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THE DAY OF PENTECOST

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JUNE 5, 2022

PRELUDE:

"Ride the Chariot"

Advanced Adult Handbells

~ arr. Anna Laura Page

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN:

"O Holy Spirit, Enter In"

LSB 913

1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, And in our hearts
2 Give to Your Word im - pres - sive pow'r, That in our hearts
3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, Let Your dear Word,
Your work be - gin, Your dwell - ing place now make us.
from this good hour As fire it may be glow - ing,
in doubt and strife, In us be strong - ly burn - ing
Sun of the soul, O Light di - vine, A - round and in
That in true Chris - tian u - ni - ty We faith - ful wit -
That we be faith - ful un - to death And live in love
us bright - ly shine, To joy and glad - ness wake us
ness - es may be, Your glo - ry ev - er show - ing.
and ho - ly faith, From You true wis - dom learn - ing.
That we may be Tru - ly liv - ing, To You giv - ing
Hear us, cheer us By Your teach - ing; Let our preach - ing
Your grace and peace On us show - er; By Your pow - er
Prayer un - ceas - ing And in love be still in - creas - ing.
And our la - bor Praise You, Lord, and serve our neigh - bor.
Christ con - fess - ing, Let us see our Sav - ior's bless - ing.

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER:

Leader: Father of Your children and Lord of Your Church, grant us Your people God-wrought anguish over the lost and erring and over injustice and oppression, so that we may seek to be vehicles through which faith and freedom, justification and justice are known and experienced. Bless us to cling to the foolishness of the cross to such an extent that we believe that You can make a difference through those as simple as us.

People: **Amen.**

INVOCATION:

Leader: As the Church we worship and serve the God whose name we bear:

People: **God the Father,**

Leader: Who sent His Son to be our Savior and Brother and Friend.

People: **God the Son,**

Leader: Who gave Himself for us on the cross, rose from the grave, ascended into heaven and lives within us.

People: **God the Holy Spirit,**

Leader: Who gave birth to the church
and through baptism has brought us into a living faith.

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:

Leader: Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly dove, with light and comfort from above.

People: **Come, be our guardian and our guide;
in every thought and step preside.**

Leader: Lead us to Christ, the Holy One;

People: **Forgive our sins, all said and done.**

Leader: The light of truth to us display and make us know and choose The way;

People: **Plant holy fear within each heart,
that we from God, may not depart.
Guide us in faith to hear Christ's Word
and live each day by Your fire stirred.**

Leader: Then take us home at last to heaven God's eternal gift to His own given.

SONG OF PRAISE: "When In Our Music God Is Glorified?" LSB 796

1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied
3 So has the Church, in lit - ur - gy and song,
5 Let ev - 'ry in - stru - ment be tuned for praise!

And ad - o - ra - tion leaves no room for pride,
In faith and love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong,
Let all re - joice who have a voice to raise!

It is as though the whole cre - a - tion cried:
Borne wit - ness to the truth in ev - 'ry tongue:
And may God give us faith to sing al - ways:

Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia!

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: *Genesis 11:1-9*

The whole world had one language with a common vocabulary. As people moved toward the east, they found a plain in Shinar [Babylonia] and settled there.

They said to one another, “Let’s make bricks and bake them thoroughly.” They used bricks as stones and tar as mortar.

Then they said, “Let’s build a city for ourselves and a tower with its top in the sky. Let’s make a name for ourselves so that we won’t become scattered all over the face of the earth.”

The LORD came down to see the city and the tower that the descendants of Adam were building. The LORD said, “They are one people with one language. This is only the beginning of what they will do! Now nothing they plan to do will be too difficult for them. Let us go down there and mix up their language so that they won’t understand each other.”

So the LORD scattered them all over the face of the earth, and they stopped building the city. This is why it was named Babel, because there the LORD turned the language of the whole earth into babble. From that place the LORD scattered them all over the face of the earth. – GW ®

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

THE ACCOUNT OF THE FIRST PENTECOST: *Acts 2:1-21*

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ***All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.***

Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. Utterly amazed, they asked: “Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and

Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

“‘In the last days, God says, *I will pour out my Spirit on all people.*

Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.

Even on my servants, both men and women, *I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.*

I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke.

The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’ – NIV®

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: *“Holy Spirit, Light Divine”*
 ~ Jeffrey Blersch

Bethany Choir

THE HOLY GOSPEL: *John 14:23-31*

Jesus answered him, “Those who love me will do what I say. My Father will love them, and we will go to them and make our home with them. A person who doesn’t love me doesn’t do what I say. I don’t make up what you hear me say. What I say comes from the Father who sent me.

“I have told you this while I’m still with you. However, the helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything. He will remind you of everything that I have ever told you.

“I’m leaving you peace. I’m giving you my peace. I don’t give you the kind of peace that the world gives. So don’t be troubled or cowardly. You heard me tell you, ‘I’m going away, but I’m coming back to you.’ If you loved me, you would be glad that I’m going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I am.

