

# Bethel Lutheran Church

May 24, 2026



# Pentecost

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*

### WELCOME

#### Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

“O Day Full of Grace”

by Burkhardt and Patterson

### **\*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


“God is Calling Through the Whisper”

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## \*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



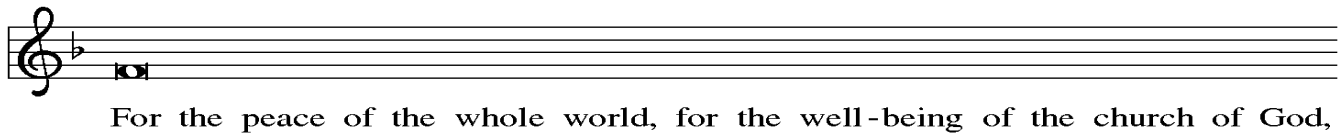
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



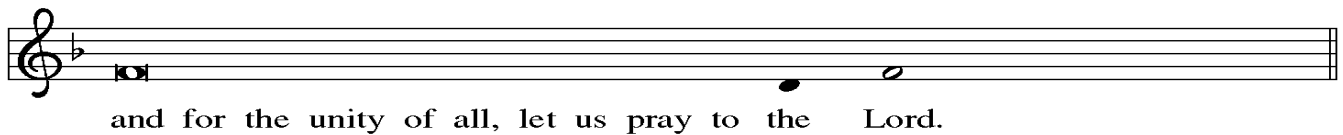
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.




**Lord, have mer - cy.**



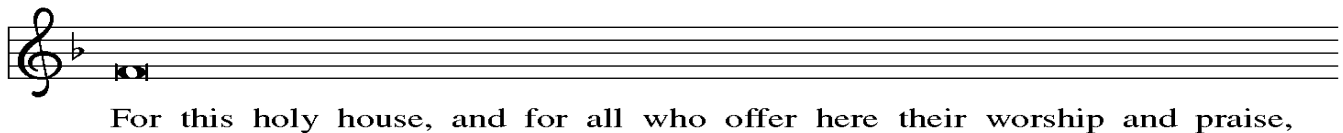
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



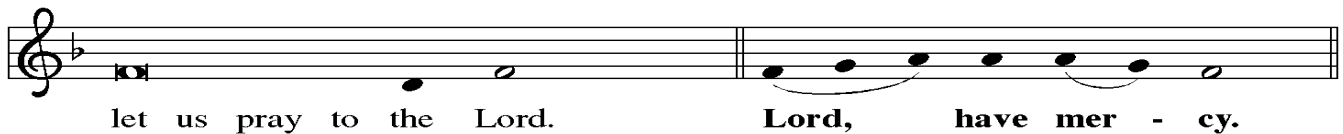
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



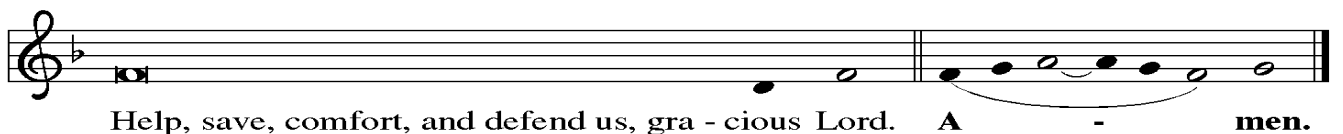
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



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



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.



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.



