

# Day of Pentecost

## Bethlehem Lutheran Church

June 8, 2025  
Sunday 10:00 a.m.



**Welcome to All!** We are glad that you are able to worship with us today. **Please fill out a connection card in the pews if you like.** During the service, we will sit or stand in reverence to our Lord. Please do what is physically comfortable and reverent for you. For those who are unable to receive Communion near the altar and wish to have the Pastor administer it at your seat, please obtain a red and white card from one of the ushers and hold it up at Communion time to alert the Pastor. If you or a little one would like to receive a blessing instead of Holy Communion, we invite you to come forward and cross your arms at the time of Communion. Please feel free to introduce yourself to our Pastor and fill in your name, address, etc in the guest book near the entrance to the sanctuary.

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**Pre-Worship Music/Announcements**

**Prelude**

### GATHERING

**Thanksgiving for Baptism**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

P: In the name of + the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

**C: Amen.**

P: Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life,

**C: let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.**

P: Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,

**C: make us one as you are one.**

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,

**C: make us one as you are one.**

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One,

**C: make us one as you are one.**

P: Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

**C: Amen.**

## Gathering Hymn      *O Living Breath of God*

*ELW 407*

### Greeting

A: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

### Kyrie (*lead by Pastor Paul*)

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

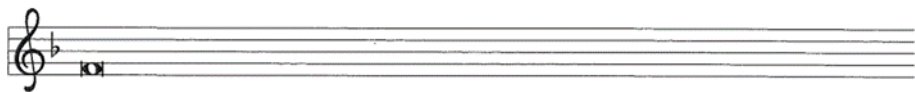
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

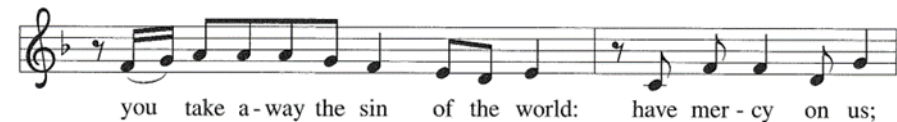
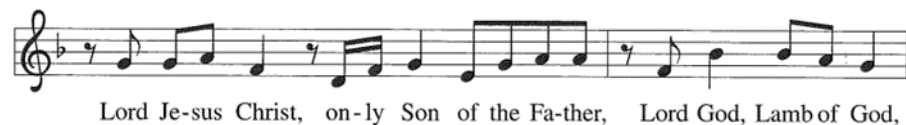
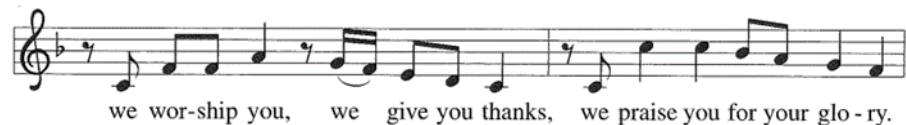
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.



## Hymn of Praise

## Glory to God





you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray together...

**C: O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## Children's Message

**Pr. Paul**

## WORD

### First Lesson

**Acts 2:1-21**

*Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he told his disciples they would be filled with the Holy Spirit. Now, amid signs of fire, wind, and a variety of languages, the people were amazed and astonished at Jesus' promise coming true.*

1 When the day of Pentecost had come, the apostles were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3 Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. 5 Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. 6 And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.

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7 Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? 9 Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11 Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." 12 All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" 13 But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." 14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. 15 Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. 16 No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 17 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. 18 Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. 19 And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. 20 The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. 21 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalmody**

## **Psalm 104:24-34, 35b**

24 How manifold are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

**25 Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great.**

26 There go the ships to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

**27 All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.**

28 You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

**29 When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

30 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.

**31 May the glory of the Lord endure forever; O Lord, rejoice in all your works.**

32 You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke.

**33 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.**

34 May these words of mine please God. I will rejoice in the Lord.

**35b Bless the Lord, O my soul. Hallelujah!**

*Here Paul speaks about the mystery of baptism: through the Holy Spirit we are claimed, gathered, and welcomed into Christ's body, the church. And we receive a new name in our adoption: child of God.*

14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. 15 For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" 16 it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia*



**Gospel**

**John 14:8-27**

*Though the disciples struggle with Jesus' nature and identity, they receive the promise that they too will be identified with God and God's mission. Though he must leave them now, Jesus promises the coming of the Advocate whom God will send to comfort and enlighten them.*

C: **...Glory to you, O Lord...**

8 Philip said to Jesus, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." 9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? 10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. 11 Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. 12 Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.

