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Pastor's Article

Lamb of God Made into Pentecost People

This month of May, each Sunday following Easter leads us toward two great days in the life of the Church: the Ascension of our Lord and the Day of Pentecost.

Pentecost, the fiftieth day after the resurrection, reveals the fullness of what Christ has done for us. First, the Son ascends to the Father—not to leave us, but to bring us with Him. Then the Holy Spirit descends, in fire and in preaching, to claim us and make us God's own.

The Father sends the Son.
The Son returns us to the Father.
The Holy Spirit delivers this salvation through the preached Word.

This is what it means to become Pentecost people.

Throughout this month, we are drawn into what Jesus taught His disciples during those days after His resurrection. He was not simply preparing them for ministry — He was giving them His Word to proclaim.

He said:
“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” (Matthew 28)

This same Word has come all the way from Jerusalem to us here at **Lamb of God in Haines City.**

In a way, I understand something of what those first disciples experienced. The word “seminary” comes from the Greek for a **“nursery,” or “seedbed.”**

It is a place where the seed of God's Word is planted. Through formation, Christ places His Word into the mouth of His preacher so that it may be given to His people. There is no closer presence than this. And now, I have been sent to you.

When Jesus completed His teaching, He ascended into heaven.

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*Pastor Beatrice
D'Angelo*

PASTOR BEATRICE D'ANGELO

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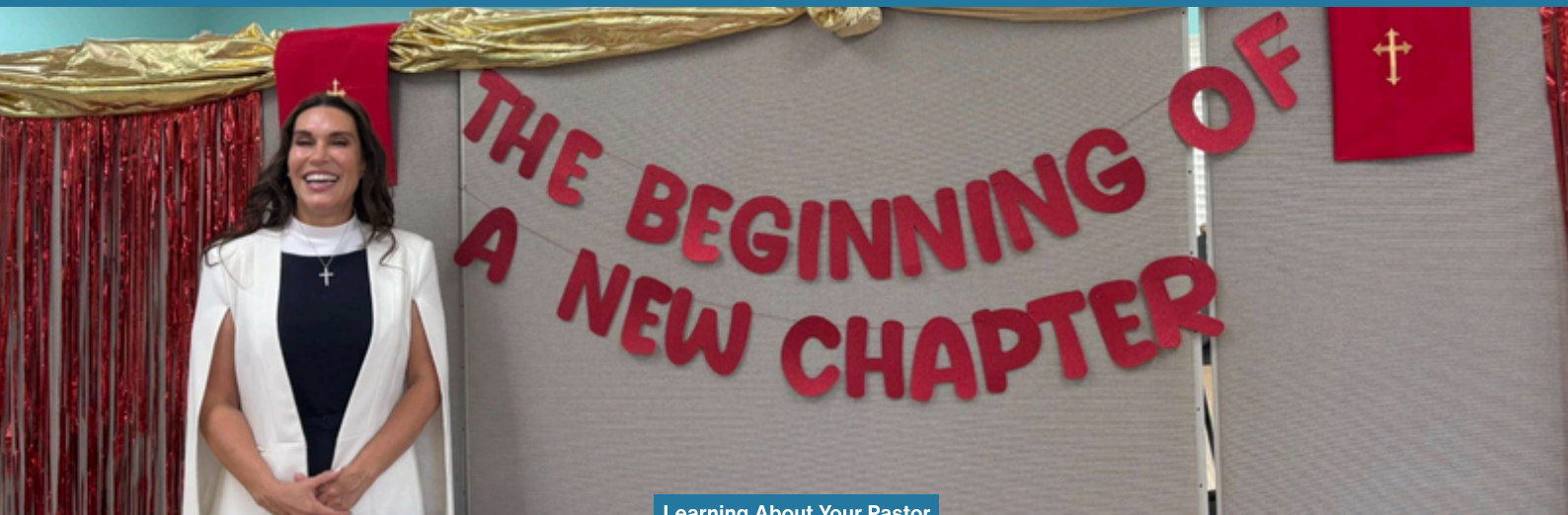
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Learning About Your Pastor

Walking together in Christ

As I begin this new season among you, I give thanks to God for the gift of walking together in His Word—listening, learning, and receiving the life Christ gives.

