

# May 19, 2024 and Day of Pentecost

Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
220 Cedar Street  
PO Box 344

Pemberville, Ohio 43450

9 am: In Person Worship

9 am: Facebook Live Worship

11:30 am: Radio Worship on 99.1 FM



## OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday, 9 am – 2 pm

Friday, 9 am – 12 noon

419-287-4182

## ANNOUNCEMENT

+GATHER+

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
the wellspring of grace,  
our Easter and our joy.  
**Amen.**

Look, here is water!  
**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism,  
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning  
your voice thundered over the deep  
and water became the essence of life.

**Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.**

**The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.**

Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea  
into freedom's land.

In a desert pool the Ethiopian official  
entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!  
**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John  
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

**By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection  
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,  
freeing us to live as Easter people.**

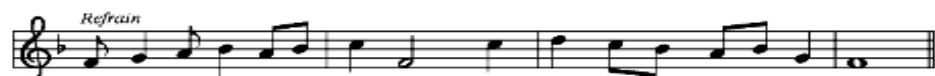
We rejoice with glad hearts,  
giving all honor and praise to you,  
through the risen Christ, our source of living water,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Look, here is water!  
**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

**GATHERING HYMN: O Holy Spirit, Root of Life ELW# 399**

# GLORIA



*Refrain*  
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



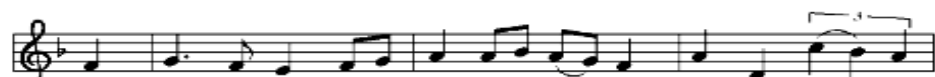
1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



*Refrain*  
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are



seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



*Refrain*  
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly



Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.



*Refrain*  
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## APOSTOLIC 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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## CHILDREN MESSAGE

### +WORD+

#### MEMORY VERSE: (Hebrews 4:9)

“So then, a sabbath rest still remains for the people of God.”

#### FIRST READING: Romans 8:22-27

By pouring the Holy Spirit into our hearts, God gives us the promised first fruit of eternal life so that we await God’s future in hope. In the meantime, the Spirit also intercedes for us by carrying the prayers of our weak human hearts to God.

<sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; <sup>23</sup>and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

<sup>26</sup>Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 104

(24-35)

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**Refrain**



Spir - it of God, Mak - er of all,  
we sing your prais - es; glo - ry to you.

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#### PSALM: 104:24-34, 35b

<sup>24</sup>How manifold are your works, O Lord!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

<sup>25</sup>**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number,  
living things both small and great.**

<sup>26</sup>There go the ships to and fro,

and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.  
<sup>27</sup>**All of them look to you  
to give them their food in due season. R**  
<sup>28</sup>You give it to them; they gather it;  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.  
<sup>29</sup>**When you hide your face, they are terrified;  
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**  
<sup>30</sup>You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;  
and so you renew the face of the earth.  
<sup>31</sup>**May the glory of the Lord endure forever;  
O Lord, rejoice in all your works. R**  
<sup>32</sup>You look at the earth and it trembles;  
you touch the mountains and they smoke.  
<sup>33</sup>**I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;  
I will praise my God while I have my being.**  
<sup>34</sup>May these words of mine please God.  
I will rejoice in the Lord.  
<sup>35b</sup>**Bless the Lord, O my soul.  
Hallelujah! R**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia No. 2**

Joseph Stribrny

Al - le - lu - ia! A - le - lu - ia! Lord, to whom shall we go?  
5  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al le - lu - - ia!

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15**

*While speaking to his disciples before his death, Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as “the Helper” and describes the difference the Spirit will make in their lives and in the world. [Jesus said,]* <sup>26</sup>“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. <sup>27</sup>You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

<sup>16:4b</sup>“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. <sup>5</sup>But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’” <sup>6</sup>But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. <sup>7</sup>Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup>And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup>about sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup>about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup>about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

<sup>12</sup>“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to

come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

#### **FOURTH READING: Acts 2:1-21**

*Originally Pentecost was a Jewish thanksgiving-type festival celebrated seven weeks after Passover. On this particular Pentecost, however, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the entire community of believers just as Jesus had promised and the scriptures had prophesied. Empowered by the Spirit, the entire community bears witness to God's activity in multiple languages.*

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.” <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

<sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God.**

#### **SERMON- Pastor Tim Philabaum**

#### **HYMN OF THE DAY: O Living Breath of God ELW #407**

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for Lauren Schuerman one with us in the body of Christ, who is making public affirmation of her baptism.

Andrew: I present Lauren, who desires to make public affirmation of her baptism.

Let us pray. Merciful God...Amen.

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you all to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

## AFFIRMATION

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

**Lauren - I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

People of God, do you promise to support Lauren and pray for her in her life in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Let us pray. We give you thanks,...

Let us rejoice with this sister in Christ.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

**PRAYERS**

*Each petition ends: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

**+MEAL+**

**PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**  
*We gather our tithes and offerings. Following the collection, we pray.*

**OFFERING HYMN: Come to the Table ELW#481**

**OFFERING PRAYER**

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.  
**Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. **And al - so with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

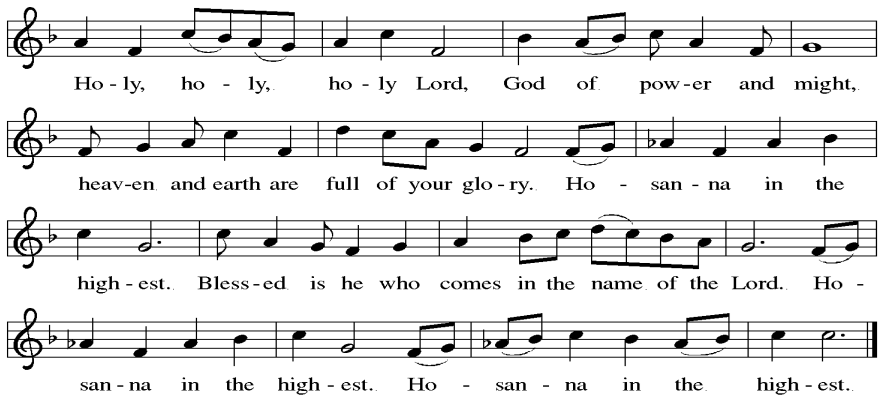
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**PREFACE**

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, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. 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.

