



In gratitude, Bethel Lutheran Church amplifies God's grace, nourishes all creation, reaches out, and builds community.

- We are a Reconciling in Christ Congregation.
- Why a Public Church? To impact and enhance the community so that everyone feels a sense of love and belonging.



# **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**MAY 5, 2024**

Bethel Lutheran Church - In-person and Online  
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May 5, 2024, 10:00AM

We welcome to the Lord's Table all people, without exception, who desire to receive the blessings of Christ's body and blood in this sacramental meal of bread and wine. If you are online, please prepare your own table with bread, wine, and/or a treat for anyone not receiving communion.

**Boldface font indicates congregational response.**

*Worship leaders will indicate when to stand and sit, as you are able.*

## GATHERING

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### Prelude

"Lasst uns erfreuen" Anne Krentz Organ

### Welcome and Announcements

### Confession and Forgiveness

We gather before God with humility, **to confess our sins and turn back to our loving Savior.**

*Time for silent reflection.*

Holy and loving One, **we make mistakes, sin, and mess up with your love all the time. We are truly sorry and ask that you empower us to live our lives in ways that better reflect your life, love, mercy, and grace. Forgive us and help us each day we live. Amen.**

Friends, you are loved by God, blessed by the Savior, and accompanied by the Spirit. Your sins are forgiven. Your life is renewed. Together we celebrate God's unconditional love and grace! **Thanks be to God!**

### Greeting

The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## Opening Hymn ELW 650

## "In Christ There Is No East or West"



- 1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
- 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com-mu-nion find;
- 3 Join hands, dis-ci-ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.
- 4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



but one com-mu-ni-ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.  
his ser-vice is the gold-en cord close bind-ing hu-man-kind.  
All chil-dren of the liv-ing God are sure-ly kin to me.  
all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

Text: John Oxenham, 1852–1941, alt.

Music: MCKEE, African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866–1949

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, **that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gifts of the Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen.**

## Now the Feast and Celebration ELW#167



Now the feast and cel-e-bra-tion, all of cre-a-tion

sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;

praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

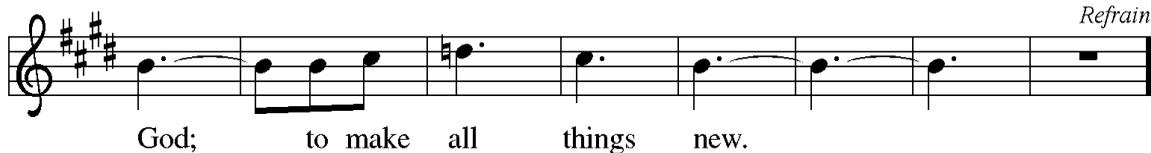
1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has

freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God. *Refrain*

2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and

glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er. *Refrain*

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



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## WORD

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### Lesson

Psalm 98 (Inclusive)

Sing a new song to YHWH, who has worked wonders, whose right hand and holy arm have brought deliverance! YHWH has made salvation known and shown divine justice to the nations, and has remembered in truth and love the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Most High, all the earth, break into joyous songs of praise! Sing praise to YHWH with the harp, with the harp and melodious singing! With trumpets and the blast of the shofar, raise a shout to YHWH, Ruler of All. Let the sea and all within it thunder; the world and all its peoples. Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy before YHWH, who comes to judge the earth, who will rule the world with justice and its peoples with equity.

Word of God. **Word of Life.**

### Children's Message

*Children and the young at heart are invited to the front of the sanctuary.*

### Lesson

Acts 10:44-48 (Inclusive)

Peter had not finished speaking these words when the Holy Spirit descended upon all who were listening to the message. The Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were surprised that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also, whom they could hear speaking in tongues and glorifying God. Then Peter asked, "What can stop these people who have

received the Holy Spirit, even as we have, from being baptized with water?" So Peter gave orders that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. After this was done, they asked him to stay on with them for a few days

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## Sermon

## Hymn of the Day ELW 171

"Hallelujah, Heleluyan"

*Led by the choir*



The image shows two staves of musical notation in treble clef. The first staff is divided into three measures labeled 1\*, 2, and 3. The second staff is a continuation of the first. Below each staff are two lines of lyrics. The first line of lyrics is: "He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan; he - le, he - le - lu - yan." The second line of lyrics is: "Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah; hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah." The lyrics are aligned with the notes on the staff.

\* *May be sung in canon.*

Music: Muscogee (Creek) Indian; transc. Charles H. Webb, b. 1933  
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## Prayer Updates

## Prayers of the People

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.*

*Each petition ends with a response:*

Lord, receive our prayer, **and in your love, answer.**



*Leader:* *All:*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is

right to give God thanks and praise.

## Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and

might; heav - en and earth are filled with your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Words of Institution

For as often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the mystery of faith, that **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

## Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## Invitation to Communion

### Lamb of God

Lamb of God you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us,  
break the chains of ha - tred and fear:  
are the way of jus - tice and peace:  
are the way of mer - cy and love

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mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

10  
world: grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace..

The musical score is written on three staves. The first staff is in 4/4 time and contains the first four lines of lyrics. The second staff starts with a measure rest, then a 2/4 time signature change, followed by a 4/4 time signature change, a repeat sign, and then the fifth and sixth lines of lyrics. The third staff starts with a measure rest and contains the final line of lyrics. The key signature is one flat (Bb).

Leader

*Ni - me - mwo - na Bwa - na.*  
We have seen the Lord.

Assembly

*Ni - me - mwo - na Bwa - na.*  
We have seen the Lord.

*Ni - me - mwo - na*  
God is might - y,  
God is low - ly,  
God is gra - cious,

*Ni - me - mwo - na Bwa - na.*  
God is pow - er - ful.  
God is mer - ci - ful.  
God is won - der - ful.

*Ni - me - mwo - na Bwa - na.*  
We have seen the Lord.

*Ni - me - mwo - na Bwa -*  
We have seen the

Ni - me - mwo - na Bwa-na.  
We have seen the Lord.

na, a - na - pe - nde - za.  
Lord, God with us, Je - sus Christ.

NIMEMWONA BWANA  
Irregular

Text: Tanzanian traditional; tr. Jeff Sartain, b. 1962  
Music: Tanzanian tune; arr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954  
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## Post Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthens you in faith, holds you in God's grace, forgives your sins, and empowers you to love all others.

**Amen.**

## Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray. Shepherding God, **you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet so we can proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our Redeemer and Friend. Amen.**

## SENDING

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### Benediction

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 blesses you now and always. **Amen.**

## Sending Hymn ELW 879

“For the Beauty of the Earth”



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,  
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,  
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,  
5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:  
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:  
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:  
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:  
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

*Refrain*



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Text: Folliot S. Pierpoint, 1835–1917, alt.  
Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

## Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

## Sending Music

“March in D” David N Johnson

<b>Ministers:</b>	All Believers	<b>Sacristy:</b>	Stephanie Johnson
<b>Presiding Minister:</b>	Rev. Brenda Froisland	<b>Ushers:</b>	Mike Lee and Tom Keating
<b>Assisting Minister:</b>	Ann Allison	<b>Live Streaming:</b>	Gene Rodi and Ted Allison
<b>Lector:</b>	Anna Olsen	<b>Hospitality:</b>	Clarice Lovstuen
<b>Cantor:</b>	Dean Anderson	<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Libby Krogh, Laurie Hauge, and Anna Wohnoutka
<b>Music Director:</b>	Bernie Asher	<b>Musician:</b>	Anne Phillips and Bethel Choir

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