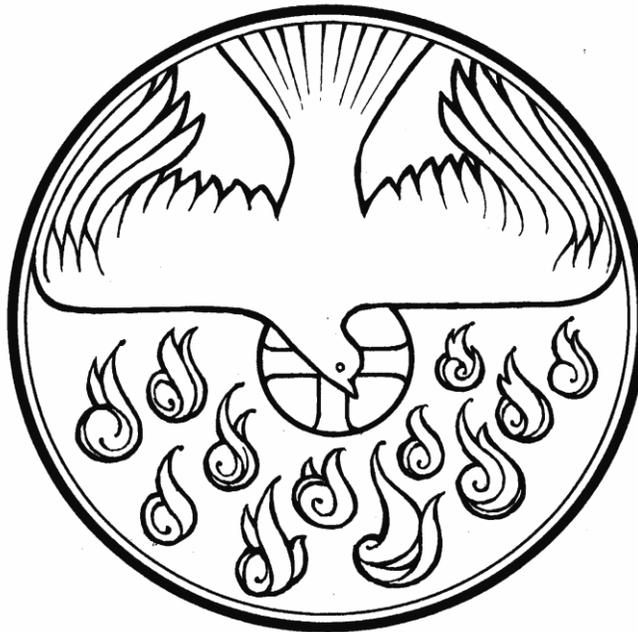




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THE DAY OF PENTECOST

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Divine Service: Setting III with Communion

Order of Service: *Lutheran Service Book*, pp 184-202

Pre-Service Music

May Bible Verse

“I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace.
In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

John 16:33

Our Mission Statement

Representing God’s Love to our Congregation, Community, and the World!



In Light of 1 Cor. 11:23-26, Bethlehem Lutheran Church maintains the historical practice of “closed” communion in the belief that the Sacrament requires faith in Christ’s words that His body and blood are truly present. Furthermore, participation in the Sacrament is a sign of our unity in the faith with all those who join us at the altar. *For that reason, we ask that those visitors desiring to commune be members in good standing of a congregation of the LCMS and speak to the pastor or an elder before the beginning of the service.* Our denial of admission to those who are members of another confession is not a judgment upon their faith but a recognition that we hold to different confessions concerning God, salvation, and the Sacrament itself. Such individuals are invited to speak with the pastor following the service.

Ringing of the Church Bell

OPENING HYMN

O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth

LSB 834



1 O God, O Lord of heav’n and earth, Thy liv - ing
 2 Our fa - tal will to e - qual Thee, Our reb - el
 3 Thou cam - est to our hall of death, O Christ, to
 Δ 4 O Spir - it, who didst once re - store Thy Church that



fin - ger nev - er wrote That life should be an aim -
 will wrought death and night. We seized and used in pride -
 breathe our poi - soned air, To drink for us the dark
 it might be a - gain The bring - er of good news



less mote, A death - ward drift from fu - tile birth.
 ful spite Thy won - drous gift of lib - er - ty.
 de - spair That stran - gled our re - luc - tant breath.
 to men, Breathe on Thy clo - ven Church once more,



Thy Word meant life tri - um - phant hurled In splen - dor through
 We housed us in this house of doom, Where death had roy -
 How beau - ti - ful the feet that trod The road that leads
 That in these gray and lat - ter days There may be those



Thy bro - ken world. Since light a - woke and life be - gan,
 al - scope and room, Un - til Thy ser - vant, Prince of Peace,
 us back to God! How beau - ti - ful the feet that ran
 whose life is praise, Each life a high dox - ol - o - gy



Thou hast de - sired Thy life for man.
 Breached all its walls for our re - lease.
 To bring the great good news to man!
 To Fa - ther, Son, and un - to Thee.

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Stand.

