

Bethel Lutheran Church

May 10, 2026
Sixth Sunday of Easter



Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

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ENTER TO WORSHIP – LEAVE TO SERVE

“Setting Three”

**Congregation Stands*

Congregation responses in bold

WELCOME

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude “Come Down, O Love Divine” by Held

***BRIEF ORDER OF 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.

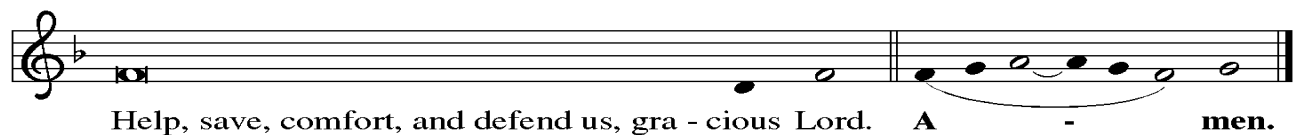
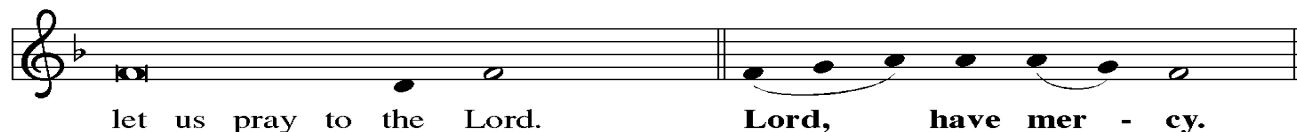
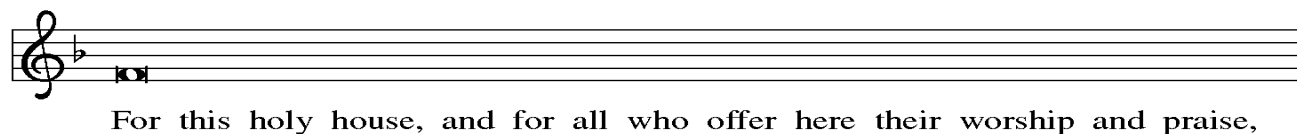
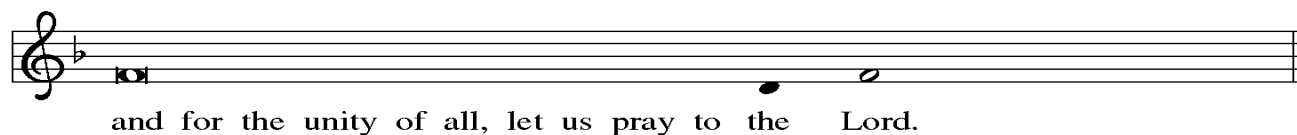
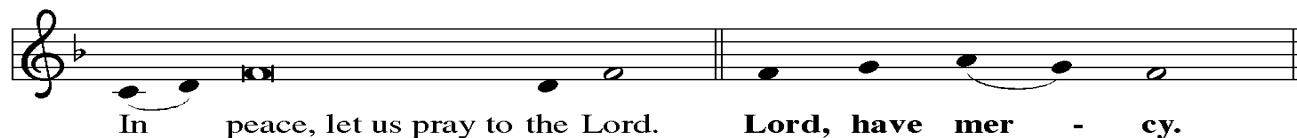
In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. By grace you have been saved. I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Gathering Song “Come Thou Almighty King” intro by Kosche ELW #408

*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.**

*Kyrie



*Canticle

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

***Prayer of the Day** Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The congregation is seated.

WORD

First Reading

Acts 17:22-31

A reading from the seventeenth chapter of Acts

²² Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. ²³ For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶ From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷ so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we, too, are his offspring.’

²⁹ “Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of morals. ³⁰ While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

⁸ Bless our ^l God, you peoples; let the sound of ^l praise be heard.

⁹ **Our God has kept us a- ^l mong the living and has not allowed our ^l feet to slip.**

¹⁰ For you, O God, have ^l tested us; you have tried us just as sil- ^l ver is tried.

¹¹ **You brought us in- ^l to the net; you laid heavy burdens up- ^l on our backs.**

¹² You let people ride over our heads; we went through ^l fire and water,
but you brought us out into a place ^l of refreshment.

¹³ **I will enter your house ^l with burnt offerings and will pay ^l you my vows—**

¹⁴ those that I promised ^l with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I ^l was in trouble.

¹⁵ **I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the ^l smoke of rams;
I will give you ox- ^l en and goats.**

¹⁶ Come and listen, all you ^l who believe, and I will tell you what God has ^l done for me.

¹⁷ **I called out to God ^l with my mouth, and praised the Lord ^l with my tongue.**

¹⁸ If I had cherished evil ^l in my heart, the Lord would ^l not have heard me;

¹⁹ **but in truth ^l God has heard me and has attended to the sound ^l of my prayer.**

²⁰ Blessed be God, who has not reject- ^l ed my prayer, nor withheld unfa-
ing ^l love from me.

Second Reading

1 Peter 3:13-22

A reading from the first chapter of 1 Peter

¹³ Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵ but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, ¹⁶ yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in

prison, ²⁰ who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. ²¹ And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



*Holy Gospel

John 14:15-21

The holy gospel according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ 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.

