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ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

Gathering Music		piano
Welcome & Announcements		
Confession & Forgiveness		
Gathering Song	"Hark, the Glad Sound!"	ELW 239
Advent Wreath Candle Lighting		
Advent Candle Verse	"Light One Candle"	ELW 240, sing 2x
Greeting		
Prayer of the Day		

WORD

First Reading	Isaiah 2:1-5	
Children's Hymn	"Away in a Manger"	ELW 277, vs. 1
Children's Word	Waiting Well	
Gospel	Mark 13:24-37	
Sermon	Vigilant Hope: Deferred Not Dashed	
Hymn of the Day	"Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming"	ELW 272
Nicene Creed		
Prayers of Intercession		
Gathering of Gifts		
Offering Prayer		

MEAL

Sacrament of Holy Communion		
Words of Institution		
The Lord's Prayer		ELW p. 154
Distribution		
Post Communion Blessing		

SENDING

Blessing		
Sending Song	"Blessed Be the God of Israel"	ELW 250
Dismissal		
Sending Music		piano

Worship Participants

Preacher: Rev. Anjanette Bandel
Lector: Craig Swalboski
Pianist: Jan Matson

Minister of Music & Worship:
 Brock A. Besse



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'Prayground' for Children

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Gathering Music	"Watch and Wait"	piano
Welcome & Announcements		
Confession and Forgiveness		
Gathering Song	"Hark, the Glad Sound!"	ELW 239
Advent Wreath Candle Lighting		
Advent Candle Verse	"Light One Candle"	ELW 240, sing 2x
Greeting		
Kyrie		on screen
Canticle of Praise	"Joy to the World"	on screen
Prayer of the Day		

WORD

Musical Offering	"The Yearning"	Chancel Choir
First Reading	Isaiah 2:1-5	
Children's Hymn	"Away in a Manger"	ELW 277, vs. 1
Children's Word	Waiting Well	
Gospel Acclamation	"Alleluia"	on screen
Gospel	Mark 13:24-37	
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Nicene Creed		
Prayers of Intercession		
Gathering of Gifts		
Offering Prayer		
The Lord's Prayer		ELW p. 112

SENDING

Blessing		
Sending Song	"Blessed Be the God of Israel"	ELW 250
Dismissal		
Sending Music	"Recessional in F"	organ

Worship Participants

Preacher: Rev. Anjanette Bandel	Lector: Shirley Jordahl (9 am)
Worship Leaders:	Bill Shea (10:30 am)
Rev. Lisa Hawe	Minister of Music & Worship:
Rev. Michael Mandsager	Brock A. Besse
Organist: Brock A. Besse	ASL Interpreter: Melissa Almer



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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.

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November 30th, 2025
First Sunday of Advent

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WORSHIP INFORMATION

Bible Reading	Isaiah 2:1-5
Gospel	Mark 13:24-37
Children's Sermon	Waiting Well
Sermon Title	Vigilant Hope: Deferred Not Dashed

Worship Participants:

Preacher: Rev. Anjanette Bandel

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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INFORMATION

ARE YOU NEW AT BETHEL?

We're glad you're here! Please stop by the Welcome Desk for more information about our vibrant Bethel church family.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- **Saturdays:** 6 pm
- **Sundays:** 9* am | 10:30 am ('Side by Side' - Families together at worship)
10:10 am Gate of Life (Contemporary Service with Holy Communion)
*9 am in-person worship offers an ASL interpreter and is Live-streamed through our YouTube channel: youtube.com/user/RochBethelLutheran
- **Videos of our services** are posted on our website to be viewed at any time: www.bethellutheran.com/worshiponline

HOLY COMMUNION

All the baptized believing that Jesus is truly present in the bread & wine are welcome to take communion (including visitors). Holy Communion is offered during our Saturday worship at 6 pm and Gate of Life Contemporary service on Sunday at 10:10 am each week. Our 9 am & 10:30 am Sunday services offer Holy Communion on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

- A looping system is installed for those with compatible hearing aides.
- Assisted listening devices are available, please ask one of the ushers.
- Parenting room available on the back left of the sanctuary. Our nursery is open during Sunday services for parents to stay with their children.

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1. A big thank you to all of our past writers who contributed to this year's **Advent Devotional** booklet, and special thanks to those of you who submitted devotions for the first time! The booklets, written by Bethel members, are printed and ready to be distributed. They will be available as you leave worship services this weekend, Nov. 29th and 30th, or you can pick them up from the Devotional stand in the narthex. If you've received them via email in the past, you will again this year. If you haven't and would like to, simply call the Bethel office to be added to the list.
2. This season, give a gift that makes a meaningful impact on this world and brings joy! **Visit the ELCA Good Gifts table in the narthex** during weekend services, November 29th - December 21st. Honor the people you love with gifts that will last for generations.
3. This year, the Neighborhood Outreach Team has decorated our mission **Christmas tree listing items** that are needed at our area schools. Donations can be placed in the bin or taken to the office through the end of the year. Items that are needed are: Insulated mittens for elementary students, socks for boys and girls (youth sizes small, medium, and large), Chapsticks, Pop-Tarts, fruit cups, and granola bars. Thank you for remembering those in need during this Holiday Season.

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CHILDREN'S NOISY OFFERING

Our children offerings will be directed to support
Ray of Life

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