



# Welcome to Bethesda Lutheran Church

A place of healing and reconciliation in Christ



## **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

WITH HOLY COMMUNION

✝ November 30, 2025 | 9:30 a.m.

✠ **GATHERING** ✠

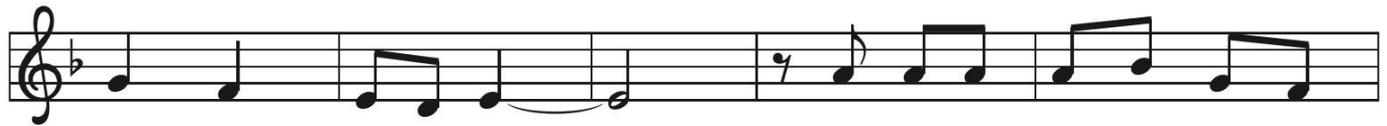
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**GATHER IN SILENCE**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES**    THERE IS A LONGING IN OUR HEARTS    ACS 1078  
W. 1 & 2



There is a long-ing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to re -



veal your - self to us.                      There is a long-ing in our



hearts for love we on - ly find in you, our God.



1 For jus - tice,	for free - dom,	for mer - cy:
2 For wis - dom,	for cour - age,	for com - fort:
3 For heal - ing,	for whole - ness,	for new life:
4 Lord, save us,	take pit - y,	light in our



hear our prayer.	In sor - row,	in grief:
hear our prayer.	In weak - ness,	in fear:
hear our prayer.	In sick - ness,	in death:
deep - est night.	We call you;	we wait:



be near;    hear our prayer,    O God.

*Refrain*

*One* As our nights grow longer and our days grow short,  
we look at these earthly signs--light and green branches--  
and remember God's promise to our world:  
Christ, our Light and our Hope, will come. Listen to the words of Isaiah  
the prophet:  
"A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow  
out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of  
counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His  
delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his  
eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall  
judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth.... The  
wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the  
calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead  
them.... They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the  
earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.  
On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the  
nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious." (Isaiah  
11:1-4a, 6, 9-10)

**(sing)**

**O come, O Branch of Jesse, free  
your own from Satan's tyranny;  
from depths of hell your people save,  
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel!**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES**    THERE IS A LONGING IN OUR HEARTS;    ACS 1078  
v. 3&4.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GREETING**

*One* From the one who was, who is, and who is to come:  
Grace and peace be with you all.

**Many** **And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Many** Almighty God, you brought forth a royal branch from the ancient stock of  
Jesse's line: Grant that we who have been grafted into this heritage may

bear fruit worthy of Jesus Christ; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

✠ **WORD** ✠

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

<sup>1</sup> The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup> In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

<sup>3</sup> Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup> He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more.

<sup>5</sup> O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

One Word of God, Word of Life

Many **Thanks be to God.**

Wow

PSALM

I won-der. I won-der. The won-ders of wor-ship, what does it mean?  
I won-der. I won-der. The won-ders of wor-ship, what does it mean?  
Come and see! Come now and see!

Let us go re - joic - ing to the house of the  
 Lord, to the house of the Lord.

## SECOND READING: ROMANS 13:11-14

<sup>11</sup> Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup> the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup> let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup> Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

*One* Word of God, Word of Life  
**Many Thanks be to God.**

\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

PREPARE THE ROYAL HIGHWAY; v. 1

ELW 264

*One* The holy Gospel according to Luke.  
**Many Glory to you, O Lord.**

\*GOSPEL | Matthew 24:36-44

[Jesus said to the disciples,] <sup>36</sup> "About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup> For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup> For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup> and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup> Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. <sup>41</sup> Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. <sup>42</sup> Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup> But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed

awake and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup>Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

One The Gospel of our Lord.

**Many Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Grant Vanderford

HYMN OF THE DAY

Come, Now, O God

ACS 902



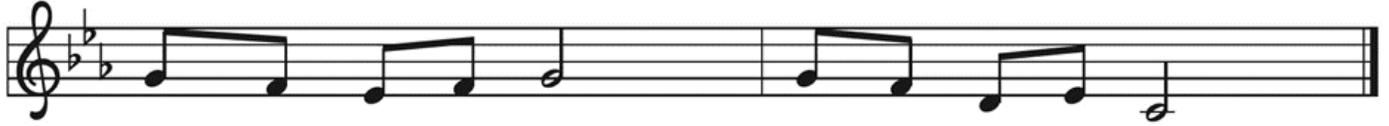
1 Come now, O God, when our love is for - sak - en.  
2 Come, when we squan - der the free - dom you gave us.  
3 Come, put an end to our self - serv - ing mad - ness.



