

Morning Worship

Bethesda Lutheran Church - 8:30 AM
Immanuel Lutheran Church - 11:00 AM
May 28, 2023
Day of Pentecost

Before we begin our worship this morning, I acknowledge that Bethesda Lutheran Church/Immanuel Lutheran Church sits on the traditional grounds of the Anishinaabe People, and we honor their elders both past and present. Their presence is imbued in the lands and waters surrounding us. We nurture our relationships with our indigenous neighbors, and the shared responsibilities to their homeland where we all reside today.

HOLY COMMUNION

Prelude

GATHERING

Confession and Forgiveness

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

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

Silence

Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God, 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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✚ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn: WOV #718 “Here in This Place”

Greeting

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.

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

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.

Lord have mercy.

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

Lord have mercy.

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

Hymn of Praise WOV #797 “O God beyond All Praising”

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. **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

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.


Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; refrain, Ps. 104:30

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: John 20:19-23

The Holy Gospel according to John, the twentieth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel is read.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

Sermon: Pastor Will Mowchan

Hymn of the Day: WOV #687 “*Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading*”

Affirmation of Faith

We believe that God's creative Spirit is always present, always creates and always works for good. It changes darkness into light, despair into hope and dead ends into new beginnings.

We believe in the risen Christ whose Spirit of new life touches us, often through other people and often in surprising ways. It guides us when we are confident and energized and when we search and worry. His spirit fills us through prayer, worship and service.

We believe in the Spirit, the hidden presence behind every resurrection, the energy of God that calls us by our very own names to venture out with good courage, and that restlessly makes us into bringers of hope, courage, beauty and peace.

Prayers of Intercession

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Intercessions, each followed by: Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Other intercession: You know the need for healing, comfort, help or resolution for those we name before you today: Myrna & Richard Northrop, Kermit & Judy DelMain, Wally & Colleen Nozal, Marty Burkel, Janet Hunt, Max Paap, Casey French, Kerissa Morrin, Ed DePerry, Lorayne Reedy, Lois Osterberg, Bill Peterson, Courtney Byerhof, Sandy Bodner, Chuck & Marcia Perry, Sharon Johnson, Mary Phillips, Joe Volpe, Rhiannon Tourdot, and Judy Faragher. Open the heart, we pray, of the Pastor that you are calling to serve our parish. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen**

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

(Share a sign of God's peace with one another.)

Offering

Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, **O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who give himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has bought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
 might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

Invitation to Communion

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The body and the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Prayer after Communion

We give you thanks almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Communion Hymn WOV #684 *“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”*

Announcements:

Benediction

God's creative wisdom guides your decisions. God's energy fuels your actions that you do to bless.

The grace and love of Christ encourage and guide you in your dealings with people along your way.

The constant presence of the Spirit is your strength and endurance.
Amen.

Sending Hymn WOV #741 *"Thy Holy Wings"*

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share eternal life!

Thanks be to God!