

# SERMON NOTES

The Original Christmas Playlist



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# December 15, 2019

Bethel Lutheran Church  
Fergus Falls | Battle Lake

## Order of Worship

### 8:00 AM Worship Service

Advent Reading & Wreath Lighting

Opening Singing

Angels From the Realms of Glory  
Grace

Offertory

Thou Dids't Leave Thy Throne (Red #170)

Message

Pastor Rich Iverson

Benediction

Doxology

### 9:15 & 10:30 AM Worship Service

Advent Reading & Wreath Lighting

Worship in Song

Hark the Herald Angels Sing  
Grace

Sunday School Students Share

Offertory

What Child Is This

Message

Pastor Rich Iverson

Song of Response

Joy To The World

Benediction

**Welcome!** Thank you for worshipping with us today.

**Childcare & Nursery**

For children 6-36 months during all services. Nursing rooms are also available. Both are located to your left as you enter the foyer.

**Sermons & Website**

Audio podcasts of the sermons are available at [bethellutheran.church](http://bethellutheran.church). The service is broadcasted on Sundays at 11:00 AM on 97.7 FM.

**Hearing Aid Devices**

Hearing aid devices are available at the Connection Center in the foyer.

**HOW WILL I KNOW ABOUT WEATHER RELATED WORSHIP CANCELLATIONS?**

Decisions about Sunday morning worship and other ministry will be announced by 6:30 AM on Sunday. **Check for announcements after 6:30 AM** on our website, social media, office phone system, and the mobile app. *(Turn on the notifications on the app to receive weekly or special notifications.)*

**Calendar Snapshot**

Full calendar of events is available on Bethel's website, our app or grab an events brochure at the Connection Center.

**Sunday Mornings**

Fergus Falls Campus	Worship	8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM
	Sunday School (all ages) & Confirmation	9:15 & 10:30 AM
Battle Lake Campus	Worship	10:30 AM
	Sunday School (all ages) & Confirmation	9:15 AM

**Looking Ahead | Both campuses are welcome to these events**

TODAY	Sunday School Students Share (Fergus Falls)	@ Bethel Fergus Falls	9:15 & 10:30 AM
TODAY	Sunday School Students Share (Battle Lake)	@ Bethel Battle Lake	10:30 AM
12/17	Primetime Ministry - Christmas Fest	@ Bethel Fergus Falls	2:00 PM
12/22	No Childrens or Adult Sunday School	@ Bethel Fergus Falls	
12/24	Christmas Eve Worship	@ Bethel Fergus Falls	11:00 AM, 3:00 & 4:30 PM
		@ Bethel Battle Lake	3:00 & 4:30 PM
12/29	Worship at Bethel Fergus Falls (2 services)	@ Bethel Fergus Falls	only 9:15 & 10:30 AM
12/29	No Childrens or Adult Sunday School	@ Bethel Fergus Falls	
1/5	Regular worship and Sunday School resumes	@ both campuses	
1/12	Congregational Business Meeting	@ Bethel Fergus Falls	12:00 PM
1/26	Annual Meeting	@ Bethel Fergus Falls	12:00 PM

**Bethel Children's Ministry**

Children's Ministry is for ages 2 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade

**Sunday School** Sundays, 9:15 & 10:30 AM

**MAGNIFY** Wednesdays, 3:45 PM

**More information:** [bethellutheran.church/kids](http://bethellutheran.church/kids)

**Bethel Youth & College Ministry**

**Youth Group** / Wednesdays

Jr High: 3:45 PM / Sr High: 7:00 PM

**Confirmation** Sundays, 9:15 AM

**College Age Group** Thurs, 7:30 PM / Bethel Fergus Falls

**More information:** [bethellutheran.church/youth](http://bethellutheran.church/youth)

**Special Announcements**

**Lost & Found**

Missing an item?

**Please check our Lost & Found!**

If you're missing a toy, water bottle, a book or other items, please check our lost and found area in the south coat room (to your right as you enter the main doors). These items are donated or thrown away at the end of each month.



**Learn more:** [bethellutheran.church/faithathome](http://bethellutheran.church/faithathome)

**Children + Worship Services**

Bethel Church values helping children build connections, a bridge, between what happens in Sunday School and what happens in a worship service. The Scripture that we teach our children in the precious minutes we have them is valuable for their entire lives. As adults we need to be reminded of the simple truths of our childhood too! Because of this we aim to teach the children the GOOD NEWS of JESUS every Sunday in as many ways as possible. Today, we are inviting them to share bits and pieces from everything they are learning in Sunday School.

We also value worshipping together. Multiple generations sitting among each other praising God for His faithfulness - from the littlest to the oldest! This is a significant part of Bethel's Faith@Home vision as we equip families to live out their faith at home. God becomes more real to children when they get to see their parents and other adults worshipping God together as a church week after week.

Special Sunday services like this morning help make connections that will hopefully help them learn to love the greater CHURCH and not just Sunday School, **whether it's the young children who are singing or the older children serving alongside the adults.** We've had kids make comments about wanting to be a pastor someday or saying "**I've been an usher before!**" because of the opportunities these services have provided. This special opportunity brings multiple generations together and reminds these children that they are a significant part of our church.



Jenny Mathiesen  
*Director of Children's Ministries*

Bethel Church's vision is to lead people to **believe. belong. build faith@home.**

Join one of the prayer teams during Sunday morning worship services. Join Mission Vision prayer team on Mon at 12:15 at Bethel Fergus Falls.

**Prayer**

**Prayer for Bethel Church**

Pray for those who are homeless this Christmas season. Pray that they will find and use the services available to them. Also, may we find ways to support those who are caring for those in need. May God touch hearts through these acts of love and generosity.

**Prayer for Ensenada, Mexico**

Bethel has committed to supporting and encouraging several local pastors and congregations in the city of Ensenada. Pray for the pastors in Ensenada as they prepare for the Christmas season. May they find opportunities to tell the story of Jesus and may God's Word change lives.