

Welcome to Bethania Lutheran Kirke



Mother's Day | Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2024

9:30 a.m.

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<http://www.bethanialutheran.org/bulletins/>

Order of Worship for Sunday, May 12, 2024

Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS

GATHERING

(Please rise)

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: All who gather here are sons or daughters.

C: **We praise God for the women who gave us life.**

P: For mothers brave, strong, compassionate, full of wisdom and grace,

C: We give God thanks and praise.

P: For mothers vulnerable, worried, frustrated, and hurried,

C: We pray for peace.

P: For relationships that are strained and no longer a source of joy,

C: We pray for healing.

P: For mothers who have died, that live no longer with us, but whose light shines on in our hearts and memories,

C: We pray for those that mourn, and give God thanks for life eternal.

P: For mothers who grieve, who have lost children born or unborn,

C: We weep with those with broken hearts.

P: For those who are struggling to raise children, who are tired and weary,

C: We pray that we may be their village, offering real help in hard times.

P For those who are preparing emptier nests,

C: We both celebrate and mourn with you, and hope their wings are as strong as their roots are deep.

P: For stepmothers, navigating the pitfalls and joys of creating a new family,

C: We pray for wisdom and patience.

P: For Grandmothers who are doing the hard work of raising children again,

C: We pray the caregivers have those who care for them.

P: For those who are waiting and sometimes struggling with the biological process to bring new life, and for those who are waiting for adoptive process to be fulfilled.

C: We wait eagerly with you, and offer you our hand to hold in the trial.

P: For women who do not have children, but instead teach, lead, care for, and guide the children of others,

C: We give God thanks and praise.

PROCESSIONAL & GATHERING HYMN

"Love Divine, All Love Excelling"
Lutheran Book of Worship—Green Hymnal

#315

SALUTATION

L : 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

P: Let us pray,

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(Please be seated)

WORD

OUR FIRST LESSON is from the book of Acts, chapter 1, verses 15 through 17 and 21 through 26.

In the days between Jesus' ascension and Pentecost, Peter oversees the process whereby one of the members of the community of believers is chosen to be the twelfth apostle, in order to fill the vacancy created by Judas's treachery and death.

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶"Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

OUR SECOND LESSON is from the book of First John ; chapter 5, verses 9 through 13.

God has borne witness to the gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ. Whoever believes in the Son of God believes in the witness of God and has the promise of eternal life.

⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those who have faith in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not have faith in God have made him a liar by not having faith in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us boundless life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³I write these things to you who have faith in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have boundless life.

L: This is the Spirit speaking to the church.
C: **Thanks be to God!**

(Please rise)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 14th chapter.

C: **Glory to you O Lord.**

GOSPEL: John 17:6-19

In this reading the church hears Jesus' words on the night before his death—his prayer for his disciples and for all who would believe in him through their words.

Jesus prayed: ⁶"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your Word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have had faith that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I kept them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to

the world. ¹⁷Dedicate them to the truth; your Word is truth.
¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them
into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I dedicate myself, so that
they also may be dedicated to truth."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you O Christ.

(Please be seated)

MESSAGE

(Please rise)

HYMN OF THE DAY - Perfect Love #278

Lutheran Book of Worship –Green Hymnal

EASTER UNISON PRAYER

P: Let Us Pray,

**C: O God of Easter joy,
we come this morning
with glad shouts of acclamation.**

Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed.

**May this time of worship
help us to truly and fully experience this Risen Christ.
May we be transformed.
transformed into your butterfly people,
winging through the earth
with messages of beauty, hope and life.
Amen.**

PRAYER SONG

(WOV# 751)

○ Lord, hear my prayer,
○ Lord, hear my prayer:
when I call, answer me.
○ Lord, hear my prayer,
○ Lord, hear my prayer:
come and listen to me.

PRAYERS

P: Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

P: You sanctify us in your truth; your word is truth. Send your church out into the world to spread your love and joy. Embolden all bishops, pastors, and deacons (*especially*) to be faithful ministers of your word and sacraments. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Your creation groans under the strain of pollution. Preserve melting glaciers and dwindling forests. Bolster those who work for climate justice and help us all to be good and faithful stewards of your creation. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Your people seek wisdom, understanding, and peace. Guide all those who govern and inspire them to work on behalf of the most vulnerable in our midst. Keep safe first responders, those serving in the military, and those whose duty it is to protect others. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Your children need your loving care. Protect them from all harm. Comfort those in any affliction *especially* Jeff & Sue, Bonnie, Heather, Anita, Grete, Bettie, Kim F. .Support those who grieve and bring solace to those near death. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Your Spirit lives within us here. Inspire the work of this congregation and unite us as one. Bless all the mothers in our midst, console those for whom this day is difficult, and gather us all under the care of your loving wings. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Your saints dwell with you in light. Keep us ever thankful for those who have gone before us in faith (*especially*). Inspire us by their witness. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

C: Amen.

PRAYER SONG (repeated)

(WOV# 751)

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SHARING OF THE PEACE (1 John 4, John 15)

P: Abiding in Christ's love, let us turn to one another and offer signs of forgiveness, love and peace.