INVOCATION

LSB 184

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

LSB 184

- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**
- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
- C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**
- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

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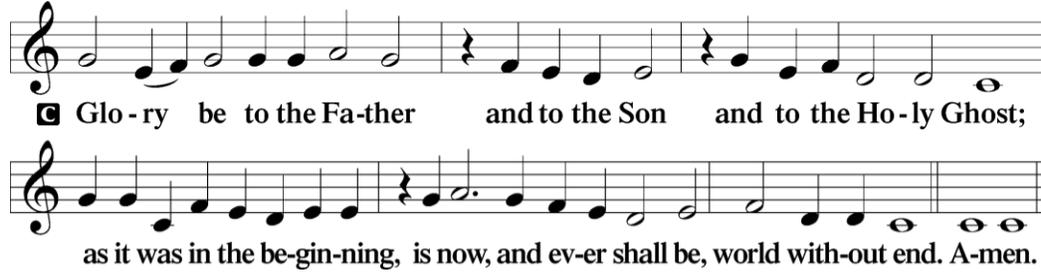
Psalm 104:24, 27–28, 30; antiphon: Liturgical Text

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,
and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.
 O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
 These all look to you,
to give them their food in due season.
 When you give it to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.
 When you send forth your Spirit, they are created,
and you renew the face of the ground.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;
 as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and will be forever. Amen.
 Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,
 and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.

GLORIA PATRI

LSB 186

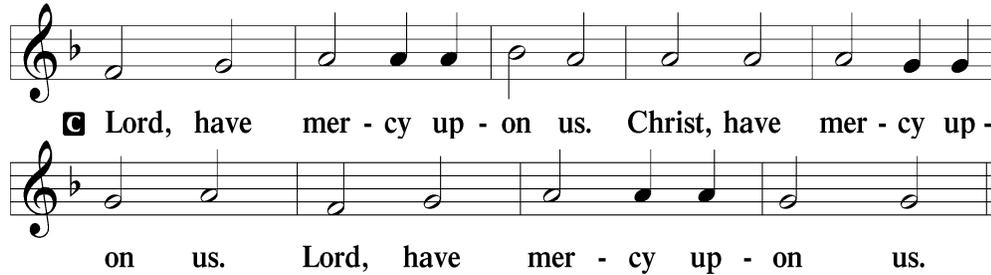


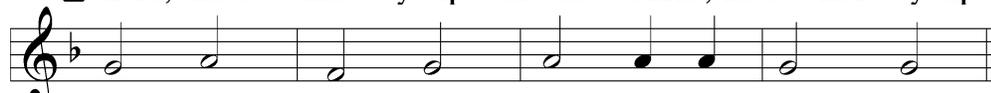

G Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;

 as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

KYRIE

LSB 186




G Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

 on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

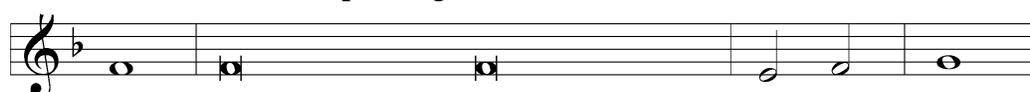
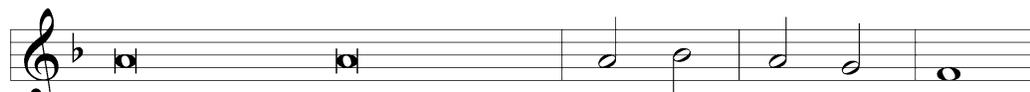
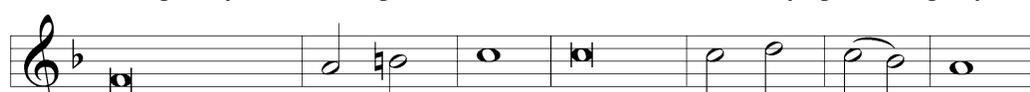
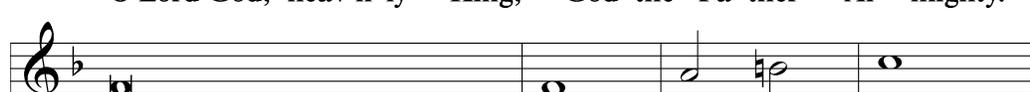
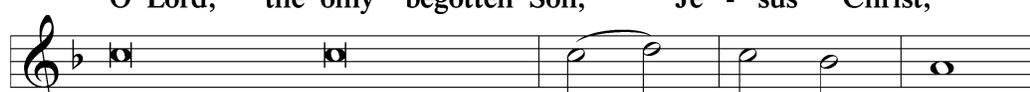
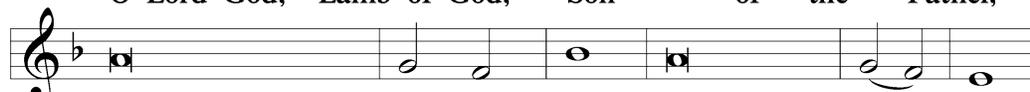
HYMN OF PRAISE

LSB 187

Gloria in Excelsis



P Glory be to God on High,

G and on earth peace, good - will toward

 men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,

 we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

 O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.

