

**Bethany Lutheran Church
Gathering**

Pastoral Welcome and Announcements

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who is the light and the life of all ages. **Amen**

Trusting in Jesus Christ, who came to share our humanity and bring light to this broken world, let us come before God without fear to make our confession.

Silence for Self Reflection

Comforting God,

We confess before you and in the presence of one another that we are sinners who fail to live as you desire. So often we place our trust in ourselves and not in you. We do not love each other as you have commanded. Because of us, your whole creation suffers. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, forgive us. In your boundless patience and mercy, lead us to live by faith in your promise.

Amen

God's love for us is greater than all our sins. God promises full pardon and complete forgiveness to all who turn from sin and place their trust in Christ, the light of the world. Hear and believe the good news that all your sins are forgiven. With God nothing is impossible.

Amen

Opening Hymn

"Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn" WOV 633

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

Holy are you, God of power and glory; you promised to make your mighty presence known among the nations, and to strengthen your people to the end, when Christ will come in clouds to gather his people. As we light this candle, open our eyes to see the sin that separates us from you and from one another, and restore us again, that we may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Stir up your might and come to save us.

Reveal your face to us, and give us life. Amen

"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah" v.1 WOV 630

Greeting

Grace and peace be with you in the name of the Triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

And also with you.

Kyrie

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Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

We Hear God's Word

First Lesson

Isaiah 64:1-9

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

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Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel

Mark 13:24-37

Sermon

We Respond In Faith

Hymn of the Day *"My Lord, What A Morning"* WOV 627

Nicene Creed

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Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offertory Response *"Let the Vineyards"* p. 35 WOV

Offertory Prayer

God of faithfulness, we bring before you the precious gifts of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for those in need and prepare us for your Son's advent into our hearts.

Amen

The Lord's Prayer

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We Go To Serve

Benediction

Bells

Dismissal

Sending Hymn *"Soon and Very Soon"* WOV 744

Announcements

Welcome to Worship: A special word of welcome to guests in our midst. Please sign the Guest Register and do come again. Looking for a church home? We invite you to become a part of the family of Bethany.

Hearing Assistance Devices: are available for your use during the worship service. Please ask an usher or the person working with the sound system if you would like to try one.

Prayer Request: Mariam Lang, Gene Lostetter, Eunice Kanne, Fran Anderson, Charles Trittelwitz, Dean Selander, Jane McLain and Carisa Mueller.

Continuing Prayer Concerns: Andy Dahlberg, Eric Hermansen, families of military who have served or are currently serving our country. Missionaries Allan & Marie Krahn and family.

Christmas Program Practice: for those with youth in the Christmas program they will be practicing during Sunday School time on Sundays through December 14th, with additional practices on 12/17 at 7:00pm (leads only), 12/20 9:00-11:30am, and 12/21 at 9:00am with the program to follow at 11:00am.

Financial Peace University: will be tonight at 6:00pm.

Hymn Choosing Group: will meet December 3rd at 7:00pm.

Confirmation: will meet this Wednesday at 5:30pm.

WELCA: will meet Monday December 1st at 6:00pm at Church.

E-team: will meet Wednesday December 3rd at 7:00pm.

The Week Ahead

Monday	WELCA	6:00 p.m.	Church
Wednesday	Confirmation	5:30 p.m.	Church
	Choir	6:00 p.m.	Church
	Youth Night	6:30 p.m.	Church
	E-team	7:00 p.m.	Church
	Hymn Choosing Group	7:00 p.m.	Church
Sunday	Christmas Prog. Practice	9:30 a.m.	Church
	Worship	11:00 a.m.	Church
	Financial Peace	6:00 p.m.	Church

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Our Mission Statement: "To Spread the good news of the saving grace of Jesus Christ to our community and neighbors and to nurture and strengthen the faith of, and care for, our members.