

Welcome to Bethel Lutheran Church!

Today's Service is led by Pastor Ben Sandin.

Music is provided by A joyful Noise Handbell Choir, led by Chris Hogan, and by our organist, Melody Wright.

Flowers are dedicated to the glory of God by Ordetta Hovland; and by Marilyn Garten with thankfulness for His many blessings.

Deacon: Mark Evashenk

Lector: Sharon Wangsness

Lockup Volunteer: Ichiro Fujishiro

Bethel This Week

Sunday, December 15

- 8:45am Traditional Worship
- 9:30am Confirmation Class
- 9:40am Kid Connection
- 9:50am Sr High Gathering
- 9:50am Madrigals Concert at Bethel
- 10:45am Contemporary Worship

Monday, December 16

- 9:00am Men of Monday
- 9:15am Quilters

Tuesday, December 17

- 10am-1pm Office Open
- 7:00pm Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, December 18

- 10am-3pm Office Open
- 10:00am Women of Wednesdays
- 6:30pm Sr High Fellowship

Thursday, December 19

- 10am-3pm Office Open
- 7:30pm Bethel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 20

Saturday, December 21

Giving

November Outreach & Benevolence

\$1,632	Sierra Pacific Synod for churchwide mission support
\$1,510	Lutheran World Relief
\$1,000	Help One Child
\$1,000	Lutheran Disaster Response
\$1,000	Habitat for Humanity
\$ 500	Correctional Institute Chaplaincy (CIC)
\$ 455	Second Harvest Food Bank

\$7,097 TOTAL

December Special Designated Offering Habitat for Humanity

To give to Bethel visit:
www.bethelcupertino.org/giving

Attendance

Sunday, December 8
8:45am - 85; 10:45am - 66



Hospitality - Christ Centered Community - Spiritual Growth - Responding to Needs - Generosity

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Prelude

"The King Shall Come" (David N. Johnson)

Welcome & Announcements

Advent Confession and Forgiveness

Sharing Christ's Peace

Hymn Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus (ELW #254, vs. 1, 2; tune: Hyfrydol)

Apostolic Greeting

Kyrie

Advent Canticle of Praise

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn
(ELW #242, vs. 1,2,3)

Advent Scripture, Prayer, Lighting the Candle of Love

Advent Candle Lighting Song O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (ELW #257, vs. 3)

First Reading

Philippians 4:4-7

Acclamation & Response

Gospel

Luke 3:7-18

Response after the Gospel

Message

"Bearing Fruit"

Hymn

The King Shall Come (ELW #260, vs. 1-5)

Apostles Creed

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

Offering

"Ave Maria" (Bach/Gounod) A Joyful Handbell Choir

Offertory Prayer

Blessing

Hymn

Fling Wide the Door (ELW #259, vs. 1-4)

Sending

Postlude

"Christ, Mighty Savior" (Marilyn Biery)

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Congregational Life
Tom Hoegel
Adult Ministry
Mary Deutscher
Childrens Ministry
Amanda Laughlin
Confirmation
Robyn Winegardner

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MADRIGALS AT BETHEL

Sunday, December 15, 9:50am-10:20am

Enjoy the spirit of Christmas in an a capella concert given by the Mountain View High School Madrigals, led by Jill Denny.

REQUESTING NATIVITY PHOTOS... by December 19

Do you own any nativity scenes? Would you like to share photos of them? Please send any photos you have of your nativity scenes to communitymedia@bethelcupertino.org by Thursday, December 19.

ICE SKATING, CAROLING, PIZZA

Sunday, December 22, 2pm-7pm

All ages are welcome to our annual Skating/Caroling/Pizza Extravaganza. We'll start out skating at the quaint outdoor rink at Winterlodge in Palo Alto. Then we'll bring some Christmas Cheer to some Bethel loved ones that can't get out, and finish with some yummy pizza from Tony & Albas. Take a break from the Christmas rush and re-center and give some to others at the same time. See all the details and sign up at bethelcupertino.org.

YOUNG ADULT MEET UP!

Friday, December 27, 5:30pm in the Youth Room

Meet for kicks and giggles. Bring friends if you wish. Contact Harumy Miura (harumy4747@gmail.com) for more information.

NEW: KNITTING/CROCHET MINISTRY

Ellen Aist is starting a new ministry in January to make hats for the unhoued. Yarn, and loom for crocheting, are provided. If you are interested, contact Amanda Laughlin (alaughlin@bethelcupertino.org).

OUT 'N ABOUT PLAYS GAMES AT BETHEL

Saturday, January 11, 5pm-9pm, Fireside Room

Come to the Fireside Room for a Game Night. Bring your favorite board game and/or puzzle and we'll figure out which ones we are going to play. Pizza is provided but feel free to bring snacks. Contact is Paul Baldwin at pbald78925@aol.com.

END OF YEAR GIVING

Please consider making a December contribution to help keep Bethel's ministries and outreach thriving in 2025. The stock market has been doing really well and you'll have no capital gain tax on donated stock. All gifts recieved or postmarked by December 31, 2024 will be included on your 2024 Statement of Contributions for tax purposes. Please contact Fara in the church office (408-252-8500, or fara.brock@gmail.com) if you have questions about end of year giving.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS DURING HOLIDAY WEEKS

The church office will be closed from Tuesday, December 24 through Wednesday, January 1. Regular office hours will resume on Thursday, January 2. End of year check gifts can be dropped in the church mailslot or postmarked by December 31.

2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you use Offering Envelopes for giving, then you may pick up your 2025 envelopes from the back of the Sanctuary on Sundays, December 8-22. After December 22, the envelopes may be picked up at the church office. If you use automated giving and no longer need offering envelopes, contact Mary Deutscher.

BETHEL ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN to ADULTS:

Nursery (infants and toddlers) / contact is Amanda Laughlin

Kid Connection (2yrs to 5th grade) / contact is Amanda Laughlin

Confirmation (6th to 8th grades) / contact is Robyn Winegardner

High School / contact is Tom Hoegel

Young Adults / contact is Harumy Miura

Adults / contacts are Pastor Ben, Tom Hoegel, Mary Deutscher

Visit Bethel's website at www.bethelcupertino.org for details of programs and activities offered. To receive the weekly eNewsletter, email pubs@bethelcupertino.org.

CARING CONNECTION VISITS

If you, or someone you know, would like an informal visit from one of our Caring Connection Members, please call the Bethel office at 408-252-8500 and a visit will be scheduled. We would love to visit with you!

LIVE STREAMING & RECORDING

This service is being streamed live to [youtube.com/bethelcupertino](https://www.youtube.com/bethelcupertino). Those under 18 are not on camera without parental permission.