 O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

 O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

 that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.



G And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

C 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. Amen.

Sit.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

¹The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ²And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them.

⁹Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live."

¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.' ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to

them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Acts 2:1–21

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

⁵Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” ¹²And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴But 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. ¹⁵For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷““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;

¹⁸even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;

²⁰the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood,

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

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

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand.

ALLELUIA

LSB 190



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth and sixteenth chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁶[Jesus said:] “But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. ²⁷And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning. . . .

^{4b}“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

C 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.

Sit.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

LSB 497



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, God and Lord, With all Your grac - es
 2 Come, ho - ly Light, guide di - vine, Now cause the Word of
 3 Come, ho - ly Fire, com - fort true, Grant us the will Your



now out-poured On each be - liev - er's mind and heart;
 life to shine. Teach us to know our God a - right
 work to do And in Your ser - vice to a - bide;



Your fer - vent love to them im - part. Lord, by the
 And call Him Fa - ther with de - light. From ev - 'ry
 Let tri - als turn us not a - side. Lord, by Your



bright-ness of Your light In ho - ly faith Your Church u - nite;
 er - ror keep us free; Let none but Christ our mas - ter be
 pow'r pre - pare each heart, And to our weak-ness strength im - part



From ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry tongue This to Your
 That we in liv - ing faith a - bide, In Him, our
 That brave - ly here we may con - tend, Through life and



praise, O Lord, our God, be sung: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Lord, with all our might con - fide. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 death to You, our Lord, as - cend. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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SERMON

Dry Bones – Ezekiel 37:1-14

Stand.

OFFERTORY

LSB 192

C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

OFFERING PRAYER

Sit.

OFFERING

Stand.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, 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 ascended above the heavens and, sitting at Your right hand, poured out on this day the promised Holy Spirit on His chosen disciples. For all this the whole earth rejoices with exceeding joy. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE 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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LSB 197

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."

PAX DOMINI

LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - - - men.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
 world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
 tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
 world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

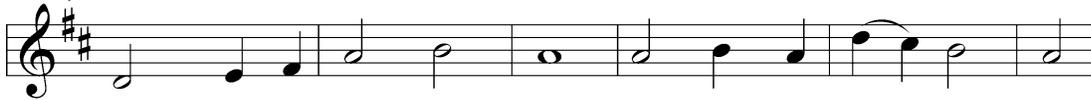
Sit.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

O Day Full of Grace

1 O day full of grace that now we see Ap - pear - ing on
 2 O day full of grace, O bless - ed time, Our Lord on the
 3 For Christ bore our sins, and not His own, When He on the
 4 God came to us then at Pen - te - cost, His Spir - it new
 5 When we on that fi - nal jour - ney go That Christ is for
 earth's ho - ri - zon, Bring light from our God that we may be
 earth ar - riv - ing; Then came to the world that light sub - lime,
 cross was hang - ing; And then He a - rose and moved the stone
 life re - veal - ing, That we might no more from Him be lost,
 us pre - par - ing, We'll gath - er in song, our hearts a - glow,
 Re - plete in His joy this sea - son. God, shine for us
 Great joy for us all re - triev - ing; For Je - sus all
 That we, un - to Him be - long - ing, Might join with an -
 All dark - ness for us dis - pel - ling. His flame will the
 All joy of the heav - ens shar - ing, And walk in the
 now in this dark place; Your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.
 mor - tals did em - brace, All dark - ness and shame re - mov - ing.
 gel - ic hosts to raise Our voic - es in end - less sing - ing.
 mark of sin ef - face And bring to us all His heal - ing.
 light of God's own place, With an - gels His name a - dor - ing.

