

**Thanksgiving for Families:**

Lillian Warner Wil & Lola Wertz Christine Prange

OFFERING

Special Music "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Chisholm/McDonald/Runyan  
*Bliss-Falk Families*

OFFERTORY: "We Are an Offering" ELW, #692

**HOLY COMMUNION**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today 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.**

SONGS DURING COMMUNION:

"Emmanuel" *see insert*  
"O Holy Night" *see insert*  
"Come to the Table" *see insert*  
"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" ELW, #276

POST COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" (vv. 1 & 3) ELW, #308

CORPORATE PRAYER:

"Into Your hands we commit our lives. Into Your hands we commit Your church."

GO IN PEACE

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**Worship Team for today:**

**Liturgist:** Jon Lohmer **Presider:** Pastor Cindy Josephson  
**Pianist:** Cindy Josephson **Hymnists:** Joy Faciane and Patsy Lohmer  
**Reader:** Jon Lohmer **Greeter:** **Usher:** Marv & Ev Kelley  
**Communion Asst.:** Jon Lohmer & **Screen/Sound:** Travis Kleven  
**Video FaceBook & YouTube:** Debbie Diedrich

# Sunday Worship Service



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## *2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas*

**January 5, 2025**

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**SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
**January 5, 2025**  
**9:30 A.M.**

PRELUDE: Cindy Josephson

GATHERING: “Joy to the World” ELW, #267  
“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear” ELW, #282

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CORPORATE PRAYER:  
“Into Your hands we commit our lives. Into Your hands we commit Your church.”

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS ELW, pp. 94–96

OPENING HYMN: “Once in Royal David’s City” ELW, #269

GREETING

KYRIE ELW, p. 184

PRAYER OF THE DAY

1<sup>ST</sup> READING: Jeremiah 31:7–14

PSALM: Psalm 147:12–20

2<sup>ND</sup> READING: Ephesians 1:3–14

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW, p. 188

GOSPEL: John 1:1–18

HYMN: “The Love of God” *see insert*

CHILDREN’S & ADULTS’ SERMON Kathy Harrison

APOSTLES’ CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**  
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,**  
**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,**  
**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,**  
**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**  
**and he will come 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Ukraine, Israel, and South Korea, our prayers are with you  
Areas recovering from Hurricanes Helene and Milton  
John & Casey Howshar

Delores Rasmussen & Dan Rasmussen

Eyes: Marvin Bohrer & Bonnie Frank

Robert McBride – Patti Schoenfeld – Mike Lemke – Susan Riley (Lorraine Chambers’ friend) – Ashlyn (daughter of friend Wade and Lynn Hampton) – Alicia Jerrup (friend of Mary Katherine Smith) – Gary (Andrea Newport’s brother-in-law) – Scott Petrock (Carol Einertson’s son-in-law) – Tammy Hawley (Sheila Kelly’s boss) – Linda Hardy – Andrew Carpenter (friend of Alexa Weaver) – Joe Baker (husband of Cathy) – Rodney Steggs and his mother Rita Johnson (friends of Hamptons) – Peggy Russell (friend of Eddie & Pat Garcia) – Linda Kirkegaard – Amber Josephson (Cindy Josephson’s daughter-in-law) – Wendy (Kim Evancho’s friend)

Ray Johnson

Danny Cowan

Carol Kirkegaard

Linda Washington (stroke)

Kaylee, friend of Hamptons

Susan Armor (healing of broken legs, kidney health)

Catherine McConchie (stroke recovery)

Glenis and Pat, Delores Rasmussen’s sisters (health)

Bill Schmidt (kidney health)

Gerald Kelley, Carol Smith’s significant other (Alzheimer’s)

Brayden, friend of Debbie Diedrich (brainstem blastoma)

McKay, Debbie Diedrich’s nephew (seizures)

Jane Jones, sister of Viola Clutterbuck (stroke recovery)

Judy Malle, Kevin’s step-mother (hernia surgery recovery)

Lynn Durant, Kevin Malle’s brother-in-law (major abdominal surgery recovery)

Sylvia Cowan (leg and heart health)

Frank Ruhs, Ev Kelley’s brother, (heart health)

Diane Laine, Wayne Josephson’s sister (pneumonia)

Lorraine, mother of Kim Evancho’s boss (fractures from assault)

Katherine Byrnes (recovery from tonsillectomy)

Deloris DeLapp (recovery from fall injuries)

Angel Torres (hospitalized with liver issues)

Doris Freund (abdominal health)

Judy, Susan Armor’s aunt (tornado)

Zack, grandson of Susan Armor’s aunt (losing eyesight)

Norma Breiding and the family of Pat (Norma’s stepmother)

**Homebound members:** Wil Wertz – Jim Craig – Josh Carter

## The Love of God

### VERSE 1

The love of God is greater far  
than tongue or pen can ever tell;  
It goes beyond the highest star,  
and reaches to the lowest hell;  
The guilty pair, bowed down with care,  
God gave His Son to win;  
His erring child He reconciled,  
and pardoned from his sin.

