

Thank you for worshipping with
BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

November 28, 2021

Announcement Highlight

Please take note of the following dates and times as some of our “traditional” times have changed:

December 12: Worship and Christmas Program will begin at **10:30 a.m.** There will be no 9:15 a.m. worship on this day.

December 19: The St. Lucia Day activities will begin at **10:30 a.m.** in Luther Hall after Sunday morning service.

December 24: Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Services will be at **4:00 p.m.** and **10:00 p.m.** Kids are encouraged to share their musical talents with prelude music before the earlier service. To participate, please sign up outside the front office by December 19.

These are today's worship participants:

PREACHER

Pastor Jonathan Dahl

ASSISTING MINISTER

Deacon Beverly Baseman

MUSICIAN

Jane Kochis

ACOLYTES

Addie Roschild and
Abby VanDerBill

COMMUNION SERVERS

Helen Butler and
Sandy Gardner

AUDIO/VISUAL BOOTH

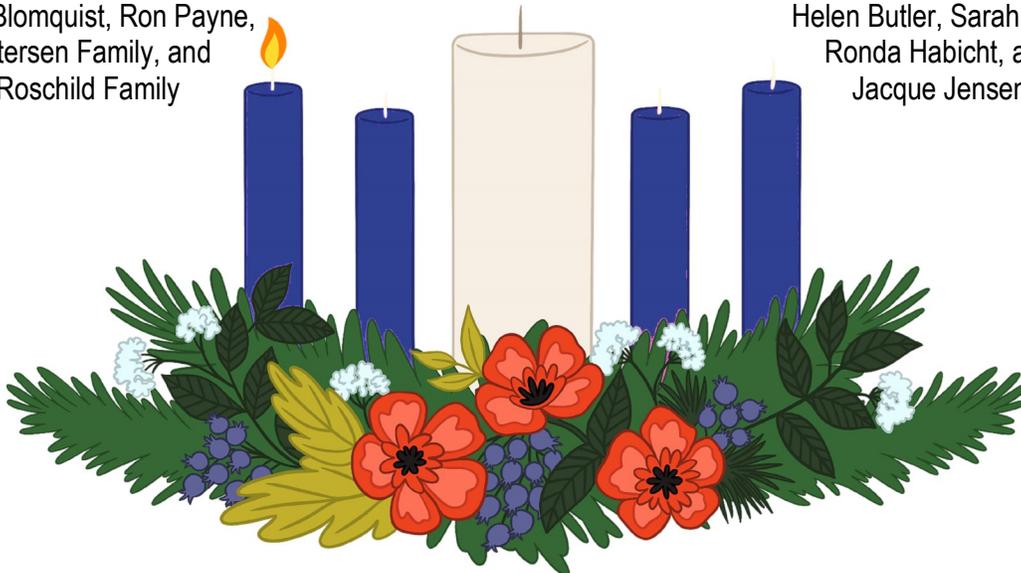
Sawyer Dahl and
Jeff Johnson

USHERS

Doug Blomquist, Ron Payne,
Petersen Family, and
Roschild Family

ALTAR SET-UP

Helen Butler, Sarah Dahl,
Ronda Habicht, and
Jacque Jensen



Here are some things to know about our worship:

OFFERING

Offering plates are located in the narthex, outside of the Sanctuary. The gold plates are our general offering collection. This offering is brought to the front of the Sanctuary by our ushers during the worship. Our "Noisy Coin Offering," which currently goes toward an ELCA "Good Gift:" a family farm, takes place during service when the children will come around and collect coins to be brought to the front of the church.

HOLY COMMUNION

Here at Bethel EVERYBODY is welcome to the Lord's Table to receive the meal of Holy Communion. Jesus fed and ate with all – making the meal of Holy Communion God's gift to us, meeting us where we are to renew and forgive and fill us in the ways God knows we need. Therefore, everyone is welcome to come and receive the meal regardless of what your past or current church participation has been or is or hasn't been! Come and be fed OR come and receive a blessing. We are very glad to have you be part of this meal of God's love for all here at Bethel. (An usher will invite you forward pew by pew, and as you come, gluten-free wafers are available and the wine is red and the juice is yellow.)

CHILDREN

We encourage all kids to participate in worship. You are welcome to enjoy our "prayground" located near the pulpit at any time during the service. This area has quiet toys and crafts with which young kids can play.

WATCH FROM HOME

While we encourage in-person worshipping on Sundays, we realize this simply isn't possible for everyone. Our worship can be viewed live on Sunday mornings at [facebook.com/bethelinwillmar](https://www.facebook.com/bethelinwillmar). They are also kept on Facebook to be viewed at a later date or time. The Willmar Access Channel airs Bethel's worship on channel 180 on Sundays at 1:30 and 6:30 p.m. as well as Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Order of Service
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PRELUDE

Jane Kochis

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

ADVENT PRAYER

Stir up our hearts, O God, to prepare a pathway for your Christ and our Christ. By his coming speak peace to your people and turn our hearts toward you, that your saving grace and splendid glory may dwell in all the earth; through Jesus Christ, whose day draws near. Amen.