(Shaking of hands and sharing the peace with one another)

OFFERTORY

(WOV #761)

Now we offer you, our Father,
with the bread and with the wine
all our joys and all our sorrows,
all our struggles and our time.

In these gifts we see our oneness
throughout city and the field,
and we find a life of solace
where the scars of strife are healed. *Refrain*

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray,

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.

C: Amen

INTRODUCTION TO THE MEAL

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Glorious God, in Moses, the prophets, and the psalms you showed your purpose for your people and your love for your world. In Jesus you fulfilled your promises and opened to us your heart.

Gracious God, your Son at his ascension promised the disciples they would be clothed with power from on high. Send now your Holy Spirit, that we may know the presence of your Son among us, and that bread broken, and wine outpoured, may be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ; who, on the night in which he was betrayed, took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying,

"Drink of this, all of you: this cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."

P: Generous God, your Son told his disciples
to stay in the city until they were clothed by the Spirit.
Give courage to those whom you call
to stay in places of danger and confusion
when their hearts are full of doubt and disillusion.
Your Son withdrew from the disciples
when they did not know what the future would hold.
Be close to all who face an uncertain future
and deeply know their need of you.
Give your church a fresh outpouring of your Spirit
and make it a blessing to all the children of your earth;
until the completion of your Son's ministry
becomes the completion of your whole creation,
and you are all in all, one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

P: Let us join together in saying the prayer our Lord taught us
to pray. *(You are invited to hold hands with our neighbor)*

LORD'S PRAYER

**C: 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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The risen Christ is made known to us
in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table.
All are welcome.

(Please be seated)

SHARING THE MEAL

For in person, come up the center aisle, receive your communion wafer, carefully dip your wafer into the wine. If grape juice/ covid safe is preferred let the assistant know.

For at home using plain bread/crackers and wine/grape juice.

COMMUNION HYMN -

"Let All Things Now Living" # 557

Lutheran Book of Worship—Green Hymnal

BLESSING

P: The God of all,
who raised ☩ Jesus from the dead,
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit
to live in the new creation.

C: AMEN!

VOCATION, MINISTRY

581

You Are Mine



1 "I will come to you in the si - lence,
2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less,
3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,
(4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom,

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I will lift you from all your fear.
I am eyes for all who long to see.
heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame.
am the peace the world can - not give.

(2) In the



You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be
shad - ows of the night, I will be your light.
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and
I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand



still and know I am here.
Come and rest in me.
all will know my name.
up, now walk and live!

To stanza 2

To refrain

To refrain

To refrain



Do not be a - fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by



name. Come and fol - low me, I will bring you home; I



love you and you are mine."

To stanzas 3 and 4

4 "I

RECESSIONAL

A: We follow the cross of Christ into the world.

(Congregation turns as the cross passes them—so they are facing the back of the church)

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

THE ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY are In Honor of all the Mom's at Bethania.

TODAYS WORSHIP LEADERS:

Pastor: Rev. Paul Nuechterlein

Musician: William Mueller

Lector: Calaway Alderson

Communion Assistants: Jeff & Calaway Alderson

Acolyte, Offering presenter and Building Host: Jeff Alderson

Coffee Hour: Altar Guild

Altar Flowers: TBD

Live Stream Tech: Brad Larsen

May 19, 2024 WORSHIP LEADERS:

Pastor: Rev. Paul Nuechterlein

Musician: William Mueller

Lector: Robin Barnes

Communion Assistants: John & Robin Barnes

Acolyte, Offering presenter and Building Host: John Barnes

Coffee Hour: Altar Guild

Altar Flowers: Leger Family

Live Stream Tech: To Be Determined



JOIN US PENTECOST SUNDAY,

May 19th, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

for the

Confirmation of

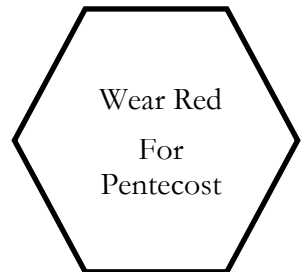
Ava Leger

At Bethania Lutheran Church

4120 Wright Avenue

Racine

Reception following the Worship service





CALLING ALL 2024 Graduates!



If you have any one in your family that will be graduating in 2024 please let the church office know. We would like to acknowledge their accomplishments.



If you have anyone you would like to have added to the prayer chain **please contact Kelly Imhoff at 262-554-1558 or by email: bethaniaprayer-chain@wi.twcbc.com**

THIS WEEK AT BETHANIA....

Sunday, May 12, 2024

9:30 a.m. – Worship In Person & on Facebook Live

10:30 a.m. –Coffee Hour

Monday, May 13, 2023

Office Closed

Tuesday, May 15, 2024

Office Closed

Wednesday, May 16, 2024

Office Closed

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. - Thread By Thread OPEN

Thursday, May 17, 2024

Office Closed

Friday, May 18, 2024

Office Closed

Sunday, May 19, 2024—Pentecost/Confirmation Sunday

9:30 a.m. – Worship In Person & on Facebook Live

10:30 a.m. –Coffee Hour