

Bethlehem Lutheran Church



The Feast of Pentecost May 28, 2023

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The Order of Worship
Divine Service Setting One (LSB 151)

*(Please stand if you are able for portions of the liturgy marked with an *)*

Opening Hymn: Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid **LSB 500**

Confession and Absolution* **LSB 151**

Introit (Ps. 68:1, 4a, c, 11a, 33b, 35a; antiphon: Liturgical Text, Ps. 68:3)

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world. Alleluia. The righteous shall be glad.

They shall exult before God; they shall be jubilant with joy! Alleluia.

God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered; and those who hate him shall flee before him!

Sing to God, sing praises to his name; exult before him!

The Lord gives the word; behold, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.

Awesome is God from his sanctuary; the God of Israel—he is the one who gives power and strength to his people.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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Kyrie* **LSB 152**

This Is the Feast* **LSB 155**

Collect*: O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 11:1-9

¹ Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. ² And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. ³ And they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.” And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. ⁴ Then they said,

“Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth.”⁵ And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built.⁶ And the LORD said, “Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them.⁷ Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another’s speech.”⁸ So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city.⁹ Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth. And from there the LORD dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual: Alleluia. When you send forth your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground. Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.

Second Reading: Acts 2:1-21

¹ When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place.² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them.⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.⁵ Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven.⁶ And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language.⁷ And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?”⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language?⁹ Parthians and Medes and 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,¹¹ both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.”¹² And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?”¹³ But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up

his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵ For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶ But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ ““And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on 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 on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; ²⁰ the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. ²¹ And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia*

LSB 156

Holy Gospel*: John 14:23-31

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²³ Jesus answered him, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father’s who sent me. ²⁵ “These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. ²⁸ You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I will come to you.’ If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. ³⁰ I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, ³¹ but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed*	LSB 158
Hymn of the Day: Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord	LSB 497
Sermon	
Prayer of the Church*	
Offering	
Offertory*	LSB 781 (<i>Stzs. 1 & 2</i>)
Service of the Sacrament*	LSB 160
Distribution Hymns: 913, 650, 647, 496, 524	
Thank the Lord*	LSB 164
Benediction*	
Closing Hymn: Before You, Lord, We Bow	LSB 966

Announcements

What does this mean: Pentecost comes from the Greek word Pentêkostê, meaning “the fiftieth day.” It is celebrated 50 days after Easter Sunday and is 10 days after Christ’s Ascension.

Church Office Closed Tomorrow: The church office will be closed tomorrow, May 29th.

Thank You: Thank you to all our church family for your thoughts, cards, and prayers for our family, during this difficult time. It helps to know she is no longer in pain and struggling to get through each day. A special thanks to Pastor Jennings and the Ladies Aid for the service and luncheon. It made everything a lot easier to get through. The family of Connie Schilling

Join us for Women’s Summer Bible Study: Starting May 31st from 6:30pm–8:00pm (no later) at Trinity Lutheran Church, Hoyleton. Pastor Mueller, Zone Counselor, will lead us on May 31st. We will read through the Book of Ruth together and he will give an overview of the whole book. Then June 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th we will read a chapter each night and discuss the text. Bring a Bible, your water bottle, a pen and something to take notes. No charge, just come. You may contact Deb Albers (618-978-3770) if you have any questions.

Attention all Bethlehem Ladies: Ladies Aid is sponsoring a social event with the theme entitled “Vintage Garden Party”. It will be Friday, June 16, 2023 at 5:00pm at Twelve Oaks Winery. Feel free to wear your hat, gloves, etc. if you so desire. There will be food furnished by Ladies Aid. Please let Sharon Schneider (618-226-3353) know by June 5th if you will be attending.

Scholarships: Lutheran Hour Ministry of the Southern Illinois District has scholarships available for college juniors or older who are going into church work. If interested, please contact Steve Kasten at smkasten@netwitz.net or at 21237 Sassafras Road, Hoyleton, IL 62803. The application deadline is June 15, 2023.

VBS: All Aboard! Book your “ticket” for the Celebration Station VBS on June 24, 2023 from 9:00am-2:00pm at the Preschool building. We don’t want the fun to start without you! Taking ages 3 and up. Join us as we celebrate the gift of salvation through Christ Jesus our Lord! Lunch will be served. Sign up sheets are in the Usher’s Room. I’d like all registrations in by June 17th. Woo Woo, don’t let the train leave without you! Any questions talk to Deb Albers or Kim Eggerman.

Summer Help: Trinity Lutheran School in Centralia, IL is looking for help with our summer care program. We need someone 18 years or older to work from noon - 5:30pm on Thursdays and Fridays or Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. You must take a drug test, be fingerprinted, have a background check, and have a doctor’s slip stating you are able to work. Contact 618-532-5434 for more information. You can send a resume and 3 reference letters to principal@trinitycentralia.org.

Full Time Teacher: Trinity Lutheran School in Centralia, IL is growing!! We are looking for a full time teacher for our preschool 3’s and 4’s for the 2023-2024 school year. If you are interested in joining the Trinity Family, please send your resume, transcripts, and 3 reference letters to principal@trinitycentralia.org or call (618) 532-5434 for more information.

Private Confession and Absolution: The Lutheran Confessions state that private absolution should be retained and not abolished in the churches (Augsburg Confession XI). With this in mind, if at any time you desire private confession and absolution, please give Pastor Jennings a call to set-up a time to meet privately.

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This Week in Our Congregation:

Sunday: 8:30am Bible Class/Sunday School
9:30am Divine Service
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