### CHORUS:

**O love of God, how rich and pure!  
How measureless and strong!  
It shall forevermore endure  
The saints' and angels' song!**

## O Holy Night

### VERSE 1

O holy night the stars are brightly shining  
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining  
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth  
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn

### CHORUS 1:

**Fall on your knees, O hear the angel voices,  
O night divine,  
O night when Christ was born  
O night, O holy night, O night divine**

### VERSE 2

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming  
With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand  
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming  
Here came the wise men from Orient land  
The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger  
In all our trials born to be our Friend

### VERSE 2

When years of time shall pass away  
and earthly thrones and kingdoms fall,  
when men, who here refuse to pray,  
on rocks and hills and mountains call,  
God's love so sure shall still endure,  
all measureless and strong;  
Redeeming grace to Adam's race—  
the saints' and angels' song.

### VERSE 3

Could we with ink the ocean fill  
and were the skies of parchment made,  
were ev'ry stalk on earth a quill  
and ev'ry man a scribe by trade,  
To write the love of God above  
would drain the ocean dry;  
Nor could the scroll contain the whole,  
Though stretched from sky to sky.

*Words and Music by: Frederick Martin Lehman,  
Meir Ben Isaac Nehorai*

### CHORUS 2:

**He knows our need,  
To weakness is no stranger  
Behold your King, Before Him lowly bend  
Behold your King, Before Him lowly bend**

### VERSE 3

Truly He taught us to love one another  
His law is love and His gospel is peace  
Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother  
And in His name all oppression shall cease  
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we  
Let all within us praise His holy name

### CHORUS 3:

**Christ is the Lord,  
O praise His name forever  
His power and glory, Evermore proclaim  
His power and glory, Evermore proclaim**

*Words by: Placide Cappeau, tr. John Sullivan Dwight  
Music: Adolphe Charles Adam  
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## Welcome!

***We welcome all who gather for  
worship on this day and pray God's  
blessing on our time together!***

*Guests are invited to record their visit by  
signing the Guest Book located at the  
entrance to the worship space.  
All worshippers are invited to sign the  
red attendance folder in the pew and pass  
it on to their neighbor to sign.*

## Upcoming Events

**Choir** – Choir rehearsals are at 8:15 a.m. on  
the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month, with  
the choir singing at that day's service. **All are  
welcome!**

**Bible Study in 2025** – Our “The Chosen”  
Bible Study groups meet on Sundays after  
church, Tuesdays at 6 p.m. via Zoom,  
Wednesdays at 6 p.m. via, and Thursdays at  
1 p.m. at the church. We will resume meeting  
the week of January 12–18. We would love  
to have you join us.

**Worship Helpers Needed** – Please see sign-  
up sheets outside the entry to the sanctuary.  
We are especially in need of greeters, ushers,

## Emmanuel

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,  
His name is called Emmanuel:  
God with us, revealed in us!  
His name is called Emmanuel.

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## This Week at Bethel January 5–12, 2025

<b>Sun</b>	9:30 a.m. Worship 3:00 p.m. Tongans
<b>Mon</b>	6:00 p.m. TOPS
<b>Tue</b>	
<b>Wed</b>	
<b>Thu</b>	11:00 a.m. Prayer Team
<b>Fri</b>	6:00 p.m. Tongans
<b>Sat</b>	9:00 a.m. Quilting Group (in-person)
<b>Sun</b>	8:15 a.m. Choir Practice 9:30 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Sunday School/Bible Study 3:00 p.m. Tongans

## Come to the Table

### VERSE

Come to the table of mercy  
Prepared with the wine and the bread  
All who are hungry and thirsty  
Come and your souls will be fed

### CHORUS:

**Come at the Lord's invitation  
Receive from His nail-scarred hand  
Eat of the bread of salvation  
Drink of the blood of the Lamb**

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