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1 Come down, O Love di - vine; Seek Thou this soul of mine,
 2 O let it free - ly burn, Till world - ly pas - sions turn
 3 Let ho - ly char - i - ty Mine out - ward ves - ture be
 4 And so the yearn - ing strong, With which the soul will long,



And vis - it it with Thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
 To dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
 And low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing—
 Shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;

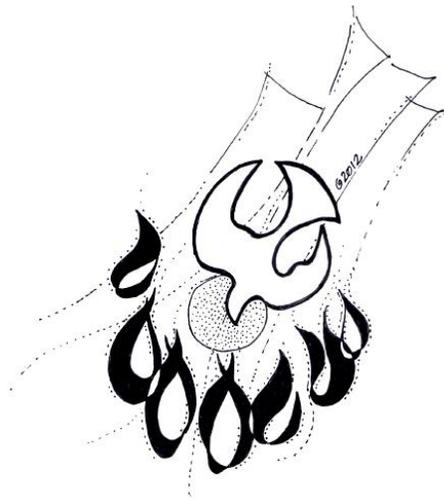


O Com - fort - er, draw near; With - in my heart ap - pear,
 And let Thy glo - rious light Shine ev - er on my sight,
 True low - li - ness of heart, Which takes the hum - bler part,
 No soul can guess His grace Till it be - come the place



And kin - dle it, Thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 And clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 And o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.
 Where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes His dwell - ing.

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1 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain Of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
 2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst His pris - on
 3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright With the day of splen - dor,
 4 For to - day a - mong His own Christ ap - peared, be - stow - ing
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Now we cry To our King im - mor - tal,



God has brought His Is - ra - el In - to joy from sad - ness,
 And from three days' sleep in death As a sun has ris - en;
 With the roy - al feast of feasts Comes its joy to ren - der;
 His deep peace, which ev - er - more Pass - es hu - man know - ing.
 Who, tri - um - phant, burst the bars Of the tomb's dark por - tal.



Loosed from Pha-raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,
 All the win - ter of our sins, Long and dark, is fly - ing
 Comes to glad - den faith - ful hearts Which with true af - fec - tion
 Nei - ther could the gates of death Nor the tomb's dark por - tal
 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain Of tri - um - phant glad - ness!



Led them with un-moist-ened foot Through the Red Sea wa - ters.
 From His light, to whom is giv'n Laud and praise un - dy - ing.
 Wel - come in un - wea - ried strain Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!
 Nor the watch - ers nor the seal Hold Him as a mor - tal.
 God has brought His Is - ra - el In - to joy from sad - ness!

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Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid

LSB 500



1 Cre - a - tor Spir - it, by whose aid The world's foun - da - tions
 2 O Source of un - cre - at - ed light, The bear - er of God's
 3 Giv - er of grace, de - scend from high; Your sev'n - fold gifts to
 △ 4 Im - mor - tal hon - or, end - less fame At - tend the al - might - y



first were laid, Come, vis - it ev - 'ry hum - ble mind; Come,
 gra - cious might, Thrice - ho - ly fount, thrice - ho - ly fire, Our
 us sup - ply; Help us e - ter - nal truths re - ceive And
 Fa - ther's name; The Sav - ior - Son be glo - ri - fied, Who



pour Your joys on hu - man - kind; From sin and sor - row
 hearts with heav'n - ly love in - spire; Your sa - cred, heal - ing
 prac - tice all that we be - lieve; Give us Your - self that
 for all hu - man - kind has died; To You, O Par - a -



set us free; May we Your liv - ing tem - ples be.
 mes - sage bring To sanc - ti - fy us as we sing.
 we may see The glo - ry of the Trin - i - ty.
 clete, we raise Un - end - ing songs of thanks and praise.

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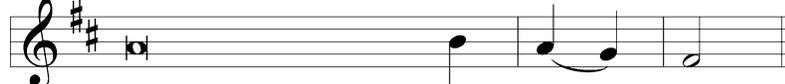
Stand.



C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
 cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
 peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
 to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

THANKSGIVING

LSB 200

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,


C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

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 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.

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

LSB 201

P The Lord be with you.


C And with thy spir - it.

P Bless we the Lord.


C Thanks be to God.

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 A-men, a-men, a - men.

Sit.

CLOSING HYMN

LSB 913

O Holy Spirit, Enter In



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, And in our hearts
 2 Give to Your Word im - pres - sive pow'r, That in our hearts
 3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, Let Your dear Word,



Your work be - gin, Your dwell - ing place now make us.
 from this good hour As fire it may be glow - ing,
 in doubt and strife, In us be strong - ly burn - ing



Sun of the soul, O Light di - vine, A - round and in
 That in true Chris - tian u - ni - ty We faith - ful wit -
 That we be faith - ful un - to death And live in love



us bright - ly shine, To joy and glad - ness wake us
 ness - es may be, Your glo - ry ev - er show - ing.
 and ho - ly faith, From You true wis - dom learn - ing.