Come, when our bed - rock of faith has been shak - en.  
Come, break the sys - tems of sin that en - slave us.  
Come, while the world is en - shroud - ed in sad - ness.



Come, when our deep - est of hopes are mis - tak - en.  
Come, though we won - der if you can still save us.  
Come, turn the tears of our mourn - ing to glad - ness.



Come, Em - man - u - el.                      Come, Em - man - u - el.

\*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 to the dead.  
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 PEOPLE

*One* God of grace.

***Many* Hear our prayer.**

\*SHARING OF THE PEACE

*One* The peace of Christ be with you always.

***Many* And also with you.**

✠ **MEAL** ✠

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

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OFFERTORY RESPONSE

REJOICE, REJOICE BELIEVERS W. 1

ELW 244

OFFERTORY PRAYER

*One* Nourishing God, you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert. Through this meal, satisfy our parched places, that we may rejoice and be for the world signs of your kingdom come.

***Many* Amen.**

\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

* DIALOGUE	ELW Setting 3	Pg. 144
*PREFACE		
*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY	ELW Setting 3	Pg. 144

\*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

One: ... Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now  
and forever.

**Many Amen.**

\*LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

HOLY COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD	ELW Setting 3	ELW 146
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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION	COME NOW, O PRINCE OF PEACE	ELW 247
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

One God our host, at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness.  
Send us forth, eager to share the feast, welcome the stranger,  
and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus.

**Many Amen.**

BLESSING

One May God who comes among us, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness,  
and good news to share today and always.

Many **Amen.**

✝ SENDING ✝

\*SENDING HYMN

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\*DISMISSAL

One Go in peace. Wait in hope!

Many **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Tyler Pyle

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	<b>SERVING TODAY NOVEMBER 30, 2025</b>	<b>SERVING NEXT SUNDAY - DECEMBER 7, 2025</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	FIFTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
<b>PREACHER</b>	Pastor. Grant Vanderford	Pastor Grant Vanderford
<b>PIANIST</b>	Tyler Pyle	Tyler Pyle
<b>CHOIR DIRECTOR</b>	Jillian Jaros	Jillian Jaros
<b>ASSISTING MINISTER</b>	Terrie Jo Wold	Tammy Costin
<b>READER</b>	Tammy Costin	Jane Johnson
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Linnea Dimich	Linnea Dimich
<b>COMMUNION ASSISTANTS</b>	Linnea Dimich Tammy Costin	Aaron Wenaas Sharon Olson
<b>CLICKER</b>	Rick Vanderford	Sue Reinhart
<b>CAMERA</b>	Libby Sternhagen-Schwenk	Becky Erickson
<b>CPOD</b>	Sharon Olson	Sharon Olson
<b>USHERS</b>	Needed please speak to an usher for more information	Mary Wenaas and family

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**THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**NOVEMBER 30 - DECEMBER 6, 2025 ✝**

<b>TIME</b>	<b>DAY</b>	<b>Event</b>
	<b>SUNDAY</b>	
9:30 AM		Worship
10:30		Coffee Fellowship/
11:00 AM		Bell Rehearsal

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**NOVEMBER 30 - DECEMBER 6, 2025 †**

**MONDAY**

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
10:00 AM

Office Hours  
Lectionary Study

**TUESDAY:**

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
11:30- AM - 1 PM

Office Hours  
Youth Works in Fellowship Hall

**WEDNESDAY**

9:00 A.M.  
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
2:00 - 6:30 PM  
5:30 PM  
6:30 PM  
7:00 PM

Quilting  
Office Hours  
Blood Drive  
Advent Supper  
Advent Vespers  
Choir Rehearsal

**THURSDAY**

**CLOSED**

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
3:45 PM  
6:00 PM

Office Hours  
BAS Chapel  
Scout Pack Meeting

**FRIDAY**

ALL DAY  
9:00 PM

**Office Closed**  
NA Meeting



**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3**

2:00 - 6:30 P.M. BLOOD DONATIONS  
5:30 P.M. ADVENT MEAL  
6:30 P.M. WORSHIP

**SIGN UP >**



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