As we continue this new season together, I would like to share a little about the call that has shaped my life and led me into pastoral ministry among you.

I was raised in a multicultural home in Puerto Rico, with a British father and a Cuban mother. From an early age, I learned to live between languages, cultures, and ways of seeing the world. That experience formed in me a deep love for the Church as a place where all people are gathered into one in Christ.

Over time, that love became a calling. The call to serve as a pastor is not simply a personal decision or career path.

It is a calling that comes from Christ through His Church—a call to proclaim His Word, administer the Sacraments, and care for His people with the truth and mercy of the Gospel. At the heart of this calling is what we in the Lutheran tradition call Law and Gospel—God’s Word that both reveals our need and gives us.

His grace.
Christ for us.
Christ with us.
Christ given to us.

This is the calling I carry as I come among you—not to bring something different, but to faithfully proclaim the same Gospel that has been given to the Church in every generation.

I give thanks to God for the opportunity to walk with you in this calling, and I look forward to all that He will do among us as we continue to grow together in faith.

Getting to Know Our Members

Share your story with us!



We invite members of Lamb of God to share a little about their faith, family, and life together in Christ as part of our new Bellwether series, ‘Getting to Know Each Other.’

Click [here](#) to open and complete the questionnaire for a future Bellwether feature.



Worship with Us

English Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Spanish Worship: 11:45 a.m.

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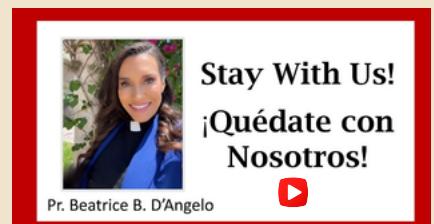


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Jesus Ascended,
But He Did Not Leave
You!

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Lifting Up in Prayer

*This Month's
Prayer Requests*



Mark,
Emma Murphy
Megan
Chris and Nancy Mahovlich
Michael and Addie Cole
Tiffany Needle and Family
Josefa
Lori and Linda
Mickey Baus
Georgene & Pam
Tabatha, her Mom and Dad
Little Robert
Laura
Lee
Dena
Heather
Gracie and her family
Judy
Delbert and Joanne
Ruthie and Joanelly's family
Lee, Patty's Husband.
Val
Roberto
Michelle
Sandra and Paul
Lolli's family
Christine



Giving Thanks

Thank you to all who volunteered, donated, organized, and participated in LambFest. This joyful annual event was a wonderful success in supporting the ministry and congregational life of Lamb of God.

- Thank you to the Boy Scouts, Memorial Garden Committee members, council members, and volunteers who helped beautify and restore the Memorial Garden and treeway.
- We give thanks for the faithful service of Pastor Greg and Letty and for their years of ministry and support at Lamb of God.
- Thank you to Kathy Dierker for the beautiful carnations shared for Mother's Day.
- Thank you to the Spanish Service Hospitality Team for hosting a beautiful Mother's Day tea celebration for both congregations.

Around the Cross this Month



Lamb Fest

We celebrate a joyful and successful LambFest, our annual event supporting the ministry of Lamb of God, where **\$1,844.75** were raised to support the church.

Many volunteers gave their time and energy to prepare, organize, and welcome all who attended.

We were blessed by the presence of both our congregation and the wider community, sharing in a day of fellowship and generosity.

We give thanks to God for all who contributed to this meaningful event.



Garden Clean Up

Our Memorial Garden has been beautifully renewed as a space of remembrance, prayer, and peace.

With the help of dedicated volunteers and the Boy Scouts, the garden was cleaned, restored, and refreshed. This sacred space continues to honor those who have gone before us into glory and offers a place for quiet reflection and prayer.

We give thanks for all who contributed to this work and for a space that reflects God's promise of life, resurrection, and hope.



New Life in Christ: Holy Baptism

With great joy, we celebrate a Holy Baptism that took place on Easter Sunday.

In Baptism, our Lord Jesus Christ comes to us through water and the Word to forgive sins, free us from sin, death, and the devil, and claim us as His own. In this gift, we are named and held by Christ, and nothing can take that promise away.