That we may be Tru - ly liv - ing, To You giv - ing
 Hear us, cheer us By Your teach - ing; Let our preach - ing
 Your grace and peace On us show - er; By Your pow - er



Prayer un - ceas - ing And in love be still in - creas - ing.
 And our la - bor Praise You, Lord, and serve our neigh - bor.
 Christ con - fess - ing, Let us see our Sav - ior's bless - ing.

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POSTLUDE

Welcome to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, where we worship in the name of the crucified and risen Lamb of God, Jesus Christ our Lord. Blessings to you as you worship with us today.



Congregation: thanksgiving and healing for Taylor Nowicki as she recovers from an accident; healing and health for Jim Straker, who is battling a cancer diagnosis; for Blake Powers, Edith Erwin, and Deloris Griffin; for our shut-in members: Renee Brinkmann, Mildred Holle, Lathel Norris, James Schoenemann, Roger & Elvera Schroeder, and others who are unable to come to church

Community: thanks for the rain, may our Lord continue to deliver to us favorable weather; Brenham Pregnancy Center and those whose lives they touch; Faith Mission; families and individuals cared for by Child Protective Services

World: for all those suffering in the war in Israel, may God watch over and protect His children, and by His Holy Spirit, may they all come to know Christ as their Savior and thus enjoy an eternity with Him; for those who have been led astray into false belief; for those facing crisis pregnancies, that they would find the strength to choose life for their unborn child; for the leaders of the nations, that they would make godly decisions for their people and countries

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week's Schedule
May 19 – May 26

Today:	<i>Day of Pentecost</i>	
	9:00 AM	Sunday School, Adult Bible Class
	10:15 AM	Divine Worship: Setting III with Holy Communion
	Acolyte:	Hannah Nowicki
	Greeter:	Brenda Gaskamp
	Ushers:	Colin Schomburg Collin Schroeder Ian Schroeder Mike Schroeder
	11:30 PM	Shekel Store
Tuesday:	6:30 PM	Women's Bible Study
Next Sunday:	<i>The Holy Trinity</i>	
	9:00 AM	Sunday School, Adult Bible Class
	10:15 AM	Divine Worship: Setting I
	Acolyte:	Michael Hinze
	Greeter:	Karen Gaskamp
	Ushers:	Shane Schroeder Trenton Schwartz Lance Searle Chris Smitherman

Serving in May: Elder – Charles Meyer / **Trustee** – Doyle Dahmann

If you have a question or thought concerning spiritual care or the church property, please contact the appropriate elder or trustee.



The flowers on the altar are given in honor of Kevin & Kellie Goessler's 34th anniversary.

DIRECTORY NEWS

If you have picture(s) of recent church events that you'd like to submit for the church directory, please email them to Carin Landeck (cathlandeck@gmail.com) for consideration.



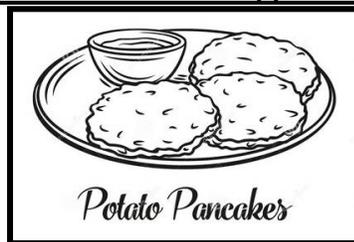
Thank you to everyone who came this past week to have their picture taken!

Life With God—New Member Classes begin Monday, June 10th



Our adult information class covers the most important teachings of the Bible as they are believed, taught, and confessed here at Bethlehem. It is designed for anyone considering membership at Bethlehem Lutheran Church and for members of the congregation who would like a thorough review of basic Biblical doctrine. So mark your calendar and plan to join us on Mondays from 6:30 to 8:00 pm, starting June 10th. Classes run for 10-12 sessions.

The Potato Pancake Supper is Back!



After a four-year hiatus, the **annual Potato Pancake Supper** will resume on **Friday, June 7, 5-7 pm**. **Tickets are available** to buy now, or **RSVP** on our website under the “News from the Pews” tab.

We are hoping to bring this Bethlehem tradition back with a bang and have it **be something the whole family can enjoy**. Along with the delicious potato pancakes there will be “regular” flour pancakes for any kids that may be picky eaters. We will also have a bounce house and face painting for the kids to enjoy while the adults catch up and visit.

