

SERVICE OF  
WORSHIP

DAY OF  
PENTECOST

May 31, 2020



# Confessing the faith

## in a secular age

Bethlehem Lutheran Church 2019-2020

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

Setting Three of the ELW (red) hymnal

P. (Pastor) R. (Reader) C. (Congregation)

**Prelude will begin at 10:26 am**

## GATHERING

**Confession and Forgiveness** .....ELW Page 95

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

P. 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. **C. Amen.**

P. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Pause for reflection and self-examination*

P. Most merciful God,

**C. 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.**

P. In the mercy of almighty God.... and of the Holy Spirit. **C. Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn** *Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading* .....ELW Hymn #401

**Gracious Spirit, heed our pleading, fashion us all anew.**

**It's your leading that we're needing, help us to follow you.**

**Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come. Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.**

**Come to teach us, come to nourish those who believe in Christ.**

**Bless the faithful, may they flourish, strengthened by grace unpriced.**

**Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come. Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come**

**Guide our thinking and our speaking done in your holy name.**

**Motivate all in their seeking, freeing from guilt and shame.**

**Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come. Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come**

**Not mere knowledge, but discernment, nor rootless liberty;**

**turn disquiet to contentment, doubt into certainty.**

**Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come. Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come**

**Keep us fervent in our witness, unswayed by earth's allure.**

**Ever grant us zealous fitness, which you alone assure.**

**Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come. Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come**

## Greeting

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C. And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

**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.**

## WORD

## Reading

.....Acts 2: 1-21

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

## Psalm 104: 24-35 *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.**
- 35 Let sinners be consumed from the earth and the wicked be no more.  
**Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah!**

## Musical Offering (10:30 only)

*This is My Father's World* by Franklin L. Sheppard; arr. by Tedd Smith and Don Hustad.....Nancy Albertson—piano; Cori Wrobel—organ

P. The holy gospel according to ... C. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel** .....John 20: 19-23

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

**Sermon** .....Rev. Dr. Mark Skinner

**Hymn of the Day** *Spirit of Gentleness* .....ELW Hymn #396

**REFRAIN: Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free;  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.**

**You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,  
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;  
and over the eons you called to each thing:  
“Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.” REFRAIN**

**You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,  
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;  
and when they were blinded with idols and lies,  
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. REFRAIN**

**You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,  
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;  
and down in the city you called once again,  
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. REFRAIN**

**You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.  
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;  
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.  
With bold new decisions your people arise. REFRAIN**

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## 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

P. Lord in your mercy,

C. hear our prayer.

# Sharing of the Peace

# 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.

## SENDING

# Blessing

P. May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you to new life, fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C. Amen.

# Sending Hymn *Beautiful Savior* ..... ELW Hymn #838

**Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**

**Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.**

**Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels in the sky.**

**Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!**

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# Doxology ..... ELW Hymn #884

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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# Dismissal

P. Christ is risen, just as he said. Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

# Postlude

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Special thanks to Jerry, Jon and Todd for running sound, Kevin for livestreaming on Facebook, and Scott for uploading the video to our website. Thank you, Nancy Albertson, for the musical offering. Thank you to our ushers for their assistance.

Please continue to mail in your weekly offerings, go to our website at [www.belcnet.net](http://www.belcnet.net) and give online, or sign up for direct deposit. **Thank you** to all who have already done so. Please continue to give generously as you are able as we still have bills, healthcare benefits and salaries that must be paid.

# UPCOMING EVENTS AT BETHLEHEM

## TODAY, May 31—Day of Pentecost

8:20 am—parking lot service; stay in your car

10:26 am —prelude begins with service at 10:30 am streamed live on our Facebook page [bethlehem.brainerd](https://www.facebook.com/bethlehem.brainerd) with Day of Pentecost musical celebration to immediately follow the service

## MONDAY, June 1

6:00 pm—Board of Service and Evangelism meeting online via Zoom

## TUESDAY, June 2

5:00 pm—Board of Worship and Music meeting online via Zoom

## WEDNESDAY, June 3

6:20 pm—parking lot service; stay in your car

## THURSDAY, June 4

8:00 pm—High School Youth Group ONLINE only via Zoom; email/text Pr. Sarah for more info

## SUNDAY, June 7

8:20 am—parking lot service; stay in your car

10:26 am —prelude begins with service at 10:30 am streamed live on our Facebook page [bethlehem.brainerd](https://www.facebook.com/bethlehem.brainerd)

Please keep these people in your prayers:

**New:** the family of Wayne Dahl (Anna Thesing's grandfather); Lonny Goble

**Sympathy:** Lynn and Megan Henrich's family on the deaths of Lynn's mother, father, and brother; Melodee Hagel and family on the death of her husband Bob;

**Ongoing:** Grandma Donna; Tucker Hennessey; residents and staff of Bethany Nursing Home; Terry Schroeder; Brady Feist; Bob Morris; all residents and staff of assisted living and nursing home facilities; Brynn; Mike Anhalt; the unemployed; healthcare workers; Yvonne Doust; Jenny Pederson; for protection from Corona Virus; Pam Stock; Michael Zickuhr; Paul Erdal; Aldene Gosse; Bobbie Sayles; Clark and Clary Tollefson; Roy Cheney; those who are abused; all dealing with addiction; couples trying to have babies; all affected by mental health issues; all caregivers; everyone dealing with cancer

**Service:** Zac Myhre deployed to South Korea

**If you check into the hospital,** please call the Church Office at 829-3330 or let the Chaplain know you are from Bethlehem Lutheran Church so we can pray for you.

**Have a Prayer Request?** You are invited to call Deloris Ebinger at 829-2333 or the Church Office at 829-3330 or email [office@belcnet.net](mailto:office@belcnet.net) to have your request put on the Prayer Chain. Please note that we keep people on the prayer list for 3 weeks. If someone needs extended prayers, please let the office know.

**Bethlehem  
worship  
services**

**Sundays at**

**8:20 am**

starting 5/31

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**\*Stay in your  
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lot**

**Sundays at  
10:30 am**

**\*livestream only  
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**Wednesdays**

**at 6:20 pm**

starting 6/3

**\*Parking lot  
services**

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car**

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lot**

**WANTED:  
MUSICIANS**

We are looking for musicians to provide a musical offering during Sunday services. You can sing or play an instrument. Cori can accompany you if needed. Arrive at 10:00 am. Contact the office at 829-3330 or [office@belcnet.net](mailto:office@belcnet.net) to find a Sunday that works for you. **BONUS: you get to come inside the sanctuary!**

If you will be attending an ELCA college in fall of 2020, you are eligible to apply for a

**Bethlehem  
Scholarship**

Scholarships are renewable up to four years and must be submitted annually.

**Applications must be turned in to the office by June 15.**

Applications are available on our website at [www.belcnet.net](http://www.belcnet.net)