



Bethlehem Lutheran Church Pentecost Sunday May 19, 2024

**All who are able, please stand.*

Welcome and Announcements

*Confession and Forgiveness

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Leader: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Leader: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

All: 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.

Leader: 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.

All: Amen

***Opening Hymn**

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus (printed on back)

***Apostolic Greeting**

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Kyrie** pg 138

***Hymn of Praise** "Glory to God in the Highest" p.139

***Prayer of the Day**

Leader: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading

Acts 2:1-21

NT Page 103-4

Psalm 104:24-34,35b

OT Page 518-19

Leader: ²⁴ O Lord, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Leader: ³⁴ May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.

All: ^{35b} Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!

Children's Sermon

*Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Acc "God Himself is With Us" (printed on back)

*Leader: The Gospel according to John the 15th Chapter

All: Glory to you, O Lord

***Gospel** John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15 NT Page 96

Leader: The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Mark Wilms

Hymn of the Day

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart ELW 800

***Apostles' Creed** pg 105

*Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also, with you.

Offering

Offering Hymn Spirit of the Living God (printed on back)

*Offertory Prayer

Leader: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

All: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our

possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Prayers of the People**

Each petition ends: "Lord in your mercy"

Response: "Hear our prayer"

***Lord's Prayer**

***Benediction**

***Sending Hymn**

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind ELW 400

***Sending**

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK AT BETHLEHEM

Today:	9:30a	Worship
	10:30a	Coffee & Fellowship
Monday:	6:30p	Bible Study
Wednesday:	9:30a	Bible Study
Sunday:	9:30a	Worship
	10:30a	Coffee & Fellowship

<u>Offering Report</u>	May 12, 2024
Attendance: 86	Offering: \$1,775.00

Giving Moment: People may reject you if you make mistakes in life, but the Lord gives you the gift of new chances, especially if you repent. Moses experienced that when he was called to lead the Hebrews in spite of his past. Because we are set free through God's mercy, we are free to give so more may know the joy of His grace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be held June 10-13, 2024 (Monday - Thursday) 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. Noon lunch will be provided. All children, ages Pre-K through 6th grade are encouraged to attend. Preschoolers must be potty trained and have attended one year of preschool. A program will be presented on the evening of the 13th. Watch your upcoming bulletins for more details. Registration is required and forms are available on the entry table.

The Church of Christ in Cherokee has a couple of mission projects

- One of them is a book drive - a teacher from the Storm Lake school district would like pre-school and kindergarten books that are no longer in use to be donated.
- The other is called Handbags for Hope, and the lady in charge is asking for purses and handbags that are in good condition to be donated with the following items: lotion, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant. Her goal is to go from Iowa all the way to Illinois with this project and she will be delivering these hand bags and purses to women who are homeless and facing tough times.

Deena Shiley has connections with that church and is helping them to promote the outreach. You can contact the church for more information. Deena may also provide boxes in the fellowship hall labeled as to contents.



***Heidi Steffen Mogush**

***Kate Steffen**

***Jayce Decker, newborn son of Destiny Munden**

***Family of Alan Schiebel, brother-in-law of Joyce Kruse**

***Lori Drews (cousin of Dorothy Brons)**

***Roger Ott (friend of Marcia Steffen) - knee surgery**

***Sarah Burke, future sister-in-law of Lanae Shiley, cancer of lymph nodes**

Please call Prayer Chain Coordinator Michelle Munden at 712-240-0189, E-mail: michelleessing@gmail.com, or the church office at 933-2229, to add someone to the prayer list. Requests stay on the list for one month unless you instruct us to do otherwise.

God Himself is with us, Let us now adore Him

God Himself is with us; let us now adore Him
and with awe appear before Him!

God is in His temple; all within keep silence,
prostrate lie with deepest rev'rence.

Him alone God we own, Him, our God and Savior;
praise His name forever!

***Opening Hymn "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"**

1. Stand up, stand up for Jesus, as soldiers of the cross,
lift high his royal banner; it must not suffer loss.
From vict'ry unto vict'ry his army he shall lead,
till ev'ry foe is vanquished and Christ is Lord indeed.

2. Stand up, stand up for Jesus; the trumpet call obey;
stand forth in mighty conflict in this his glorious day.
Let all his faithful serve him against unnumbered foes;
let courage rise with danger, and strength to strength
oppose.

3. Stand up, stand up for Jesus, stand in his strength
alone;
the arm of flesh will fail you, you dare not trust your own.
Put on the gospel armor; each piece put on with prayer.
Where duty calls or danger, be never wanting there.

4. Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the strife will not be long;
this day the din of battle, the next the victor's song.
The soldiers, overcoming, their crown of life shall see,
and with the King of glory shall reign eternally.

"Spirit of the Living God"

Spirit of the living God,

Fall fresh on me.

Spirit of the living God,

Fall fresh on me.

Melt me. Mold me.

Fill me. Use me.

Spirit of the living God,

Fall fresh on me.