



Second
Sunday
of

Advent



PRELUDE:

“Carol of the Bells”

~arr. Alex Guebert

Jubilate Handbell Choir

WELCOME

ENTRANCE HYMN:

“Jesus Shall Reign”

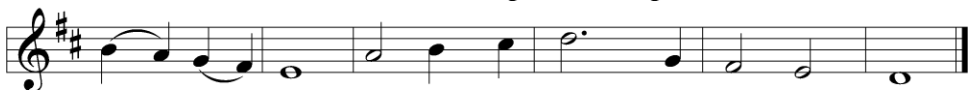
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1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun Does its suc -
2 To Him shall end - less prayer be made, And end - less
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er He reigns: The pris - 'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring Hon - ors pe -



ces - sive jour - neys run; His king - dom stretch from
prais - es crown His head; His name like sweet per -
leap, un - loose their chains, The wea - ry find e -
cu - liar to our King; An - gels de - scend with



shore to shore Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise With ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
ter - nal rest, And all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, And earth re - peat the loud a - men.

CALL TO WORSHIP: *(based on Isaiah 9)*

- L:** The people walking in darkness have seen a great light!
P: **For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;**
L: And He is called Wonderful Counselor, Might God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace
P: **His kingdom, established with justice and righteousness, will never end**
L: The zeal of the Lord Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit will accomplish this.
P: **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN AND FORGIVENESS: *(based on Isaiah 53)*

- L:** We all like sheep have gone astray,
P: **Each of us has turned their own way**
L: and the LORD has laid on Christ the iniquity of us all.

P: Forgive us Lord,

L: For we have not loved You with our whole heart and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

P: And the LORD has laid on Christ the iniquity of us all. Forgive us Lord,

L: For we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed,

P: And the LORD has laid on Christ the iniquity of us all. Forgive us Lord,

L: For we have sinned against You in what we have done and in what we have left undone.

P: And the LORD has laid on Christ my iniquity.

moment of silent reflection

L: Jesus has taken up your infirmities and carried your sorrows. He was pierced for your transgressions and crushed for your iniquities; the punishment that brings you peace was upon Him, for by His wounds you are healed and your sin forgiven. Amen.

RESPONSIVE HYMN: "Lord of All Hopefulness"

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1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,

Whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
Your hands swift to wel - come, Your arms to em - brace:
Whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:

Be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
Be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
Be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
Be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,

Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

LITANY OF PEACE AND WREATH LIGHTING:

L: Prince of Peace,
P: **Lead us in Your paths**
L: Calm our troubled hearts
P: **enter our broken and divided world**
All: **and rule and reign in and over us, O Prince of Peace. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Isaiah 11:1-10*

Then a shoot will come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from its roots will bear fruit.
The Spirit of the Lord will rest on Him—
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of advice and power,
the Spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord.
He will gladly bear the fear of the Lord.
He will not judge by what His eyes see
or decide by what His ears hear.
He will judge the poor justly.
He will make fair decisions for the humble people on earth.
He will strike the earth with a rod from His mouth.
He will kill the wicked with the breath from His lips.
Justice will be the belt around His waist.

Faithfulness will be the belt around his hips.
Wolves will live with lambs.
Leopards will lie down with goats.
Calves, young lions, and year-old lambs will be together,
and little children will lead them.
Cows and bears will eat together.
Their young will lie down together.
Lions will eat straw like oxen.
Infants will play near cobras' holes.
Toddlers will put their hands into vipers' nests.
They will not hurt or destroy anyone anywhere on my holy mountain.
The world will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord
like water covering the sea.
At that time the root of Jesse will stand as a banner
for the people to gather around.
The nations will come to Him.
His resting place will be glorious.-GW®

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

“Carol of the Lamb”

~ David von Kampen

8:00 & 9:30 Bethany Choir

NEW TESTAMENT READING: *Romans 15:4-13*

Everything written long ago was written to teach us so that we would have confidence through the endurance and encouragement which the Scriptures give us. May God, who gives you this endurance and encouragement, allow you to live in harmony with each other by following the example of Christ Jesus. Then, having the same goal, you will praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, accept each other in the same way that Christ accepted you. He did this to bring glory to God. Let me explain. Christ became a servant for the Jewish people to reveal God’s truth. As a result, He fulfilled God’s promise to the ancestors of the Jewish people. People who are not Jewish praise God for His mercy as well. This is what the Scriptures say,

“That is why I will give thanks to You among the nations
and I will sing praises to Your name.”

