

# Bethel Lutheran Church

May 17, 2026

glory  
to  
God

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

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# ENTER TO WORSHIP – LEAVE TO SERVE

## “Holy Communion Setting Three”

*\*Congregation Stands*

*Congregation responses in bold*

Pre-Service Music      “My Friend Jesus”      By Waldrop      Rung by JOY Ringers

### WELCOME

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Recognition of Graduates**

Prelude                      “I Come with Joy”                      by Callahan and Hopson

**Opening Response**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!              **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain! Alleluia!

**He gives us new life and hope through his resurrection! Alleluia!**

Rejoice then, even in your distress.

**We shall be counted worthy when Christ appears.**

God has claimed us as his own.

**God has called us from our darkness into the light of his day.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!              **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

### **\*BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.    **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ,

our Savior and Lord.      **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. By Christ's authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.      **Amen.**


\*Gathering Song      "I Come with Joy"      by Hopson      ELW #482

*As* FOR ME  
*and my house*  
we will  
serve the *Lord*


## \*GREETING

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

### \*Kyrie



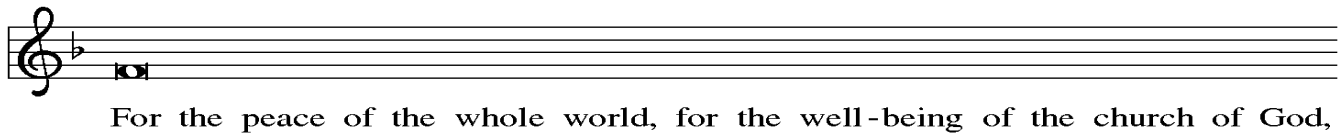
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



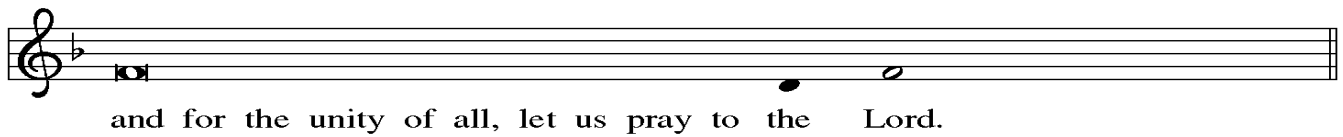
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.




**Lord, have mer - cy.**



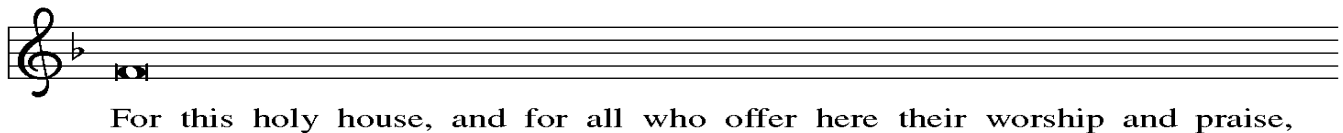
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



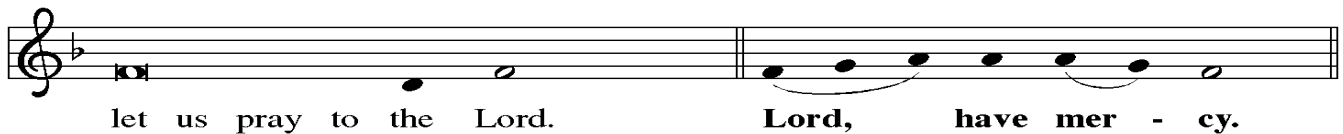
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



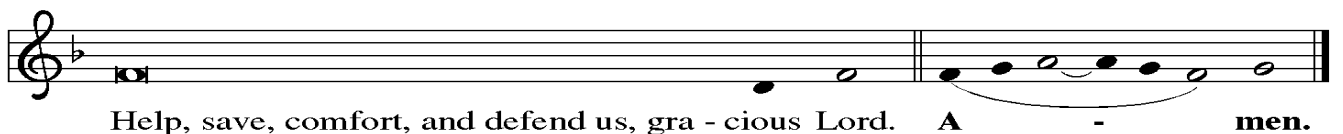
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



