

Day of Pentecost

May 28, 2023 – 10am

Modern Worship, ELW Setting 3

Prelude Music

Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life.

C: Amen.

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring.

In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

C: Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever. Amen.

Gathering Song:

Pour Out Your Spirit

Verse 1

Pour out Your Spirit, Lord, on Your people.
Pour out Your Spirit, Lord, on Your people.
Pour out Your Spirit, Lord, on Your people.
Let it reign. Let it reign.

Verse 2

Pour out Your mercy, Lord, on Your people.
Pour out Your mercy, Lord, on Your people.
Pour out Your mercy, Lord, on Your people.
Let it reign. Let it reign.

Bridge

Turn the hearts of fathers to their children,
and ev'ry nation to the God of love and holiness.
Let the fire of Your Spirit burn.

Verse 3

Pour out Your fire, Lord, on Your people.
Pour out Your fire, Lord, on Your people.
Pour out Your fire, Lord, on Your people.
Let it reign. Let it reign.



Greeting

P: 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

A: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: 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.**

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C: Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray together,

C: O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.

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. 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

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!**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel: John 20:19-23

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

P: A reading from... **C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Gary Hogue

Song of the Day:

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind

ELW #400

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

Offering

Offering Song:

Zeke Clemons

Offertory:

O Holy Spirit, Root of Life

ELW #399

Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray together.

C: Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Institution

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.

Communion *(Please note: gluten-free wafers and white grape juice cups are available)*

Communion Songs:

Loving Spirit
O Living Breath of God

ELW #397

ELW #407

Final Blessing

P: The God of all, who raised † Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

C: Amen.

Sending Song:

Send the Fire

O God of burning, cleansing flame: Send the fire! Your blood-bought gift today we claim: Send the fire today! Look down and see this waiting host, and send the promised Holy Ghost. We need another Pentecost! Send the fire today! Send the fire today!

God of Elijah, hear our cry: Send the fire! And make us fit to live or die: Send the fire today! To burn up ev'ry trace of sin, to bring the light and glory in, the revolution now begin! Send the fire today! Send the fire today!

It's fire we want for fire we plead: Send the fire! The fire will meet our ev'ry need: Send the fire today! For strength to always do what's right, for grace to conquer in the fight, for pow'r to walk the world in light! Send the fire today! Send the fire today!

To make our weak hearts strong and brave: Send the fire! To live, a dying world to save: Send the fire today! Oh see us on Your altar lay, we give our lives to You today, so crown the off'ring now we pray: Send the fire today! Send the fire today! Send the fire today!

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



Bethlehem May 28, 2023
LUTHERAN CHURCH

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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5/28—Kathleen Ivany-Mort
5/28—Julie Lapeer
5/29—Cody Smith
5/31—Lois Gray

6/1—Kevin Kurkowski
6/1—Don Sheehan
6/3—Christian Stretlien
6/4—Stewart Nunnelley

6/4—Milt Bowes
6/4—Leonard Graf

We welcome Rev. Dr. Gary Hogue as Presiding and Preaching for today's service. Dr. Hogue currently provides Pastoral Care to the congregation at First Congregational Church, Traverse City. He previously served as senior pastor there for more than a quarter of a century.

Building and Office Hours are: 9:00am – 2:30pm, Monday – Thursday.

Please Note:

Barbara Oster/Administrative Assistant works 9:00am-2:30pm on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

Phil Anderson/Bookkeeper works 8:30am-12:30pm on Monday, Tuesday and **Thursday**. This will last through the summer months.

Alanna Steffunick/Ministry Coordinator works 9:00am-2:30pm – in the office on Tuesday and Thursday and from home on Wednesday

COVID UPDATE: As of 4/18/2023, masks are no longer required, regardless of vaccination status. A supply of masks will still be available for anyone who may be more comfortable wearing one. Please reach out to BLC Council with any questions or concerns.

Offerings: The offering plates are now passed during the service. The vase in the back of the Sanctuary is still available for those who prefer not to touch the offering plate.

Today's altar flowers are donated by: *Kate Holtfreter in Celebration of 5 years with a new kidney!*

Third Thursday: The next Third Thursday service will be in September. Look for details later this summer.

The June issue of the STAR is now available. For current issues of the Star, feel free to check online at www.bethlehemtc.org < About Us > “The Online Bethlehem Star” or type this URL to get these directly: <http://www.bethlehemtc.org/the-bethlehem-star-newsletter>.

