

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. On this Third Sunday of Advent, we are reminded that even in wilderness places and seasons of darkness, God brings joy, renewal, and life. Advent joy is not shallow happiness but the deep hope that God is making all things new. May you experience this Joy that is only found in Christ.

*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 Gathering Music: “Joyful Joyful”
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The Welcome/Announcements

The Lighting the Advent Wreath Candle: Allen & Sue Powers

***The Opening Song: “Joy To The World (Unspeakable Joy)”**
Ed Cash, Matt Gilder, George Frederic Handel, Chris Tomlin, & Isaac Watts
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The Children’s Message: Preschool Christmas Program

*The Responsive Reading:
Leader: When our spirits feel dry like the desert—
People: Lord, bring Your joy to renew us.
L: When discouragement shadows our days—
P: Lord, shine Your light upon us.
L: When fear weakens our steps—
P: Speak again: “Be strong; do not fear!”
L: You make streams flow in the wilderness and life bloom in barren places.
All: Come, Lord Jesus—bring joy into our darkness!

*The Prayer:
L: God of joy and promise,
P: You meet us in the dry and difficult places of life and bring forth new life where we least expect it. Open our eyes to see Your light in the darkness and our hearts to receive the joy You give. Strengthen us with Your hope and lead us on the holy way that leads to life. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Gospel Reading: Isaiah 35:1-7

The Message: “Joy in Darkness” Pastor Ladd Sonnenberg

***The Song: “O Come O Come Emmanuel”**
Jeremy Redmon & Michael Weaver
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The Baptism of Sawyer James Colvard

*The Offering Prayer:
L: Generous God,
P: You bring joy to the wilderness and hope to our darkest moments. Receive these gifts and use them to bring healing, renewal, and gladness to Your people and to the world You love. Amen.

Giving our First and Best to God through our Offering

*The Breaking of the Bread/Sharing of the Wine

*The Lord’s Prayer:
All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth, as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and forever. Amen.

*The Invitation to Communion:
L: Come to this table of joy, where Christ meets us with grace that lifts our hearts. In this season of glad hope, receive the One who fills our lives with courage, promise, and delight. Come, for Christ invites you.

The Song: “Light Of The World (Sing Hallelujah)”
Andrew Bergthold, Ed Cash, Franni Cash, Martin Cash & Scott Cash
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The Communion Blessing

The Prayer

*The Closing Blessing

***The Closing Song: “This Little Light of Mine”**
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***The Sending:**
L: God is bringing joy into the darkest places.
P: We go strengthened by hope.

Worship Notes

WE HOLD IN PRAYER

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

David Babcock, Pastor Bob & Karalee Bipes, Jen Callen, Leslie Camarata, Brenda DeLong, Don Evers, Don Flatt, Janice Forsythe, Becki Fuhrman, Donald Gangl, Jim & Roberta Harper, Sharon Haugo, Trina Hilke, Joan Hohnstadt, Greg Hojem, Patty Johnson, Jackie Krebsback, Mary Martin, Kay Monroe, David Robson, Jim & Jane Sagraves, Jerry Shurb, Randy Stensgaard, Dorothy Vietor

THOSE SERVING OR DEPLOYED IN THE MILITARY:

Isabelle & Sam Rick

TODAY’S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

Greeters: Bonnie & Sid Strand

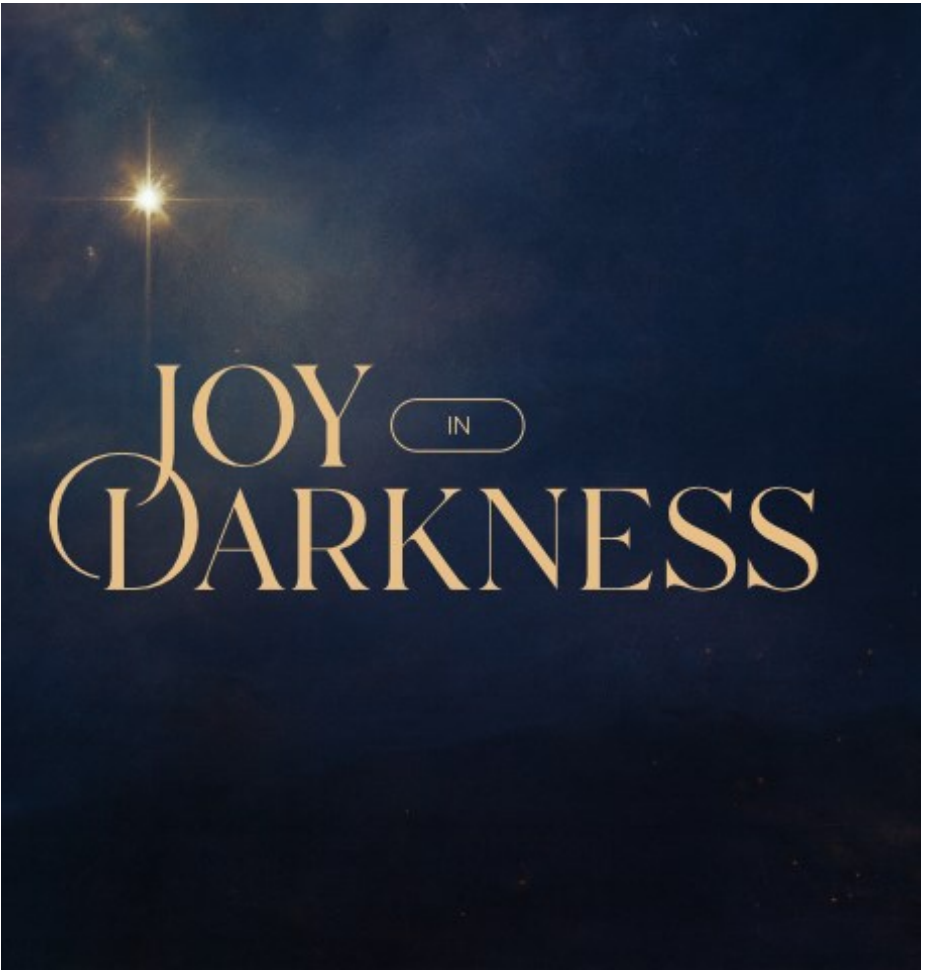
Hospitality: Diane Nehring

Worship Support: Lowell Enerson, Susan & Ryan Erickson, June Boyer, Brooklyn Johnson, Rocky Ludeman, Griffin Schmidt, Ethan Brehmer

Technical Assistants: Patrick Willson, Larry Quam, Jonas Andrews, Sean Hanner

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM:

Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Baptism at the 9:00 service is Sawyer James Colvard, daughter of Mariah & Riley Colvard.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2025
9:00 AM WORSHIP | HIGHLANDS CAMPUS

Pastor Ladd Sonnenberg, Preacher
Mary Gerzmehle, Worship Leader

Bethel service’s are livestreamed on Bethel’s website, Bethel’s YouTube page, and are broadcast on River Channel 15, Wednesday at 7:00pm & 9:00pm and Thursday at 7:00am.

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New Song Band

Vocalists: Heidi Selander	Piano: Craig Koehnen
Tracey Jenkinson	Drums: Kelli Rae Tubbs
Craig Koehnen	Guitar: Sam Chapman
	Bass: Luke Chapman

"Joy does not simply happen to us. We have to choose joy and keep choosing it every day."

—Henri Nouwen



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