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, 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.**

*The congregation is seated.*

# WORD

First Reading

Acts 2:1-21

A reading from the second chapter of Acts

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup> Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” <sup>12</sup> All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup> But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup> Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup> ‘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. <sup>18</sup> Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup> And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. <sup>20</sup> The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

<sup>21</sup> Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ ”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

- <sup>24</sup> How manifold are your <sup>1</sup> works, O LORD! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full <sup>1</sup> of your creatures.
- <sup>25</sup> **Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man- <sup>1</sup> y to number, living things both <sup>1</sup> small and great.**
- <sup>26</sup> There go the ships <sup>1</sup> to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the <sup>1</sup> sport of it.
- <sup>27</sup> **All of them <sup>1</sup> look to you to give them their food <sup>1</sup> in due season.**
- <sup>28</sup> You give it to them; they <sup>1</sup> gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled <sup>1</sup> with good things.
- <sup>29</sup> **When you hide your face, <sup>1</sup> they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return <sup>1</sup> to their dust.**
- <sup>30</sup> You send forth your Spirit, and they <sup>1</sup> are created; and so you renew the face <sup>1</sup> of the earth.
- <sup>31</sup> **May the glory of the LORD en- <sup>1</sup> dure forever; O LORD, rejoice in <sup>1</sup> all your works.**
- <sup>32</sup> You look at the earth <sup>1</sup> and it trembles; you touch the mountains <sup>1</sup> and they smoke.
- <sup>33</sup> **I will sing to the LORD as long <sup>1</sup> as I live; I will praise my God while I <sup>1</sup> have my being.**
- <sup>34</sup> May these words of <sup>1</sup> mine please God. I will rejoice <sup>1</sup> in the LORD.
- <sup>35b</sup> **Bless the LORD, <sup>1</sup> O my soul. Hal- <sup>1</sup> lelujah!**

## Second Reading

## 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

A reading from the twelfth chapter of 1 Corinthians

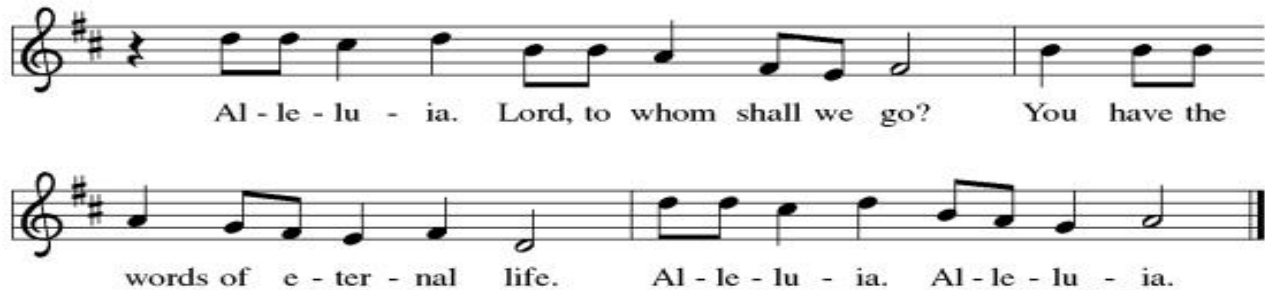
- <sup>3b</sup> No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.
- <sup>4</sup> Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, <sup>5</sup> and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, <sup>6</sup> and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup> To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup> To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another

the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

<sup>12</sup> For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



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.

\*Holy Gospel

John 20:19-23

The holy gospel according to John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Sermon

Kara Thurston

Sermon

Dr. Peggy Terhune

“I am Standing on Holy Ground”

Kara Thurston, soloist

\*Hymn of the Day

“God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind”

ELW #400

intro by Moldenhauer

## **\*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, you send the Holy Spirit to gather your church into one. Inspire all ministers of the gospel to speak prophetic and hope-filled words to all whom they encounter. Bless the work of interreligious dialogue.

**Merciful God, receive our prayer.**

You send the Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth. Protect all living things, bring forth clean water and abundant food, and grant us wonder as we contemplate all you have made. **Merciful God, receive our prayer.**

You send the Holy Spirit to break down the barriers of communication among nations. Bestow peace in war-torn areas, guide all in government and society to work for justice, and guard those serving in the armed forces, especially this weekend as we remember those who died in service to their country.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You send the Holy Spirit to accompany those who feel abandoned. Provide food for those who hunger and drink for those who thirst, soothe those who are anxious or bereaved, comfort those who are sick or suffering, and answer all who call upon your name.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You send the Holy Spirit through the gift of baptism. Bless both those preparing for or affirming their baptism. May they be encouraged by this community of faith as they live out their baptismal promises.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You send the Holy Spirit to console us in our grief. We give you thanks for our ancestors in the faith whose witness to your mighty works continues to inspire our lives. 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

“Holy Spirit Ever Dwelling”

by Sedio

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.

