



**Bethlehem Lutheran Church**  
**Pentecost**  
**May 20, 2018**

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*\*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** "Praise to the Lord, The Almighty" ELW 858

**\*Apostolic Greeting** pg 138

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

Leader: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**All: Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Praise** pg 139

Leader: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

**All: Lord God, heavenly King,**

**almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you,**

**we give you thanks,**

**we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,**

**only Son of the Father,**

**Lord God, Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world:**

**have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father:**

**receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**\*Prayer of the Day**

Leader: Let us pray.

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

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

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

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

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

**All: <sup>27</sup>These all look to you  
to give them their food in due season;**

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

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

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

**All: <sup>31</sup>May the glory of the LORD endure forever;  
may the LORD rejoice in his works—**

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

**All: <sup>33</sup>I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;  
I will sing praise to my God  
while I have being.**

Leader: <sup>34</sup>May my meditation be pleasing to him,  
for I rejoice in the LORD.

**All: <sup>35</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul.  
Praise the LORD!**

**Second Reading:** Romans 8:22-27

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**Children's Sermon**

**\*Gospel Acclamation:** "Thy Word"

**Thy word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path.  
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path.**

**1. When I feel afraid,  
Think I've lost my way,  
Still you are there right beside me;  
Nothing will I fear  
As long as you are near.  
Please be near me to the end.**

**Thy word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path.  
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path.**

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Leader: The Gospel according to John, the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Chapter

**All: Glory to you, O Lord**

**\*Gospel:** John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

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Leader: The gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

Pastor Mark

**Hymn of the Day**

“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

ELW 800

**\*Nicene Creed**

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**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**

**\*Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

**Offering “We Are One”**

BC 436

**We are one! We are one!  
One in body, one in Spirit,  
And our hope is the call  
That is meant for those who hear it;  
We are one! We are one!  
One in faith and one in baptism,  
And our hope is the grace that will free us from our sin.**

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One in body, one in Spirit,  
And our hope is the call  
That is meant for those who hear it;  
We are one! We are one!  
One in faith and one in baptism,  
And our hope is the grace that will free us from our sin.**

**I beg you to lead a life  
worthy of your calling,  
with lowliness and meekness,  
Keep yourself from falling;  
With patience, forbearing  
one another in love,  
Keep the unity of the Spirit  
in the bond of peace!**

**We are one! We are one!  
One in body, one in Spirit,  
And our hope is the call  
That is meant for those who hear it;  
We are one! We are one!  
One in faith and one in baptism,  
And our hope is the grace that will free us from our sin.**

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**\*Offertory Prayer**

Leader: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

**All: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first  
given us – our selves, 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** “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” ELW 773

**\*Dismissal**

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**



-Ethan Batschelet, Missionary--Siloam  
Girls’ School in India--Virginia  
Christensen--Doug Seavert (son of

Donnabelle Seavert)--Heath Huberg (Heath is son of Gary  
Huberg)--Joyce Sabel (daughter of Roger & Betty Kruse)--Alynn  
Kruse (granddaughter of David & Jane Kruse)--Ann Myers  
-Denny Maaland (father of Jodi Kusters and Jason Maaland)  
-Family of Steven Bassett (brother-in-law of Paulette Tuton)  
*(Please call the church office to add someone to the prayer list.  
Requests stay on the list for one month unless you instruct us to  
do otherwise.*

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**OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK AT BETHLEHEM**

|            |                                          |                        |
|------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Today:     | 9:30                                     | Worship/Pentecost      |
|            | 10:30                                    | Fellowship             |
|            | 11:00                                    | Choir Practice         |
|            | 2:00                                     | Graduation at CC/E     |
| Monday:    | 6:30                                     | Bible Study            |
| Tuesday:   | 6:00                                     | RevWell exercise class |
| Wednesday: | 9:30                                     | Bible Study            |
| Thursday:  | Deadline for articles for Cross Currents |                        |
| Sunday:    | 9:30                                     | Worship                |
|            | 10:30                                    | Fellowship             |
|            | 11:00                                    | Choir practice         |