We look forward to seeing you again at the 65th Annual Bethlehem Lutheran Potato Pancake Supper!



All Members of the Congregation are invited and encouraged to serve at the Potato Pancake Supper. Please contact Diane Jaehne (979-251-0248) to learn more. Thank you!

VBS June 18-21st - The Lions of Babylon



It's that time of the year again to start thinking about VBS. The Board of Education is excited to introduce this year's theme, *The Lions of Babylon*. The kids will follow along through the Book of Daniel as they learn about the exile to Babylon and how God cared for His people.

The dates for this year's VBS will be **Tuesday, June 18 through Friday, June 21**. Each night will last from **5:00 - 8:00 pm**, with dinner from 5:00 - 6:00 pm. And this year Pastor will be offering a Bible class for the adults during kids' activities. So, there's something for everyone.

Mark your calendars for this exciting VBS experience! To register your child(ren), follow the link on the "News from the Pews" page on our website, or sign up on the form located in the Parish Hall.

VBS Volunteers needed!

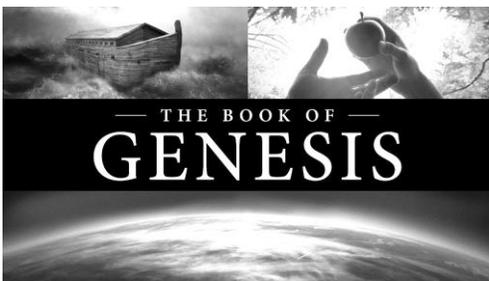


To help with VBS, sign up on the sign-up sheets in the Parish Hall or scan the QR code to sign up online.

Sunday School Corner

Parents, today in Sunday School, your kids studied the lesson "A Telling Truth – Pentecost." With the sound of a rushing wind and tongues of fire, the promised Holy Spirit descends on the disciples. As they speak "in other tongues" (Acts 2:4), their hearers, from a multitude of nations, hear about "the mighty works of God" (v. 11) in their own languages. Beginning with Old Testament prophecies, Peter's sermon proclaims Jesus, the promised Messiah. To reinforce this lesson for your kids, as a family, discuss, "How did Pentecost change the Church forever?" And don't miss out on next week's exciting lesson, "A Deacon Delivers – Philip and an Ethiopian." Also, parents, you can join Pastor Krieg in the adult Sunday School class. See you next week!

New Adult Sunday School Lesson



Genesis lays the foundation for all the events and doctrines of Holy Scripture. Studying its characters and events will prepare you for a much broader understanding of God's ways with humankind. Throughout Genesis, Moses emphasizes that these records apply not simply to Israel but to all nations and families of the earth. See in the patriarchs' weaknesses, struggles, and joys a mirror of families today. The Lord, through promise and faith, makes all the difference for the patriarchs, and He will

likewise bless and lead you. So join us as we begin our study of the book of Genesis. If you could not attend today, please join us next Sunday during the Adult Bible Study hour before church, starting at 9 a.m. Now is the time to commit yourself to a deeper and more meaningful understanding of God's Word and your relationship with Him. I hope to see you all next Sunday as we continue our studies.



Life Thoughts from Lutherans for Life

The Holy Spirit means to make a dwelling place of every human body (1 Corinthians 6:19-20). The Scriptures explicitly apply this **mission to old and young, male or female** (Acts 2:17), and even the unborn (Psalm 139:13). We have the invitation and commission to proclaim this prophetic message to a culture that beholds some neighbors as lifeless bones (Ezekiel 37:2-3). Let His precious breath of life (Genesis 2:7) inspire us all! For more information, please visit <https://lutheransforlife.org/>.



Online Giving

You may give tithes and offerings online by clicking the “Give” tab on our website (<https://www.bethlehemwmpenn.org/>), or just scan the QR code to the left.

Last Week at Bethlehem

SERVICE	ATTENDANCE	GIFTS IN RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL
05-09 Ascension Worship Service	34	General Fund: \$431.00
05-12 Sunday School	16	\$63.00
05-12 Youth Bible Class	1	
05-12 Adult Bible Class	30	
05-12 Sunday Worship Service	131	General Fund: \$2,934.30 Water Softener: \$214.75 Lutheran Witness: \$25.00