

Bethesda on the Bay Lutheran Church

Pentecost Sunday

All Creations Sings, Setting 12

May 24, 2026

10:00 am

**Please stand as you are willing and able.*

ELW refers to the red hymnal, Evangelical Lutheran Worship.

ACS refers to All Creation Sings.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Praeludium in G-Dur, BWV 541 J. S. Bach

PENTECOST CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcome in the name of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen!

On that first Pentecost, God Spirit transformed the lives of the disciples and changed the world. As we gather, we pray for that same Spirit to be poured out on us.

Come, Holy Spirit!

The Holy Spirit is a fire, consuming our selfishness, our hatred, and our indifference – filling our lives with new life and the light of God.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Filled with the Holy Spirit, our lives bear fruit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, and self-control. Like the beacon of a lighthouse, may the fruit of the Spirit shine in our lives.

Come, Holy Spirit!

The Holy Spirit never leaves us where we are – we are sent by the Spirit out into the world to be the salt of the earth, to show God's love to all people, to bring God's Spirit of joy to the world.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Gracious God, pour your Spirit into our hearts, that we would worship today with all our hearts, that our lives would be transformed by your power, and that we would carry your joy from this place into all the world.

To you we give our honor and praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen!

PENTECOST STORY

¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ² 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. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, 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, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

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

¹⁷ ‘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.

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

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

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ ”

The reading may be concluded: Word of God, Word of Life.

The assembly responds: Thanks be to God.

*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.

*GLORY TO GOD

1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
 2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
 3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
 yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
 yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
 Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
 Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

The assembly is seated.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Shout to God

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WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

PSALM

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

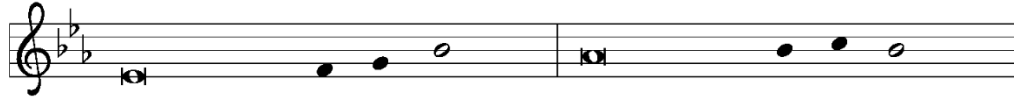
Choral Scholars lead psalm singing.

Refrain:



Send forth your Spir-it and re - new the face of the earth.

Tone:



²⁴ How manifold are your ¹works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full ¹of your creatures.

²⁵ **Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man- ¹y to number,
living things both ¹small and great.**

²⁶ There go the ships ¹to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you made for the ¹sport of it.

²⁷ **All of them ¹look to you
to give them their food ¹in due season. R**

²⁸ You give it to them; they ¹gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled ¹with good things.

²⁹ **When you hide your face, ¹they are terrified;
when you take away their breath, they die and return ¹to their dust.**

³⁰ You send forth your Spirit, and they ¹are created;
and so you renew the face ¹of the earth.

³¹ **May the glory of the LORD en- ¹dure forever;
O LORD, rejoice in ¹all your works. R**

³² You look at the earth ¹and it trembles;
you touch the mountains ¹and they smoke.

³³ **I will sing to the LORD as long ¹as I live;
I will praise my God while I ¹have my being.**

³⁴ May these words of ¹mine please God.
I will rejoice ¹in the LORD.

^{35b} **Bless the LORD, ¹O my soul.
Hal- ¹lelujah! R**

SECOND READING

I Corinthians 12:3b-13

^{3b} No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, ⁵ and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P: Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

Response:



Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus. Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.
Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us. Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us.

WA: O God, you send the Holy Spirit to gather your church into one. Inspire all ministers of the gospel to speak prophetic and hope-filled words to all whom they encounter. Bless the work of interreligious dialogue.

Pause for reflection.

WA: You send the Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth. Protect all living things, bring forth clean water and abundant food, and grant us wonder as we contemplate all you have made.

Pause for reflection.

WA: You send the Holy Spirit to break down the barriers of communication among nations. Bestow peace in war-torn areas, guide all in government and society to work for justice, and guard those serving in the armed forces, especially this weekend as we remember those who died in service to their country.



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WA: You send the Holy Spirit to accompany those who feel abandoned. Provide food for those who hunger and drink for those who thirst, soothe those who are anxious or bereaved, comfort those who are sick or suffering, and answer all who call upon your name (*especially*).

Pause for reflection.

