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**Pentecost Sunday – May 24, 2026 – 9:00 AM**

- Prelude: *"Come, Holy Spirit, Come"* Michael Bedford  
performed by Bethany Bells & Elina on Piano
- Welcome & Announcements
- Thanksgiving for Baptism **ELW pg.97**
- Gathering Hymn: *"God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind"* **ELW #400**
- Canticle of Praise: *"Glory to God in the Highest"* **ELW pg. 139**
- Prayer of the Day
- First Reading Numbers 11:24-30
- Psalm (read responsively) Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
- Second Reading Acts 2:1-21
- Gospel Acclamation: *"Alleluia! Lord to whom shall we go?"* **ELW pg. 142**
- Gospel John 20:19-23
- Sermon Pr. Erma Wolf
- Hymn of the Day: *"As the Wind Song"* **ACS #943**
- Nicene Creed
- Prayers of Intercession Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**
- Offerings Received: *"On the Wind of Spirit"* Mark Hayes
- Holy Communion  
Great Thanksgiving ELW pg. 144, "Holy, Holy, Holy" ELW pg. 144,  
Words of Institution, Lord's Prayer ELW pg. 145, Communion Song -  
"Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world" ELW pg. 146, Distribution
- Communion Music: *"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"* Mark Edwards
- Post Communion Prayer & Blessing
- Sending Hymn: *"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"* **ACS #942**
- Dismissal

Postlude: "Lord of the Wind and the Sea" Lloyd Larson

## WORSHIP NOTES

Welcome to worship at Bethany Lutheran Church! It is our hope that you experience the love of Christ and His presence during our worship service this morning. If you are visiting today, please sign the guest book in the narthex. Everyone please sign the Fellowship Pad in your pew.

Large-print bulletins and assistive listening devices are available. If you benefit from either of these, please speak with an usher.

Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world. (Sundays and Seasons v.20240130.1140 Copyright © 2026 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved.)

Please take this bulletin home with you as a reference for this week's calendar of events, as a reminder of Bethany family and friends to keep in your prayers, and for other useful information.

*Each worship service comes together through the help of many people. Please consider being a worship volunteer. Find schedules at the Welcome Center and help fill in the blanks. Thank you for volunteering!*

### **Today's worship leaders are:**

Pr. Erma Wolf & Elina Leander Ozolins, pianist-organist

### **Many thanks to our worship volunteers:**

Greeters: Marcia Levisay & Ellen Sorenson; Reader: Jana Phillips

Communion Servers: Onalee Wright, Kristin Bensen, Jody Vollmer and Twila Henning

Usher: Kent Baker; Count: Connie Heien

Fellowship Host: Mary Hugen; Everyone in the Audio/Visual Booth

***Worship is rebroadcast on SMU CH #2:***

*Tuesday-5pm, Wednesday-10am*

*or can be found on YouTube® (Search Bethany Lutheran Church, Spencer IA)*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALTAR FLOWERS** Thank you to Bob and Lois Becker for sharing the red geraniums for the altar to celebrate their wedding anniversary and Pentecost.



**KIDS MUSIC** Last year at the Parade of Bands there were 14 Bethany kids involved. That's a lot of talent! So, Bethany Planning Council and the congregation would love to have a Kids' Praise Band again.

We know how busy your families are. We're thinking the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month, from 7:00 - 8:00pm, might be a good time for music. **We would really like to hear from parents and kids if this is something they're interested in.** Your child doesn't have to be in band to participate. All kids, 1st grade - 12th grade are welcome! Let's have fun and make some music! A Kids' Music Meeting will take place Wednesday, June 10, at 7:00pm. Please RSVP to Sue Metcalf 240-8366 or Sue Boblit 260-2258.

**FELLOWSHIP** will be after worship in the parlor. This gathering time is a great time to chat over a cup of coffee and sweet treat. All are welcome for fellowship and lively conversation! Hope to see you there!

**BABY BOTTLE MONEY COLLECTION** for the Cherish Center continues and will wrap up at the end of the month on May 31. Talk with Candy or grab a bottle from near the welcome center and fill it with a donation of change, bills or a check.

**JOIN FLAGFEST ACTIVITIES** On Saturday, June 12th, Bethany Lutheran Church will host a God's Work, Our Hands hospitality outreach event for the community members watching the Flagfest parade on our lawn. If you would like to help Saturday morning, please see the sign-up sheet at the welcome center.

**UDMO FOOD PANTRY** Bring food and hygiene items to Bethany – we'll deliver to UDMO. Not sure what to get/give? Get a shopping list at the Welcome Center.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO BETHANY SENIORS** Maddie McWhirter, Ryan Reardon, and Mikalah Prickett as they graduate High School and begin the next steps in their pilgrimage of life. Let us thank God for their presence in our congregation as well as ask Him to grant them the peace of Christ as they move through this busy season and conclude this chapter of their lives. Additional congrats to Mikalah as the recipient of the Bethany Scholarship this year.

**VBS!** Mark your calendars for the evenings of July 6-8 from 6 pm to 8 pm as Bethany will be partnering with First Congregational Church, and also joining us is Grace United Methodist Church for Vacation Bible School. Registration is currently open. Please see the signs posted for details.

## CALENDAR

Sunday, May 24 – Pentecost Day

9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion followed by Fellowship

Wednesday, May 27

9:30 am Bible Study & Prayer Group

Saturday, May 30

7:30 am Men of Bethany Bible Study (in person & via ZOOM)

Sunday, May 31 – The Holy Trinity

9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion followed by Fellowship

## PRAYER CONCERNS & REQUESTS

Kirk Andersen, Rita Storm, Sylvia Moore, Liz Vulk, Lee Youde, Greg Manwarren, Judy Hiemstra, Carlos Barreta (Rita Storm's grandson-in-law) Lois Sanchez (Deb Mechler's sister), DeAnna Bensen (Bill Bensen's mother), Michael Olsen (Kristin Bensen's uncle), Jerry Faulkner (Tammy Nighswonger's brother), Lucille Faulkner (Tammy Nighswonger's sister-in-law), Tara Nighswonger (Tammy Nighswonger's daughter), Aaron Sweet (Tammy Nighswonger's stepbrother)

### Those Who Mourn

The family of Florence Klitzke (Wendy McMullen's mother)



Many, many thanks to these individuals and families who provided red geraniums to decorate the Sanctuary for our Pentecost service today:

Kent, Mike & Lisa Baker in memory of Connie Baker

Dan Sorenson in memory of Everett & Elaine Sorenson

Don & Sylvia Moore in memory of loved ones

Gary & Becky Koenig in memory of Parents & Heidi Newgard

Twila Henning in memory of Mel Henning

Francis & Judy Hiemstra in memory of Darlene, Asaph & Martha Reich

Doug & Mary Marske in memory of loved ones

Kirby & Sandi Schmidt in memory of Al & Mary Schmidt

Ellen Sorenson in memory of loved ones

Jody Vollmer in memory of Jim Vollmer

Marla Woelber in memory of Norm Woelber

Kirk & Sue Andersen in memory of loved ones

As a reminder—you may take your geraniums home with you after today's service. Please do not take the plastic trays that are under the pots. Thank you!



### ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE

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