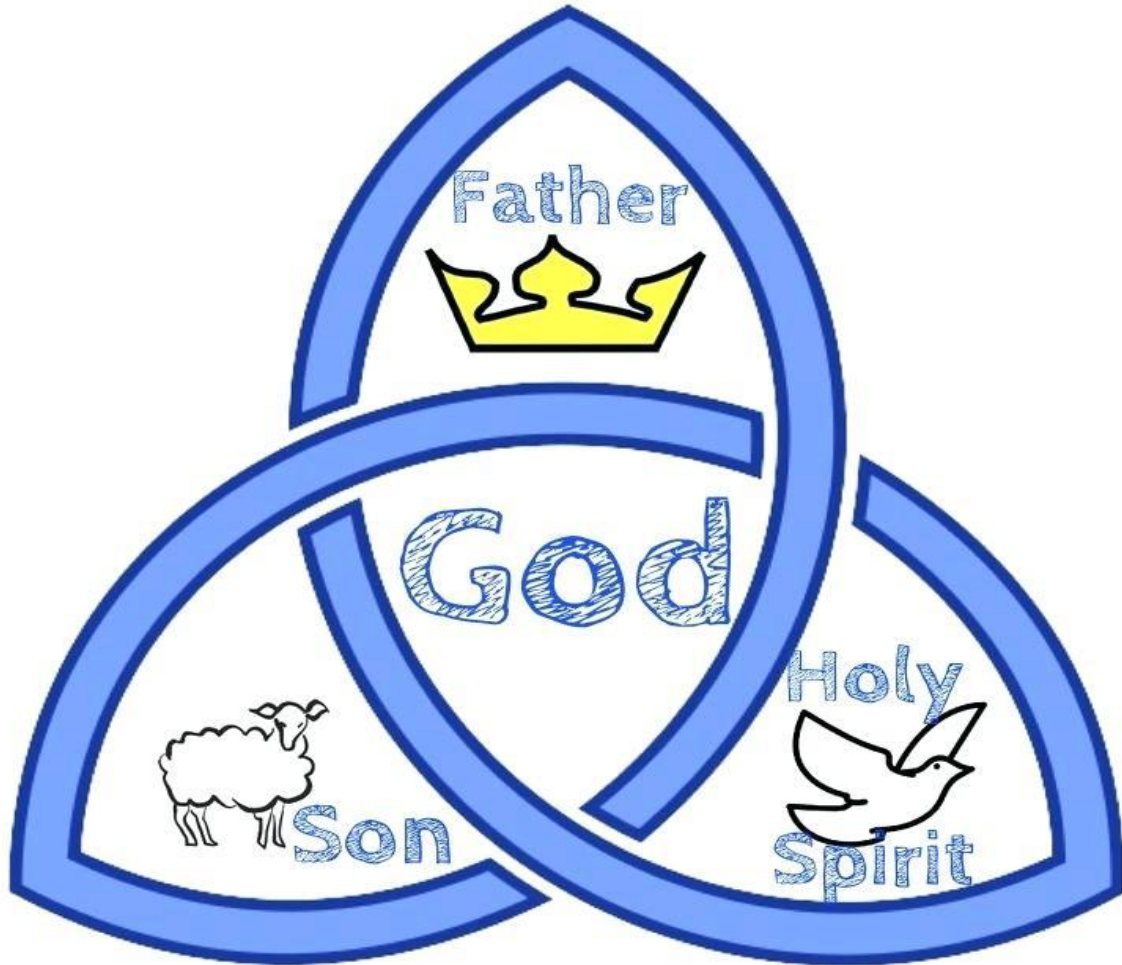


Bethel Lutheran Church

May 31, 2026



Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

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TRINITY

Although the word *trinity* is not found in the scriptures, we see in our gospel lesson that tells disciples to baptize in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We also find this reference in our second reading that includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit.

We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.

