

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, May 19, 2024
Day of Pentecost
Praise Service

Rev. Molly Wills, Pastor
Jan Smith, Accompanist
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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" arr. Mark Hayes
"Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading" arr. Anne Krentz Organ

Gathering Song "Bread of Life" (insert)

Welcome and Announcements

Song "He Is Lord" (Green Binder/GB #67)

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy. **Amen.**

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Immersed in the...Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John...now and forever. **Amen.**

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Song "Glorify Thy Name" (GB #83)

Prayer of the Day

Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Song of Praise "Come Holy Spirit" (GB #49)

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Readings and Psalm

Acts 2:1-21 (back page) The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (read responsively/insert)

Romans 8:22-27 (insert) The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation "Lord, Add Your Blessing to This Word" (GB #98, vs. 1)

Lord, add your blessing to this word. Lord, add your blessing to this word. Help it accomplish, we implore, the purpose that you sent it for. Lord, add your blessing to this word.

John 15:26-27;16:4b-15 (bk. pg.) The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

Gospel Response "Lord, Add Your Blessing to this Word" (GB #98, vs. 2)

Lord, add your blessing to this word. Lord, add your blessing to this word. And on our part, Lord, may we too, not only hear but also do! Lord, add your blessing to this word.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Song of the Day "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" (insert)

Apostles Creed (p. 105, front of the red *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*/ELW hymnal)

Prayers of the People God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Passing of the Peace

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering and Song "Father, I Adore You" (GB #1)

Offertory Prayer

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.

Communion

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer (p. 112, front of the red ELW)

Communion Song "As the Wind Song" (*All Creation Sings*/ACS hymnal #943)

Prayer after Communion

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Benediction Song "Peace Be Yours" (GB #85, vs. 1)

Peace be yours. May the Lord be with you as we gather now and your whole life through, blessing and mercy and wholeness, too. May God's peace be yours.

Blessing

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

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ☩ bless you now and always. **Amen.**

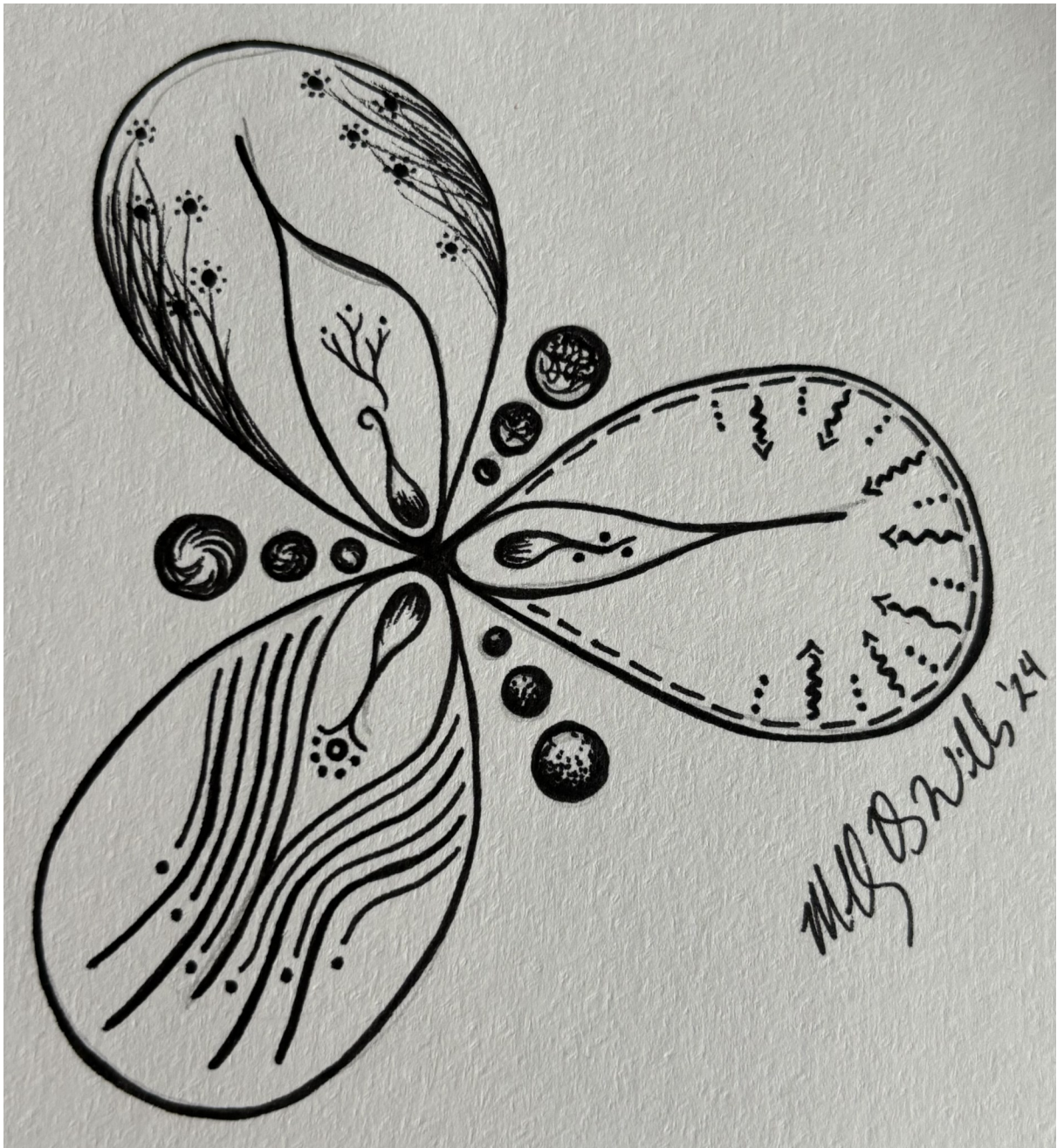
Sending Song "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" (ACS #942)

