

# Bethlehem Lutheran Church

We are called by God to follow Christ in  
love and service to all.



**May 24, 2026**

We encourage children to feel welcome in church during worship. And we recognize that kids need to move and fidget while we share this time together. Tables and coloring pages are available to kids in both the front of the worship space and in the Commons. Parents, please feel free to let your kids move around as needed.

## **Prelude**

Claudius Cazan

## **Welcome and Announcements**

*(please stand)*

### **Confessions and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose compassion endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Compassionate God,

**we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray,**

**Amen.**

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

**Amen.**

## **Gathering Hymn**

**"God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind"**

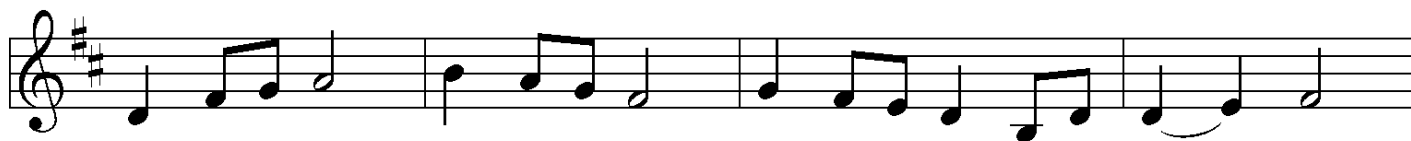
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## **Greeting**

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



**☐** Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



**☐** 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.



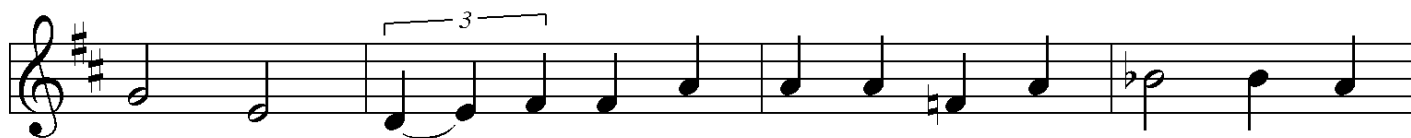
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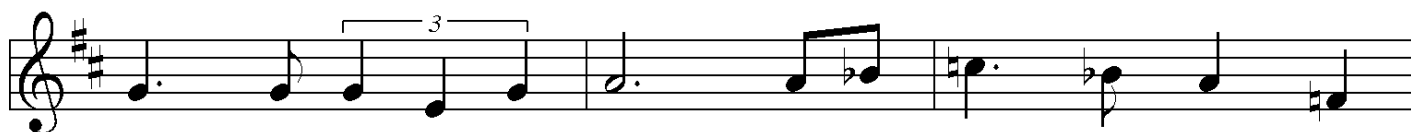
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



**☐** 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.



☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



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

II



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.



☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,



## Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray,

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*(be seated)*

## First Reading

Acts 2:1-21

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] 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>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, “Fellow Jews 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.’ ”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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



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

<sup>25</sup> **Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man- <sup>|</sup> y to number,  
living things both <sup>|</sup> small and great.**

<sup>26</sup> There go the ships <sup>|</sup> to and fro,  
and Leviathan, which you made for the <sup>|</sup> sport of it.

<sup>27</sup> **All of them <sup>|</sup> look to you  
to give them their food <sup>|</sup> in due season.**

- <sup>28</sup> You give it to them; they <sup>1</sup> gather it;  
you open your hand, and they are filled <sup>1</sup> with good things.
- <sup>29</sup> **When you hide your face, <sup>1</sup> they are terrified;**  
**when you take away their breath, they die and return <sup>1</sup> to their dust.**
- <sup>30</sup> You send forth your Spirit, and they <sup>1</sup> are created;  
and so you renew the face <sup>1</sup> of the earth.
- <sup>31</sup> **May the glory of the LORD en- <sup>1</sup> dure forever;**  
**O LORD, rejoice in <sup>1</sup> all your works.**
- <sup>32</sup> You look at the earth <sup>1</sup> and it trembles;  
you touch the mountains <sup>1</sup> and they smoke.
- <sup>33</sup> **I will sing to the LORD as long <sup>1</sup> as I live;**  
**I will praise my God while I <sup>1</sup> have my being.**
- <sup>34</sup> May these words of <sup>1</sup> mine please God.  
I will rejoice <sup>1</sup> in the LORD.
- <sup>35b</sup> **Bless the LORD, <sup>1</sup> O my soul.**  
**Hal- <sup>1</sup> lelujah!**

## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

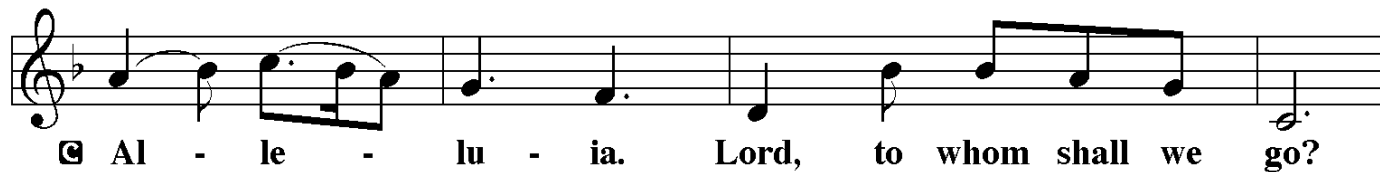
- <sup>3b</sup> No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.  
<sup>4</sup> Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, <sup>5</sup> and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, <sup>6</sup> and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup> To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup> To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

<sup>12</sup> For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*(please stand)*

## Gospel Acclamation



## Gospel Reading

John 20:19-23

The Gospel according to John, the 20th chapter.

### Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

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

*(be seated)*

## **Children's Sermon**

### **Sermon**

### **Hymn of the Day**

**"Spirit of Gentleness"**

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*(please stand)*

### **The Apostle's 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.**

*(please stand)*

## **The Prayers**

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

*After each portion of the prayers:*

Merciful God,  
**Receive our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

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.**

## **Sharing of the Peace**

*Greet one another with a word of welcome and peace.*

*(be seated)*

## **Offering**

Thank you for your offerings today. As Christ comes to us in the bread and cup of the holy table, we present ourselves through our own sacrifice of generosity to love and serve our neighborhood and the whole world. You can also give online at [www.bethluth.org/give](http://www.bethluth.org/give) as a one time donation or as a recurring gift. Use this code to access the giving site.



*(please stand)*

## Offertory 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**

## 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.**

## Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and



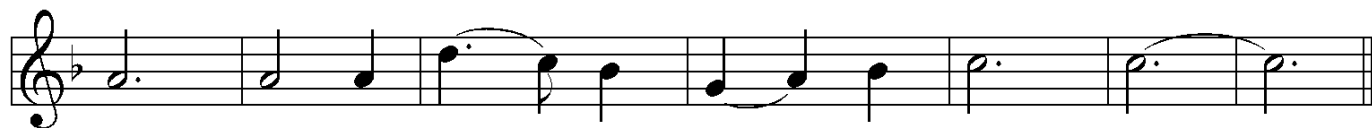
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the



high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Words of Institution

### The 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 power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

*(be seated)*

### 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, grant us peace.

### Distribution of Holy Communion

*All are welcome at the table of Christ. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available.*

# Communion Hymns

## "As the Wind Song"

ACS# 943



1 As the wind song through the trees, as the stir - ring of the  
2 As the rain - bow af - ter rain, as the hope that's born a -



breeze, so it is with the Spir - it of God,  
gain, so it is with the Spir - it of God,



as the heart made strange-ly warm, as the voice with - in the  
as the green in the . . . spring, as a kite on a . . .



storm, so it is with the Spir - it of God.  
string, so it is with the Spir - it of God,



Nev - er seen, ev - er known where this wind has  
mak - ing worlds that are new, mak - ing peace come



blown bring-ing life, bring-ing pow'r to the world,  
true, bring-ing gifts, bring-ing love to the world,



as the danc - ing tongues of fire, as the soul's most deep de -  
as the ris - ing of the yeast, as the wine at the . . .



sire, so it is with the Spir - it of God.  
feast, so it is with the Spir - it of God.

