**WELCOME, WE’RE GLAD YOU’RE HERE!**

**BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Rev. Molly Wills, Pastor | Jan Smith, Accompanist

Day of Pentecost | Sunday, June 8, 2025

ELW Holy Communion Setting 6

***If you are new to Bethel, here is some helpful worship information****: We use the ELW (red hymnal) and the supplement ACS (purple hymnal), which contain liturgy and hymns. Liturgy pages are at the front of each hymnal, with the page numbers at the bottom and in the bulletin as (red ELW p.) or (purple ACS p.) Hymn pages are in the back two-thirds of the hymnal, with the page numbers at the top and in the bulletin as (red hymnal #) or (purple hymnal #). The songs from the Green Book are in the bulletin as (green binder #).* ***Hearing assistive devices are available;*** *speak to an usher for assistance.*

**SPIRIT ART**

**A meditative study of scripture through art.**

**John 14:8-17, 25-27**

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**GATHERING**

**The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.**

Meditation time Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading arr. by Anne Krentz Organ

Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ arr. by Sylvia Oines

Come, Holy Spirit by Rudy Davenport

Welcome & Announcements

welcome to worship song Come Holy Spirit, Descend (purple hymnal # 980, v.v. 1-2)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin. Merciful God, **you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.** You belong…new creation. **Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG**  *O Holy Spirit, Root of Life*(red hymnal #399)

Greeting (red ELW p. 165)

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 (red ELW p. 165)**

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE (red ELW p. 169) This is the feast of victory…**

Prayer of the Day

**God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**WORD**

**God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.**

FIRST Reading: Genesis 11:1-9

1 Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. 2 And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. 3 And they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks and fire them thoroughly.” And they had brick for stone and bitumen for mortar. 4 Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.” 5 The Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. 6 And the Lord said, “Look, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. 7 Come, let us go down and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another’s speech.” 8 So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. 9 Therefore it was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth, and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

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

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (read responsively)

24 How manifold are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full **|** of your creatures.  
25 **Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number,** **living things both small and great.**  
26 There go the ships to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.  
27 **All of them look to you** **to give them their food in due season.**   
28 You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.  
29 **When you hide your face, they are terrified;** **when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**  
30 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.  
31 **May the glory of the Lord endure forever;** **O Lord, rejoice in all your works.**   
32 You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke.  
33 **I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;** **I will praise my God while I have my being.**  
34 May these words of mine please God. I will rejoice **|** in the Lord.  
35b **Bless the Lord, O my soul.** **Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING: Acts 2:1-21

1 When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. 2 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. 3 Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. 5 Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. 6 And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. 7 Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? 9 Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11 Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” 12 All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” 13 But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.” 14 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. 15 Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. 16 No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 17 ‘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. 18 Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. 19 And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. 20 The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. 21 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ ” The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation (red ELW p. 171) **Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?…**

Gospel: John 14:8-17, 25-27 The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

8 Philip said to [Jesus,] “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” 9 Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? 10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. 11 Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. 12 Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. 13 I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. 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. 25 “I have said these things to you while I am still with you. 26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”

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

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**SPIRITUAL PRACTICE**

Hymn of the Day *As the Wind Song* (purple hymnal #943) apostles’ Creed (red ELW p. 172) Prayers of intercession Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.** Peace The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

**MEAL**

**God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.**

offering song God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind (red hymnal #400, v.v. 1 & 4)

OfferING Prayer

**Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING (red ELW p. 172)**

**PREFACE**

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (**red ELW **p. 173)**

Thanksgiving at the Table (red ELW p. 173)

lord’s prayer (red ELW p. 173)

COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG (red ELW p. 174) **Lamb of God…**

SONG during communion *Come, Holy Spirit, Descend*(purple hymnal # 980)

Prayer after Communion

**SENDING**

**God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.**

Blessing

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit + bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

Sending SONG *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*(purple hymnal #942)

Dismissal Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Every Time I Feel the Spirit arr. by Michael Larkin

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**MISSION STATEMENT**

Vibrantly open to the Spirit, Bethel Lutheran Church seeks to serve God and its neighbors

by joyfully living into the good news of Jesus Christ.

**THIS WEEK AT BETHEL**

**Today**

* Fellowship hour: following worship

**Monday, June 9**

* Worship & Music committee meeting: 5:00 p.m.
* Council meeting: 6:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, June 11**

* Bible study: 11:30 a.m.
* Quilting: 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
* WELCA meeting: 6:30 p.m.

**Thursday, June 12**

* MEFS Mobile Outreach: 2:00 p.m.-3:45 p.m., Bethel’s parking lot

**Sunday, June 15** (Father’s Day)

* Outdoor Praise worship: 9:00 a.m.
* Fellowship hour: following worship

**QUESTIONS OR REQUESTS?** Contact the church office at 320-395-2125 or

bethellutheranlp@gmail.com. If you need emergency pastoral care, please call Pastor Molly Wills at 320-339-8169 or email her at pastor@lpbethel.org.

