

# Day of Pentecost

May 19, 2024 – 10am

Modern Worship, ELW Setting 3



**Prelude Music**

**Announcements**

## Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

**C: Amen.**

P: Look, here is water!

**C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P: Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

P: Look, here is water!

**C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P: At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Look, here is water!

**C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

## Gathering Song:

## *Pour Out Your Spirit*

### Verse 1

Pour out Your Spirit, Lord, on Your people.  
Pour out Your Spirit, Lord, on Your people.  
Pour out Your Spirit, Lord, on Your people.  
Let it reign. Let it reign.

### Verse 2

Pour out Your mercy, Lord, on Your people.  
Pour out Your mercy, Lord, on Your people.  
Pour out Your mercy, Lord, on Your people.  
Let it reign. Let it reign.

### Bridge

Turn the hearts of fathers to their children,  
and ev'ry nation to the God of love and holiness.  
Let the fire of Your Spirit burn.

### Verse 3

Pour out Your fire, Lord, on Your people.  
Pour out Your fire, Lord, on Your people.  
Pour out Your fire, Lord, on Your people.  
Let it reign. Let it reign.

## 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!**

## Kyrie

A: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: 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. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C: Amen.**

## Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray together,

**C: Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

*Originally Pentecost was a Jewish thanksgiving-type festival celebrated seven weeks after Passover. On this particular Pentecost, however, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the entire community of believers just as Jesus had promised and the scriptures had prophesied. Empowered by the Spirit, the entire community bears witness to God's activity in multiple languages.*

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 nation 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, "Men of Judea 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.'

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

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

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.

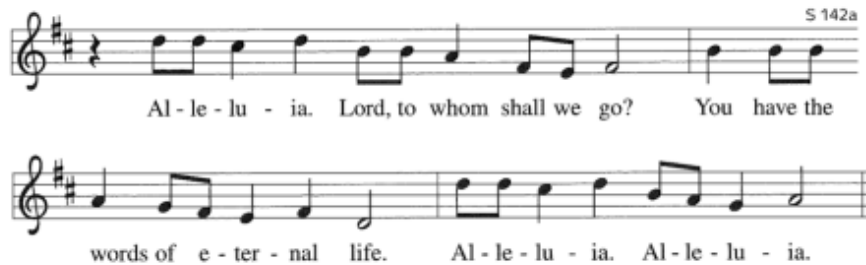
**33 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.**

34 May these words of mine please God. I will rejoice in the Lord.

**35b Bless the Lord, O my soul. Hallelujah!**

## Gospel Acclamation:

## Alleluia



## Gospel: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

*While speaking to his disciples before his death, Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as “the Helper” and describes the difference the Spirit will make in their lives and in the world.*

P: A reading from... **C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

Jesus said, 26 “When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. 27 You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. 16:4b “I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. 5 But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ 6 But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. 7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. 8 And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: 9 about sin, because they do not believe in me; 10 about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; 11 about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. 12 “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. 14 He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. 15 All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

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

**Sermon**

*Pastor Paul Busekist*

**Song of the Day:**

***O Living Breath of God***

**ELW #407**

**Apostles 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.

**Prayers of the Church / Sign of the Peace** *(Let us give one another a sign of peace according to your comfort level.)*

**Offering / Offering Song:**

*Zeke Clemons*

**Offertory:**

***Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful***

**ELW #182**

**Offering Prayer**

A: Let us pray.

C: Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.

**Words of Institution**

**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.

**Communion** *(Please note: gluten-free wafers and white grape juice cups are available)*

**Communion Songs:**

***Holy Spirit, Hope and Healer  
Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup***

**BLC Choir  
ELW #492**

**Final Blessing**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*(Continued on next page)*

P: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ✠ bless you now and always.

C: Amen.

## **Sending Song:**

## **Send the Fire**

O God of burning, cleansing flame: Send the fire! Your blood-bought gift today we claim: Send the fire today! Look down and see this waiting host, and send the promised Holy Ghost. We need another Pentecost! Send the fire today! Send the fire today!

God of Elijah, hear our cry: Send the fire! And make us fit to live or die: Send the fire today! To burn up ev'ry trace of sin, to bring the light and glory in, the revolution now begin! Send the fire today! Send the fire today!