Looking for a link to last month’s full Council minutes? Type this address/url into your web browser to get the latest approved minutes from Council: bethlehemtc.org/Council-Minutes OR you may call the office to request a copy.

Prayer Requests:

- Prayer Chain: Please contact Jan Stretlien at jstretlien@gmail.com or 231-947-3265
- Prayers read from the altar: Please call Administrative Assistant in the church office 231-947-9880

Due Dates for STAR/Bulletin/Screen Announcements:

- **STAR:** The third Friday of the month sent to admin@bethlehemtc.org (Please note STAR in subject line)
- **Bulletin/Verbal Announcements:** Tuesday of the week sent to admin@bethlehemtc.org (Bulletin/Worship Folder is prepared on Tuesday and printed on Thursday morning.) (Please note Bulletin or Announcement in subject line)
- **Screen Announcements/Weekly BLC Emails:** Tuesday of the week sent to alanna.steffunick@bethlehemtc.org

Celebrate a new child in your life with a rose on the baptismal font! Cost \$10.00 per rose. Contact Barbara Oster at beo6475@yahoo.com or 231.668.7038.

Photo Directory: We have a chance to make a new directory the final week of September, but with any project like this we need volunteers. Please leave your name in the office if you can help on this project in any way. Thanks to those who have already volunteered. And please, try to be in town that week. We want everyone’s smiling faces in our new directory.

We have heard that our friend and former Choir Director, Billie Thompson, has had a stroke. She cannot communicate but would love to get any well wishes. Her address is 3436 29th Street, San Diego, CA 92104

The Sunday Adult Education had its last class on May 21st and the Sunday School has its last class today, May 28th. They will resume in the Fall.

Special music will be provided by a Barbershop Quartet at the beginning of the service on June 11. Be sure to be in the sanctuary early or have your Facebook or youtube ready to watch and listen. It should be a special treat as part of our Sabbatical.

The Sunday Sabbatical Send-off was a smashing success!!! Many thanks to all of you who brought amazing sides dishes to share and to the Thrivent Action Team for their funding of the paper products, meat, and buns. Thanks to the members of the sabbatical team and also to Patty Leibenguth, Kris Smith, and Laura Hahn for their work before, during, and after the event. Also, thanks to so many of you in the congregation for all of the help in clean up afterwards. It was truly an amazing team in action.

SUMMER SABBATICAL ACTIVITIES: Please take a moment to review the activity sheets on the table in the Gathering Space and SIGN-UP!! The date has now been determined for the **cookie decorating** activity. It will be **TUES, Aug 8 6-8 pm**. Come prepared to have a good time.

Thank you to all those who have contributed to the Sabbatical Fund. At last count, we have collected \$15,700. Our goal was \$15,000 but contributions are still welcomed.

Norm Fred has helped a previously homeless couple for a few years. They are proud people and do not like to be given charity but they will accept help in the form of donated cans that they can recycle for money. Please bring in your recyclables in for them. Leave them by the garage. These are nice people. There, but for the Grace of our God, go we.

BLC Book Club: The BLC book club’s June meeting is on the 27th at 5:30 in person in the office conference room and via ZOOM. The book is Lottery by Patricia Wood. This book is fiction but the author knows the topic well since her father won 6 million dollars in the Washington State Lottery in 1993!! Books will be available in the bin outside the front door. If you are not on the email list and want to be involved send your information to cmonroe@chartermi.net.

The newest Living Lutheran magazine and the April/May/June Christ in Our Home can be picked up at the welcome table on Sunday mornings or from the Shooting STAR box below the outside mailbox

Seeking three or four people that would like to play friendly – beginner – Mah Jongg weekly over the summer. Day and time to be determined. If you are interested, please call Barb Graf 946-5120

Are you looking for the Caring Table for your donations? It has been moved inside the coat room to the right.

Coffee and Cookies: You are welcome to stay after the Sunday service for coffee, cookies and conversation. This will be done as many Sundays as there are volunteers to make the coffee and/or bring cookies, etc. There is a sign-up sheet available near the cookies. There are open dates, so please sign up!

Name tags: Your name tags are in your mailboxes. Please retrieve them so you can proudly wear them on Sunday mornings. We often have visitors and with so many recent new members it helps them if they can see a friendly face and attach a name to it.

Adult Bible Study: will resume in the Fall with the Gospel of John.

The Zoom Bible Study: will resume in the Fall. Look for the next topic at the end of summer.

