

WELCOME

to Bethel Lutheran Church!

Welcome to Bethel on this Christmas Eve! We are so glad you’re here to celebrate the coming of the Christ Child with us on this holy day! May Christ continue to live and reign in our hearts, not only at Christmas, but all through the year. May you sense His presence among us as we worship tonight!

All who believe in Jesus as Lord and Savior are welcome and encouraged to join us for communion, regardless of church membership or denomination.

* You are invited to stand as you are able.

Prelude: “Puer natus est” Everett Titcomb

The Christmas Eve Welcome

***The Opening Carol: “O Come, All Ye Faithful” #283**

*The Christmas Greeting:

L: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light...

P: It’s that Light that brings us here today as we reflect on all this Child means to our world, our lives, and all eternity!

* The Christmas Responsive Reading:

L: Let us celebrate the coming of The Long-Awaited One...

P: Let us raise our courage and go to Bethlehem to see the mystery in the stable!

L: For the One who holds the world and hung the stars is wrapped in swaddling clothes and received as a guest in an animal’s manger...

P: The time of salvation is at hand! Let us prepare our hearts, and all of creation, for the Savior’s birth.

L: Let us sing the Good News from the roof tops as the angels did...

P: Our wait is over! Our hearts will explode with joy if we don’t raise our voices to sing hosannas to God in the highest!

*The Christmas Prayer

*Sharing of the Christmas Peace

The First Lesson: Isaiah 9:2-7

The Music Ministry: “The Shepherds” Peter Cornelius
Megan Wagner, soprano; Skip James, piano

The Children’s Message: Pastor Kris Kurzejeski

***The Carol: “Hark, the Herald Angel Sing” #270**

The Christmas Gospel: Luke 2:1-20

The Christmas Message: “God With Us”
Pastor Kris Kurzejeski

***The Carol: “Angels, We Have Heard on High” #289**

*The Offering Prayer:

L: God of all wonders...

P: We offer our humble gifts tonight in appreciation of all You have done for us! As You gave what was most precious to You in Jesus, we now give faithfully to You, and Your work. Amen!

Giving our First and Best to God through our Offering

The Offering Music: “O Holy Night” Adolphe Adam
Obed Floan, Tenor; Sarah Bertsch, violin; Skip James, piano

* The Great Thanksgiving:

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God!

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise!

*The Words of Institution

*The Lord’s Prayer:

**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.**

*Invitation to Communion:

L: These are God’s gifts for God’s people...come and receive!

The Music Ministry: “Pastoral Symphony” from Messiah Handel
Sarah Bertsch, violin; Skip James, organ

*The Communion Blessing

*The Christmas Prayer

*The Litany of Light:

L: Jesus, our Light of all lights...

P: Come to us again tonight and break the power of darkness in our lives and our world!

L: Jesus, the One who came to serve and to give...

P: Share Your light in this place tonight to inspire and strengthen our serving!

L: Jesus, our Savior, Leader and Lord...

P: Give us Your light to shine on others to help illumine their way!

*Shining the Light of Christ

*The Carol:

“Silent Night, Holy Night!”
(Vss. 1, 2, 3, 4)

#281

Silent Night, Holy Night!
All is calm, all is bright!
Round yon virgin mother and child
Holy Infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent Night, Holy Night!
Shepherds quake, at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the savior is born.

Silent Night, Holy Night!
Son of God, love’s pure light
Radiant beams from Your holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at your birth,
Jesus, Lord at your birth.

Silent Night, Holy Night!
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Holy Infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

*The Christmas Blessing

Postlude:

“Noel”

Claude Daquin

Worship Notes

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:
Scripture Reader: Linda James
Technical Assistants: Ashley Dorr, Kathy Jeska
Piano & Organ: Skip James
Violin: Sara Bertsch
Tenor: Obed Floan

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Grow, and Serve, Continues . . .

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“I do my best to try and keep God with me on a personal level. It is my belief that God really wants a personal relationship with us.”

- Lenny Kravitz



CHRISTMAS EVE
CAROLS, COMMUNION &
CANDLELIGHT

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2020
8:00 PM WORSHIP | Downtown Campus
Pastor Kris Kurzejeski, Preacher
Pastors John Lestock & Ladd Sonnenberg,
Worship Leaders