



# BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Rejoice in the Spirit*

PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 24TH, 2026

8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

*+ indicates to stand in body or spirit;  
**bold print** indicates congregational responses*

## ✠ GATHERING ✠

**PRELUDE** “*Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen*” arr. John Helgen

### **WORDS OF WELCOME**

### **+ CALL TO WORSHIP**

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

Spirit of God, flickering over our heads,  
illuminating our faces, inspiring our thoughts,  
give us now, we pray, **words of joy and praise.**

Spirit of God, filling our hearts with hope,  
steadying our nerves with peace, comforting our lives with love,  
give us now, we pray, **words of joy and praise.**

Spirit of God, come to us now—  
surging through the darkness of our lives, sweeping over our weariness—  
so that, in this time of Pentecost,  
the sparkling light of faith, the rushing wind of hope, and the joyful sound of praise  
may echo round the world, may echo in the church,  
and find their response in us.

Spirit of God, give us now, we pray, **words of joy and praise. Amen.**

+ GATHERING HYMN "Spirit of Gentleness" ELW #396

*Refrain*



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness



call - ing and free; \_\_\_\_\_ Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,



stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea. \_\_\_\_\_



1. You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep, \_\_\_\_\_
2. You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand, \_\_\_\_\_
3. You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill, \_\_\_\_\_
4. You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes. \_\_\_\_\_



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep; \_\_\_\_\_  
 and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land; \_\_\_\_\_  
 then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still; \_\_\_\_\_  
 From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams; \_\_\_\_\_



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing: \_\_\_\_\_  
 and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies, \_\_\_\_\_  
 and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain, \_\_\_\_\_  
 our peo - ple see vi - sions, we all clear our eyes. \_\_\_\_\_

*to Refrain*



"A - wake from your slum - bers and\_ rise on your wings."  
 then you spoke through your proph - ets to\_ o - pen their eyes.  
 when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.  
 With\_ bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

## + APOSTOLIC 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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

God our creator, the resurrection of your Son gives 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, on God, now and forever. Amen.

## ✠ WORD ✠

### SCRIPTURE ACCLAMATION “Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading” ELW #401

*The first stanza is sung before the reading of the gospel. After the reading, the second stanza is sung.*



1 Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing, fash - ion us all a - new.  
3 Guide our think - ing and our speak - ing done in your ho - ly name.



It's your lead - ing that we're need - ing, help us to fol - low you.  
Mo - ti - vate all in their seek - ing, free - ing from guilt and shame.

*Refrain*

Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

+ **HOLY GOSPEL** *JOHN 14:16-17*

The gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<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.

The gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**READING** *ACTS 2:1-6, 14, 16-21*

A reading from Acts.

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost had come, they 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>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>16</sup> ... 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."

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**HOMILY**

+ HYMN OF THE DAY "Send Down the Fire" Gather #557

Send down the fire of your jus - tice,

Send down the rains of your love; Come,

send down the Spir - it, breathe life in your peo - ple, and

we shall be peo - ple of God.

1. Call us to be your com - pas - sion,
2. Call us to learn of your mer - cy,
3. Call us to an - swer op - pres - sion,
4. Call us to wit - ness your King - dom,

Teach us the song of your love;	Give us
Teach us the way of your peace;	Give us
Teach us the fire of your truth;	Give us
Give us the pres - ence of Christ;	May your

hearts that sing,	Give us deeds that ring,	Make us
hearts that feel,	Give us hands that heal,	Make us
right - eous souls,	'Til your jus - tice rolls,	Make us
ho - ly light	Keep us shin - ing bright,	Ev - er

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ring with the song of your love.
walk in the way of your peace.
burn with the fire of your truth.
shine with the pres - ence of Christ.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

## + SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## OFFERING



Guests

Generosity is part of who we are as God's people. Guests can use their QR code to give via Breeze, Bethel's trusted online giving platform. Select "Member Faith Giving" to give to the general budget. Members can use their QR code to sign into Breeze to give a one-time gift or to schedule an automated donation. Online giving cards (at the name tag stations), checks, or cash may be placed in the offering plates as they are passed.



Members

**ANTHEM** *"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"* arr. Lloyd Larson

## + OFFERTORY



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. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## ✠ MEAL ✠

### + GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also 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 God thanks and praise.**

### + EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

*The Words of Institution / Las Palabras de la Institución*

Pour out upon us anew the Spirit of your love, O Lord:  
the spirit of integrity, of tenderness, judgment, and dance.

