

*May 17, 2026*

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod  
14531 Old Olga Road  
Fort Myers, FL**

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Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM

Sunday School & Bible Class: 11:30 AM

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***Eternity is living now with God and with  
one another.***

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love.

Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you help someone who is experiencing challenges in their life?

The disciples watched Jesus ascend to heaven as a cloud took him out of sight. Jesus told the

disciples they would be his witnesses (Acts 1:8). Make a dessert in a glass alternating blue gelatin with whipped cream to symbolize the sky, clouds, and Jesus' ascension. While eating the dessert, think or talk about ways you have been or can be a witness for Jesus. After you finish, say the Lord's Prayer.



## **IT IS GREAT TO HAVE YOU IN WORSHIP WITH US TODAY!**

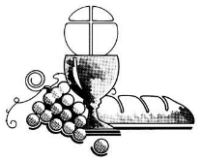
Here at Bethlehem Lutheran, we believe in the teachings of the Bible as taught by Jesus and the apostles and strive to live our lives in accord with the gospel of Jesus Christ. We are all fellow sinners who live together in the mercy and grace of Jesus. Jesus is the heart and center of all that we say and do as we serve Him and live in Christian love with one another.

If you would like to learn more about this church, or are looking for a church family, please talk to our pastor or one of the elders. They would be happy to talk with you! Regardless of whether you join or not, we welcome you and your family to worship with us any time! We want to know who you are, so please provide your contact information in the Friendship Book as it is passed

during the Offertory. If you are visiting, honor us by signing the Guest Register in the Narthex.

If you have a prayer request, please fill out a Blue Prayer Card from the pew rack and usher will be collecting them.

Thank you. Come visit us again sometime soon and may the Lord richly bless you!



## **ATTENDING COMMUNION AT BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN**

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession

differing from that of Bethlehem Lutheran Church LCMS and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are invited to speak with Pastor Karl Glander.

## **SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*May 17, 2026*

### **PRELUDE**

✠ **ORDER OF WORSHIP** ✠

### **HYMN OF INVOCATION**

#### **728 HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION**

*(Stanzas 1–4)*

- 1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
What more can He say than to you He has  
said  
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?
- 2 “Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,  
For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to

stand,  
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

**3** “The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose  
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to  
shake,  
I’ll never, no never, no never, forsake!

**4** “When through fiery trials your pathway will  
lie,  
My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply.  
The flames will not hurt you; I only design  
Your dross to consume and your gold to  
refine.

*(Please rise)*

**+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +**

## **INVOCATION**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## **EXHORTATION**

LSB 151

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)*

## **CONFESSION OF SINS**

LSB 151

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may**

**delight in Your will and walk in Your ways  
to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**ABSOLUTION**

*LSB 151*

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*(Please be seated)*

**+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +**

**RESPONSIVE PSALM**

*Psalm 68:1–10*

**God Shall Scatter His Enemies**

**P** God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered;  
and those who hate him shall flee before him!

**C** As smoke is driven away, so you shall drive  
them away;

**as wax melts before fire,  
so the wicked shall perish before God!**

**P** But the righteous shall be glad;  
they shall exult before God;  
they shall be jubilant with joy!

**C** Sing to God, sing praises to his name;  
lift up a song to him who rides through the  
deserts;  
his name is the LORD;  
exult before him!

**P** Father of the fatherless and protector of widows  
is God in his holy habitation.

**C** God settles the solitary in a home;  
he leads out the prisoners to prosperity,  
but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.

**P** O God, when you went out before your people,

when you marched through the wilderness,

**C** the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain,  
before God, the One of Sinai,  
before God, the God of Israel.