This same promise continues to be given to us in the Lord's Supper and in confession and absolution—again and again, as the Lord faithfully cares for His people.

What a joy and blessing to welcome a new child of God into the life of the Church.



Around the Cross this Month



Serve in Worship

Volunteers are needed for worship leadership, including Assisting Ministers, Altar Guild, Communion Ministers, Ushers, and Greeters.

There will be a training in the Sanctuary next Sunday, the 24th of May, at 1:15 PM. All are welcome. No previous experience required.

Please complete this form:

[Talents Form](#)

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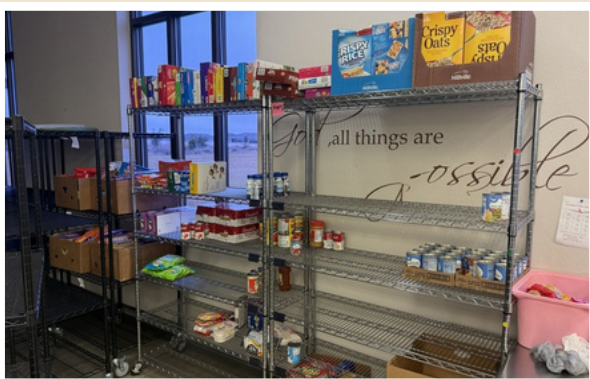


Mothers Day Tea Party

A blessed gathering and celebration for Mother's Day took place in the fellowship hall following our services with a beautiful Mother's Day tea-themed luncheon.

We give thanks for all of the mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, and mother figures in our lives, and for all who helped make this joyful celebration possible!

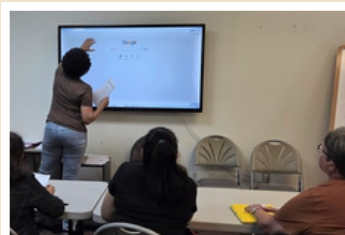
House Blest



House Blest at New Horizon Church was in need of nonperishable food items as their shelves were running low. Donations such as canned goods, pasta, rice, cereals, and other pantry staples were collected and delivered to House Blest.

Thank you for your generosity and partnership in serving our community.

Language Courses



Language courses are offered for free, every Saturday at 9:15am for Spanish and English at 11am.

These courses will be going on summer break from June to July.

Classes begin again on August 1st.

Patchwork Colors of the Cross



Quilters meet on the first Wednesday and third Thursday of every month at 9:00 am.

Their second meeting of the month is Thursday, May 21st.



Ordination and Installation

We give thanks to God for the ordination and installation of Rev. Beatrice B. D'Angelo as Lead Pastor of Lamb of God Lutheran Church.

Ordination is the Church's recognition of God's call to serve as a minister of Word and Sacrament.

In the Lutheran tradition, this means proclaiming the Gospel and administering the Sacraments, through which Christ Himself is present for His people. As Martin Luther teaches, the Church is where the Word of God is preached and the Sacraments are administered.

Installation is the calling of a pastor to a specific congregation. In this sacred act, the people of God call their pastor to be their shepherd—to walk with them, care for them, and faithfully proclaim Christ among them.

We rejoice in this calling and give thanks that Pastor Beatrice has been sent to serve Lamb of God for such a time as this.



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Many wonder: *Does this mean He has left us?*

No.

It means He has taken us to the Father with Him. And yet, He still comes to us—fully present—in His Word and His Sacraments. In the Lord's Supper, He gives us His own body and blood.

There is no closer presence than this. Christ ascends to the Father, and yet remains with us.

How can this be? The answer is Pentecost.

On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit is poured out, opening the mouths of preachers to proclaim Christ. The promise spoken through the prophet Joel is fulfilled:

"Everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." (Joel 2)

From Peter's first sermon, to the apostles, to the Church throughout the ages, this Word has been carried forward—until it reaches us here, now, in this place.

And so, as your pastor, I come to proclaim this same Word to you. Not something new. Not something different. But the very Word of Christ that gives life, forgiveness, and salvation.

On Pentecost, you will hear this promise again: "Everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

This is the gift given to you.

This is what makes us Pentecost people.

And this is what we will receive together in this holy season: life in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Faith in Action

