

WELCOME

to Bethel Lutheran Church!

We are so glad you are here with us for worship. As we gather together on this Pentecost Sunday, from the comfort of our homes, we hope and pray you experience the presence of God through this worship service. As scripture reminds us, God is with us no matter where we may be. It is for this reason we pray that you may be encountered by the living Christ this day.

* You are invited to stand as you are able.

The Prelude: Improvisation on "Veni, Creator Spiritus" James

The Welcome/Announcements/Video

***The Opening Hymn: "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine" #398**
(see insert for lyrics)

*The Pastoral Greeting:

Leader: We gather this day in the name of the One who was, who is, and who is to come...

People: We gather this day in the grace, mercy, and forgiveness of the Triune God. Amen.

*Today's Responsive Reading: (from an adaptation of Isaiah 43)

L: It feels like with every wave crashing in the sea, another person tells me who I should be. But You, God, tell me...

P: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine."

L: As each day brings new challenges whether from work, school, family, or friends, I feel like I am drowning and can't breathe. But You, God, tell me...

P: "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you."

L: It seems like everywhere I turn, my past mistakes are exposed and rubbed in my face burning my sense of self. But You, God, tell me...

P: "When you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you."

L: In all this, You, God, continue to remind me...

P: "I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior."

*The Prayer of the Day:

L: God of all people...

P: Your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon You. Teach us as disciples of Your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that Your name may be known throughout the earth. In Your precious name, we pray. Amen.

*Sharing God's Peace:

L: The peace of the Lord be with you, always.

P: And also with you!

The Children's Message: Ben Halunen/Heidi Gunderson

Music Ministry: "I Need Thee Every Hour" James
Zach Dunn, cello; Skip James, piano

The First Lesson: Psalm 103:10-14

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God!

The Second Lesson: Colossians 3:12-17

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God!

Acclamation for the Sundays of Easter "Victory," Palestrina



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the



vic - tor's tri - umph won! Now be the song of



praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!

*The Gospel Lesson: Luke 6:37-38, 41-42

The Message: "Always Look On the Bright Side"
James Mallis

***The Hymn: "Spirit of Gentleness" #396**
(See insert for lyrics)

*The Offering Prayer:

L: Generous God...

P: We give You thanks for the warm weather, the sun, the plants springing forth from the ground, and the many other blessings that You shower down upon us. Help us to continue to recognize Your blessings and use them to heed Your calling to care for others. In Your generous name, we pray. Amen.

Giving our First and Best to God through our Offering

The Offering Music: "Aurelia" James
Zach Dunn, cello; Skip James, piano

*The Prayers of God's People:

L: Amazing God...

P: Hear our prayer.

*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.

*The Closing Blessing:

***The Closing Hymn: "Faith of Our Fathers"**
(See insert for lyrics)

*The Sending:

L: May we go this day, strengthened and renewed by the love that God has for us...

P: Fearing nothing, because God is with us, now and forever.

Postlude: Improvisation on "St. Catherine" James

Graduating Seniors

Jack	Austreng	Keaton	Malloy
Julia	Bartels	Chase	McArthur
Kye	Bartlett	Gretta	Mohrland
Jack	Burtis	Riley	Neer
Lauren	Bushway	Lucy	Norvold
Cole	Causby	Cole	Ober
Mikayla	Deyo	Erik	Olson
Teddy	Donna	Chad	Peterson
Zach	Dunn	Amelia	Plansky
Mason	Eckholm	Lucas	Podevels
Kassie	Ehrman	Abigail	Richardson
James	Fremling	Avery	Richardson
Heidi	Gunderson	Kaleigh	Sansone
Benjamin	Halunen	Riley	Scotfield
Jabin	Hojem	Henry	Seiser
Jennifer	Holter	Drake	Sharretts
Samuel	Jacobson	Trey	Simmons
Cecelia	Jensen	Lou	Smith
Jacob	Johnson	Ella	Stein
Josh	Johnson	Payton	Steiner
Erin	Kell	Garnett	Strack
Ben	Knoke	Hannah	Sutherland
Jena	Kost	Alivia	Tennant
Willem	Krattley	Jordan	Thill
Callie	Lemke	Nick	Thompson
Amber	Little	Carl	Tremble
Noah	Lundeen	Hannah	Vickery
James	Maalis	Benjamin	Warren
Nathan	Madison	Brock	Welle

WE HOLD IN PRAYER

THOSE WHO ARE SICK, INJURED AND IN NEED OF HEALING

Jerry Adams, Carol Amdahl, Marlin Amdahl, Jason Benson, Ken Bipes, Jeff Bowers, Joe Breault, Wallace Dachel, Teresa Dickman, Dale Drum, Paul Engebretson, Marlys Fiedler, Patrick Gibbons, Jane Hanson, Joy Hanson, Tyler Hanson, Sharon Haugo, Chuck Hildebrandt, Barb Holt, Jackie Hugdahl, Carol & Gary Jensen, Joe Kinney, Ken Larson, Pat Larson, Emily O'Malley-Larson, Ruth Lewis, Laura Lindahl, Brent Myster, Mary Kay Nolan, Donna Offerdahl, Bill Olson, Terri Pomeroy, Betty Seastedt, Joan Sorenson, Richard Thoemke, Dick Trende, Jim Webber

THOSE SERVING OR DEPLOYED IN THE MILITARY

Scotty Krause, Charlie Richards, Peyton Massie, Cheyanne Massie, Charles Kemper

IN SYMPATHY

We offer our sympathies and prayers of comfort and strength for the family and friends of Inge Bleier on her death. God bless and comfort them with the promise of Christ: "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."

TODAY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Piano: Skip James

Song Leader: Tracey Jenkinson

Readers: Heidi & Tasha Gunderson

Technical Assistants: Bill Jenkinson & Garnett Strack



SUNDAY, May 31, 2020 | 8:00 AM WORSHIP
Downtown Campus

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Bethel's Facebook page (facebook.com/blchudson/)

James Mallis, Preacher
Pastor John Lestock,
Pastor Kris Kurzejeski,
Pastor Ladd Sonnenberg,
Worship Leaders

"Sometimes people come into your life
for a moment, a day, or a lifetime.
It matters not, the time that they spent with you,
but how they impacted your life, in that time."

— Unknown

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