PROCESSION OF THE LIGHT

ADVENT READING AND CANDLE LIGHTING

Every year at this time we are invited to embrace God's action in the birth of a child, in the intimacy, messiness, and vulnerability of birth. Let us lean into the joy and wonder of that action and remember that God has promised to be with us in a covenant that is eternal. Even though we are living through a time of deep uncertainty, with perils all around us and unknown paths in front of us, we can trust in God. We light the first Advent candle this morning that we might believe in God's incredible faithfulness toward us and the world.

ADVENT HYMN

Come, Now O Prince of Peace, #247

Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one body.

Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.

Come now, O God of love, make us one body.

Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.

Come now and set us free, O God, our Savior.

Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.

Come, Hope of unity, make us one body.

Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.

TIME FOR YOUTH

SHARING OF PEACE

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 21:25-36

[Jesus said:] ²⁵“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Jonathan Dahl

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, #257

(vs. 1-4, 7)

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.**

**O come, O Wisdom from on high, embracing all things far and nigh: in strength and beauty come and stay;
teach us your will and guide our way. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.**

**O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on Sinai’s height in ancient times you gave the law
in cloud, and majesty, and awe. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.**

**O come, O Branch of Jesse, free your own from Satan’s tyranny; from depths of hell your people save,
and give them vict’ry o’er the grave. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.**

**O come, O King of nations, come, O Cornerstone that binds in one: refresh the hearts that long for you;
restore the broken, make us new. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.**

CONFESSION OF FAITH

We believe in God, the source of all life, wholeness, and love. We believe that God is revealed in Jesus Christ. We believe that in his life, Jesus reveals God in grace, mercy, forgiveness, and justice, and that in his death, Jesus reveals God's determined presence in the world even in the face of hatred, violence, and pain. We believe that in his resurrection, Jesus reveals God calling us to abundant life both now and forever; life beyond our fearful and fragile imaginations. We believe that God lives among us, within us, and through us by the power of the Holy Spirit. We believe that God moves us to be together in communities of faith, hope, and love. We believe these things not out of certainty but out of faith; as one who trusts in the reality of God revealed in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

God, in your mercy... **hear our prayer.**

OFFERING SONG

He Came Down, #253

**He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have love; hallelujah forevermore.**

**He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;
he came down that we may have light; hallelujah forevermore.**

**He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;
he came down that we may have peace; hallelujah forevermore.**

**He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;
he came down that we may have joy; hallelujah forevermore.**

WORDS OF PROMISE FOR THE MEAL OF HOLY COMMUNION

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.

SHARING OF THE MEAL

COMMUNION HYMNS

My Lord, What a Morning, #438

(refrain) **My Lord, what a morning; my Lord, what a morning; oh,
my Lord, what a morning, when the stars begin to fall.**

**You will hear the trumpet sound, to wake the nations under ground,
looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall. (refrain)**

**You will hear the sinner cry, to wake the nations under ground,
looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall. (refrain)**

**You will hear the Christian shout, to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall. (refrain)**

Voices Raised to You, #845

**Voices raised to you we offer; tune them, God, for songs of praise.
Hearts and hands we bring in tribute for your gifts through all our days.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Triune God, to you we sing!**

**All creation joins to praise you; earth and sky your works display.
Art and music, gifts you lend us, we return to you today.
Alleluia! Alleluia! God, creator, source of life!**

**Christ, the song of love incarnate, touching earth with heaven's grace,
for your living, suff'ring, dying, for your rising, hear our praise!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ, redeemer, Lord of life!**

**Spirit, flaming through creation, kindle faith within each heart.
Lift our voices high in chorus; through our hands your love impart.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Spirit, helper, breath of life!**

**How can any praise we offer measure all the thanks we owe?
Take our hearts and hands and voices – gifts of love we can bestow.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Triune God, to you we sing!**

BLESSING

May the God of hope continue to rouse us into readiness and goodwill at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Joy to the World, #267

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king; let ev'ry heart prepare him room and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sin and sorrow grow nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace and wait for the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sun - November 28

9:15 a.m. Worship
10:15 a.m. Sacred Dance
10:15 a.m. Church Decorating
10:40 a.m. Sunday School

Mon - November 29

9:30 a.m. Women's Book Study

Tues - November 30

5:00 p.m. Yoga

Wed - December 1

10:00 a.m. Holden Prayer Service
10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
5:15 p.m. WOW Meal
6:00 p.m. Holden Prayer Service
6:30 p.m. Confirmation Small
Groups

Thurs - December 2

9:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study
5:00 p.m. Yoga

Fri - December 3

Sat - December 4
8:00 a.m. Yoga

