

**Sunday, June 5, 2022 Bethlehem Lutheran Church**  
**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

**BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH (507-962-3270)**

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***Ushers: Randy & Brenda Beyer,***

***Randy & Deb Warner &***

***Larry & Glenda Warner***



**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his 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 #574 "Here I am Lord"**

- 1.) I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? I will make their darkness bright.

**Refrain:**

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me, I will hold your people in my heart.**

- 2.) I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

**Refrain:**

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me, I will hold your people in my heart.**

- 3.) I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lane.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

**Refrain:**

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me, I will hold your people in my heart.**

**GREETING**

**P:** The grace of our risen Savior, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

**KYRIE (sung) pg. 203**

- 1.) Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.  
We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.
- 2.) Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.
- 3.) Have mercy on us, Lord, make sin and shame depart. Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE (Sung) pg. 204**

- 1.) Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.  
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:  
we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

**2.) Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.**

**3.) Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;  
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:  
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.  
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **THE LESSONS**

#### **FIRST LESSON: ACTS 2:1-21 (Spoken in different languages)**

<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 nation 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, "Men of Judea 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.' "

**R: Word of God, Word of Life**

**C: Thanks be to God**

**PSALM 104:24-34, 35b**

**R:** How manifold are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

**C: Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great.**

**R:** There go the ships to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

**C: All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.**

**R:** You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

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

**R:** You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.

**C: May the glory of the Lord endure forever; O Lord, rejoice in all your works.**

**R:** You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke.

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

**R:** May these words of mine please God. I will rejoice in the Lord.

**C: Bless the Lord, O my soul. Hallelujah!**

**SECOND READING: ROMANS 8:14-17**

<sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

**R: Word of God, Word of Life      C: Thanks be to God**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION PG. 205**

**Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.**

**Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.**

**Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.**

**GOSPEL READING: JOHN 14: 8-27**

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to [Jesus,] "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

<sup>15</sup>If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

<sup>25</sup>"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."]

**P: Gospel of our Lord      C: Thanks be to God**

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

#### **SERMON**

##### **HYMN OF THE DAY #396 "Spirit of Gentleness"**

**Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free;  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.**

- 1.) You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,  
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;  
and over the eons you called to each thing;  
Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.**

**Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free;  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.**

- 2.) You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,  
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;  
and when they were blinded with idols and lies,  
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.**

**Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free;  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.**

- 3.) You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,  
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;  
and down in the city you called once again,  
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.**

**Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free;  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.**

- 4.) You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.  
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;  
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.  
With bold new decisions your people arise.**

**Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free;  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.**

## **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**

**P: God, in your mercy C: hear our prayer**

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

**Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

**PEACE P: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: And also with you,**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.**

**P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.**

**P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (sung) pg. 207**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **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**

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

### **COMMUNION HYMN #595 "Jesus Love Me!"**

1.) Jesus love me! this I know for the Bible tells me so,  
Little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,  
yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

2.) Jesus loves me! he who died heaven's gates to open wide;  
He will wash away my sin, let his little child come in.  
Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,  
yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

3.) Jesus loves me! he will stay close beside me all the way;  
When at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.  
Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,  
yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

### **PRAYERS after COMMUNION**

We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. Amen.

### **QUIZ BOWL**

**Question: Sunday, May 22, 2022**

Where was the mortuary in Hills?

**(Answer: Upstairs in the Hills Locker)**

**Question: Sunday, May 29, 2022**

What is the first name of the Luther League?

**Friendship Days Community Church Service**

**Question: Sunday, June 12, 2022**

What do our churches today have in common?



## **BENEDICTION**

### **BLESSING**

God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, ✝ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

### **SENDING HYMN #536 “God Be with You Till We Meet Again”**

1.) God be with you till we meet again; by good counsels guide, uphold you,  
with a shepherd’s care enfold you; God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus’ feet; till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

2.) God be with you till we meet again; holy wings securely hide you,  
daily manna still provide you; God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus’ feet; till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

3.) God be with you till we meet again; when life’s perils thick confound you,  
put un failing arms around you; God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus’ feet; till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

### **DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
Go in peace. Tell what God has done. **C: Thanks be to God**

### **PRAYER CONCERNS:**

**Randy Beyer, Sam McGaffee & Larry Parker**  
**People who had storm damage.**

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**



**Where? Bethlehem Lutheran Church**

**When? July 10-14, 2022**

**What Time's? 5:30 am. - 8:30 pm.**

**\*\* For more information, contact Brianna  
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website.**

**\*\* VBS Registration forms are available in the  
narthex. \*\*Ages Pre-K – 5<sup>th</sup> grade.**

**Need Volunteers & also check out sign-up sheet  
on elevator door in the narthex for food items  
needed. A meal will be served each night!**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**JUNE 12, 2022 FRIENDSHIP DAY COMMUNITY CHURCH SERVICE!** Join us at the City Park in Hills, for a worship service that will begin at 9:30, but come early, coffee, juice, cookies, music will begin much earlier! Join us and hear the community Children's Choir! Join us to hear special speakers, join your friends for a joyful worship!

**YOUTH GROUP TRIP** will happen on June 20<sup>th</sup> – June 27<sup>th</sup> Going to Mississippi for a mission trip, to paint a house, and join with our friends at Revel's United Methodist Church in Greenville, MS. Please pray for a safe and fun trip!

### **EVERYONE INVITED to "Donuts & Diapers!"**

Open House Baby Celebration honoring  
Emily + Nick Sandager  
Saturday, June 11; 4:00-6:00 pm.  
Mike + Nancy Sandager Farm  
(288 20<sup>th</sup> Ave., Hills, MN. 56138)



### **NOTE CALENDAR CORRECTIONS:**

***Circle of Hope*** will meet each month on  
Wednesday nights @Marilyn Nelson's home. Next meeting, Wednesday, June 15  
@7:00 pm.

**NO** Council meeting on June 6, 2022 – Next Council Wednesday, July 6, 2022

### **Steen Reformed Tractor Ride, Saturday, June 18, 2022**

Register at 8:00 am. The Ride starts at 8:30 am.  
Cost \$25.00 per tractor. This is a fundraiser for church youth group camps.  
Drawing for door prizes and a lunch is served.  
Call to reserve your spot. (507) 227-7759 or (507) 855-2256  
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