¹⁸ “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Jerry Trier

Sermon

Dr. Peggy Terhune

*Hymn of the Day “We Know That Christ is Raised” intro by Schack ELW #449

***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 power of 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

Please sit, stand or kneel as you are able

***Prayers of Intercession**

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

God of new life, you call us through the waters of baptism to be in relationship with you and one another. Guide the church and its leaders to proclaim Christ's righteousness throughout the world. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You create the world and all that is in it. Shelter budding plants and young animals, provide unpolluted habitats and clean water, and raise up stewards for the environment. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You set civil servants in the places where we live. Instill truth and equity among judges and lawyers, gentleness and courage among first responders, and peace among leaders of towns and nations.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You provide comfort in times of trouble. Heal those who are sick, shelter any who are unhoused, feed those undernourished, and accompany and console all who are lonely, bereaved, anxious, or ill.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You are love and you desire that we love one another. As a mother hen cares for her chicks, bless all who provide motherly care in our lives, and inspire us to care for one another. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of new life, your steadfast love endures forever. Inspire us by the example of the faithful departed, who clung to your promises of life, forgiveness of sins, and salvation. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

The Peace is Shared

The Peace of Christ be with you always **and also with you.**

Christian Fellowship is one of the most blessed gifts given to us by our God
Please take a moment to greet those around you and extend to them the peace of Christ.

The congregation is seated.

Offering

Anthem

“Thy Holy Wings”

by Burkhardt

Adult Choir

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*

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

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Offering Prayer Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

***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



HOMEBOUND/HOSPITAL/NURSING HOME

Betty Shuping	Home of Daughter, 336-513-4035
Katrina Kurfees	Home of Daughter,
Linda Plummer	Trinity Oaks Health & Rehab., Memory Unit
Peggy Swicegood	Continue prayers
Carolyn Hicks	Continue prayers
Marcia Miller	Recovering at her home
Eric & Dawn Leach	Continue prayers
Danny Norman	Continue prayers (brother of Ellen Webb)
Robert & Gathel Meachem	Brookdale, Room 34, 2201 Statesville Blvd.
Cody McDowell	Continue prayers
Eddie Rabon	Recovering at his home

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome everyone to Bethel Lutheran Church. We are glad you have joined us for worship and bid a special welcome to guests in our midst. May you find peace, comfort, strength, and hope as our Lord comes to us in his word. Please take a moment to register your attendance by signing your name on the fellowship pad as it is passed in each pew.

The Eternal Flame for May is given to the Glory of God by Mike and Monica Raney in loving memory of Monica's mother, grandmother, and "the girls".

The next opening date of Laura's Children's Closet will be this Saturday, May 16th, from 10 until 12:00 pm. Please, share this information with anyone who may have need.

Mission and Outreach committee will meet on Saturday, May 16th at 1pm

Remember to sign up for the Church Directory Pictures. The sheet is on the table in the narthex. Starting April 26 pictures will be taken before and after church for several weeks. Photos will be taken and then you're done. No advertising no sale of photos. There will be a room set up in the fellowship building. If you have questions contact Shelia Lingle 704-202-2590.

On May 31, we will have a covered dish lunch as we typically do on a fifth Sunday. This Sunday, the Mission and Outreach Committee is asking everyone to "bring a friend to church". Be thinking about the friends and neighbors you know; we want to invite people who are looking for a church, don't attend church, or aren't satisfied with their current church, and we will be providing some information about Bethel for new members.

NC Synod Assembly Gathering on May 28th-30th to be held at Lenoir Rhyne University in Hickory, North Carolina. Pastor Joe Miller and our Pastor Peggy will be attending.

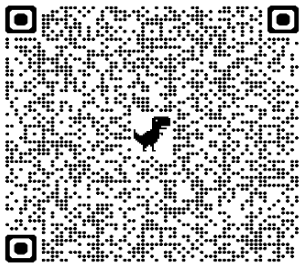
The Blessing Box continues to be a steady source of activity. Please remember this outreach when you grocery shop for your family.



On July 11, from 10-2:00, we will have a summer Bible Camp. Adults, meeting from 10-12 will begin a bible study of Matthew, using the text Matthew His Kingdom Forever. You can choose to come just to Bible camp, or can plan to continue the study which will resume in August, both during the day and virtually. Young kids will have a special program for them from 10-12. School age children will have a different program, or join the adult study. Teens are encouraged to join the adult study. Books will be provided in advance and the day of the Bible camp. We will then have a hotdog lunch and fellowship, followed by a short service held outside, depending on weather.



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ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sixth Sunday of Easter

TODAY: 8:30 a.m. Church council meeting
 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 9:45 a.m. Choir Practice
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

THURS: 9:30 a.m. JOY Ringers Practice

SAT. 10:00 – 12:00 p.m. **Laura’s Closet is open**
 1:00 p.m. **Mission & Outreach meet**



NEXT SUNDAY:

Seventh Sunday of Easter May 17

Graduation Sunday

THURS: 9:00 a.m. Music & Worship committee meets
 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 9:45 a.m. Choir Practice
 10:30 a.m. Worship / Holy Communion
 9:30 a.m. JOY Ringers Practice



Attendance/Contribution Information for 5/03/2026

Worship Service 42

	Given 05/03/2026	Given Year to Date	Needed Weekly to Attain Budget
Current	\$8,632.00	\$53,194.80	\$ 2,630.00
Benevolence	\$150.00	\$2,275.00	\$ 77.00
Building Improvement	\$135.00	\$1,045.00	

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trust in him

at

all times