And Scripture says again,

“You nations, be happy together with His people!”

And again,

“Praise the Lord, all you nations!
Praise Him, all you people of the world!”

Again, Isaiah says,

“There will be a root from Jesse.
He will rise to rule the nations,
and He will give the nations hope.”

May God, the source of hope, fill you with joy and peace through your faith in Him. Then you will overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.-GW®

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

8:00 & 9:30

HOLY GOSPEL READING: *Matthew 3:1-12*

Later, John the Baptizer appeared in the desert of Judea. His message was, “Turn to God and change the way you think and act, because the kingdom of heaven is near.” Isaiah the prophet spoke about this man when he said,

“A voice cries out in the desert:
‘Prepare the way for the Lord!
Make His paths straight!’ ”

John wore clothes made from camel’s hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His diet consisted of locusts and wild honey.

Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole Jordan Valley went to him. As they confessed their sins, he baptized them in the Jordan River.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming to be baptized, he said to them, “You poisonous snakes! Who showed you how to flee from God’s coming anger? Do those things that prove you have turned to God and have changed the way you think and act. Don’t think you can say, ‘Abraham is our ancestor.’ I can guarantee that God can raise up descendants for Abraham from these stones. The ax is now ready to cut the roots of the trees. Any tree that doesn’t produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into a fire. I baptize you with water so that you will change the way you think and act. But the one who comes after me is more powerful than I. I am not worthy to remove His sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing shovel is in His hand, and He will clean up His threshing floor. He will gather His wheat into a barn, but He will burn the husks in a fire that can never be put out.” -GW®



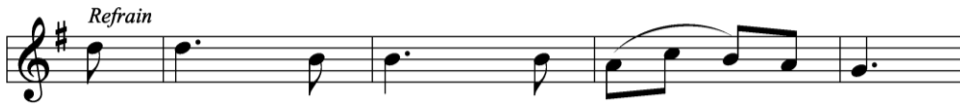
1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som
2 O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d'rest
4 O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from
7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind In one the



cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly
all things might - i - ly; To us the path of
Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y
hearts of all man - kind; Bid Thou our sad di -



ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
knowl - edge show, And teach us in her ways to go.
pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
vi - sions cease, And be Thy - self our King of Peace.



Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el



Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

MESSAGE: “It Shall Come to Pass...Paradise” *Isaiah 11:1-10*

HYMN OF THE DAY: "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

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1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc - es
 2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; Make straight the
 3 We hail Thee as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref - uge
 4 Lay on the sick Thy heal - ing hand And make the
 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to Thee Whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - ken,
 way for God with - in, And let us all our
 and our great re - ward; With - out Thy grace we
 fall - en strong to stand; Show us the glo - ry
 sets Thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
 hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.
 waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
 of Thy face Till beau - ty springs in ev - 'ry place.
 we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

CONFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED *(*catholic means the universal Christian Church)*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
 I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
 He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
 and born of the virgin Mary,
 He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died and was buried.
 He descended into hell.
 On the third day He rose again.
 He ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again 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.**

OFFERING: *The Offering Box is located in the center aisle. If you so desire, Text Giving is now available by texting GIVE to 562-210-0463. For On-line Giving information, contact Maraley at mshaeffer@bethanylutheran.org or call 562-421-4711, ext. 21. Thank you!*

CONSECRATION OF GIFTS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

- L:** Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of Your Son.
P: Receive our gifts Lord and through them empower ministry that leads many, including us, to grow in repentance and peace;
L: Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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.**

✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Bethany in the joyful confession that our Lord gives us His very Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sins in this sacrament. God intends this gift for His children who recognize their sin, trust in Christ as their Savior, desire to live for Him alone, and join in this joyful confession.

To prepare for communion you can find prayer prompts on the front page of the burgundy hymnal. Or simply pray: "Dear Lord Jesus, at Your gracious invitation, You invite me to come to You; to eat and drink Your holy body and blood as You Yourself have promised to give in this sacred meal. Forgive me of my sin, through this Your meal of Forgiveness. Let me experience the fullness of Your love, through this Your meal of love. Strengthen my faith, through this meal of Yours that calls for and bestows faith. Empower me to live for You, through this Your meal that promises life everlasting and equips me for daily living as one who has received You and Your gifts. Amen."

