** **p. 148-149**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together our prayer of the day:

God of Hope, we seek you. During this holy season of Advent, help us to see you in all whom we encounter. May your hope be a comfort to all who long for justice. May your hope fill our hearts and grace our lips so that we might reflect your hope for all the world. May our hands, our feet, our words and our actions bring hope to those among us and around us who cannot see your hope today. With hope in our hearts, we wait for your Son to come again. Amen.

Reading from Luke, the 1st chapter: Luke 1:46-55

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Special Music Cyndy Kolle & Glen Enderson

Children's Message Lisa Bassingthwaite

L: A reading from the gospel of Matthew, 1st chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sermon Pastor Amy

“Hope is Worth the Risk”

Hymn of the Day ELW 266

“All Earth is Hopeful”

(The Offering is received during the hymn)

(The “noisy offering” will be received by the children)

Offertory ELW 186

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

Apostles' Creed p.217

Prayers of the People

After each petition of the prayer, congregation responds with:

“Receive Our Prayer”

The Lord's Prayer p.221

Sending

Benediction & Dismissal

L: As you leave this place, may you have the wisdom to lean on one another. May you have the courage to hold onto hope, the compassion to do the good that is yours to do, and the confidence to trust that God sees you as a blessing. For in a world full of dead ends, Advent invites us to begin again. So start here. Start now. Go in peace, be with love and begin again.

C: **Thanks be to God! Amen!** ❤️ BE.THE.Love

Hymn ELW 439

“Soon and Very Soon”

Postlude

“Come As You Are!”

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Worship Band:

Vocalists: Kelly Voss, Alison Voss, Lara Lekang and Rick Hendrickson

Guitar: Pat Trappen and Rick Hendrickson

Drums: Tracy Bommersbach **Bass:** Troy Ballinger

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11am Service
4th Sunday of Advent

Gathering Songs

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Song

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel” (Verse 1)

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Lara Lekang & Art Grochow

Call to Worship

L: In this weary world,

C: **we sing of joy.**

L: In this fragile world,

C: **we lift each other up.**

L: In this beautiful world,

C: **we look for God all around us.**

L: In this tender world,

C: **we hold onto hope.**

L: In this time of worship, let us sing, lift up, look for, and hold on to the hope that God, Emmanuel brings to us,

C: **with hope in our hearts, let us worship together!**

Amen!

Song “Come Now Is The Time To Worship”

Greeting

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

C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

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Children’s Message

Lisa Bassingthwaite

Reading

Luke 1:46-55

Matthew 1:18-25

Message

Pastor Amy

“Hope is Worth the Risk”

Song of the Day

“Messiah”

(The Offering is received during the hymn and the “noisy offering” will be received by the children)

Offertory

“Christmas Offering”

Apostles’ Creed

Prayers of the People

“As We Pray”

The Lord’s Prayer

Sending

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Sending Song

“Joy To The World” (Verses 1, 2 & 4)