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



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

# This Is the Feast

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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**\*Prayer of the Day** O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*The congregation is seated.*

# WORD

First Reading

Acts 1:6-14

A reading from the first chapter of Acts

<sup>6</sup> When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup> He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” <sup>9</sup> When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup> They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

<sup>12</sup> Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. <sup>13</sup> When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup> All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

*Congregation will read responsively*

<sup>1</sup> Let God arise, and let God’s ene-<sup>1</sup>mies be scattered; let those who<sup>1</sup> hate God flee.

<sup>2</sup> **As smoke is driven away, so you should drive<sup>1</sup> them away; as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the pres-<sup>1</sup>ence of God.**

<sup>3</sup> But let the righteous be glad and rejoice<sup>1</sup> before God; let them also be mer-<sup>1</sup>ry and joyful.

<sup>4</sup> **Sing to God, sing praises to God’s name; exalt the one who<sup>1</sup> rides the clouds; I AM is that name, rejoice<sup>1</sup> before God!**

<sup>5</sup> In your holy habita- | tion, O God, you are a father to orphans, defend- | er of widows;

<sup>6</sup> **you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners | into freedom; but the rebels shall live in | desert places.**

<sup>7</sup> O God, when you went forth be- | fore your people, when you marched | through the wilderness,

<sup>8</sup> **the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the | God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the | God of Israel.**

<sup>9</sup> You sent a bountiful | rain, O God; you restored your inheritance | when it languished.

<sup>10</sup> **Your people found their | home in it; in your goodness, O God, you have made provision | for the poor.**

<sup>32</sup> Sing to God, O kingdoms | of the earth; sing praises | to the Lord.

<sup>33</sup> **You ride in the heavens, O God, in the | ancient heavens; you send forth your voice, your | mighty voice.**

<sup>34</sup> Ascribe pow- | er to God, whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is | in the skies.

<sup>35</sup> **How wonderful you are in your holy places, O | God of Israel, giving strength and power to your people! | Blessed be God!**

## Second Reading

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

A reading from the fourth and fifth chapter of 1 Peter

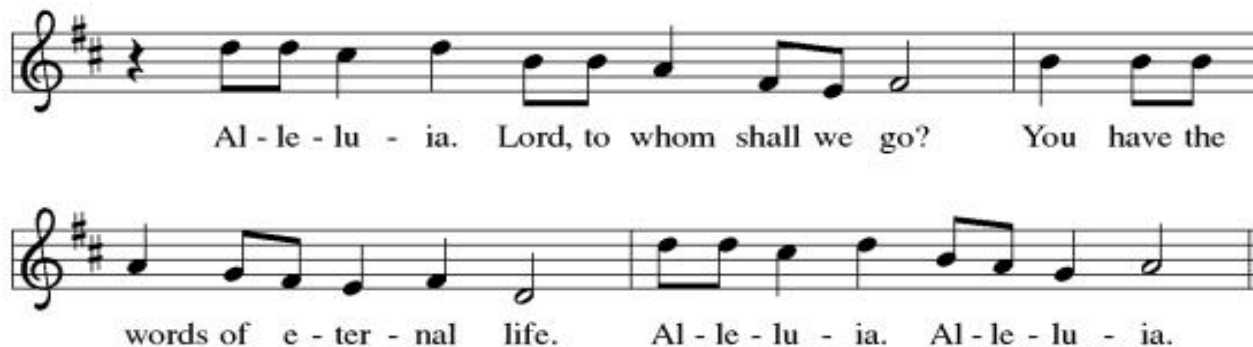
<sup>12</sup> Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup> But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup> If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