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

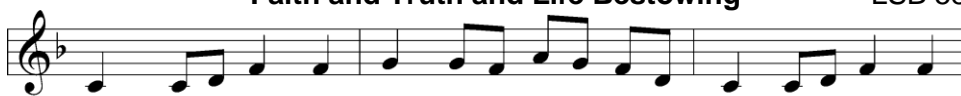
For those communing, who so desire, the center cups in each tray are **alcohol free**. The wafers on the stand next to the pillar pulpit side (when kneeling for communion) or on the stand in front of the baptismal font (when processing for communion) are **gluten free**.

In our 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. services, we will practice the Easter tradition of continuous communion. We will not kneel at the altar, rather we will join the procession of saints and come forward and remain standing as we receive the bread and wine. After receiving the elements, you are invited to return to your seat and continue in meditation, prayer and song.

DISTRIBUTION:

“Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing”

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1 Faith and truth and life be - stow - ing, O - pen now the
2 May the Spir - it's pow'r un - ceas - ing Bring to life the



Scrip - tures, Lord, Seed to life e - ter - nal sow - ing,
hid - den grain, Dai - ly in our hearts in - creas - ing,



Scat - tered on the wind a - broad. Let not hearts, Your
Bear - ing fruit that shall re - main. So in Scrip - ture,



Word re - ceiv - ing, Like a bar - ren field be found, Choked with
song, and sto - ry, Sav - ior, may Your voice be heard. Till our



thorns and un - be - liev - ing, Shal - low earth or ston - y ground.
eyes be - hold Your glo - ry Give us ears to hear Your Word.

“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

LSB 359



1 Lo, how a rose e’er bloom - ing From ten - der stem hath
 2 I - sa - iah ’twas fore - told it, The rose I have in
 3 This flow’r, whose fra - grance ten - der With sweet - ness fills the
 4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, Who felt our hu - man



sprung! Of Jes - se’s lin - eage com - ing As proph - ets long have
 mind; With Mar - y we be - hold it, The vir - gin moth - er
 air, Dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor The dark - ness ev - ’ry -
 woe; O Sav - ior, King of glo - ry, Who dost our weak - ness



sung, It came, a flow - ’ret bright, A - mid the
 kind. To show God’s love a - right, She bore to
 where. True man, yet ver - y God, From sin and
 know: Bring us at length we pray To the bright



cold of win - ter, When half - spent was the night.
 us a Sav - ior, When half - spent was the night.
 death He saves us And light - ens ev - ’ry load.
 courts of heav - en, And to the end - less day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS


BENEDICTION:

- [L]:** Christ Jesus, Lord and Savior, come, we open wide our hearts, Your home. Oh enter with Your radiant grace, on our lives patterns shine Your face, and let Your Holy Spirit guide to gracious vistas rich and wide.
- [P]:** **Our God, we praise Your name, forevermore the same.**


CLOSING HYMN:**“Lift High the Cross”**

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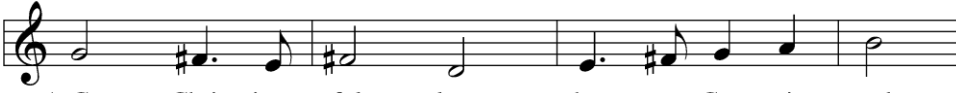
Refrain



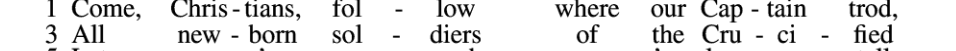
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till



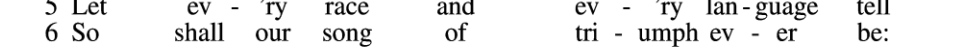
all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.



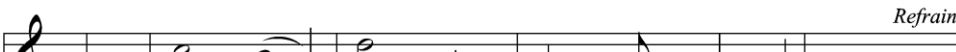
1 Come, Chris-tians, fol - low where our Cap - tain trod,




3 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied



5 Let ev - 'ry race and ev - 'ry lan - guage tell

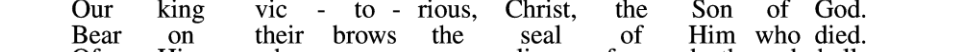


6 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

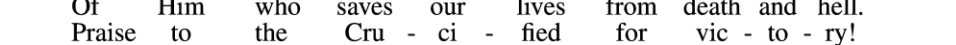


Refrain


Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.



Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.



Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell.



Praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

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"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" LSB 344.

