



# Bethel Lutheran Church

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Today at Bethel:  
Preacher: Pastor Jonathan Dahl  
Worship Leader: Pastor Kathy Hartley  
Lector: Jean Raatz  
Musician: Lois Dahl  
*9:15 a.m.*

*December 2, 2018*

PRELUDE *Once In Royal David's City* Lois Dahl

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT HYMN *Hark, the Glad Sound* #239  
(vs. 1)

ADVENT READING & CANDLE LIGHTING

GREETING

The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the Lord of Israel who comes to set us free, the mighty Savior who comes to show mercy, the Dawn from on high who guides us into peace. **Amen.**

Let us come before God in confession.  
(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

To you, O God, **we lift up our souls. You know us through and through; we confess our sins to you. Remember not our sins; remember us with your steadfast love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Children of God, come with joy and draw water from the well of salvation. Remember the gift of baptism: your sin is washed away in the name of Jesus; you belong to Christ; you are anointed to serve. Stand up and raise your heads! The reign of God is near. **Amen.**

ADVENT HYMN *Hark, the Glad Sound* #239  
(vs. 2-4)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Together we pray: **Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

TIME FOR YOUTH

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

READING Jeremiah 33:14-16  
Holy wisdom, holy word. **Thanks be to God.**

READING 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13  
Holy wisdom, holy word. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL Luke 21:25-36  
The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON Pastor Jonathan Dahl

HYMN OF THE DAY *He Came Down* #253

CONFESSION OF FAITH *Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH  
God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

OFFERINGS ARE RECEIVED  
(In gratitude for what God has given us, we offer something of our lives to God and as part of our joyous service to the world.)

NOISY COIN OFFERING *This Little Light of Mine* #677

OFFERING *People Look East* Cathedral Choir #248  
(choir: vs. 1, 3, 4, congregation to join in on the repeat of vs. 1)

**People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able,  
trim the hearth and set the table.  
People, look east, and sing today—  
Love, the Guest, is on the way.**

## THE TABLE BLESSING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## 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.**

### COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

(Everyone is invited to the Lord's Table. Children receive a blessing. Please inform the pastor if you need a gluten-free communion wafer. The cups in the middle of the communion tray are grape juice. Upon returning to your seat, enjoy silent prayer or singing.)

<i>My Lord, What a Morning</i>	#438
<i>Once in Royal David's City</i>	#269
<i>Let Us Break Bread Together</i>	#471

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.  
**Amen.**

Together we pray: **Holy One, we give you thanks that in this bread and cup we have feasted again on your endless love. Let that love overflow more and more in our lives, that we may be messengers to prepare your way, harvesters of justice and righteousness, and bearers of your eternal Word, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### BLESSING

May God direct your ways in peace, make you abound in love for one another and for all, and strengthen your hearts until the coming of our Lord Jesus. Almighty God, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN

*Joy to the World* #267

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Sing a new song! **Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

*Joy to the World* Lois Dahl

**This Week at Bethel:**

*Sunday, December 2*

9:15 a.m. Worship  
10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time  
10:30 a.m. "Carolers" Practice  
10:40 a.m. Education Hour  
11:30 a.m. Sacred Dance  
11:30 a.m. Meatball Making

*Monday, December 3*

9:30 a.m. Women's Book Group  
4:30 p.m. Notes of Praise

*Tuesday, December 4*

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting  
9:30 a.m. Mary Unit  
9:30 a.m. Martha Unit  
2:00 p.m. Sarah Unit  
5:00 p.m. Exec Team  
5:00 p.m. Yoga

*Wednesday, December 5*

10:00 a.m. Holden Morning Prayer Service  
5:00 p.m. JuBellant Ringers  
5:30 p.m. Confirmation  
6:30 p.m. Holden Evening Prayer Service  
7:00 p.m. Cathedral Choir

*Thursday, December 6*

7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast  
9:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study  
2:00 p.m. Honor Unit  
5:00 p.m. Yoga

*Friday, December 7*

*Saturday, December 8*

9:00 a.m. Lucia Day Festival

*Sunday, December 9*

9:15 a.m. Worship  
10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time  
10:40 a.m. Education Hour  
4:00 p.m. Christmas Program  
5:30 p.m. Scandinavian Supper