<sup>5:6</sup> Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. <sup>7</sup> Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup> Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup> Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. <sup>10</sup> And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will

himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup> To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



\*Holy Gospel

John 17:1-11

The holy gospel according to John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples,] he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup> since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup> I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup> So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup> “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, <sup>8</sup> for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup> I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup> All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Sermon

Caroline Monroe

Sermon

Dr. Peggy Terhune

\*Hymn of the Day      “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”    intro by Callahan    ELW #392

### **\*Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.**

**Amen.**

### **\*Prayers of Intercession**

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

*A brief silence.*

O God, your people sing praises throughout the church. By your Holy Spirit, inspire musicians, deacons, pastors, and bishops to proclaim the gospel of Jesus. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Your creative power fills the universe. Bring favorable weather, nurture plants and animals, protect us from natural disasters, and guide us to care for all you have made. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Your justice is exercised in society by those in authority. Instill in political leaders, business leaders, school administrators, and all who care for others a desire for peace and equity. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Your compassion and care come through the gifts of medicine and relationships. Soothe the anxious, protect widows and orphans, comfort those living with memory loss and their families, and heal the sick (*especially*).  
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Your love radiates from communities gathered in your name. Bless those experiencing significant transitions in life such as graduation, retirement, new employment, and accompany us in our prayers during these times.  
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God, your promise of eternal life is certain and sure. Inspire us by the steadfast faith of those who have gone before us, so that we may be confident in the assurances you give. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

### **The Peace is Shared**

The Peace of Christ be with you always **and also with you.**

Christian Fellowship is one of the most blessed gifts given to us by our God  
Please take a moment to greet those around you and extend to them the peace of Christ.

*The congregation is seated.*

Offering

Anthem                    “Gracious Spirit Dwell with Me”    by Scott    Adult Choir

## Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*

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.

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**Offertory Prayer** Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

**Invitation to Communion** Come to the table of new life.  
Receive the risen Lord.



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
 It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places to give thanks and praise.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



### \*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.**





## HOMEBOUND/HOSPITAL/NURSING HOME

Betty Shuping	Home of Daughter, 336-513-4035
Katrina Kurfees	Home of Daughter,
Linda Plummer	Trinity Oaks Health & Rehab., Memory Unit
Peggy Swicegood	Continue prayers
Carolyn Hicks	Continue prayers
Marcia Miller	Recovering at her home
Eric & Dawn Leach	Continue prayers
Danny Norman	Continue prayers (brother of Ellen Webb)
Robert & Gathel Meachem	Brookdale, Room 34, 2201 Statesville Blvd.
Cody McDowell	Continue prayers
Eddie Rabon	Recovering at his home
Wayne Chaffin	Recovering at his home
Judy Hoffman	Recovering at her home

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome everyone to Bethel Lutheran Church.** We are glad you have joined us for worship and bid a special welcome to guests in our midst. May you find peace, comfort, strength, and hope as our Lord comes to us in his word. Please take a moment to register your attendance by signing your name to the fellowship pad as it is passed on each pew.

**Today, we will celebrate Holy Communion and wish to share the following with you.** Holy Communion is offered to all baptized believers, regardless of denomination or home church. Lutherans believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the meal we call Holy Communion. (ELCA.FAQ) in the principal service of Christian worship, the Holy Spirit gathers people around the means of grace – the saving Word of God and the sacraments. From the table of communion where Jesus Christ comes with forgiveness, life, and salvation, God sends us out to share the good news and to care for those in need. (Evangelical Lutheran Worship, 2006)

### **Here at Bethel Lutheran Church:**

- The ushers will direct you forward to the communion table. If you prefer to receive communion in your seat, simply share your wish with one of

the ushers.

- You are not required to kneel and may be more comfortable standing.
- Grape juice is offered in the center of each tray. (The majority of the cups contain wine).
- After you have communed, the pastor will dismiss your table.
- Children who have not received communion training are welcome to come forward and receive a blessing.

