



Bethany Lutheran Church

welcomes you to worship!

Pentecost

May 23, 2021

8:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

We Gather

Prelude

Susan Barta

Welcome

Intergenerational Call to Worship

We've come to worship, to sing and pray and hear God's Word, because:

God's love lasts forever!

Even when God seems far away, we know:

God's love lasts forever!

Even when nothing is going right, and we're ready to give up, we know:

God's love lasts forever!

When people treat us badly, we know:

God's love lasts forever!

When we're all alone, and we feel like no one loves us, we know:

God's love lasts forever!

Let's worship God together!

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Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life. To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever. Amen.

Gathering Hymn

"Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading"

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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.

Hymn of Praise

"This is the Feast"

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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.

We Hear God's Word

First Reading

"The Story of Pentecost"

Acts 2:1-21

Special Music

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

Jim Sockness

Second Reading

Romans 8:22-27

²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and 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. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen?

²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise 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. ²⁷And 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.

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

Children's Moment

Angie Buchli

Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia"

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Gospel Reading

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

The holy gospel according to St. John, the 15th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said,] ²⁶"When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

^{16:4b}²⁶"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

¹²"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

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

Message

Pastor Peter Muschinske

Hymn of the Day

"Spirit of Gentleness"

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Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Sharing of Peace

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

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

Offering

Bethany Text Giving Available: 715-303-3484

Offering Music

"Put a Little Love In Your Heart"

HS Praise Team, 2019

Offering Prayer

God of love, **you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The 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 our thanks and praise.**

Thanksgiving at the Table

Lord's Prayer

We join our voices together in the Lord's Prayer. Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

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.

Invitation to Communion

Communion Music

Amy Brekke

Prayer after Communion

We Are Sent

Announcements

Blessing

Sending Hymn

"God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind"

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Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

Susan Barta

Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading



Njo - o kwe - tu, Ro - ho mwe - ma, M - fa - ri - ji we - tu.

- 1 Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing, fash - ion us all a - new.
- 2 Come to teach us, come to nour - ish those who be - lieve in Christ.
- 3 Guide our think - ing and our speak - ing done in your ho - ly name.



Tu - fu - ndi - she ya mbi - ngu - ni, tu - we wa - tu wa - pya.
It's your lead - ing that we're need - ing, help us to fol - low you.
Bless the faith - ful, may they flour - ish, strength - ened by grace un - priced.
Mo - ti - vate all in their seek - ing, free - ing from guilt and shame.

Refrain



Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.
Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.



Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.
Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

- 4 Not mere knowledge, but discernment,
nor rootless liberty;
turn disquiet to contentment,
doubt into certainty. *Refrain*
- 5 Keep us fervent in our witness,
unswayed by earth's allure.
Ever grant us zealous fitness,
which you alone assure. *Refrain*

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Hymn of Praise

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,

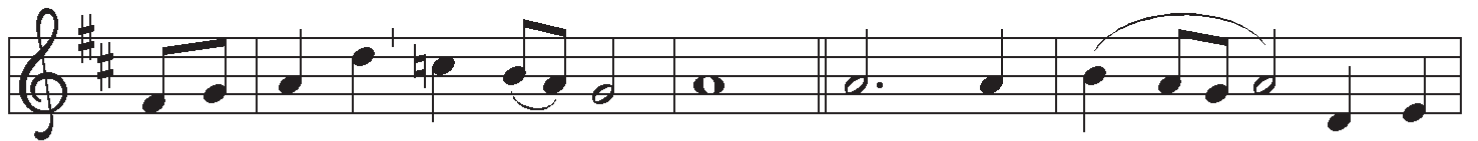


glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain



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

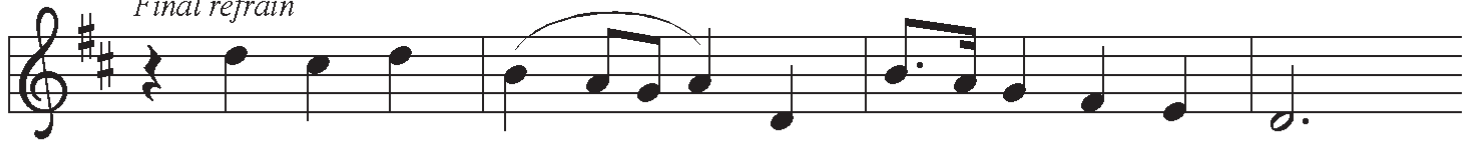


al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



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.