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13 I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. 15 “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. 17 This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. 25 “I have said these things to you while I am still with you. 26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**Pastor Paul Busekist**

**Hymn of the Day**    *God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind*        **ELW 400**

**Apostle’s Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

**Prayers of Intercession:** response after each petition: **“Your mercy is great.”** (*Before prayer*) A: God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need. (*Conclusion*) P: We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **C: Amen.**

**Sharing of the Peace** (*Let us give one another a sign of peace according to your comfort level.*)

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

**MEAL**

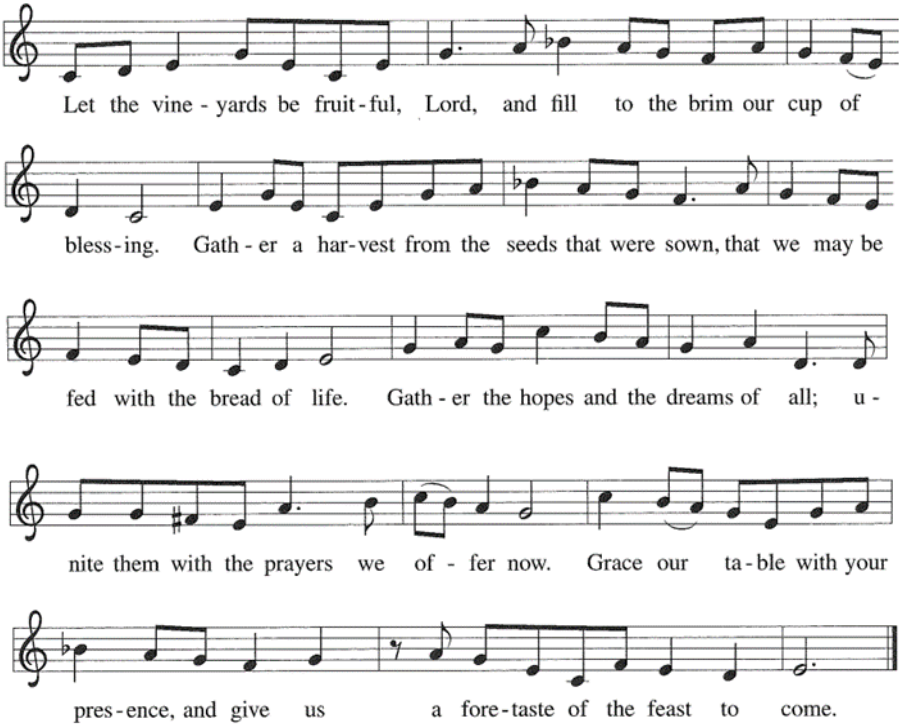
**Offering**

(*Please be seated.*)

**Offering Song:**

**Zeke Clemons**

**Offertory** (*Please stand, as able.*) **Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful**



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

**Offering Prayer**

A: Let us pray together.  
C: **Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.**

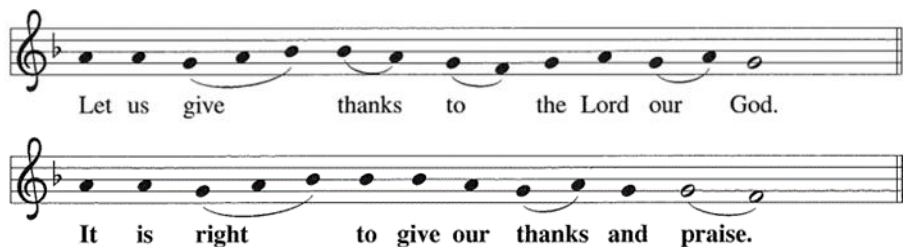
**Great Thanksgiving**



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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### Great Thanksgiving (*continued*)

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn...

### *Holy, Holy, Holy*



### Words of Institution

#### The 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 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.**

P: The gifts of God for the people of God. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

*\*\*Please note: Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are available.*