ENTER TO WORSHIP – LEAVE TO SERVE

“Holy Communion Setting Three”

**Congregation Stands*

Congregation responses in bold

Pre-Service Music “Jesus Shall Reign” By Ingram rung by JOY Ringers

WELCOME

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude “Holy, Holy, Holy” by Kosnik

***BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION 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 Song “Holy God, We Praise Your Name” intro by Hobson ELW #414

*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.**

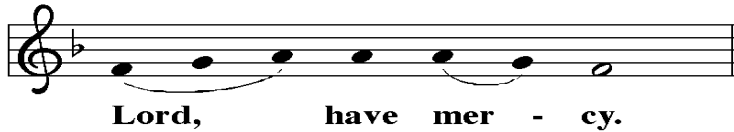
*Kyrie



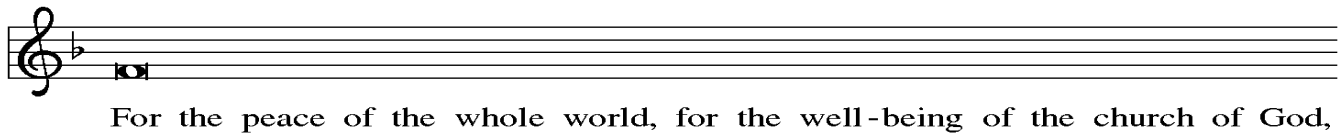
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



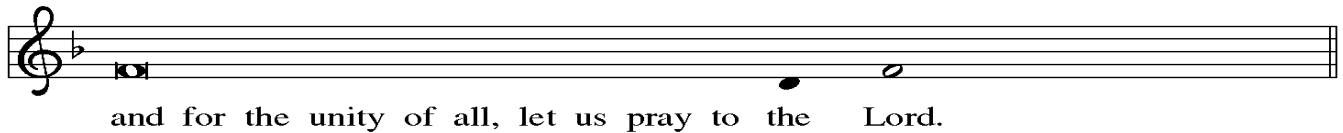
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



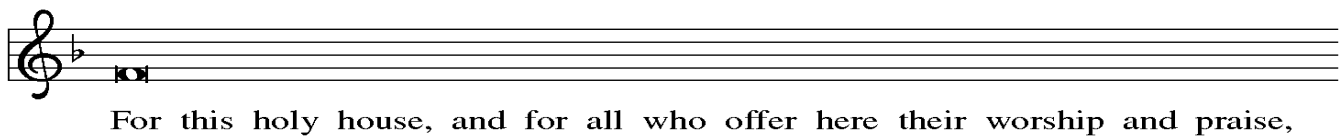
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



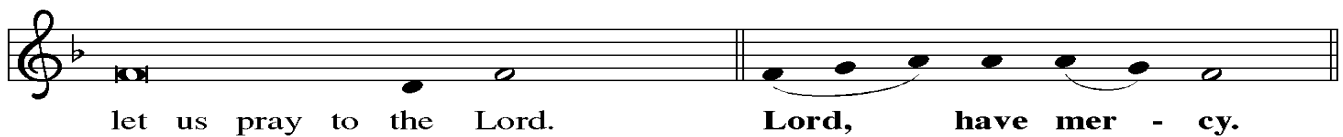
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



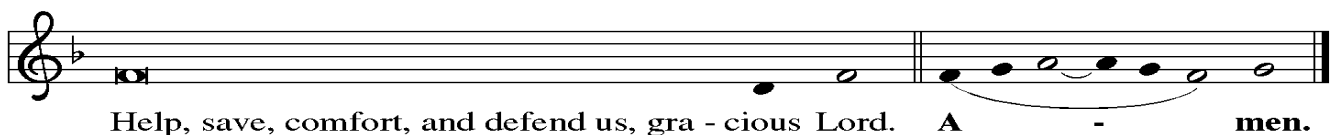
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

This Is the Feast



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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***Prayer of the Day** Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

The congregation is seated.

WORD

First Reading

Genesis 1:1—2:4a

A reading from the first and second chapter of Genesis

¹ When God began to create the heavens and the earth, ² the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³ Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶ And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” ⁷ So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸ God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹ And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹ Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. ¹² The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴ And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶ God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰ And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” ²¹ So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the

waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.”²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴ And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

²⁷ So God created humans in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” ²⁹ God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. ³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

^{2:1} Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. ² On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

^{4a} These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 8

Congregation will read responsively

¹ O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!—
² **you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**
³ When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
⁴ **what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?**
⁵ Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them.
⁶ **You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet:**
⁷ all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,
⁸ **the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**
⁹ O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

A reading from the thirteenth chapter of 2 Corinthians

[Paul writes:] ¹¹ Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹² Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

¹³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Holy Gospel

Matthew 28:16-20

The holy gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Krista Monroe

Sermon

Dr. Peggy Terhune

*Hymn of the Day

“Come, Join the Dance of Trinity”

ELW #412

intro by Hopson

***Nicene Creed**

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.