Gospel Acclamation



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.

Spirit of Gentleness

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Music: SPIRIT, James K. Manley
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Spirit of Gentleness

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 wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.

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.

Sending Hymn

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind



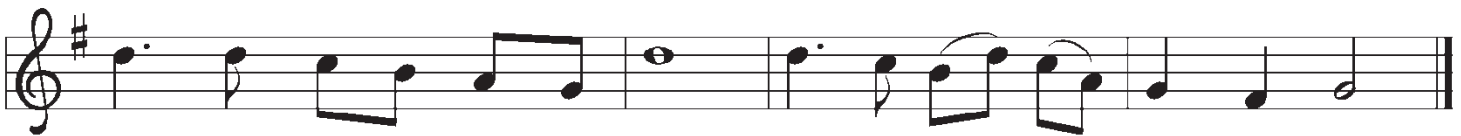
1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl - wind, as on Pen - te -
2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your
3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from
4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's



cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;
pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,
leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,
rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,



past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,
let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,
for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;
may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;



there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!
kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!
make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!
claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007

Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

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Weekly Worship Opportunities:

- Tune in every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. to WJMC FM 96.1 & AM 1240
- 8:00 a.m. worship is streamed live on Bethany's website and Facebook page
- Watch on local access cable channels 992 (Charter) & 993 (Mosaic) on Sundays at 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM and Thursdays at 7:00 PM
- In person 10:00 a.m. worship on Sundays. ***Bethany will continue to follow the county guidelines of wearing masks and physical distancing at worship and for all activities inside the building.***
- Beginning Sunday, June 6, the 10:00 a.m. worship will be held outside under a tent in Bethany's green space!

Safely Regathering Task Force Update: As of Wednesday, May 19, the number of daily new Covid cases for Barron County is 12.0 per 100,000 population. Last week's numbers were in the 20's so this is an improvement! The vaccination numbers are rather flat with 39.9% of Barron County residents having had their initial vaccination and 32.9% having had their final vaccination. The Safely Regathering Task Force met this past Monday in response to the new CDC mask guidelines and forwarded the following recommendations to the Church Council, which affirmed the recommendations. With plans already in place for Confirmation Sunday, May 23 and Sunday, May 30, the Task Force recommended keeping current mask policy in place as we received word that Confirmation families had already made invitations and plans based on worship attendees wearing masks. As we move into June, we will try to avoid the establishment of a two-tiered church based on masking, a haves and have-not situation.

We would like to provide options regarding masks and worship. Therefore, the 8:00 a.m. broadcast service will soon be open to the congregation for in-person worship with attendees wearing masks. Beginning June 6, the 10:00 a.m. worship service will be outdoors on the lawn, centered in a large tent, with masks optional for both vaccinated and unvaccinated attendees.

As the dust settles from these new guidelines, we look forward to making mask use optional indoors for those fully vaccinated. We would depend on the honor system to assure that those who are not fully vaccinated would wear masks. If we made that policy change now, and if attendance at the indoor service mirrored the population of Barron County, we would expect approximately 70% of attendees to be wearing masks. Hopefully, when we do make that recommendation in the future, our vaccina-

tion rate will allow many more of us to have the option of being able to worship indoors without masks.

If you have questions, do not hesitate to reach out to one of our members or contact Mark Nymo, chair of the Safely Regathering Task Force, at nymomtn@gmail.com. Also check the COVID-19 page on Bethany's website.

Confirmation: Bethany Confirmands are affirming their baptism this Sunday, May 23! There is an additional special 11:00 a.m. worship for confirmands and their families. Bethany members are invited to tune in to the live stream to celebrate with them! Congratulations to our Confirmands: Kendahl Tracy Lynn Babineau, Kallahan Zahrbock Bowman, Samuel Eugene Borgen, Mia Min Ha Eastwold, Tyson James LaPoint, Samantha Jo Miller, Isabella Michelle Nelson, Jordan Ann Nelson, Maxwell Harold Nelson, Ella Nicolle Orson, Jacob Lowell Pearson, Thomas Michael Richter, Adam Gerald Roethel, Jaymee Ann Sevals, Alexa Katelyn Stanford, Alyssa Marie Stanford, Carson John Tomesh and Keagan Richard Weinstock.

