

# *Pentecost Sunday*



*Sunday May 24th, 2026 10:30am*

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church**  
**Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod**  
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***The Holy Spirit moves us to act with forgiveness.***

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love.

Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, to whom can you offer a word of forgiveness?

When we recite the Apostle's Creed, we say, "I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic

church...". With the coming of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, the holy catholic church with a small "c" (meaning the whole Christian church on earth), we are reminded of the gifts of faith we are given through the Spirit. We celebrate this day as the day the church received the Holy Spirit. Read or recite the Apostle's Creed and talk about what it means to you.



**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!

## **PENTECOST SUNDAY**

*May 24, 2026*

### **PRELUDE**

✠ **ORDER OF WORSHIP** ✠

### **HYMN OF INVOCATION**

#### **498 COME, HOLY GHOST, CREATOR BLEST**

*(Stanzas 1–4, 7)*

- 1 Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest,  
And make our hearts Your place of rest;  
Come with Your grace and heav'nly aid,  
And fill the hearts which You have made.

2 To You, the Counselor, we cry,  
To You, the gift of God Most High;  
The fount of life, the fire of love,  
The soul's anointing from above.

3 In You, with graces sevenfold,  
We God's almighty hand behold  
While You with tongues of fire proclaim  
To all the world His holy name.

4 Your light to ev'ry thought impart,  
And shed Your love in ev'ry heart;  
The weakness of our mortal state  
With deathless might invigorate.

*(Please rise)*

△ 7 Praise we the Father and the Son  
And Holy Spirit, with them One,  
And may the Son on us bestow  
The gifts that from the Spirit flow!

**+ CONFESSIOIN 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 25:1–15*

### **Teach Me Your Paths**

**P** To you, O LORD,  
I lift up my soul.

**C** O my God, in you I trust;  
let me not be put to shame;  
let not my enemies exult over me.

**P** Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;  
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

**C** Make me to know your ways, O LORD;  
teach me your paths.

**P** Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
for you I wait all the day long.

**C** Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.

**P** Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

according to your steadfast love remember me,  
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

**C** Good and upright is the LORD;  
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

**P** He leads the humble in what is right,  
and teaches the humble his way.

**C** All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love  
and faithfulness,  
for those who keep his covenant and his  
testimonies.

**P** For your name's sake, O LORD,  
pardon my guilt, for it is great.

**C** Who is the man who fears the LORD?  
Him will he instruct in the way that he should  
choose.

**P** His soul shall abide in well-being,  
and his offspring shall inherit the land.

**C** The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him,  
and he makes known to them his covenant.

**P** My eyes are ever toward the LORD,  
for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

*(Please rise)*

## **KYRIE**

LSB 152

**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.

**♪ GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ♪**

*LSB 204*

**C** 1 To God on high be glory  
And peace to all the earth;  
Goodwill from God in heaven  
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
We praise and bless You, Father;  
Your holy name, we sing—  
Our thanks for Your great glory,  
Lord God, our heav'nly King.

2 To You, O sole-begotten,  
The Father's Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior,  
You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus;  
Receive our heartfelt cry,  
Where You in pow'r are seated  
At God's right hand on high—

3 For You alone are holy;  
You only are the Lord.

**Forever and forever,  
Be worshiped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit  
Alone are Lord Most High,  
In God the Father's glory.  
"Amen!" our glad reply.**

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

**P** The Lord be with you.

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

**P** Let us pray.

O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; 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)*

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Numbers 11:24–30*

<sup>24</sup>Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. <sup>25</sup>Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it.

<sup>26</sup>Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup>And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” <sup>28</sup>And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, “My lord Moses, stop them.” <sup>29</sup>But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!” <sup>30</sup>And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **SECOND READING**

*Acts 2:1–21*

### **The Coming of the Holy Spirit**

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. <sup>4</sup>And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. <sup>7</sup>And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, <sup>11</sup>both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear

them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” <sup>12</sup>And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup>But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

## **Peter’s Sermon at Pentecost**

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. <sup>15</sup>For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. <sup>16</sup>But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>“And in the last days it shall be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams;  
<sup>18</sup>even on my male servants and female servants

in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup>And I will show wonders in the heavens  
above

and signs on the earth below,

blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;

<sup>20</sup>the sun shall be turned to darkness

and the moon to blood,

before the day of the Lord comes, the  
great and magnificent day.

<sup>21</sup>And it shall come to pass that everyone who  
calls upon the name of the Lord shall be  
saved.”

**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 7:37–39*

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

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

### **Rivers of Living Water**

<sup>37</sup>On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. <sup>38</sup>Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” <sup>39</sup>Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

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

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

*(Please be seated)*

## **SERMON HYMN**

**497 COME, HOLY GHOST, GOD AND LORD**

**1** Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord,  
With all Your graces now outpoured  
    On each believer's mind and heart;  
    Your fervent love to them impart.  
Lord, by the brightness of Your light  
In holy faith Your Church unite;  
    From ev'ry land and ev'ry tongue  
    This to Your praise, O Lord, our God, be  
sung:

    Alleluia, alleluia!

**2** Come, holy Light, guide divine,  
Now cause the Word of life to shine.  
    Teach us to know our God aright  
    And call Him Father with delight.  
From ev'ry error keep us free;  
Let none but Christ our master be  
    That we in living faith abide,  
    In Him, our Lord, with all our might confide.

    Alleluia, alleluia!

**3** Come, holy Fire, comfort true,  
Grant us the will Your work to do  
    And in Your service to abide;  
    Let trials turn us not aside.

Lord, by Your pow'r prepare each heart,  
And to our weakness strength impart  
That bravely here we may contend,  
Through life and death to You, our Lord,  
ascend.

Alleluia, alleluia!

## **SERMON**

**"Where the Spirit Flows, Life Grows"**

*. . . Pastor Karl*

*(Please rise)*

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**☩ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our  
Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the  
Father Almighty.**

**From thence He will come to judge the  
living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life ✝ everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**P** Lord, in Your mercy

**C** Hear our prayer.

*(Please be seated)*

## **OFFERING**

## **♫ OFFERTORY RESPONSE ♫**

**805 PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL  
BLESSINGS FLOW**

*(Please rise)*

△ **1 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.**

**♪LORD'S PRAYER♪**

**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 debts,  
as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
Forever. Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

## **CLOSING HYMN**

### **825 RISE, SHINE, YOU PEOPLE**

- 1** Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered  
Our human story; God in Him is centered.  
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded,  
With grace unbounded.
- 2** See how He sends the pow'rs of evil reeling;  
He brings us freedom, light and life and healing.  
All men and women, who by guilt are driven,  
Now are forgiven.
- 3** Come, celebrate, your banners high unfurling,  
Your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.  
To all the world go out and tell the story  
Of Jesus' glory.

- 4 Tell how the Father sent His Son to save us.  
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.  
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation  
His new creation.

## **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: Klaus Naumann

Altar Guild: Emmy Larson, Betty Willis

Ushers: Anette Brocious, Carolyn Fernberg

Reader: Holly Bell

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

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

Worship Service – 34

Adult Bible Class – 12

**Celebrating birthdays this week: 5/24: Laurie  
Schroskey, 5/28: Nancy Rybak**

**Celebrating anniversaries this week: 5/25:  
Linda & Robert Hedrick (65 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 Kirsch'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.

## **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:

Carol and Sam, Brittany and Cedric, Paul and Pam, Sharon Schafer's family, Kelli, Denny, 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.**