***Prayers of Intercession**

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

Holy God, we are in awe of your creative work. Continue that work in your church, making us a new creation that proclaims your presence and love.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Creator God, nature reveals your power and glory. Protect water sources, vegetation, and wildlife as reminders of who you are. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Redeemer God, you call us to pray for those in authority. Guide our leaders to pursue the work of fostering peace and community.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Sustaining God, you are mindful of your people in every circumstance. Heal those who are sick. Provide for all who hunger. Protect those in harm's way. Comfort any experiencing hardship (*especially*).

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, we pray for the children of our church and community. Provide for their needs. Support their caregivers. Nurture their faith. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we give thanks for those who have died and claimed their baptismal promises (*especially*). Strengthen us to live as they did in communion with you.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our 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 “Let the Whole Creation Cry” by Larson 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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Offertory Prayer Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. **Amen.**



Invitation to Communion Come to the table of new life.
Receive the risen Lord.

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

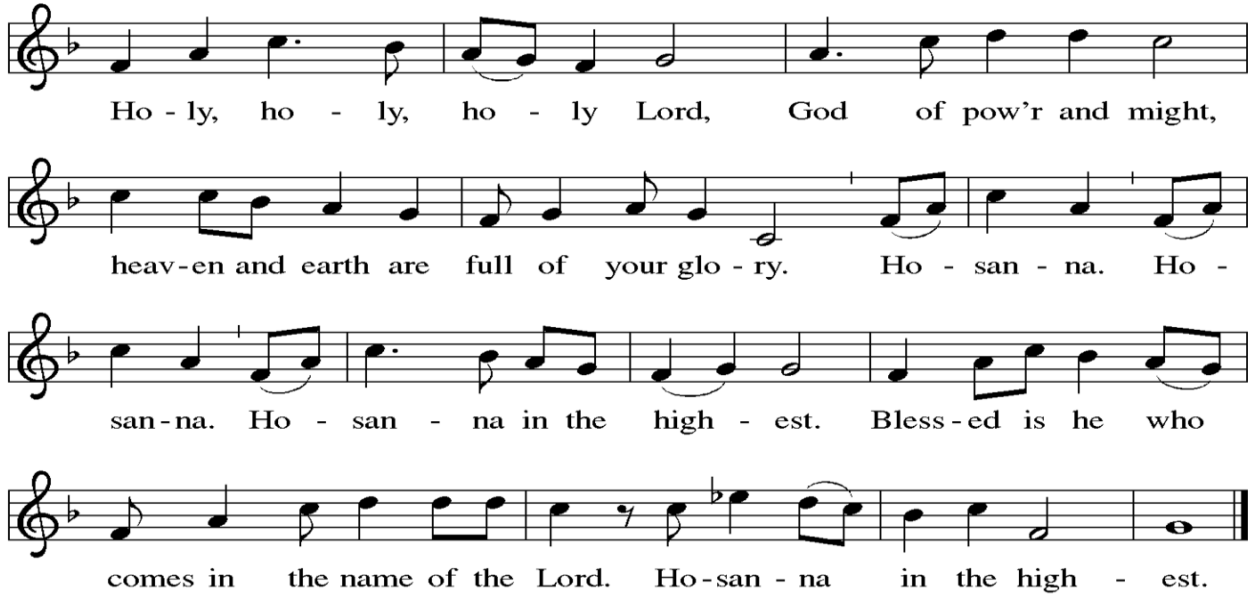
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places to give thanks and praise.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

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In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

***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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "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." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence on the word "peace".

Communion music “Holy, Holy, Holy” by Jones
 “Eat This Bread” sing 3 times ELW #472

***Post-Communion Prayer** Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. **Amen.**

***Blessing** The Lord bless you and keep you,
 The Lord’s face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and +give you peace.
Amen.

***Sending Song** “God Whose Almighty Word“ intro by Hobby ELW #673

*Dismissal

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
Thanks be to God.

*Postlude

***Our worship service has ended.
Our worship through service begins.***

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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)
Judy Kennerly	Continue prayers
Robert & Gathel Meachem	Brookdale, Room 34, 2201 Statesville Blvd.
Cody McDowell	Continue prayers
Eddie Rabon	Recovering at his home
Wayne Chaffin	Recovering at his home
Judy Hoffman	Recovering at her 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 to the fellowship pad as it is passed on each pew.

