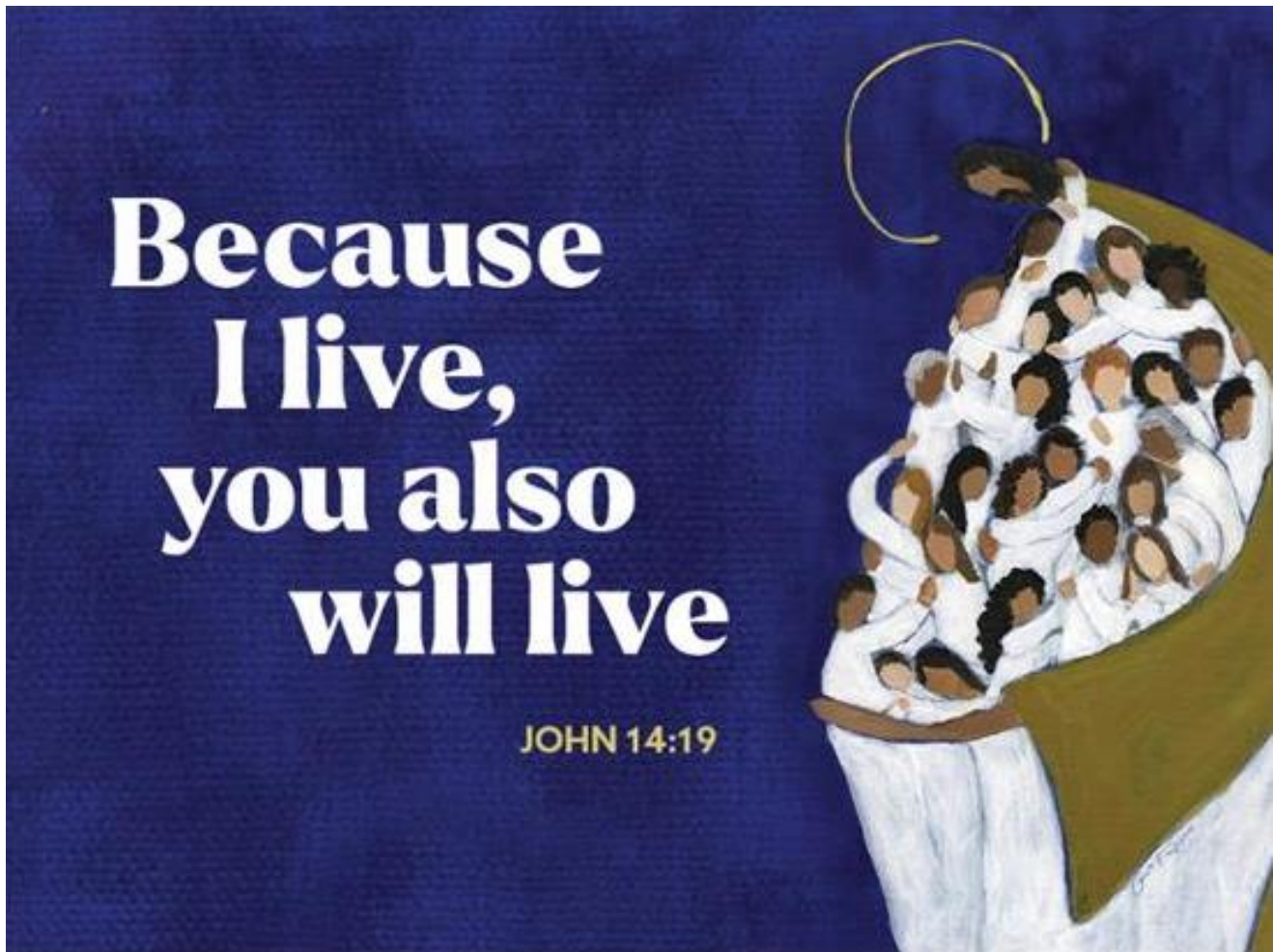


# Sixth Sunday in Easter

ACS Holy Communion Setting 11  
Sunday, May 10, 2026

Faith-Bethany Partnership

One partnership, two campuses within the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



## