

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

**Eternal God, You make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground. Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money, and make us messengers of Your mercy and love for all in need of Your healing and justice. We ask this through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**COMMUNION**

LBW p. 89

\*Word's of Institution, \*Lord's Prayer, Distribution

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

*"You Are the Light of the World"*

**\*COMMUNION BLESSING**

Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

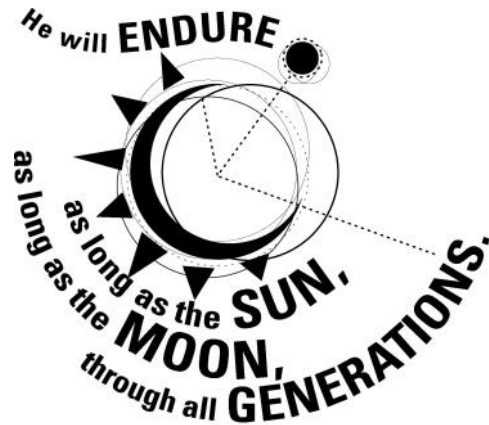
**Faithful God, in this meal You have remembered Your mercy, bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ. As we wait for the day when all Your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward Your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**\*BLESSING:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

**\*DISMISSAL:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**\*SENDING HYMN**

*"You're My Light and My Salvation"*



**PSALM 72:5, NIV**

In his days may  
*righteousness*  
flourish and  
*peace abound...*



PSALM 72:7, NRSV

*Welcome to  
Worship at Bethel*

*Sunday, December 4, 2022  
Second Sunday of Advent*

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*"A Family in Christ;  
Moved by His Spirit;  
Sharing His Love."*

\*: Please stand if you are able.  
LBW: Lutheran Book of Worship (green)  
WOV: With One Voice (blue)

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH:  
*THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE*

## NARRATION

### RESPONSIVE READING

But 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.**

Where is he who is born king of the Jews?

**In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet.**

Joseph went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem,

**because he was descended from the house of David.**

Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place,

**which the Lord has made known to us.**

*“Light One Candle”*

\*GATHERING HYMN LBW # 34  
*“Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel” v.1,4,5*

\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS LBW p.77

\*HYMN OF MERCY  
*“Praise the Name of Jesus”*

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY: **Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way of Your only Son. By His coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON Pew Bible page 627  
Isaiah 11:1-10

PSALM Pew Bible page 522  
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Give the king your justice, O God,  
**and your righteousness to a king's son.**

May he judge your people with righteousness,  
**and your poor with justice.**

May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,  
**and the hills, in righteousness.**

May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,  
**give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.**

May he live while the sun endures,  
**and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.**

May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,  
**like showers that water the earth.**

In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound,  
**until the moon is no more.**

Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,  
**who alone does wondrous things.**

Blessed be his glorious name forever;  
**may his glory fill the whole earth. Amen and Amen.**

SECOND LESSON Pew Bible page 1035  
Romans 15:4-13

\*GOSPEL VERSE  
*“Alleluia”*

\*GOSPEL Pew Bible page 878  
Matthew 3:1-12

The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON HYMN LBW # 26  
*“Prepare the Royal Highway”*

SERMON  
Rev. Mark Kindem

\*NICENE CREED LBW p. 84

\*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  
Lord in your mercy...**hear our prayer**

\*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING WOV # 626  
*“People, Look East”*