

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Take away the hinderance of our sins and make us ready for the celebration of your birth, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

FIRST READING: Micah 5:2-5a

²But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. ³Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. ⁴And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; ⁵and he shall be the one of peace. If the Assyrians come into our land and tread upon our soil, we will raise against them seven shepherds and eight installed as rulers.

PSALM: Psalm 80:1-7

¹Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth

²before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up your might, and come to save us!

³Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

⁴O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

⁵You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in full measure.

⁶You make us the scorn of our neighbors; our enemies laugh among themselves.

⁷Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:5-10

⁵Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; ⁶in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. ⁷Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." ⁸When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), ⁹then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

GOSPEL: Luke 1:39-56

³⁹In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy

Spirit ⁴²and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." ⁴⁶And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; ⁴⁹for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. ⁵⁰His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. ⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. ⁵²He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; ⁵³he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. ⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, ⁵⁵according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever." ⁵⁶And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Today: December 22nd	Sunday December 29th
Fourth Sunday of Advent	First Sunday of Christmas
9:15-Adult SS	No Adult or Youth SS
9:30-Coffee Fellowship	9:30-Coffee Fellowship
10:30-Worship	10:30-Worship
6:00-Bethany Prayer Group	6:00 Bethany Prayer Group
Tuesday: December 24th	Wednesday: January 1st
8:30-Prayer Group	Happy New Year
9:30-Tuesday Coffee @ BLC	
Christmas Eve	
5:30-Christmas Eve Candlelight	
Communion Service	
Wednesday: December 25th	
HAVE A VERY BLESSED CHRISTMAS	

Prayer Concerns: Bethany Lutheran Church members, nursing home residents, Iowa storm/flood victims, those suffering any illness, Don DeHaan, Ed Schmidt, Dorothy Smith, Pastor Amy Little, Bill Belt, Janelle Mason, Warren Hawk, Linda Galbraith, Tim Burton, Desiree Welty, Roberta Baker, Pastor John Mayer, Elizabeth Dunbar, Monica Isom, Don Ehlers, Lisa Anderson, Bill Alexander, Eli Honer, Dorothy Sandvig, Pastor James Puotyual, Carol Schmidt, Gloria Bell, Cenon Zarzoso, Helen Dodge, Patricia Bentsen. Our youth, parents & teachers, our military & missionaries.

Lector: Becky Baker
Ushers: December 22nd -Jim & Denise Hodgell
 December 29th -Volunteers
Acolytes: Bethany Youth

Weekly Budget Needs: \$2817.00
 Faith Promise \$820.00 Worship 33
 Potluck \$15.00 Adult SS 5 Youth SS

Birthdays: December 22- Bruce Pedersen

*Please note that the blue CH (Celebration Hymnal) is located under the pew in front of you.

Altar Flowers:

An asterisk () indicates when to stand (for those who are able)*

ORDER OF THE SERVICE

PRELUDE/ RINGING OF THE BELL
 WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP OF PRAYER & MEDITATION

*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS P.56
 *HYMN *Oh, Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel* LBW 34
 *GREETING P.57
 *Glory to God.....
 *KYRIE P.57
 *PRAYER OF THE DAY (bulletin-in unison)

MEDITATION ON GOD'S WORD

Advent Reading The Angels Speak
Lighting 4th Advent Candle
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PSALM: Psalm 80:1-7 (bulletin – responsively)
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 *ALLELUIA VERSE P.62
 ***THE HOLY GOSPEL:** Luke 1:39-56
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 CHILDREN'S SERMON-
 SERMON Pastor David Klappenbach
 HYMN *O Little Town of Bethlehem* LBW 41
 APOSTLES' CREED P65

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

OFFERING / Processional "Offertory Psalm" P.75
 *PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH
 Leader: ...Lord in your mercy
 Response: Hear our prayer.
 ***THE LORD'S PRAYER** CH 631
 ***BENEDICTION** P.76
 *HYMN *Joy to the World* LBW 39
 *DISMISSAL



December 22, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Advent

WORSHIP, LOVE, ACCEPT TOGETHER IN CHRIST'S NAME

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To our visitors! Welcome to our Sunday Service. We are happy to have you sharing in our worship service and ask for the opportunity to meet you. We invite you to complete the visitor card in front of you. Please come again!

Welcome to our Communion Sunday Service. All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. We are happy to have you sharing in our worship service and ask for the opportunity to meet you. We invite you to complete the Communion/Visitor card in front of you. Please come again!