WA: You send the Holy Spirit through the gift of baptism. Bless both those preparing for or affirming their baptism. May they be encouraged by this community of faith as they live out their baptismal promises.

Pause for reflection.

WA: You send the Holy Spirit to console us in our grief. We give you thanks for our ancestors in the faith (*especially scientists Nicolaus Copernicus and Leonard Euler*) whose witness to your mighty works continues to inspire our lives.



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Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us. Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us.

P: God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

***PEACE**

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

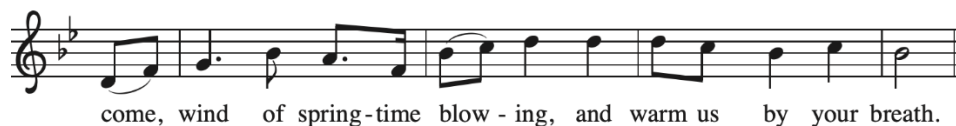
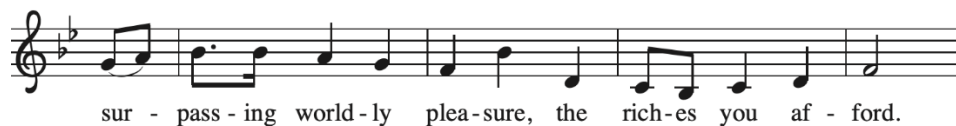
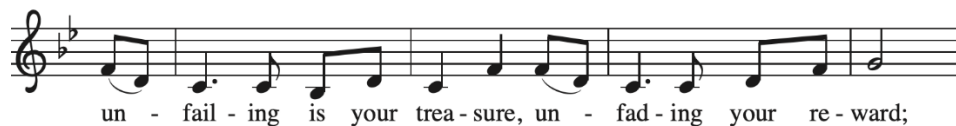
VOLUNTARY O God Beyond All Praising David Cherwien

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

OFFERING SONG

As the offering is brought forward to the altar, the congregation sings.

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*OFFERING PRAYER

Worship assistant

God of goodness and growth,
all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure.
Word and water, wine and bread:
these are signs of your abundant grace.
Receive the gifts we bring,
and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love
in our communities and in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.
Amen.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.



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

The presiding minister continues.

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:

*HOLY



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

*LORD'S PRAYER

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

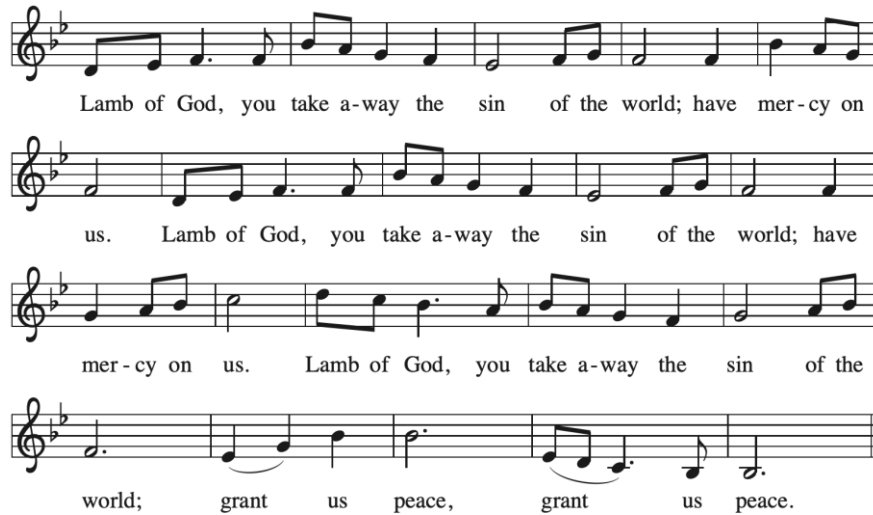
Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory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

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the banquet! All is ready!

Holy Communion will be served in a continuous fashion at the altar rail. If you come forward, you are invited to receive bread from the presider in the center aisle. Let Pastor know if you need gluten free bread. The worship assistant will have a tray with small cups of wine. Light colored wine in the center of the trays is nonalcoholic. Place empty cups into the tray with the acolyte before returning to your seat.

