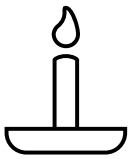
Welcome to Bethesda Lutheran Church

A place of healing and reconciliation in Christ



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WITH HOLY COMMUNION

☩ November 29, 2026| 9:30 a.m. ☩

☩ GATHERING ☩

**THE ASTERISK INDICATES WHEN THE ASSEMBLY RISES THROUGHOUT THE WORSHIP SERVICE.*
NOTE: RESPONSES AND READINGS CAN BE FOUND ON THE SCREEN.

PRELUDE & CENTERING SILENT PRAYER — TYLER PYLE

*During the time of the prelude, you are invited to spend time in silent centering prayer. Select a simple word that symbolizes your intention to consent to God's presence, perhaps one of the weekly Advent themes: **Hope**, **Peace**, **Joy**, and **Love**. This word is a symbol of intention, not a mantra to repeat continuously.*
Sit in a relaxed posture and close your eyes. Take a few deep breaths to settle your body and mind. Silently introduce your sacred word as a symbol of your consent to God's presence. When thoughts, feelings, or sensations arise, gently return to the sacred word without judgment. This process is a pathway of return to God, transforming distractions into opportunities for spiritual awareness.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*Gathering Hymn	Now the Heavens Start to Whisper	ACS 901 Insert

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Kyrie	Setting 6	ELW P. 165
Glory to God	Setting 6	ELW P. 167

Prayer of the Day

The Biggest Storytime

✢ WORD ✢

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9

*Gospel Acclamation	Setting 6	ELW P. 171

*Gospel | Mark 13:24-37

Sermon	Rev. Grant Vanderford

Hymn of the day	Oh, Christ, What Can It Mean for Us	ELW 431

*Prayers of The People

*Sharing of the Peace

Offering

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. You may place your offering in the plates as they are passed by the ushers. You may also scan the QR code to the right for online giving.

Musical Offering	Tyler Pyle

Offertory Response	Rejoice, Rejoice Believers	ELW 244 vs 1 & 4

OFFERTORY PRAYER

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*DIALOG	SETTING 6	ELW P. 172

*PREFACE:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY	SETTING 4	ELW P. 173

*EUCHARIST PRAYER

*LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

LAMB OF GOD	SETTING 6	ELW P. 174

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION	CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT	ELW 715
	MY LORD WHAT A MORNING	ELW 438

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

✢ SENDING ✢

BLESSING AND SENDING

SENDING HYMN	O MORNING STAR, HOW FAIR AND BRIGHT!	ELW 308 vs 1-3; 6

POSTLUDE	TYLER PYLE

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	SERVING SUNDAY 29 NOV 2026		***SERVING NEXT SUNDAY 6 DEC 2026***
SUNDAY	1st Sunday of Advent		2nd Sunday of Advent
PRESIDING MINISTER	Pr. Grant Vanderford		Pr. Grant Vanderford
ORGANIST/PIANIST	Tyler Pyle		Tyler Pyle
CHOIR/BELL DIRECTOR	Jillian Jaros		Jillian Jaros
ASSISTING MINISTER	Savannah Goddard-Weber		Help Needed
READER	Jane Johnson		Dan Westphal
ALTAR GUILD	Paulette Knutson		Help needed
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Shannon Vanderford Rick Vanderford		Dan Westphal Help needed
CLICKER	Kristen Ohren		Help Needed
CAMERA	Becky Erickson		Jane Johnson
USHERS			
CPOD	Marty Ohren		Matthew Benson-Tuff

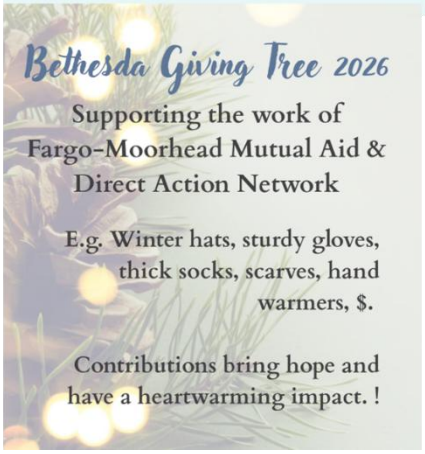
This Week At Bethesda Lutheran Church
☩ Nov 29 – Dec 5, 2026 ☩

Time	Day	Event
	Sunday	
9:30 A.M.		Worship
10:45 A.M.		Fellowship
	Monday	
10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M		Office Hours
10:00 A.M.		Lectionary Study - Lounge
	Tuesday:	
10:00 A.M. -3:00 P.M.		Office Hours
3:45 P.M..		BAS Chapel-Sanctuary
	Wednesday	
9:00 A.M.		Quilting
10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.		Office Hours
5:15 – 6:15 P.M.		Advent supper
6:30-7:00 P.M.		Advent Vespers
7:00 – 7:45 P.M.		Bell set up/Rehearsal
7:45 – 8:30 P.M.		Choir rehearsal
	Thursday	
10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.		Office Hours
	Friday	
All Day		Office Closed
9:00 P.M.		NA Meeting









GATHERING SONG

Now the Heavens Start to Whisper *insert* ACS 901

