

Worship Notes

WE HOLD IN PRAYER

THOSE WHO ARE SICK, INJURED AND IN NEED OF HEALING:

David Babcock, Pastor Bob, Leslie Camarata, Connie Carrino, Don Evers, Don Flatt, Janice Forsythe, Donald Gangl, Roberta & Jim Harper, Sharon Haugo, Trina Hilke, Greg Hojem, Patty Johnson, Jackie Krebsback, Sandy Larson, Mary Martin, Kay Monroe, David Robson, Jim & Jane Sagraves, Jerry Shurb, Randy Stensgaard, Dorothy Vietor, Margaret Jane Wray

THOSE SERVING OR DEPLOYED IN THE MILITARY:

Isabelle & Sam Rick

TODAY’S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

Piano: Skip James

Song Leader: & The Songsters

The Bethel Quartet: Megan Wagner-Floan, Sydney Kakuk, Obed Floan, Karl Buttermann

Scripture Reader: Sean Hanner

Worship Support: Lori & Dave Benson, Nolan Harstad

Technical Assistants: Patrick Willson, Jonas Andrews, Eli Helm, Callan Dedolph

Shuttle Bus: Dave Datt

FIRST COMMUNION

Today, we celebrate with Henry and Harrison Wilson, as they receive holy communion for the first time. May this sacrament, given to us by the Lord, be a meaningful experience for them each time they receive it.



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2025
10:30 AM WORSHIP | DOWNTOWN CAMPUS

Pastor Ladd Sonnenberg, Preacher
Allen Powers, Worship Leader

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"Our God is the God of the unexpected. A few things could be more unexpected than the King of heaven being born in a stable."

—Bill Crowder

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WELCOME

to Bethel Lutheran Church!

We’re so glad you’re with us today. At Bethel, our mission is to Connect, Grow, and Serve God and others. Today we are reminded how the hustle and bustle of the holidays can become a distraction and draw us away from the reason for the season. We pray that through this service you will be able to find ways to keep focus on the one who is coming!

*You are invited to stand, as you are able.

All who believe in Jesus as Lord and Savior are welcome and encouraged to join us for communion, regardless of church membership or denomination.

The Prelude: “Greensleeves” R. Vaughn-Williams
Sarah Bertsch, violin; Skip James, piano

The Welcome/Announcements

The Lighting the Advent Wreath Candle: Lori & Dave Benson

*The Hymn: “Bless’d Be the God of Israel” #250

*The Greeting
Leader: We come, putting aside the darkness by stepping into God's light.
People: Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

*The Responsive Reading:
L: Lord, You call us to awaken from our sleep.
P: Stir our hearts and renew our spirits.
L: You call us to cast off the works of darkness.
P: Remove from us all that keeps us from Your light.
L: You call us to put on the Lord Jesus Christ.
P: Clothe us in Your compassion, kindness, and love.
L: Prepare us, O God, for Your coming among us.
All: People get ready—the King is drawing near!

*The Prayer of the Day:
L: God of light and promise,
P: You call us to be ready for the coming of Christ. Wake us from our distractions, lift our eyes from the busyness of this season, and prepare our hearts to welcome Your Son with joy. Help us to put on Christ each day, living in hope, faith, and love. In His holy name we pray. Amen.

*The Sharing of God’s 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: “As the Hart Pants” Felix Mendelssohn
The Bethel Quartet; Sarah Bertsch, violin; Skip James, piano

The Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 2:1-5
L: The Word of the Lord.
P: Thanks be to God!

The New Testament Lesson: Romans 13:11-14
L: The Word of the Lord.
P: Thanks be to God!

***The Advent Antiphon: “Hark, the Glad Sound” #326**
(vs. 1)
*The Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

The Message: “People Get Ready” Pastor Ladd Sonnenberg

***The Hymn: “Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn” #242**

***The Nicene Creed: pg. 104**
We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*The Offering Prayer:
L: Generous God,
P: As we prepare for the coming of Your Son, we offer these gifts with grateful hearts. Use them to bring hope where there is despair, light where there is darkness, and love where there is need. Make us ready, O Lord, to share Your grace with the world. Amen.

Giving our First and Best to God through our Offering

The Offering Music: “Huron Carol” St. Brebeauf
Sarah Bertsch, violin; Skip James, piano

*The Great Thanksgiving:
L: The Lord is with you.
P: The Lord is with you, too.
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.
L: It is indeed right, holy God, that we give You thanks and praise. In the fullness of time You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, the Light who shines in our darkness, the Savior who wakes us from sleep and calls us to walk in Your love. Through His life, death, and resurrection, You have brought us from night into day, from fear into hope, from sin into new life.

*The Words of Institution

*The Lord’s Prayer:
ALL: 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.

*The Invitation to Communion:
L: Come to this table of hope. In this holy season of waiting, Christ meets us with light for our path and strength for the days ahead.

The Communion Hymn: “O Christ, Our Hope” #604

*The Communion Blessing

*The Prayers of God’s People:
L: Coming Savior...
P: Hear our prayer.

*The Closing Blessing

***The Closing Hymn: “Joy to the World” #266**

*The Sending:
L: Christ is coming—people get ready!
P: We go prepared in faith and hope.

The Postlude: Improvisation on “Antioch” James