FOOD PANTRY: With the return of good weather we have re-opened our outdoor food pantry to the community. Please be watching for special deals so you can help us restock our pantry. It's pretty slim pickings right now. The shelves are labeled so if the church is not open you can put your gifts right in. Or, when the church is open you can bring them to the "offering" table in the coat room. Thanks

BABY PANTRY: Suggested donations for May are: cleaning/paper products plus toothpaste and shampoo – especially baby shampoo. Thank you!

GOLF OUTING: If you are interested in a golf outing this summer, please let either Phil Anderson or Barbara Wright know. It will probably be 9 holes on a Sunday afternoon.

Love Thy Neighbor is having its annual night at the ballpark as the Traverse City PitSpitters will be taking on the Battle Creek Battle Jacks on Friday, June 16. We will be receiving a portion of each ticket purchased with the promo code "LOVE" to help fund our programs as we help our neighbors in need. It will be a wonderful night of exciting baseball, delicious food, and amazing fireworks after the game!

Freedom Builders Needs Our Help: Freedom Builders is a wonderful ministry in our area. They help to build ramps and make homes accessible for people in need. Now they are in need of a large building to store their supplies. If you have such a space or know of one for sale at a reasonable price, they would appreciate your input. If they have to purchase a place they will need size-able donations dedicated towards their building fund. For any questions or assistance contact Skip Brown at 231-642-7140 or skip@fbmissions.org. **Bethlehem's week for volunteering at Freedom Builders will be July 17-22.**

A big thank you to all who turned in Olesons' receipts. We just received a check from them for \$304.88. Last year received \$651.20. Let's see if we can do even better this year! Please continue to drop off your receipts at Bethlehem. Please note they do not expire. Thank you!

Hoop's Pet Food Pantry: This is the only pet food pantry in NW lower Michigan. They primarily provide dry food, wet food, treats, cat litter and toys for mostly dogs and cats but they will support any type of pet to the best of their ability. Please visit them at the Square Deal Country Store, 900 Woodmere Ave, TC from 11:00am – 2:00pm on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month with your donations OR you may leave donations in the tub on our "donations" table in the coat room. The volunteers have expressed their appreciation when receiving our donations.

Have something important going on at Bethlehem that you'd like others to know about? Maybe a Small Group? A Club Event? Feature it on the Screen Announcements, weekly emails and on our Facebook Events Page! If there is something you'd like featured or included in any of these, please reach out to alanna.steffunick@bethlehemtc.org If you are not getting the weekly emails for any reason, please contact Alanna.

2023 Relay for Life: The American Cancer Society will be holding their annual 24-Hour Relay for Life event on **Saturday, June 10, 2023 starting at 10 AM with an opening ceremony to Sunday, June 11, 2023 ending at 10 AM** at the Grand Traverse Mall. As a long-time volunteer with the organization, I would like to request your support in the form of monetary donations to the American Cancer Society in support of this great cause, which will impact so many wonderful people who need your help. Thank you very much for your generous donations in the past, which helped the American Cancer Society provide more programs and do more research and advocacy for cancer patients and their caregivers. Your kindness and thoughtfulness is really appreciated!

Please consider signing up for Altar Flowers for a Sunday service. Please use the sign-up poster in the Narthex by signing on the date you request. Then fill out a pink slip with the necessary information and place it and a check for \$40 (payable to Bethlehem Lutheran Church or BLC) in the offering plate on Sunday morning (Preferable) or during the week, in the Administrative Assistant's mailbox near the church office entrance. You may select either "in honor" or "in memory" or "to celebrate". If someone has already signed on the date you would like, feel free to add your name – we welcome more than one on a Sunday.

The church calendar is below. Please be sure to notify the office (admin@bethlehemtc.org or 231.947.9880) to be sure that your group is of the calendar.

Sunday, May 28

10:00am—Worship Service (S)

Monday, May 29

**Have a Safe Memorial Day
Church Office Closed**

Tuesday, May 30

Bulletin articles due today
9:00am—Property Work Group

Wednesday, May 31

11:30am—Music Rehearsal (S)

Thursday, June 1

5:30pm—ACA

Sunday, June 4

10:00am—Worship Service (S)
11:15am—Worship and Music Meeting (CR)

—dance by donation—
suggested \$10/person

Bayside Travellers

Contra Dance

June 10th, 2023
Beginner Workshop 7pm Dances 7:30-10:30pm

LED BY CALLER DAVE GOODWIN

Live Music
by
Harbor Hoedown

NO PARTNER OR EXPERIENCE NEEDED!

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