Sending Words Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude "Every Time I Feel The Spirit" arr. Michael Larkin

Spirit Art
A Meditative Study of Scripture through Art



John 15:26-27;16:4b-15

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

²⁴ O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

²⁵ **Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.**

²⁶ There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

²⁷ **These all look to you to give them their food in due season;**

²⁸ when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

²⁹ **When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

³⁰ When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.

³¹ **May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; may the LORD rejoice in his works—**

³² who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.

³³ **I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**

³⁴ May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD.

^{35b} **Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!**

Second Reading: Romans 8:22-27

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.



WELCOME TO BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

OUR MISSION STATEMENT—Vibrantly open to the Spirit, Bethel Lutheran Church seeks to serve God and its neighbors by joyfully living into the good news of Jesus Christ.

QUESTIONS OR REQUESTS? Please contact the church office at 320-395-2125 or bethellutheranlp@gmail.com. For emergency pastoral care needs, please call Pastor Molly Wills at 320-339-8169 or email pastor@lpbethel.org. **BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINE:** Wednesdays at noon. **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:** 25th of the month. **CHURCH ADDRESS:** 77 Lincoln AVE N, PO Box 207, Lester Prairie, MN 55354

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HEARING ASSIST DEVICES AVAILABLE—speak to an usher for assistance.
LARGE PRINT HYMNS AVAILABLE—contact the office if you are interested.

THIS WEEK..

SUNDAY, MAY 19 (DAY OF PENTECOST)

- Last day of Sunday School: following worship
- Adult Education: following worship

MONDAY, MAY 20

- Bible study: 1:30 pm

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

- Quilting: 1:00-4:30 pm

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 26 (THE HOLY TRINITY)

- Worship: 9:00 am
- Noisy offering: drop your coins [cash or check] in the tin can on your way out of the sanctuary. (Supports Bethel Youth Camperships)
- Bethel Breakfast: 10:30 am at Longhorn's Burger House, Lester Prairie

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Please sign up to help spring clean in and around our church! A cleaning job list is in the narthex. Sign up for one or more jobs to do at your convenience. Everyone's help is greatly appreciated! Many hands make light work!

Fellowship by the Fire: June 26, July 24, & August 21. The evening will begin at 6:00 pm outside by the fire pit. WELCA will supply hotdogs and buns. Please bring a dish to share, your lawn chairs and games.

The church has some items to give away. 1) Seven available 3 ft. X 5 ft. work-station rubber mats used on the kitchen floor during our Lutefisk dinners. 2) One black L-shaped office desk from the pastor's office. It has been taken apart and put in the garage-everything is there to put it back together. 3) One fan, used in the basement window to cool the furnace room, known as the dishwashing room for Lutefisk dinners. If you are interested in any of these items contact Bryon Weisenburger at 320-282-4747.

Bell Tower Painting Campaign: We are starting a campaign to raise funds to paint the bell tower. We have already painted the cross, but now the base needs painting. Our goal is to raise \$8,000.00. We hope to get the job done this summer. Mark your donation "Bell Tower" and place it in the offering plate on any Sunday. Follow the Bell Tower model in the narthex to see our progress. *The Trustees*

Save the dates! WELCA sponsored Women's Bible Study-June 5, 12, 19, 26! 7-8 pm, meet at the fire pit, we'll explore scriptures, share personal experiences, & encourage each other in fellowship. Feel free to bring a friend! Questions? Ask Jan Smith

Pop-Up Choir: This summer, we are exploring the idea of a "Pop-Up" choir on the second Sunday of the month. The plan is for anyone interested in singing in the choir to come to church at 8:15 on Sunday morning (June 9, July 14, August 11), to rehearse a song with other music lovers, and then to sing the selection during worship that day. Individuals can participate as much as they want over the summer months. If you have questions, ask Emily Koehler or Jan Smith.

Annual Bergen Church Site Worship service on Sunday, June 30: Join us for our annual worship service in the country where the old church once was at 10:00 am followed by a potluck picnic. Bring lawn chairs or a blanket, lawn games, and a dish to share. This worship service will be the only one on this day and note the time change. See the May newsletter for directions to the Bergen Church site.