LAMB OF GOD



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, grant us peace.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Loving Spirit

ELW 397

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

ELW 403

O Spirit of Life

ELW 405

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Worship assistant

Living God,
as the disciples ate and drank with their risen Lord,
we have been nourished with the very presence of Christ.
Through this meal may we be strengthened
to keep your word and to proclaim the
power of your love in Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

*BLESSING

The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.

God, the Source of glory,

God, the Word of life,

God, the Spirit of truth

✠ bless you all, now and forever.

Amen.

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

*DISMISSAL

Go in Peace. The Spirit goes with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

God of Grace

Paul Manz

Leading Worship Today

The Rev. Angela Freeman
Eric Richardson
Deb Zudell-Dickey

Senior Pastor
Minister of Music
Organist

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Next week’s scripture: First Reading: **Genesis 1:1—2:4a**; Psalm: **Psalm 8**; Second Reading: **2 Corinthians 13:11-13**; Gospel: **Matthew 28:16-20**.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED are dedicated to the glory of God by Liza Heinig in thanksgiving to teachers and all kinds and blessings for those wrapping up the school year, school careers and their new ventures ahead!

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO NEED THEM. SPEAK WITH AN USHER OR PASTOR FOR ASSISTANCE.

CONNECT CARD – There are connect cards in the pew pockets. If you are a guest, have a prayer intention or anything else to share, please fill out a card and drop it in the collection basket. There are also opportunities listed for ways to get involved!

NAME TAGS are available for all worshipers as desired. Thank you for wearing your nametag and helping us build community and fellowship. If you do not see your nametag hanging in the Narthex or you simply need a new one printed, please contact the church office at info@bethesdaonthebay.org. There are also guest name tags for any guest attending worship.

SCRIPTURE BASED COLORING SHEETS

Coloring sheets, based on the Sunday scripture, are available each week by the usher's stand. You are welcome to pick one up for use during worship or take it home with you for colorful prayer and meditation during the week.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY – ON BREAK May 20

Gather weekly on Wednesday at 10:00am for Bible study and discussion about the assigned scripture we hear on the approaching Sunday morning. No expertise needed. Share together in open conversation, prayer and fellowship.

FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL

October 12-23, 2026

Spots are still available! Registration and final payments are due on June 1st. Sign up now to participate in this special experience to explore the ancient Church and follow in St. Paul's footsteps. Register soon to secure your place. Registration forms are available in the narthex, email enews, or by contacting Pastor Angela directly.

SUMMER CHOIR

Everyone is welcome to make a joyful noise and have fun singing together! Summer is a good time to give it a try too! Mark your calendars and come to join the Summer Choir on June 14, July 12, or August 9. Come to the 9:20 a.m. rehearsal on any or all of those dates. No audition. Easy Peazy.

DISASTER RELIEF TRIPS

Register today! Carter County Tennessee the weeks of July 12, 2026 and September 13, 2026. We will continue to assist with recovery efforts for those who suffered great loss from Hurricane Helene in September 2024. Anyone interested in participating, please contact Bob Maas or Pastor Angela. Registration is due by June 1st.

PEACEMAKER QUILTERS

The Peacemakers is an outside group that meets at Bethesda Thursdays at 9:00 am, now through May 28, 2026. They quilt and donate their quilts to charitable groups that need them, with the support of Thrivent Financial. New quilters and sewers are welcome anytime. The sewing technique is straight-seam. They also have projects you can do at home! If you are interested in learning more or joining the group, contact the office or show up on Thursday!

CLASS FOR 2-4 YEAR OLDS

May 30 – 10:00am

Bethesda is excited to announce that we have started a special class for children ages two through four along with their parents. We meet one Saturday a month from 10:00 to 11:00 am. If you are interested in attending these classes, please contact Diana Wolfe or the church office.

NEW MEMBERS

Have you been worshiping with Bethesda for a while? Are you interested in learning more about the ministry and the community? You're invited to share in conversation with Pastor Angela on Tuesday, May 26 at 6:45 in the church library. Please RSVP by Sunday May 24th. New members will be received on Sunday, May 31st, Holy Trinity Sunday. If you would like to be received as a member, please let Pastor Angela know.