Lunch Box Needs You! Can you support Bethany by serving a LunchBox meal? We are in need of additional help to serve this free community meal from 12:00-1:00 p.m. on Tuesdays. Any individual, group or even family that would consider taking a Tuesday LunchBox, would be very appreciated. Serving involves making a few sandwiches (20ish), including a serving of fruit or raw veggies and a cookie or two. On chosen Tuesday, the volunteers stand outside the church's Newton Street door to pass bag lunches to guests. If you would like more information, please call Carol Kohlmeyer at 715-651-3344 or Judy Jacobs at 715-832-4522! You can also sign up to serve online through the Signups tab on Bethany's website.

The Green Team is Collecting Again: The Green Team is once again collecting gently used shoes for Sole4Souls, used AA, AAA, C, D and 9-volt batteries and used printer cartridges. These collections will be continuous.

There are two **new, ongoing**, collections happening. The first is denim; it can be recycled into insulation. Please note, the denim **MUST** be 90% cotton. The second new collection is cork. It must be real, not synthetic cork.

Online Worship Archives: Bethany archives previous worship services on their website and Facebook for 90 days. After that, the videos are removed, but there are hard copies in the office. If needed, you can contact Leah Hullinger at lhullinger@bethanyricelake.org for more information on older worship services.

The Bethany WeekAhead • May 23 - 29, 2021

Sunday **Pentecost** 11:00 AM Confirmation Worship/SA-
23 8:00 AM Worship/Streamed Online & Radio Livestreamed
10:00 AM In-Person Worship/GR 6:00 PM Piano Recital/SA

Monday 11:30 AM “a Just You” Book Study/Zoom
24 1:00 PM Quilting/QR

Tuesday 8:45 AM Staff Meeting/Zoom
25 12:00 PM Lunch Box/Parking Lot

Wednesday
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Thursday 7:00 PM AA/3F
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Friday
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Saturday
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Main Level: CR-Conference Room GR-Gathering Room LI-Library NA-Narthex SA-Sanctuary NS-Nursery BR-Bell Room
Lower Level: LL-Luther Lecture FH-Fellowship Hall QR-Quilting Room YR-Youth Room *Upper Level:* 3F-3rd Floor

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2021 Confirmands

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Prayer Ministry

New Prayers for Members: Marie Anderson

Ongoing Prayers for Members: Sandie Anderson • Ray Arnevik • Red Axtell • Laif Bever • Cady Buchli • Ron Debner • Bob Gerber • Jim Hagen • Lee Haight • Kevin Jacobson • Doug Karis • Carolyn Kochel • Maci Lundequam • Alyssa McCullough • Dick Moe • Regina Mueller • Leon Mundt • Kaylee Musil • Randy Read • Shirley Stokes • Virginia Tronstad • Ray Vaughn

New Prayers for Family & Friends of Members: Paul Rindsig • Nick Sovacool

Ongoing Prayers for Family & Friends of Members: Bob (Roxie) Berg • Bonnie Brandt • Matt Dahl • Vanessa Gagner (Coe) • John Jaros • Clara Kern • Paul Klancher • Marianne Koser • Charlie Lawton • Mark Loehlein • Gloria Mattakat • Colin McCann • Bruce Olson • Kaye Olson • Nolan Passint • Mary Simma • Holly Thompson • Ingvald Tronstad • Kelly White (Anderson) • Paul Wilker

Active Military Duty: Tanner Ely • Alex Kusilek • Jonathan Marsh • Ethan Nieman • Alain Pierre • Jason Randall • Abby Ring

Radio Broadcast: In memory of Charlie & Juanita Peterson by Joe & Anita Loge.

You may make requests for the Prayer Ministry by calling the church office at 715-234-9028. You can also email bethany@bethanyricelake.org or fill out a request form on Bethany's website.

Prayers for Our Home Members

Sandie Anderson • Edie Berg • June Brunette • Irene Christianson • Foster Dunwiddie • Pauline Eidahl • Donna Gagner • Elaine Gonske • Betty Granum • Nancy Herbert • Esther Honetor • Alice Johnson • Sid & Carolyn Johnson • Dick Moe • Randy Read • Nadyne Reiten • Janie Riggs

Congregational Leaders & Staff

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