**P** Rain in abundance, O God, you shed abroad;  
you restored your inheritance as it languished;

**C** your flock found a dwelling in it;  
in your goodness, O God, you provided for  
the needy.

*(Please rise)*

## **KYRIE**

LSB152

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the peace from above and for our  
salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

**♪ THIS IS THE FEAST ♪**

*LSB 155*

**C** **This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of  
God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*(Please be seated)*

## **FIRST READING**

*Acts 1:12–26*

### **Matthias Chosen to Replace Judas**

<sup>12</sup>Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup>And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. <sup>14</sup>All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

<sup>15</sup>In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, <sup>16</sup>“Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. <sup>17</sup>For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” <sup>18</sup>(Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. <sup>19</sup>And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) <sup>20</sup>“For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

“May his camp become desolate,  
and let there be no one to dwell in it’;

and

“Let another take his office.’

<sup>21</sup>So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from

us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” <sup>23</sup>And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup>to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” <sup>26</sup>And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **EPISTLE**

*1 Peter 4:12–19; 5:6–11*

### **Suffering As a Christian**

<sup>12</sup>Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup>But rejoice insofar as you share Christ’s sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup>If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of

glory and of God rests upon you. <sup>15</sup>But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. <sup>16</sup>Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. <sup>17</sup>For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? <sup>18</sup>And

“If the righteous is scarcely saved,  
what will become of the ungodly and the  
sinner?”

<sup>19</sup>Therefore let those who suffer according to God’s will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good. . . .

<sup>6</sup>Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, <sup>7</sup>casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup>Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. <sup>10</sup>And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all

grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup>To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please rise)*

**♪ ALLELUIA AND VERSE ♪**

*LSB 156*

**C** Alleluia.

**Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**

*John 17:1–11*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

**The High Priestly Prayer**

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour

has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup>since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup>“I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. <sup>8</sup>For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father,

keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*(Please be seated)*

## **SERMON HYMN**

### **821 ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS**

- 1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;  
His the scepter, His the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph,  
His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
Thunder like a mighty flood:  
“Jesus out of ev’ry nation  
Has redeemed us by His blood.”
  
- 2 Alleluia! Not as orphans  
Are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! He is near us;  
Faith believes, nor questions how.

Though the cloud from sight received Him  
When the forty days were o'er,  
Shall our hearts forget His promise:  
"I am with you evermore"?

**3** Alleluia! Bread of heaven,  
Here on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluia! Here the sinful  
Flee to You from day to day.  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,  
Earth's Redeemer, hear our plea  
Where the songs of all the sinless  
Sweep across the crystal sea.

**4** Alleluia! King eternal,  
Lord omnipotent we own;  
Alleluia! Born of Mary,  
Earth Your footstool, heav'n Your throne.  
As within the veil You entered,  
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest,  
Here on earth both priest and victim  
In the eucharistic feast.

**5** Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;  
His the scepter, His the throne;

Alleluia! His the triumph,  
His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
Thunder like a mighty flood:  
“Jesus out of ev’ry nation  
Has redeemed us by His blood.”

## **SERMON**

**"Lord, Teach Us to Pray!"**

*. . . Pastor Karl*

*(Please rise)*

## **NICENE CREED**

**☩ I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all  
worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,**

**begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation  
came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of  
the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under  
Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again  
according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to  
judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the  
Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
together is worshiped and glorified,**

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life ✝ of the world to come.

Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** Lord, in Your mercy

**C** Hear our prayer.

*(Please be seated)*

## OFFERING

*(Please rise)*

## ♪ OFFERTORY ♪

### 956 CREATE IN ME

1 Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.

**Cast me not away from Thy presence;  
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;  
and uphold me with Thy free spirit.  
Amen.**

## **+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +**

### **PREFACE**

*LSB 160*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### **PROPER PREFACE**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who after His resurrection appeared

openly to all His disciples and in their sight was taken up into heaven that He might make us partakers of His divine life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## **♪SANCTUS♪**

*LSB 161*

**☐ Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

*LSB 161*

**☐ Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing**

sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## **PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

**C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## LORD'S PRAYER

**C** Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

## PAX DOMINI

*LSB 163*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## ♪AGNUS DEI♪

*LSB 163*

**C** Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the  
world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the  
world; have mercy on us.

