

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2025 TIME OF ADVENT

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Welcome & Announcements **Confession & Forgiveness**

Gathering Song "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" **ELW 249**

(verses 1,2,4)

Advent Wreath Candle Lighting

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Sacrament of Holy Communion

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The Lord's Prayer ELW p. 154

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Sending Song "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" ELW 244, vs. 1,2,4

Dismissal

Sending Music "Hark the Glad Sound" organ



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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025 - 9 a.m. SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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"The King Shall Come"

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Welcome to Our Contemporary Service!

Gate of Life is a service that will impact you musically, visually, and with the power of God's Word and Jesus' salvation as its backbone. The name "Gate of Life" comes from the scripture John 10:9-10, where Jesus says: "I am the gate ... I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." Expect worship to be highly engaging through the use of images, music that moves the body and soul, a message that encourages all to participate, and a community focused atmosphere with Christ at the center.



December 7th, 2025 Second Sunday of Advent

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Gospel Matthew 3:1-12

Children's Sermon Dreams of Peace

Sermon Title Tossed But Not Lost

Worship Participants:

Preacher: Rev. Lisa Hawe

The Gate of Life Worship Leader: Michele Nyman

Do you enjoy The Gate of Life?

WE INVITE YOU TO VOLUNTEER!

If you would like to **be a part of the Gate of Life service** in a musical way, helping with visuals, or behind the scenes work, please contact Michele Nyman at nyman@bethellutheran.com.





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