## Communion

## Lamb of God

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## Communion Hymns

*Veni Sancte Spiritus (Holy Spirit, Come to Us)*  
*Now We Join in Celebration*

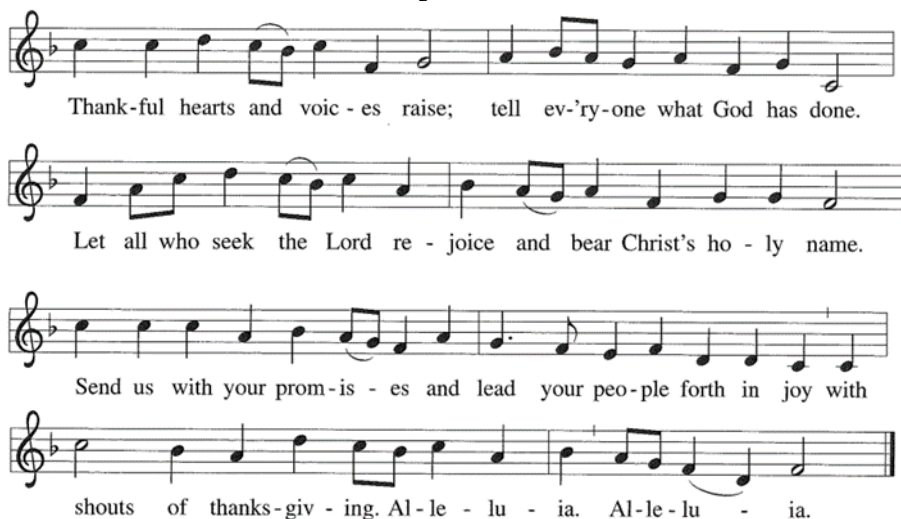
**ELW 406**  
**ELW 462**

## Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen.**

## Post-Communion Cantic

## Thankful Hearts



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.  
Send us with your prom-is - es and lead your peo-ple forth in joy with  
shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al-le-lu - ia.

## Prayer after Communion

A: Let us pray. Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

**C: Amen.**

## SENDING

### Blessing

P: The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

**C: Amen.**

### Sending Song

***We All Are One in Mission***

***ELW 576***

### Dismissal

A: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

A: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**



**Bethlehem** June 8, 2025  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

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6/8—Steve Hubert

6/10—Barb Hammond

6/14—Dorene Boyd

6/8—Chuck Rubino

6/11—Kristen Rivard

6/14—Bob Hammond

6/9—Niki Hengartner

6/11—Danielle Rice

6/15—BJ Christensen

6/9—Barbara Wright

6/13—Barbara Graf

6/15—Becky Price

### Worship Servants for June 8

Presiding & Preaching—Pastor Paul Busekist

Assisting Minister—Barbara Wright

Lector—Barb Graf

Musicians: David Husser, Zeke Clemons, Phil & Denice Bossardet, Pr Paul

Today's altar flowers are donated: by Butch Waisanen in Memory of Jan Waisanen on her birthday

Hospitality—Tom Fink & Deb Hissong

A/V—Paul Ton / Barbara Oster

Cookies/Coffee—VOLUNTEER / Mary Ann Tanis

Welcome Table—VOLUNTEER

Bell Ringer—Dave Susalski

Front Door Monitor: Tina Dohm

Altar Guild—Patty Leibenguth / Erin Word

Counters—Laura Hahn / Forest Bowling

**Congregational Meeting:** Hope as many of you as possible can attend the annual Congregational meeting on immediately after today's service. We will be voting for new council members, members for the endowment committees and hear reports from Visioning, Solar, and the lower level.

**Food pantry news:** Finally we are seeing glimpses of Spring. Hopefully it will stick around. The food pantry supplies are running low and could certainly use some donations. When shopping for donations, please consider items with protein like peanut butter, canned ravioli or spaghetti, tuna, and chicken. It would help if you can find cans with the pull-tab opening. The items that we do not need any more of are dried beans, peas, and lentils. Right now we have plenty of soaps but can always use feminine care products. We don't have to worry about items in the pantry freezing any more so anything you donate can be used immediately. Thank you all for your continuing generosity and willingness to serve our community. Suzanne and Kathie REMEMBER, YOU CAN GET A THRIVENT GRANT FOR UP TO \$250 FOR FOOD PANTRY ITEMS.

**More Chair Yoga:** Special Note: Beginning June 9th, the class will be taking a few weeks off while Janet, the leader, will be out of the country. Class will return on July 7th. Bethlehem has added another Chair Yoga class per week. You now have two opportunities to attend: Monday and Wednesday at 3:00pm. The cost is \$5 and Janet Weaver will be the instructor. People can attend one or both classes per week. Gail Goldsmith will continue to be the church representative for the Monday class and Cindy Monroe will be the church representative for the Wednesday class. It is a great opportunity to stretch and work on balance issues.

**SUMMER BREAK:** Please note that Sunday School, Sunday's Adult Education along with the two Wednesday Bible Studies will not meet during the summer months. Look for the September start dates in the weekly email, bulletins and the STAR at the end of summer.

**What IS GRIEVING?** Could it be the loss of a marriage, your home, or community, good health, a dream or something else? The list can go on and on. No matter the loss you have a family here at Bethlehem that loves you, wants to support you, and be here for you! **We meet here on the first Monday of the month from 3:30-4:30 and on the third Monday from 5:30-6:30.** If you have any questions, please contact Peggy Burns 231-392-6913.