LIBRARY RENOVATION

As Bethesda continues to refresh and update our facilities, the next project will be to renovate the current library space. The library has not been very well utilized over the last many years and could be more functional as meeting space. The goal is to not only modernize with fresh paint and flooring, but to make the space more user friendly, less cluttered, and more practical for education ministry and meeting space.

LIVESTREAMING UPDATE

Work is underway to update the livestreaming system here at Bethesda. The goal is to not have any interruption in the Sunday Broadcasting. Training on the new system will be available soon! Stay tuned for that announcement and thank you for considering helping by being trained! Additionally, while updating the livestream system and cameras, the project includes some minor, but very helpful updates to our sound system, including adding one more mic for the future use of an additional staff member during Sunday morning leadership.

GRADUATES

It's that time of year when there are graduates to celebrate! We will post our graduates in the showcase in June. If there is a high school or college graduate this year in your family, please email the following info to the church office by **May 17** (info@bethesdaonthebay.org):

- Name, Where graduating from, Degree, if applicable, Future plans, Any special honors they would like highlighted.
- A current photo (5x7 is preferred but we will use whatever is provided. The photo does not have to be a professional photo and can be mailed, dropped at church, or emailed. Please note emailed photos will be printed from church copy machine so will not be photo grade.)

AGAPE FUND DISTRIBUTION

At its April meeting Church Council approved \$9,000 for first-round disbursements from the Agape Fund for 2026, as shown here: First Lutheran Church, Ghana Mission for Akrapa School (Breakfast Program - \$4,800) and (Junior High Renovation Project - \$3,000), University Protestant Campus Ministry (UpCAM) (\$1,000), and St. Barnabas Community Cupboard (\$200).

A second round of disbursements, which will include some of our other ministry partners, will be made in the fall. On behalf of Church Council, thank you for your generous financial support to the Agape Fund and we ask that you please continue to support these ministries as we move through the year.

STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

Thank you to the generous support of church members, the Church Council is happy to share that all of the sanctuary stained glass windows have been cared for and received the maintenance needed. They have each been resealed, all of the panels carefully looked over and attended to where needed, and the original caulking was replaced. The stained-glass windows are roughly 30 years old this year. Thank you to the congregation and its members for stewarding these gifts well for future generations.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

Sunday, June 7 – after worship

You are invited to share in conversation and dreaming about and helping to plan future fellowship and community events such as fellowship hours, summer picnic, etc. We will continue with that discussion after church on June 7. If you were at the meeting on May 3, please come again. If you weren't able to make it last time, *please* come on June 7. We need your thoughts and ideas!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – Snowball Mountain Challenge

June 15-19, 9:00am – noon

Prince of Peace Lutheran, Westlake

Children ages 4 through rising 5th graders are invited to participate in the VBS programming through Prince of Peace (PoP) Lutheran in Westlake. PoP is partnering with 5 other mainline Christian churches in Westlake for the second year to offer VBS for the community. PoP is located at 28455 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake. Cost is \$20/child, max of \$50/family

To register visit: <https://stladislas.org/event-details/?id=6383>

CALL PROCESS UPDATE — PROFILE COMPLETE!

Bethesda and Good Soil in Rocky River are partnering together to offer a call for a new Rostered Minister, either a deacon or pastor for the role of Christian Formation. The Executive Council committees from Good Soil and Bethesda on the Bay met together with the joint Call Committee on 3/29 to review the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) drafts, approve the position description, and discuss the shared breakdown of the projected expenses/compensation.

Both church councils have reviewed these MSP documents and they have been submitted to Pastor Mitch Phillips at the synod office for final approval. Soon these documents will be published in the ELCA's call database for available candidates to review. Interested candidates will contact the Northeastern Ohio Synod Staff to share their candidate profiles with the Call Committee.

Interviews with the Call Committee will then take place in the coming months. Please hold our Call Committee, council leaders, and this call process in your prayers as we discern who God is calling to serve as our shared Minister for Christian Formation.

What's Christian Formation? Sunday School, Confirmation, Bible Studies, Small Group ministry, Service and Learning opportunities, Acolyte and Communion Instruction Classes, and Worship, are all examples of how we are "formed" in the Christian faith and life.