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**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:** 25th of the month

**VANCO GIVING:** Scan the QR code or visit [www.lpbethel.org](http://www.lpbethel.org) under the “Give” section,or complete an application and submit it to the church office.

**TEXT GIVING:** To give, text dollar amount to **866-298-7547**

**MAY 2025**

$ Contributions: 7,336.40

$ To Meet Budget: 10,262.01

$ Difference: -2,925.61

Weekly Average Attendance: 67

**FOR THE YEAR 2025**

YTD $ Contributions: 39,869.59

YTD $ To Meet Budget: 51,310.05

YTD $ Difference: -11,440.46

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

* **HEY SUMMER TRAVELERS! YOUR SUPPORT MATTERS!**

Just as you rely on your income, our church, Bethel, needs your support. We offer easy ways to give, including secure online and text donation options, allowing you to contribute anytime and anywhere. Setting up recurring donations ensures your support continues even when you can’t attend church. Your generosity helps keep our community strong, and we truly appreciate it! For more information, contact Stacy Meyer, Financial Secretary, at [finsec@lpbethel.org](mailto:finsec@lpbethel.org). Thank you for being a valued part of our church family!

* **BETHEL CHURCH PARKING LOT FUNDRAISER**: We are raising $30,000 to rebuild the parking lot, on top of the $30,000 we’ve already set aside from church funds. Our goal is to complete this project in September, and we would appreciate your help in reaching it! You can donate by scanning the QR code on the opposite page. or by placing your contribution in the offering plate. If you prefer to donate by check or cash, please indicate on the envelope or check that your donation is for the parking lot. Don’t forget to check out our parking lot display in the narthex to see how much progress we’ve made. Thank you so much for your support!
* **WOMEN IN THE BIBLE***-***A LEARNING OPPORTUNITY!** The Bethel WELCA group is sponsoring and welcoming all women to a Bible study on Tuesdays, June 10, 17, and 24, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the church. These sessions will take a personal look into the lives of some of the Bible’s most faithful women. Their struggles and temptations are the same trials faced by all believers at all ages. What can we learn from them? The God to whom they were so committed is the same God who continues to mold and use ordinary people like us today. If you have questions, please ask Jan Smith. (We will be using John MacArthur’s book, *Twelve Extraordinary Women: How God Shaped Women of the Bible and What He Wants to Do with You,* as a resource and guide.)
* **A NOTE ABOUT COMMON CUP MINISTRY, INC.** The **Thrift Shop** of Common Cup offers quality, gently used items, and we need your help! When you donate, you’re not just giving items a second life; you’re supporting individuals and families in need right here in McLeod County. Best of all, every dollar from our sales stays local and directly benefits our community. Location: 712 11th ST E, Glencoe, MN; Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
* **GARDEN FLOWERS**: As summer blooms, we would love your help with garden flowers for our altar arrangements. If you have some beautiful flowers to share, please reach out to Judy Angvall before Sunday. Thank you for brightening our space!
* **CELEBRATION BANK:** Everyone in our congregation, both young and young at heart, is invited to share their celebrations, big or small. You can contribute any amount you like, whether it’s coins, bills, or checks. At the end of summer, we will gather all the contributions and donate them to the parking lot fund. In the past, our Celebration Bank collections have also supported ELCA Good Gifts and Green Lake Lutheran Ministries. We can’t wait to celebrate with you!
* **POOLSIDE PLATES: FREE MEALS FOR KIDS!** Join us for free meals for children under the age of 16 at the Main Park picnic shelter on Second Avenue. We’ll be serving delicious food from noon to 1:00 p.m. on the following dates: June 11, June 25, July 9, July 16, August 6, August 13. We can’t wait to see you there! If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Terri at [terrihelland@gmail.com](mailto:terrihelland@gmail.com). *Sponsored by: Bethel Lutheran Church of LP (thanks to an Endowment grant), LP Youth Task Force, LP Lions, St. Paul’s Lutheran Church of LP.*
* **BLOOD DRIVE:** Wednesday, June 11, 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at LPHS & City Hall. To donate blood, please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter LesterHS to schedule an appointment. **DONATE COOKIES:** Bethel has been asked to provide cookies for the Blood Drive. If you would like to donate three dozen cookies, preferably homemade, please contact Diane Horsman.
* **FELLOWSHIP BY THE FIRE***:* Join us on Sunday, June 22, at 6:00 p.m. We’ll be serving delicious hot dogs! Please bring a dish to share, and don’t forget your lawn chairs or blankets.

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