It's fire we want for fire we plead: Send the fire! The fire will meet our ev'ry need: Send the fire today! For strength to always do what's right, for grace to conquer in the fight, for pow'r to walk the world in light! Send the fire today! Send the fire today!

To make our weak hearts strong and brave: Send the fire! To live, a dying world to save: Send the fire today! Oh see us on Your altar lay, we give our lives to You today, so crown the off'ring now we pray: Send the fire today! Send the fire today! Send the fire today!

## **Dismissal**

P: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

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



**Bethlehem** May 19, 2024  
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## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

5/19—Jennifer Gaston  
5/20—Brandon Bugai  
5/20—Brandon Willaims

5/23—Courtney Leatherman  
5/23—Ally Leatherman

5/24—Cindy Hitesman  
5/24—Tom Rockne

### **Worship Servants for May 19**

Assisting Minister—Jana Rockne

Lector—Dave Pepler

Musicians: David Husser, Zeke Clemons, Phil & Denice Bossardet, Pr Paul

Today's altar flowers are donated: by Barbara Oster in Celebration of the birthday of her great-nephew, Jon Igoe

Hospitality—Gary and Kathy Ancinec

A/V—Jim Monroe / Barbara Oster

Cookies/Coffee—Cindy Monroe / Mary Ann Tanis

Welcome Table—VOLUNTEER

Bell Ringer—Tim Goebel

Front Door Monitors—Alanna Steffunick

Altar Guild—Kate Holtfreter / Barbara Oster

Tech Support—Julia Acker

Counters—Bonnie Gamble, Jane Passmore

**Building and Office Hours are: 9:00am – 2:30pm, Monday – Thursday.**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** We often find the front door and/or the kitchen door unlocked when there is no one in the building. Please be sure that the doors are locked when you leave.

**Please Note:**

Barbara Oster/Administrative Assistant works 9:00am-2:30pm on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

Phil Anderson/Bookkeeper works 8:30am-12:30pm on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. This is a change for the summer months

Alanna Steffunick/Ministry Coordinator works 9:00am-2:30pm – in the office on Tuesday and Thursday and from home on Wednesday

**Offerings:** The offering plates are now passed during the service. The vase in the back of the Sanctuary is still available for those who prefer not to touch the offering plate.

**The May issue of the STAR is now available.** The June issue will be distributed on May 26th. For current issues of the Star, feel free to check online at [www.bethlehemtc.org](http://www.bethlehemtc.org) < About Us > “The Online Bethlehem Star” or type this URL to get these directly: <http://www.bethlehemtc.org/the-bethlehem-star-newsletter>.

**We have just a few April/May/June Christ In Our Home available.** The next issue for July/August/September will be available at the end of May.

**Sunday School and Adult Education (Youth Room) Sunday at 9:15am.** May 19th will be the final week before taking a summer break. Then plan on joining again in September.

**Looking for a link to last month’s full Council minutes?** Type this address/url into your web browser to get the latest approved minutes from Council: [bethlehemtc.org/Council-Minutes](http://bethlehemtc.org/Council-Minutes) OR you may call the office to request a copy.

**Prayer Requests:**

- Prayer Chain: Please contact Jan Stretlien at [jstretlien@gmail.com](mailto:jstretlien@gmail.com) or 231-947-3265
- Prayers read from the altar: Please call Administrative Assistant in the church office 231-947-9880

**Celebrate a new child in your life with a rose on the baptismal font!** Cost \$10.00 per rose. Contact Barbara Oster at [beo6475@yahoo.com](mailto:beo6475@yahoo.com) or 231.668.7038.

**New member gathering scheduled: The gathering for anyone considering membership at Bethlehem is today immediately after the service.**

**Safety and Security: Locking the Doors During** Worship The Church Council has approved having the doors locked during worship on a permanent basis. Every Sunday the front doors will be locked and there will be people monitoring the doors to let late comers in. At this point we have a base of 5 people to be the monitors. We would like 3-4 more people so we can rotate only having to monitor once every 2 months. Please sign up in the Gathering Space if you would like to be on the rotation and what Sunday you would like to volunteer. Thank you for those who have volunteered.