Today, we will celebrate Holy Communion and wish to share the following with you. Holy Communion is offered to all baptized believers, regardless of denomination or home church. Lutherans believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the meal we call

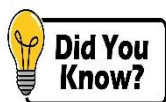
Holy Communion. (ELCA.FAQ) in the principal service of Christian worship, the Holy Spirit gathers people around the means of grace – the saving Word of God and the sacraments. From the table of communion where Jesus Christ comes with forgiveness, life, and salvation, God sends us out to share the good news and to care for those in need. (Evangelical Lutheran Worship, 2006)

Here at Bethel Lutheran Church:

- The ushers will direct you forward to the communion table. If you prefer to receive communion in your seat, simply share your wish with one of the ushers.
- You are not required to kneel and may be more comfortable standing.
- Grape juice is offered in the center of each tray. (The majority of the cups contain wine).
- After you have communed, the pastor will dismiss your table.
- Children who have not received communion training are welcome to come forward and receive a blessing.

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".

Welcome to everyone who is worshipping with us today on our "Bring a friend to church" Sunday. Join us after worship in the fellowship hall for lunch and fellowship which will be a great time to mingle among friends, introduce yourself to new friends, and ask us about our ministries here at Bethel. This is a wonderful potluck lunch, but if you didn't bring anything, please stay anyway!



There is a Sunday School class from 9:00 until 9:30! It is designed to accommodate the choir members because we could not go to Sunday School and Choir. Our material was purchased from Cokesbury and is titled Adult Bible Studies. Everyone has a book which they can read/study with commentary. Like all bible studies the more you study the more you are blessed. However, not even reading before class does not mean you will not be blessed. You will be blessed. Books for the summer have already been purchased and are available in the choir room. If you have any questions, call Jerry Trier (804) 586-9606.

Laura's Children's Closet will be open on Saturday, June 20th from 10 a.m. until noon. Please share this with everyone.

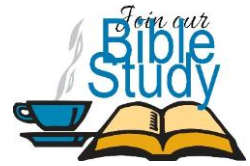


Our Church Yard sale is this Saturday, June 6th, with the setup date of Friday, June 5th. If you have any questions or time to volunteer, please contact Mike or Monica Raney.

The Blessing Box continues to be a steady source of activity.

Please remember this outreach when you're grocery shopping for your family.

The bible study led by Scott Parrish on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. will continue thru the end of the year. Previously reported ending in May will not happen.



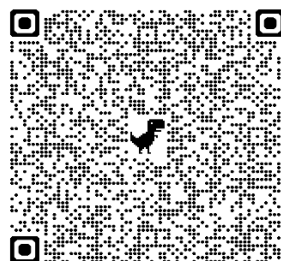
On July 11, from 10-2:00, we will have a summer Bible Camp.

Adults, meeting from 10-12 will begin a bible study of Galatians, using the text Galatians 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. Everyone is welcome!

There is a list on the bulletin board of usher and altar guild groups as well as worship assistants through the end of 2026. If for some reason you are unable to fulfill your duty on any given Sunday, please work out to switch with someone on the list. Thank you for your willingness to serve in this capacity.



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ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY

Holy Trinity Sunday May 31

- 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School
- 9:30 a.m. Lectionary Study
- 9:30 a.m. 175th Anniversary Committee
- 9:45 a.m. Choir Practice
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Holy Communion
Fellowship covered dish following worship

MON:

- 6:00 p.m. Minnie Williams Circle dinner mtg.
(Blue Bay Restaurant Hwy. 70, Brenda Holbrook, hostess.)

TUES:

- 6:30 p.m. LMIM dinner mtg. *(Pastor Carroll's shop)*

THURS:

- 10:00 a.m. NO JOY Ringers Practice *Summer Break*

FRI:

- 9:00 to 3:00 p.m. **Yard Sale drop-off an Preparation**

SAT:

- 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. **Yard sale!**

NEXT SUNDAY:

Holy Trinity Sunday June 7th

- 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School
- 9:30 a.m. Lectionary Study
- 9:45 a.m. Choir Practice
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Holy Communion

THURS:

- 9:30 a.m. NO JOY Ringers Practice *summer break*

*Thankful
grateful
blessed*

Attendance/Contribution Information for 5/23/2026

Worship Service 50

	Given 05/23/2026	Given Year to Date	Needed Weekly to Attain Budget
Current	\$2,622.00	\$59,836.80	\$ 2,630.00
Benevolence	\$230.00	\$4,675.00	\$ 77.00
Missions & Outreach		\$750.00	
Building Improvement	\$55.00	\$1,160.00	

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