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**Vacation Bible School** will be held June 11-14 at Bethlehem. At  
this time we have the following needs:

Meals

- Wednesday - Breakfast & Supper
- Thursday - Breakfast & Supper

Volunteers

- Classroom helpers
- Help at the Ice Cream Social on Thursday night after the  
program

**Memorial Day Services** will be held on Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, at the Triangle Park in Royal at 10:45am. In case of rain it will be held at the Royal Community Building. Coffee, lemonade and cookies will be served at the Community Building after the program by the American Legion Auxiliary.

**Greenville/Rossie Reunion** at the Royal Community Center on June 3 at 12:30. Potluck Dinner. Bring your own table service. Drinks will be furnished. Class of 1958 will be recognized. (All friends welcome!)



or moving day information to contact us so we can make a display. Pastor Mark will conduct a service to replicate the day's events of 50 years ago. More details to come.

**Attention:**

Date to mark down on your calendar- July 15<sup>th</sup>  
Celebration of Bethlehem Lutheran Church building being 50 years in use. The council is asking anyone with pictures, information on construction

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**May 13<sup>th</sup>:** Attendance: 120      Offering: \$1,433.25  
**Greeters:** Roger & Betty Kruse, Jim & Marge Barglof  
**Reader:** Jim Christensen  
**Organist:** Sue Brugman  
**Power Point Operator:**

**Giving Moment**

What we lack, the Spirit gives. That's the wonderful message of the Second Lesson today. When we don't have the strength to go on, the Holy Spirit bolsters our walk with His presence. When we are too weak or uncertain to pray, the Spirit even prays for us! God is constantly giving. We are constantly receiving, so we may share it with others.

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (ELW 858)*

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,  
joining in glad adoration!

2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning  
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.  
Have you not seen all that is needful has been  
sent by his gracious ordaining?

3. Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend  
you;  
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do  
if with his love he befriend you.

4. Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again.  
Gladly forever adore him!

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*Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart (ELW 800)*

1. Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;  
wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;  
stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart,  
and make me love you as I ought to love.

2. I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,  
no sudden rending of the veil of clay,  
no angel visitant, no op'ning skies;  
but take the dimness of my soul away.

3. Have you not bid me love you, God and King;  
all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?  
I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.  
Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!

4. Teach me to love you as your angels love,  
one holy passion filling all my frame:  
the baptism of the heav'n-descended dove,  
my heart an altar, and your love the flame.

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## Precious Lord, Take My Hand (773)

Precious Lord, take my hand,  
lead me on, let me stand,  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
through the storm, through the night,  
lead me on to the light.  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear,  
precious Lord, linger near,  
when my life is almost gone  
hear my cry, hear my call,  
hold my hand lest I fall.  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When the darkness appears  
and the night draws near,  
and the day is past and gone,  
at the river I stand, guide my feet,  
hold my hand.  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

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## *Acts 2:1-21*

<sup>2</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 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.'

***Romans 8:22-27***

<sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor  
pains until now; <sup>23</sup>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. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we  
were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for  
what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait  
for it with patience.

<sup>26</sup>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. <sup>27</sup>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.

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

<sup>26</sup>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. <sup>27</sup>You also are to testify because you have  
been with me from the beginning. <sup>4</sup>“I did not say these things to  
you from the beginning, because I was with you. <sup>5</sup>But now I am  
going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are  
you going?’ <sup>6</sup>But because I have said these things to you, sorrow  
has filled your hearts.

<sup>7</sup>Nevertheless 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. <sup>8</sup>And when he comes, he will  
prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and  
judgment: <sup>9</sup>about sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup>about  
righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see  
me no longer; <sup>11</sup>about judgment, because the ruler of this world  
has been condemned. <sup>12</sup>“I still have many things to say to you,  
but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When 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. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, because he will  
take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has  
is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and  
declare it to you.