## **“O Holy Spirit, Enter In”**

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*(please stand)*

### **Communion Blessing**

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

**Amen.**

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

Let us pray.

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,

**Amen.**

### **The Benediction**

Almighty God , Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **Sending Hymn**

**“O Day Full of Grace”**

ELW# 627

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude**

Claudius Cazan

## Annual CASA For Kids Gala

May 27th

CASA stands for Court Appointed Special Advocate.

I have served as an advocate for 6 children in 5 cases, over the past four years. An Advocate is a trained volunteer, appointed by the courts, who stands by a child with friendship and support during a difficult time when they have been removed from their home because of abuse, and/ or neglect. The children and their broken families are hurting and need assistance. It can be a difficult but also uplifting experience advocating for a child while their parents wrestle to make life changes. The GALA is CASA's big fundraiser for the year. Check out the QR Code if you are interested in attending, or contact Jana Pursell for more information about becoming an Advocate. 406-262-1162. We hope to see you at the Gala!

—Jana Pursell



## May Blood Drive

May 30th

This month's blood drawing will again be in the basement of *First Presbyterian Church*, across Main Street from Bethlehem from 1:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. Your donations are very much needed. Please call either Glenda Skeim at 406-250-1890 or me, Gary Aasheim, at 406-698-4138 for your appointment.



## Volunteers Needed!

Are you passionate about organizing meals and serving others? We need volunteers to assist with meal planning and to lead a team of cooks once a month for Feeding the Flathead. This meaningful ministry provides 50 to 70 hot meals each evening to community members in need. For more details, please reach out to Julie Miller at (703) 862-3490 or [mrsmarkr@gmail.com](mailto:mrsmarkr@gmail.com).



## FLBC Youth Summer Camp Registration is Open

All programs at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp are designed to be a fun highlight of the summer, while providing opportunities for growth in faith, leadership, and friendship. Campers experience these gifts through a wide range of carefully crafted programs and activities, while maintaining safety as a #1 priority. There are Cooking camps, Choir camps, Theatre Camps, Basketball Camps, Art Camps, and much more! If you are interested in finding out more about what FLBC has to offer, go to their website at [FLBC.net](http://FLBC.net) or call 406-752-6602. Ask about financial help from Bethlehem if needed!



## Prayer Concerns: Illness/surgery:

Erika Hauser, Gaye Bech, Duane Benson, Bob Martens, Ben Skeim, and Terise Mumford.

### A Special Thank You To Our Assisting Ministers:

<u>Assisting Mnstr:</u>	Jana Pursell
<u>Reader:</u>	Jana Pursell
<u>Cantor:</u>	Frances Erler
<u>Communion Setup:</u>	Charlene Singley
<u>Communion Asst:</u>	Jana Pursell, Lynette Lorenzen
<u>Usher:</u>	Sherry Korthase

### This Week at Bethlehem

#### SUNDAY

9:00am  
10:30am

05/24

Worship/ Sunday School  
Bell Choir Practice

#### MONDAY

6:00pm

05/25

Feeding the Flathead, FH

#### TUESDAY

12:00pm

05/26

Women on the Go, FH

#### WEDNESDAY

6:45am  
10:00am  
7:00pm

05/27

Men's Breakfast and Bible Study, FH  
Respite Care, FH  
Choir

#### THURSDAY

9:00am  
9:00am  
5:30pm

05/28

Knitters, FR  
Quilters, FH  
Flathead Valley Community Orchestra, FH

#### SUNDAY

9:00am  
10:30am

05/31

Worship/ Sunday School  
Bell Choir Practice



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