Touch our speechlessness, kindle our longing,  
reach into our silence, and fire our words with your truth;  
that each may hear in their own language the mighty works of God. **Amen.**

### + THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory  
are yours, now and forever. **Amen.**

### + EL PADRE NUESTRO

Padre nuestro que estás en los cielos,  
santificado sea tu nombre;  
venga a nos tu reino;  
hágase tu voluntad,  
así en la tierra como en el cielo;  
el pan nuestro de cada día, dánoslo hoy;  
y perdónanos nuestras deudas  
así como nosotros perdonamos  
a nuestros deudores;  
y no nos dejes caer en la tentación;  
mas líbranos del mal.  
Porque tuyo es el reino,  
el poder y la gloria,  
por los siglos de los siglos. **Amén.**

## LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

The musical score for 'Lamb of God' is written in a single melodic line on a treble clef staff. It begins with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. The melody consists of four lines of music. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

## HOLY COMMUNION HYMN "Spirit of the Living God" TFF #101

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me,  
Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

The musical score for 'Spirit of the Living God' is presented in two systems. Each system consists of a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is common time. The lyrics are placed between the two staves. The first system ends with a comma, and the second system ends with a period. The piano accompaniment features a steady, rhythmic pattern of chords.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.\_\_\_\_\_

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

**+ TABLE BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

**+ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**O God, who to an expectant Church granted at Pentecost the gift of the Holy Spirit, and has wonderfully brought together those who now worship you here: grant, we pray, the help of the same Spirit in all our life: that we may expect great things from you, and attempt great things for you, and make a difference in your world, through Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

**✠ SENDING ✠**

**+ BENEDICTION** *based on Philippians 4:4-7*

Rejoice in the Lord always!  
 Let your gentleness be known to everyone. Remember the Lord is near.  
 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer  
 let your requests be made known to God.  
 And may the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,  
 guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

+ SENDING HYMN "Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen" ELW #548



1 Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en,  
 2 Rise, trans - formed, and choose to fol - low  
 3 Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture  
 4 Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion;



from this meal of love and grace;  
 af - ter Christ, though wound - ed, whole;  
 God has called us to re - ceive;  
 cour - age be our dai - ly breath;



may we through such love en - vi - sion  
 bro - ken, shared, our lives are hal - lowed  
 pres - ent by God's lov - ing nur - ture,  
 mer - cy be our des - ti - na - tion



whose we are, and whose, our praise.  
 to re - lease and to con - sole.  
 Spir - it - ed then let us live.  
 from this day and un - to death.



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



God, the won - der of our days.  
 Christ, our pres - ent, past, and goal.  
 Spir - it, grace by whom we live.  
 Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.

## + DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE (8:30)** “*Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading*” arr. Michael Bedford  
**(10:30)** “*Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading*” arr. Nancy M. Raabe

### WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Inger Hanson & Pastor Ben Schori  
Assisting Minister: (8:30) Anton Armstrong (10:30) Yvonne Roesel  
Ushers: (8:30) Kitty Runzheimer, Harley Foster, Bruce Dueffert  
(10:30) tbd Outdoor Ushers  
Readers: (8:30) Gary Lewis (10:30) Paula Mathison  
Sacramental Ministers: (8:30) Phil Ruud, Kitty Runzheimer, Maryann Kaul, Janice Lehmkuhl,  
Catherine Engle  
(10:30) Kirsten Scott, Rebecca Benedict  
Altar Care: (set) and (clean) Phyllis Larson (cups) Connie and Gary DeGrote  
Keyboards: Megan Engel  
A/V Technicians: Sam Dwyer, Asher Engle, Nathan Broughton, Nathan Hoekstra

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### SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

May 17	in person attendance
8:30 am	195
10:45 am	64
Total	269

### NEXT SUNDAY...

The text of the day will be **Matthew 28:16-20**,  
With Genesis 1:1—2:4a and Psalm 8.

**THIS WEEK—MAY 25TH—MAY 30TH**  
**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY—THURSDAY 9 AM - 3 PM**

**MONDAY**



*Church Offices Closed—Memorial Day*

**TUESDAY**

9:00 am



Quilting Group

9:45 am

Staff Meeting

8:00 pm

Brio Youth Bell Choir

**THURSDAY**

8:30 am

Men of Bethel

9:30 am

FAB (Faith & Books)

10:30 am

Projects with Purpose

**FRIDAY**

9:15 am



WoW (Women of the Word) *via Zoom*

11:00 am

**Randall Knox Funeral Service** (10:00 am visitation, reception to follow)



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