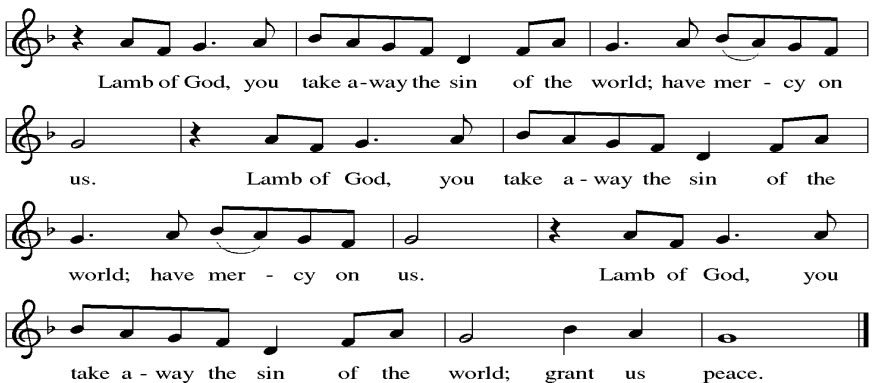
In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,  
 and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples,  
 saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.  
 Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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 COMMUNE

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



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on  
 us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
 take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

**COMMUNION HYMN:** Taste and See  
Bread of Life from Heaven

**ELW#493**  
**ELW#474**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Shepherding God,  
you have prepared a table before us  
and nourished us with your love.  
Send us forth from this banquet  
to proclaim your goodness  
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,  
our redeemer and friend.  
**Amen.**

**+SENDING+**

**BLESSING**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The God of resurrection power,  
the Christ of unending joy,  
and the Spirit of Easter hope  
+ bless you now and always.  
**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN:** God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind **ELW #400**

**DISMISSAL**

What is our mission?  
**Transformed by the crucified and risen Jesus we are a loving community of disciples making disciples.**  
Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**LAST WEEKS**

**Attendance: In Person-123 Online- 56**

**IN OUR PRAYERS**

**Altar Flowers and Radio Broadcast** is given to the glory of God.

**Online Streaming** is given to the glory of God and from Kathy & Roger Burtchin.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

|            |               |                                  |
|------------|---------------|----------------------------------|
| 5/19, Sun  | 10:20 a.m.    | Adult Bible Study/ Sunday School |
| 5/20, Mon  | 7 p.m.        | Yoga                             |
| 5/21, Tues | 11 a.m.-2p.m. | Food Pantry Open                 |
|            | 6p.m.         | Bible Study                      |
|            | 7p.m.         | Ukraine Meeting                  |
| 5/22, Wed  | 5-9p.m.       | Preschool Celebration            |
| 5/26, Sun  | 10:30a.m.     | Community Worship/Presbyterian   |

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Lauren Schuerman

Parents: John and Tiffany Schuerman

Sponsors: Kristin Gedert, Kim Reichert, and Anne Quinzer

Bible Verse: Philippians 4:13

*"I can do all things through him who strengthens me."*

**The Mission Action project for May** the Luther Home of Mercy is a 129 bed intermediate care facility for the developmentally handicapped. Items needed Construction paper (all colors), Crayons, Coloring books (large pictures, Washable markers, Stickers, Seasonal window clings.

**Food Pantry items for May** Spaghetti Sauce, Ketchup, Noodles, Dish Soap & Toilet Paper

**If you or your organization sees a need in the community or the world**, please complete a request for funding from the Endowment Fund, identifying how you or your group would use the money. The Long-range Planning Committee will review submissions and disburse money as deemed appropriate. Money will be distributed into categories such as poverty, global missions, congregational support, leadership, and disaster relief. Forms are available in the office and the deadline for submission to the office is May 31, 2024.

**Play Ball! Join in the fun and fellowship. Bethlehem is organizing a trip** to the Mud Hens Stadium for Faith and Family day, Sunday, June 30th. Mud Hen players will talk about their faith at 2pm and the game starts at 4pm. The cost of the event is \$39 which includes a ticket for the game in a reserved block of seating plus food served in the Coop. The meal is all All-American, with hotdogs, burgers, Mac and cheese, chips etc. Complete the registration form and submit along with payment to office by June 2, 2024. For any questions, contact Dave Helm at 419 277 8123.

**The results of the voting at the Congregational meeting** held on May 12, 2024 was to elect Susie Rahe and Sharon Moenter to attend the NWOS Assembly as delegates. The vote to proceed with the strategic plan with Aly Sterling Philanthropy passed with 44 Yes votes, 23 No votes.

**Please join  
Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
In Pemberville  
for this summer's  
Vacation Bible School!**

**Scan the QR Code here  
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<https://tinyurl.com/yzp63jmk>



**June 17-20  
9am-11:45am**

**Preschool-5th Grade**

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