“I’m telling you this now before it happens. When it does happen, you will believe. The ruler of this world has no power over me. But he’s coming, so I won’t talk with you much longer. However, I want the world to know that I love the Father and that I am doing exactly what the Father has commanded me to do. Get up! We have to leave.” – GW ®

SERMON HYMN:

“Come Down, O Love Divine”

LSB 501



1 Come down, O Love di - vine; Seek Thou this soul of mine,
 2 O let it free - ly burn, Till world - ly pas - sions turn
 3 Let ho - ly char - i - ty Mine out - ward ves - ture be
 4 And so the yearn - ing strong, With which the soul will long,

And vis - it it with Thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
 To dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
 And low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing—
 Shall far out - pass the pow’r of hu - man tell - ing;

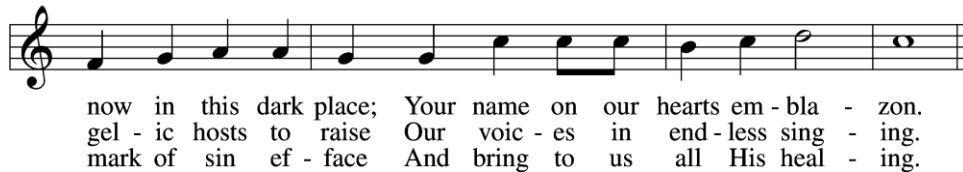
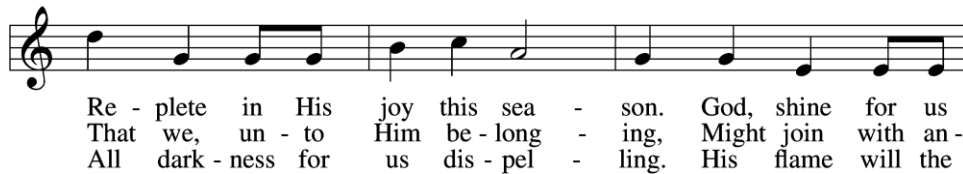
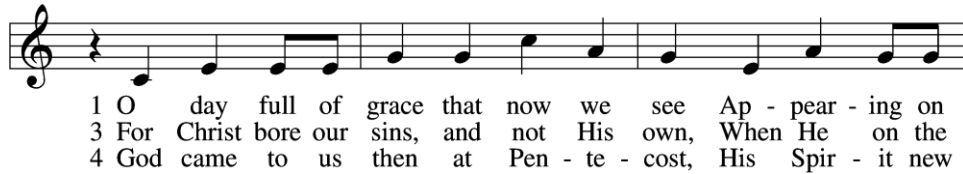
O Com - fort - er, draw near; With - in my heart ap - pear,
 And let Thy glo - rious light Shine ev - er on my sight,
 True low - li - ness of heart, Which takes the hum - bler part,
 No soul can guess His grace Till it be - come the place

And kin - dle it, Thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 And clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 And o’er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.
 Where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes His dwell - ing.

SERMON: "A Pentecost Flashback"

HYMN OF THE DAY: "O Day Full of Grace"

LSB 503



CONFESSION OF FAITH: *Third Article of the Apostles' Creed & Meaning
according to Luther's Small Catechism*

ALL: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Leader: What does this mean?

ALL: I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength
believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him;
but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel,
enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.
In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens,
and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth,
and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.
In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins
and the sins of all believers.
On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead,
and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.
This is most certainly true.

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Giving is now available by texting GIVE to 562-210-0463. For On-line Giving
information, contact Maralee at mshaeffer@bethanylutheran.org or call 562-421-4711,
ext. 21. Thank you!*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

Leader: O God the Father, who has made of one blood all the nations of the earth:
People: Have mercy on us.

Leader: O God the Son, who has redeemed all mankind
from the power of darkness:
People: Have mercy on us.

Leader: O God the Holy Spirit, Giver of life and light,
by whom the whole body of the church is led and held together:

People: Have mercy on us.

Leader: For the early disciples who were sent forth by Christ
to proclaim the coming Kingdom:

People: We praise You, O God.

Leader: For the apostles, who in obedience to His Word
carried the Gospel through the empire and to the world beyond:

People: We praise You, O God.

Leader: For those who in the ages of darkness kept alive the light
and who, while others slept, were faithful to their Lord's command.

People: We praise You, O God.

Leader: For all who in our day division and partisanship have proclaimed
and lived out the unity that is found in Jesus.

People: We praise You, O God.

Leader: For the innumerable company who now praise Your name
out of every ethnic group and nation and tongue:

People: We praise You, O God.

Leader: That the day would come
when the Gospel has been preached to all nations
and the whole world has been filled with the knowledge of Your name
and the grace of the same:

People: Hear us, we implore You, O Lord. Amen.