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

*(Please be seated)*

## **DISTRIBUTION**

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

### **425 WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS**

- 1** When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of Glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss  
And pour contempt on all my pride.
- 2** Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
Save in the death of Christ, my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to His blood.
- 3** See, from His head, His hands, His feet  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

- 4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a tribute far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all!

## **725 CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER**

- 1 Children of the heav'nly Father  
Safely in His bosom gather;  
Nestling bird nor star in heaven  
Such a refuge e'er was given.
- 2 God His own doth tend and nourish;  
In His holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things He spares them;  
In His mighty arms He bears them.
- 3 Neither life nor death shall ever  
From the Lord His children sever;  
Unto them His grace He showeth,  
And their sorrows all He knoweth.
- 4 Though He giveth or He taketh,  
God His children ne'er forsaketh;

His the loving purpose solely  
To preserve them pure and holy.

*(Please rise)*

♪ **THANK THE LORD** ♪

LSB 164

**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell  
ev'ryone what He has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and  
proudly bear His name.  
He recalls His promises and leads His  
people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia,  
alleluia.

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

**P** Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that  
You have refreshed us through this salutary  
gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy  
You would strengthen us through the same in  
faith toward You and in fervent love toward  
one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son,  
our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and  
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*(Please be seated)*

## **HYMN TO DEPART**

### **525 CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS**

*(Stanzas 1–4)*

- 1 Crown Him with many crowns,  
The Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns  
All music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
Of Him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless king  
Through all eternity.
  
- 2 Crown Him the virgin's Son,  
The God incarnate born,  
Whose arm those crimson trophies won  
Which now His brow adorn:  
Fruit of the mystic rose,  
Yet of that rose the stem,  
The root whence mercy ever flows,  
The babe of Bethlehem.

**3** Crown Him the Lord of love.  
Behold His hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above,  
In beauty glorified.  
No angels in the sky  
Can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bend their wond'ring eyes  
At mysteries so bright.

**4** Crown Him the Lord of life,  
Who triumphed o'er the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife  
For those He came to save.  
His glories now we sing,  
Who died and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring  
And lives that death may die.

## **BENEDICTION**

*LSB 166*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be  
gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give  
you peace.

**C** **Amen.**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## POSTLUDE



## *SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY*

Preacher: Rev. Karl P. Glander

Organist: Holly Bell

Flutist: Nancy Rybak

Bells: Debbie Jackow

The Sound System: Jeff Kirsch

Elder: Doug Johnson

Altar Guild: Emmy Larson, Betty Willis

Ushers: Carolyn Fernberg, Carol Harrison

Reader: Greg Murray

**Signup Sheets in the Fellowship Hall. This is  
your chance to get involved in worship.**

### **Our Response to God's Love**

Worship Service – 47

Adult Bible Class – 15

## **Celebrating anniversaries this week: 5/22:**

Linda & Chester Rust (71 yrs)

### **COFFEE & CONVERSATION**

Join us in the Fellowship Hall after the 10:30 service for coffee and goodies. The refreshments this week are from the Murray's. Thank you!

### **ADULT SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY and SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Pastor Glander leads a Bible study in the Fellowship Hall after the 10:30 service and Sunday school for the children is in the classroom.

### **Church Council**

**Sunday, May 17, 2026** ~ will meet right after Bible Class

### **MOVIE NIGHT**

***Soul on Fire***

**May 17, 2026** ~ 6:00 p.m. ~ POPCORN AND ROOTBEER FLOATS WILL BE SERVED STARTING AT 5:30 p.m. COME JOIN IN THE FUN!!

## **WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY**

10:30 A.M. This gathering offers an opportunity to study God's Word together in the Fellowship Hall.

### **Blessing Our Own: Special Collection**


Let's bless one of our own! Donation jars have been set up in the narthex and fellowship hall to help a member in need. Every gift, no matter the size, makes a difference. Thank you for your generosity and prayers!

### **Get Ready for a Tropical Trek!**

Grab your gear and join us for VBS 2026: Tropical Trek, where we'll discover that Jesus Comes to Seek and Save! It's going to be an adventurous week of music, games, and incredible stories.