**The Eternal Flame for May is given to the Glory of God** by Mike and Monica Raney in loving memory of Monica's mother, grandmother, and "the girls".

**Welcome everyone this morning as we are celebrating Graduation Sunday!** Our Bethel graduates are Devin Copley, North Hills Christian; Lacey Houghton, West Rowan High, Jacob Thurston, West Rowan High; Caleb Terhune, North Stanly High. Congratulations to you all. May God bless and guide you in your future endeavors as you go forward; always place your Faith and Trust in Him.

**The St. John's Men's Chorus will present their spring concert, "Voices Raised" at 4 p.m. this afternoon.** Handbell selections and guest musicians will complete the program. Pastors Joseph Miller and Darrell Norris sing in this choir and invite you to attend. St. John's is located at 200 W. Innes St.

**Scholarship Time...** If you are interested in applying (or reapplying if you were a previous recipient) please contact the church office for details. Applications **must be in to the church office by May 24, 2026.** Scholarships will be awarded on Father's Day, Sunday, June 21st during our worship service.

**On May 31, we will have a covered dish lunch as we typically do on a fifth Sunday.** This Sunday, the Mission and Outreach Committee is asking everyone to "bring a friend to church". Be thinking about the friends and neighbors you know; we want to invite people who are looking for a church, who don't attend church, or aren't satisfied with their current church, and we will be providing some information about Bethel for new members.





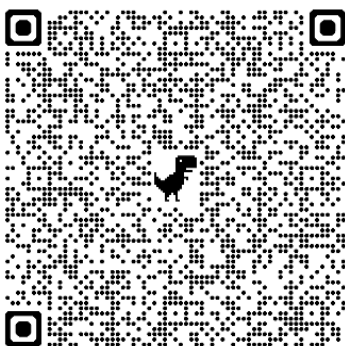
**Our Church Yard sale is Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, with the setup date of Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions or time to volunteer, please contact Mike or Monica Raney.**

**The Blessing Box continues to be a steady source of activity. Please remember this outreach when you're grocery shopping for your family.**

**There is a list on the bulletin board of worship assistants through the end of 2026. If for some reason you are unable to fulfill your duty on any given Sunday, please work out to switch with someone on the list. Thank you for your willingness to serve in this capacity.**



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**Online Offertory Donations - If you would prefer to make offertory donations online please visit the church website ([bethelsalisbury.org](http://bethelsalisbury.org)), or scan the QR code below that will take you directly to our online giving page. (There is a small fee associated with this service).**

**Be sure to check your mailbox**

## ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

### Seventh Sunday of Easter May 17

TODAY:                   9:00 a.m.     Music/Worship Committee meeting  
                               9:00 a.m.     Adult Sunday School  
                               9:30 a.m.     Sunday School  
                               9:45 a.m.     Choir Practice  
                               10:30 a.m.    Worship Service/Holy Communion  
 THURS:                 9:30 a.m.     JOY Ringers Practice

NEXT SUNDAY:

### Pentecost Sunday May 24

**Wearing Red this Sunday represents the fire  
of the Holy Spirit within us!**

                              9:00 a.m.     Adult Sunday School  
                               9:30 a.m.     Sunday School  
                               9:45 a.m.     Choir Practice  
                               10:30 a.m.    Worship Service/Holy Communion  
 THURS:                 9:30 a.m.     JOY Ringers Practice

*thankful*  
*grateful*  
*blessed*

### Attendance/Contribution Information for 5/10/2026

Worship Service 67

	Given 05/10/2026	Given Year to Date	Needed Weekly to Attain Budget
Current	\$2,470.00	\$55,664.80	\$ 2,630.00
Benevolence	\$70.00	\$2,345.00	\$ 77.00
Building Improvement	\$35,00	\$1,080.00	\$

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USHERS:	Perry VonCanon, Capt.; Judy VonCanon Al & Diane Brandon, Anita Vinson



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