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SERVING GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

Acolyte 8:00...Ben Culley

Acolyte 9:30...Anastasia Kienitz

Liturgist...Karl Fink

Lector 8:00...Chris Cale

Lector 9:30...Mike Riordan

Director of Music and Worship Arts...Noah Freeman

Children's Message...Emma Schutte

Crucifer 8:00...Timothy O'Conner

Crucifer 9:30...Henry Cerulle

Preacher...Pastor Kevin Kritzer

Lector 11:00...Nick Davies

Accompanist...Kevin Bowers



If You're a Visitor, WELCOME! We are so glad you have joined us for worship today. If you would like more information about Bethany and its ministries, please scan the QR code to the right. You will be directed to Bethany's fillable information form.



WEEKDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

WEDNESDAYS - DECEMBER 3RD & 10TH AT 9 AM

————— *The Watch: Midweek Morning Advent Worship*
You are invited to join the students of Bethany Lutheran School this Advent season in the sanctuary at 9 am. The Watch will reveal the gifts of God's daily presence, abundant provision, and miraculous reincarnation; and at the same time it calls us to embrace the Advent practices of attentiveness, carefulness, and timeliness this season.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3RD AT 6:30 PM

————— *Advent Worship - Devotions in Hymnody*
Join Director of Music Ministry & Worship Arts, Noah Freeman for a night of singing popular Advent & Christmas hymns accompanied by Scriptures, personal reflections, and devotions that correspond with each one. Come be refreshed and renewed by Word and song as we wait for the King's coming.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10TH AT 6:30 PM

————— *Advent Worship*
Enter a quiet, reflective space this Advent season. Through prayer, scripture, readings, and meditative music, we'll prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. Join us as we wait in hope, rest in stillness, and rediscover the deep peace and promise of Christmas in this contemplative evening of worship.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12TH AT 6:30 PM

————— *A Cozy Christmas with Tanner Olson & Blake Flattley*
Join poet Tanner Olson and songwriter Blake Flattley for A Cozy Christmas - an evening of storytelling, poetry, and music to warm your heart this holiday season. Gather with friends, sip something festive, and celebrate hope, joy, and wonder through the words and songs that capture the true spirit of Christmas.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17 AT 2 PM & THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18 AT 6:30 PM

————— *A Christmas Program: The Mystery of Simon Shepherd*
Come join us to watch Bethany Lutheran's 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students' performance of "The Mystery of Simon Shepherd." Clever and touching songs are woven together with entertaining dialog and a plot with surprise twists...with a beautiful conclusion which really brings the heart of the Christmas story to the center.



SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

"IT SHALL COME TO PASS" There are 16 Prophetic Books in the Old Testament named after the prophet who authored them. There are a couple dozen other prophets spoken about throughout the Old Testament. Yet, when someone says, "the Prophet," they are undoubtedly speaking about Isaiah. The prophet Isaiah proclaims the Peace, Paradise, and the Presence of God shall come to pass in His Advent.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH AT 8, 9:30 & 11 AM

Isaiah 2:1-5

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH AT 8, 9:30 & 11 AM

Isaiah 11:1-10

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH AT 9:30 AM ONLY

————— We will have a single Advent service at 9:30 am, a time of reflection and anticipation as we prepare for the coming of Christ. Through prayer, scripture, readings, and song, we'll rest in God's presence and embrace the hope, peace, joy, and the love of the season.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH AT 3 & 7 PM

————— *54th Annual Christmas Concert - "O Holy Night"*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21ST AT 8, 9:30 & 11 AM

Isaiah 7:7-10

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DONATE TO BETHANY'S FLOWER FUND!

Flowers are used to decorate the altar every Sunday, for special seasons such as Christmas and Easter, as well as other important dates during the church calendar. You are able to make two types of donations to the Altar Flower Fund: a general donation and a special request with recognition.



- **A Special Request with Recognition*** is a special type of Altar Flower donation. This request will be printed in the bulletin. For example, it could be given in memory of a person who has gone before us, for a wedding anniversary, baptismal birthday or a birthday celebration, etc. **This recognition has a suggested donation of \$75.**

- **A General Donation to the Altar Flower Fund** enables Bethany to have flowers in worship and for our shut-in and hospitalized members to receive flowers from our flower ministry team, even when no one has ordered flowers for specific purposes on Sunday. **This General Donation is for any amount you wish to give.**

*If you are making a **Special Request with Recognition**, please use this form to let us know of your donation **for a specific Sunday date** and what the significance of that donation is towards. **IMPORTANT:** Please complete this form at least **2 weeks prior** to that date, so that information regarding your donation can be printed in the Sunday bulletin for the date requested.

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