

WELCOME

to Bethel Lutheran Church!

We are so glad you are here with us for worship on this Christmas Day. It is our mission here at Bethel to Connect, Grow, and Serve God and others. On this Christmas Day, we are reminded of the great love God has for us revealed to us through the Christ child. It is our hope and prayer that through this service you will be empowered “to go” and see where and how God makes His home in the midst of your life and showers you all the while with His love and peace.

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 New Song Band

The Christmas Day Welcome

*Our Confession and Forgiveness

Leader: We invite Christ into our everyday lives and into the messiness of the world, confessing our need for God’s mercy and grace.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Leader: Lord of Love...

People: We confess that we often do not show love as we should. Sometimes we do not love You, others, or ourselves. We are often not at peace with others. We bring to You all the things that tear us apart and separate us from You. In Your mercy, heal our divides and our insecurities. Bring us closer to living as the kind of people You would have us be. Let Your peace reign over all the earth, as we emulate the example of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

L: In the Word who has come to dwell with us, God has given us grace upon grace, forgiveness that is stronger than our sins, and love that can heal every broken heart. Hear this word of God’s pardon and peace: in the name of Jesus our Savior, you are free from all your sins. Rise and shine, for Your light has come.

P: Amen.

***The Opening Carol: “It Came Upon A Midnight Clear” #282**
(lyrics will be on the screens)

*The Pastoral Greeting:

L: We gather this day to share the Good News of great joy; for to us a Savior is born!

P: We gather today with joy in our hearts and hope in our souls!

*The Christmas Litany (Fran Pratt):

L: Gracious and Generous God: On this day we celebrate the coming of Jesus Christ, Your Son, Your Self in human form.

P: We celebrate the Son of God.

L: Jesus was not what we expected. We looked for a warrior.

P: You sent a baby.

L: We looked for royalty.

P: You were born to peasants.

L: We looked for power.

P: You showed us meekness.

L: We looked among rulers and politicians.

P: You were found among cattle and shepherds.

L: We looked for military victory.

P: You gave us resurrection.

L: We looked for riches.

P: You gave us selflessness.

L: We looked for a king.

P: You gave us a servant.

L: May we grow evermore like Jesus...

P: And live in the light of His presence and example.

*The Prayer of the Day:

L: Lord of Light...

P: You have entered the world, bringing us hope and light. You have strengthened and sustained us while we have been lost and weary. Let the light of our faith shine through us in all we do, that others might see You and come to know Your love. In Your Holy name we pray. Amen.

*Sharing the Christmas Peace:

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

P: And also with you!

The Children’s Message: Pastor Ladd Sonnenberg

The Music Ministry: “O Holy Night” New Song Band
John Dwight, Adolphe Adam, Paul Baloche, and Michael Rossback
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The Christmas Gospel: Luke 2:1-7

The Carol: “O Little Town of Bethlehem” (vs 1) #279
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The Christmas Gospel: Luke 2:8-14

The Carol: “O Little Town of Bethlehem” (vs 2) #279
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The Christmas Gospel: Luke 2:15-20

The Carol: “O Little Town of Bethlehem” (vs 3-4) #279
(lyrics will be on the screens)

The Message: “Let’s Go” Pastor Ladd Sonnenberg

***The Carol: “Oh Come, Oh Come Emmanuel” (vs. 1-4) #257**
(lyrics will be on the screens)

*The Offering Prayer:

L: Like those who visited the baby Jesus,

P: We bring all that we have, and all that we are, before our Lord. We offer these gifts in humility and awe, in joy and delight. May God, in His infinite love, use these gifts according to His will. Amen.

Giving our First and Best to God through our Offering

Offering Music: Improvisation on “Love Has Come” New Song Band

*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: Come and receive this Holy Gift, given for one and for all, by a God that loved us enough to become one with us.

*The Communion Blessing

*The Prayer After Communion

L: Good and Loving God,

P: We rejoice that the Word of life has come to dwell with us in the birth of Jesus. As we go into the world, help us to take this Good News to all people that they may come to know our Saving Lord. Amen.

*The Christmas Blessing:

L: May the Word that Mary brought to birth carry you into new and abundant life.

P: **Amen.**

L: May the Word that Joseph cradled in his arms enfold you with love and strength.

P: **Amen.**

L: May the Word that the angels proclaimed in song bring harmony to our world.

P: **Amen.**

L: May the blessings of almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

P: **Amen.**

*The Closing Carol: “Go Tell It On The Mountain!” #290

*The Sending:

L: Go this day with the love of Christ in your hearts!

P: **We go to share God’s love with others, through this remarkable Christmas story!**

Worship Notes

TODAY’S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Reader: Dan Roeglin

Song Leader: Tracey Jenkinson

Piano: Skip James

Technical Assistants: Larry Quam, Tom Preston, Ricky Lien

New Song Band:

Piano/Keys:	Bass: Will Suit
Craig Koehnen,	Drums: Steve Jerlow
Calla Jenkinson	Vocals: Katie Possehl
Guitars: Paul Gavic,	Tracey Jenkinson
Sam Chapman	

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CHRISTMAS DAY
CAROLS & COMMUNION

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2020
10:00 AM WORSHIP | Highlands Campus
Pastor Ladd Sonnenberg, Preacher
Pastor John Lestock & Pastor Kris Kurzejeski,
Worship Leaders

“I will honor Christmas in my heart and try to keep it all the year.”

— Charles Dickens, A Christmas Carol