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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.**



Communion music      “Gracious Spirit Dwell with Me” by Lau  
                                 “O Holy Spirit, Root of Life”      ELW #399

\*Post-Communion Prayer    Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,    **Amen.**

\*Blessing            The Lord bless you and keep you,  
                                 The Lord’s face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
                                 The Lord look upon you with favor and +give you peace.  
                                 **Amen.**

\*Sending Song      “Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling“    intro by Sedio      ELW #582

\*Dismissal            Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
                                 **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
                                 Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
                                 **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\*Postlude

***Our worship service has ended.  
Our worship through service begins.***

## 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)
Judy Kennerly	Continue prayers
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".

**The flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Bevis Norris on her birthday (May 24) by Kelly & Todd Smith and Diane Roseman."**

**Remember, next Sunday, is "bring a friend to church" Sunday.** Please be thinking of the friends and neighbors you know 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. Please bring covered dish or dishes for your family and to share with guests who may come.

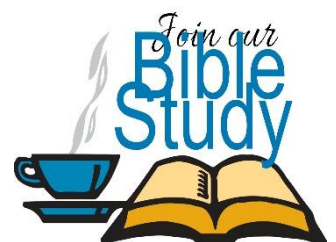
**Scholarship Time... Today is the last day to submit applications or reapplication paragraphs.** Scholarships will be awarded on Father's Day, Sunday, June 21st during our worship service.



**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.**

**The bible study led by Scott Parrish on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. will continue thru the end of the year.** Previously reported ending in May will not happen.



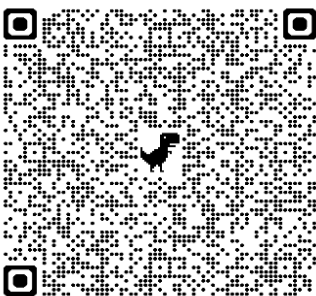


On July 11, from 10-2:00, we will have a summer Bible Camp. Adults, meeting from 10-12 will begin a bible study of Galatians, using the text Galatians His Kingdom Forever. You can choose to come just to Bible camp, or can plan to continue the study which will resume in August, both during the day and virtually. Young kids will have a special program for them from 10-12. School age children will have a different program, or join the adult study. Teens are encouraged to join the adult study. Books will be provided in advance and the day of the Bible camp. We will then have a hotdog lunch and fellowship, followed by a short service held outside, depending on weather.

**There is a list on the bulletin board of usher and altar guild groups 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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**Be sure to check your mailbox**

## ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

### Pentecost Sunday May 24

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

TODAY:                    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:                    10:00 a.m.    JOY Ringers Practice

### NEXT SUNDAY:            **Holy Trinity Sunday May 31**

                                 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  
    Fellowship covered dish following worship

MON:                        6:00 p.m.     Minnie Williams Circle dinner mtg.  
    (Blue Bay Restaurant Hwy. 70, Brenda Holbrook, hostess.)

TUES:                        6:30 p.m.     LMIM dinner mtg. (Pastor Carroll's shop)

THURS:                        9:30 a.m.     NO JOY Ringers Practice

### Attendance/Contribution Information for 5/17/2026

Worship Service 55

	Given 05/17/2026	Given Year to Date	Needed Weekly to Attain Budget
Current	\$1,550.00	\$57,214.80	\$ 2,630.00
Benevolence	\$2,100.00	\$4,445.00	\$ 77.00
Building Improvement	\$25.00	\$1,105.00	\$

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COMMUNION ASSISTANT:	Mike Spry
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USHERS:	Perry VonCanon, Capt.; Judy VonCanon Al & Diane Brandon, Anita Vinson



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