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.**

+ *Holy Communion* +

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Bethany in the joyful confession that our Lord gives us His very Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sins in this sacrament. God intends this gift for His children who recognize their sin, trust in Christ as their Savior, desire to live for Him alone and join in this joyful confession.

To help you prepare for communion we invite you to take a few moments of quiet prayer. For aid there are prayers on the front page of the hymnal for both before and after the reception of communion. Or simply pray, *Dear Lord Jesus, at Your gracious invitation You invite me to come to You, to eat and drink Your holy body and blood as You Yourself have promised to give in this sacrament of Your altar. Forgive me of my sin, through this Your meal of Forgiveness. Let me experience the fullness of Your love, through this Your meal of love. Strengthen my faith, through this meal of Yours that calls for and bestows faith. Empower me to live for You, through this Your meal that promises life everlasting and equips me for daily living as one who has received You and Your gifts.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

For those communing, who so desire, the center cups in each tray are alcohol free.

The wafers next to the Christ candle side are gluten free;

for those with dietary restrictions, please take a gluten free wafer.

For those wishing to use a self-contained communion chalice, let an usher know.

In our 9:30 a.m. service we will practice the Easter tradition of continuous communion. We will not kneel at the altar, rather we will join the procession of saints and come forward and remain standing as we receive the bread and wine. After receiving the elements, you are invited to return to your seat and continue in meditation, prayer and song.

DISTRIBUTION

HYMNS OF DISTRIBUTION:

“Song of the Spirit”

~ by Derek Hakes

Advanced Adult Handbells

“I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table”

LSB 618



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and
2 Thy heart is filled with fer - vent yearn - ing That sin - ners
3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I
4 Wea - ry am I and heav - y lad - en; With sin my
5 What high - er gift can we in - her - it? It is faith's



wea - ry is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a -
may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to Thee in
have a sin - ful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt
soul is sore op - pressed; Re - ceive me gra - cious -
bond and sol - id base; It is the strength of



lone art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole:
faith are turn - ing; So I, a sin - ner, come to Thee.
ban - ish nev - er, For Thou my faith - ful shep - herd art:
ly and glad - den My heart, for I am now Thy guest.
heart and spir - it, The cov - e - nant of hope and grace.



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER



HOLY BAPTISMS:

9:30 + *Jack Lay Lim* +
 + *Sokear Huy* +
 + *Jasmine Lim* +

Elder: Through Baptism, God has made *Jack, Sokear and Jasmine* members of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that together we may present the forgiveness of God in Christ to our world.

People: **We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as fellow members of the body of Christ and workers with us in the kingdom of God.**

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING:

Leader: Now God Himself, Who through the resurrection of His Son has won life for you, by His Holy Spirit, kindle in you the fire of His love, empower your life for service and witness and give you a tongue to declare His praise, through Jesus Christ, your Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WOV 723

1	The	Spir - it	sends	us	forth	to	serve;	we	go	in
2	We	go	to	com - fort	those	who	mourn	and	set	the
3	We	go	to	be	the	hands	of	Christ,	to	scat - ter
4	Then	let	us	go	to	serve	in	peace,	the	gos - pel

Je	-	sus'	name	to	bring	glad	tid	-	ings
bur	-	dened	free;	where	hope	is	dim,		to
joy		like	seed	and,	all	our	days,		to
to		pro	- claim.	God's	Spir	- it	has		em

to	the	poor,	God's	fa	-	vor	to	pro	-	claim.
share	a	dream	and	help		the	blind	to		see.
cher	-	ish	life,	to	do	the	lov	-	ing	deed.
pow	-	ered	us;	we	go	in	Je	-	sus'	name.

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“O Day Full of Grace” LSB 503

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You can hear them as podcasts on our website www.bethanylutheran.org.

NEW MEMBER INFORMATION: As we are working through portions of St. Luke's book of Acts, we hear over and over again the words, "and the Lord added to their number." That same Lord works the same today as He did back then. We in turn, like the first disciples, give Him all thanks and praise for all those individuals and families He continues to add to our "number." We are thrilled to welcome and grow with all those the Lord adds to our Bethany Household. If you are new(er) to Bethany and are interested in congregational membership please email Pastor Kevin Kritzer at: kkritzer@bethanylutheran.org

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday – Thursday from 7:30 AM – 12:00 PM.

Closed Fridays.

Well done, servants of the Lord!

Bethany Lutheran School announces the retirement of two of our beloved teachers.



*Mrs. Kim Innes
44 years teaching,
29 at Bethany*



*Mrs. Cheryl Stejskal
25 years teaching,
18 at Bethany*

Please join us for a celebration
hosted by the Board of Schools
on Sunday, June 12 after the 8:00 service

Congratulatory cards and video greetings
can be sent to Dr. Mary Fink by June 6:
mfink@bethanylutheran.org
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Attn: Retirement

We are also collecting cards in the Narthex