**Norm Fred has helped a previously homeless couple for a few years.** They are proud people and do not like to be given charity but they will accept help in the form of donated cans that they can recycle for money. Please bring in your recyclables in for them. **Leave them in plastic bags by the garage.** These are nice people. There, but for the Grace of our God, go we.

**Spotlight on Zeke:** So many of us enjoy Zeke’s talents with religious music, but did you know that he plays other kinds of music at various locations in the Traverse City area? Here is a list of his engagements in the next month that are close to TC:

**Sun 5/26**—Bel Lago Winery (Cedar) 4:30pm

**Fri 5/31**—Grand Traverse Resort 7:00pm

**Thurs 5/30**—Brady’s Bar 6:30pm

**Fri 6/7**—Hotel Indigo 6:00pm

**FOR BOOK CLUB MEMBERS:** The book club will discuss *We Are the Light* by Matthew Quick during a dinner meeting at 5:30 on Tues May 28 at The Cottage. Look for extra copies on the counter below the mailboxes. Just sign your name on the sheet by the corresponding number of your book. If you cannot come to church when it is open please contact Cindy Monroe at [cmonroe@chartermi.net](mailto:cmonroe@chartermi.net) and we will make other arrangements such as a book in the wooden STAR box attached to the outdoor mailbox post.

**GET A TREAT AND TAKE A SEAT!!!** Remember that the final Sunday of each month – which is next Sunday, May 26th, we are moving our coffee hour into the Fellowship Hall. This allows each person to sit for a moment and perhaps visit with someone new. So, on that Sunday each month be sure to take a turn into the Fellowship Hall. We will have a reminder sign on the counter in the Gathering Space to help you remember. Thank you!

**DIRECTORY UPDATE:** If you had your picture taken or submitted for our new directory, and were not able to pick it up this past Sunday, a copy with your name on it will be waiting for you in your mailbox at church. Our participating home bound members will have their copy delivered by a Christian Caregiving committee member. We are grateful for our congregation's participation and want to send a huge thank you to our committee's volunteers: Nancy Ammann, Maureen Bauer, Gail Goldsmith, Kathi Ivany, Sherri Helman, Cindy Monroe, Kristen Rivard, Betty Rutila and Barb Wright - Christine Hubert and Kathy Ancinec, co-chairs

**Nominations open for Sustaining Endowment committee.** Sustaining Endowment is looking for new members for the coming year. This committee meets once a quarter so you would not be at meetings every month. If you are interested, please contact Dave Pepler who is the current leader for the Sustaining Endowment committee. This is a very important committee. Elections will be held at the Congregational Assembly on June 16th.

**STAR DELIVERY-WE FOUND A BETTER WAY!!** All of us are aware that the price of postage keeps increasing. Since so many of you have returned to church we are returning to an "old" way and starting a "new" way of dispersing the STAR. You can pick-up a copy in church, or if you have reliable e-mail, you will receive an automatic STAR each month without any extra clicking. We know that neither of these ways are possible for some of you so simply contact the office at 947-9880 to request that mail delivery continues. We will change to these new ways at the end of June for the July issue.

**Are you grieving something from a death or something else?** It could be any kind of loss, and it hurts. We have a place for you here at Bethlehem on the 3rd Monday of the month from 6:00 to 7:00 in the library. If you have any questions please contact Peggy Burns at 231 392-6913.

**Adult Bible Study:** This Wednesday morning Bible Study is finished for the season. They will resume when Sunday school starts in September.

**The Zoom Book and Bible Study:** meets on Wednesdays from 1:30-3:00pm. We are studying *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger. The group will conclude this book on May 29th and take the summer off. Be on the lookout for the start date in September along with the topic.

**Are you looking for the Caring Table for your donations?** It has been moved inside the coat room to the right. Also, the area for the Oleson and Family Fair receipts is in the lower cabinets below the mailboxes (under the A-B-Cs...). The cabinet door is marked with the receptacle inside.

**LOST AND FOUND:** If you lose something in the church building, please check our new Lost and Found box located in the Coat Room. Also, if you find something, please put it in the box.