 Dates: June 8–12

 Dinner: 6:00 PM

 VBS Program: 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

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### **Join Our Expedition Crew!**

We can't make this trek without you! We are looking for volunteers to help our jungle travelers refuel. We need help with:

 Purchasing food and supplies

 Preparing nightly meals

 Set-up & Clean-up

Whether you're a master chef or a helping hand, we have a spot for you on the team.

## **VBS 2026: Tropical Trek Grocery List**

**Target Date to be at Church: By Friday, June 5th**

### **Paper & Plastic Goods**

Plates: Sturdy paper/foam (Dinner size)

Cups: 9oz or 12oz (For water)

Napkins: Large packs

Paper Towels: 4–6 rolls for kitchen/cleanup

Plastic Forks/Spoons: Bulk boxes

Serving Gloves: Disposable (Large/Medium)

### **Food Items**

Spaghetti Noodles: (Bulk boxes)

Marinara Sauce: (Large jars/cans)

Frozen Meatballs: (Pre-cooked/Italian style)

Parmesan Cheese: (Shaker bottles)

 Single-Serve Fritos/Doritos: (Large variety packs)

Ground Beef: (To be browned with taco seasoning)

Taco Seasoning: (Large canisters)

Shredded Lettuce & Tomatoes: (Pre-chopped is easier!)

Shredded Cheddar Cheese: (Large bags)

Sour Cream & Salsa: (Squeeze bottles preferred)

### **Treats & Drinks**

Ice Pops: (Box of 100+)

Ice Cream Cups: (Individual vanilla/chocolate)

Chips

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## **PRAYERS FOR HEALTH AND HEALING**

For good test results, treatment, positive thinking, healing, and comfort during cancer treatments, for those suffering from addiction, mental illness and for healing, strength, comfort, and peace for family we pray for:

Pat, Rose, Katie, Cody Martin, Amy, Larry, Peggy, Haven, Cassie, Buckingham Exceptional School, Cheryl Miller, John, Will, Addison, Diane Pfaff, Beth, Diane, Sara, Susan, Pam, Betty, Ron, Jim, Carolyn Barnes, Tyler Wilke, Gary Cooper, Gary, Betty, Jon and Joyce, Alica, Betty, Chris Tobeck, Keith Tobeck, Andy, Peggy, Jack, Karen and

Doug, Jim, Ron, Helen, Happiness for my family,  
For all God's creation for all mistreated animals,  
Larry and Linda, Helen, Sandi, Peggy, Tim  
Carlton, Roberta Lasocki Carlton, Ron Perry, Les  
Dreischerf, Cannon, Debbie Steele, Levi,  
Dominick Junior, Abigail and family, Amy and  
family, Terri, Thersea L., Scot, Melinda, Nick,  
Rose, Don, Carl, James and his family, Pam and  
Paul, John and Judy Wittenberg, Paul, Dick, Bill  
Denny, Bill, Denny, Sharyn, Christa and Axel,  
Johnie, Sherri and Gene, Ken T., Sarah, Jackie,  
Wayne, And those in our hearts

**For Those Who have recently lost loved ones:**  
The family and friends of Dorothy Riddle, The  
family and friends of little Maeve, The family and  
friends of Audrey Sterka, The family and friends of  
Andy MacDonald, The family and friends of Joe  
Calcagino, The family and friends of George Kranz

**PRAYERS for Homebound, Assisted Living,  
Nursing Home**

**Those who can't attend common worship that  
they would find comfort knowing that the Lord  
is with them.**

Pam, Edison and Karen Johnson, Chester and Linda Rust

## **PRAYERS FOR PROTECTION**

For our full-time troops and public servants, for travel, missionaries, and for peace and protection for families.

Son-in-law (being deployed for a year in the Coast Guard), Smiths (missionaries)

**Dear Lord, We come to You today with heavy hearts, as we lift up those who are in need of prayer. We ask that You would bring healing and restoration to their body, mind, and spirit Amen.**