**Coffee and Cookies on Sunday:** Remember that treats and a hot drink on Sunday are appreciated by all. Please take a moment to sign up to bring cookies or some other tasty treat on the Sunday that works best for you. Or sign up to prepare the coffee to give our loyal volunteer Mary Ann Tanis a day off. Please see the message elsewhere about having the final Sunday of the month be a time when we join in the Fellowship Hall for this activity. We can sit at a table and chat with someone new while we munch on a treat!!

**Yarn Available:** There is yarn available free for the taking located in the cabinets located under the mailboxes in the Narthex. Take what you need.

**Name tags:** Your name tags are in your mailboxes. Please retrieve them so you can proudly wear them on Sunday mornings. We often have visitors and with so many recent new members it helps them if they can see a friendly face and attach a name to it.

**Food Pantry:** It's SPRING, so hopefully we do not need to be concerned about the cold damaging any of our food in the outdoor pantry. Please start looking for staple items when they are on sale and bring your extras to the coat room. Your generosity is so appreciated.

**A big thank you to all who have turned in Olesons' slips.** On April 8th, we received a check from Olesons for \$206.60. Olesons' slips never expire. Please continue to turn in your Olesons receipts to Bethlehem. Thanks so much!!!

**Hoop's Pet Food Pantry:** This is the only pet food pantry in NW lower Michigan. They primarily provide dry food, wet food, treats, cat litter and toys for mostly dogs and cats but they will support any type of pet to the best of their ability. Please visit them at the Square Deal Country Store, 900 Woodmere Ave, TC **from 11:00am – 2:00pm on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month** with your donations OR you may leave donations in the tub on our "donations" table in the coat room. The volunteers have expressed their appreciation when receiving our donations.

**Have something important going on at Bethlehem that you'd like others to know about?** Maybe a Small Group? A Club Event? Feature it on the Screen Announcements, weekly emails and on our Facebook Events Page! If there is something you'd like featured or included in any of these, please reach out to [alanna.steffunick@bethlehemtc.org](mailto:alanna.steffunick@bethlehemtc.org) If you are not getting the weekly emails for any reason, please contact Alanna.

**Please consider signing up for Altar Flowers for a Sunday service.** Please use the sign-up poster in the Narthex by signing on the date you request. Then fill out a pink slip with the necessary information and place it and a check for \$40 (payable to Bethlehem Lutheran Church or BLC) in the offering plate on Sunday morning (Preferable) or during the week, in the Administrative Assistant's mailbox near the church office entrance. You may select either "in honor" or "in memory" or "to celebrate". If someone has already signed on the date you would like, feel free to add your name – we welcome more than one on a Sunday.

**The church calendar is below. Please be sure to notify the office ([admin@bethlehemtc.org](mailto:admin@bethlehemtc.org) or 231.947.9880) to be sure that your group is of the calendar.**

**Sunday, May 19**

**Pentecost – Wear Red**

- 9:15am—Sunday School
- 9:15am—Adult Education (YR)
- 10:00am—Traditional Worship Service (S)
- 11:15am—New Member Gathering
- 1:00pm—Confirmation End-of-Year Gathering (Offsite)

**Monday, May 20**

- 6:00pm—Grief Group (Library)

**Tuesday, May 21**

**Bulletin articles due today**

- 9:00am—Property Work Group
- 9:00am—LWR Quilters (FH)
- 12:00pm—Sarah Circle (Library)
- 6:30pm—Council Meeting (Library)
- 7:00pm—Lautner SG (Offsite)

**Wednesday, May 22**

- 9:30am—Adult Bible Study (YR)
- 11:30am—Music Rehearsal (S)
- 1:00pm—Johnson SG (Offsite)
- 1:30pm—Zoom Bible Study
- 5:30pm—Vision Team (Library)

**Thursday, May 23**

- 5:30pm—ACA (FH)

**Sunday, May 26**

- 10:00am—Worship Service (S)
- 11:15am—Coffee/Cookies in Fellowship Hall

**CONTRA DANCE  
BY BAYSIDE TRAVELLERS**

**SAT, JUNE 8TH 2024**

**BEGINNER WORKSHOP  
7PM**

**DANCES  
7:30 - 10:30PM**

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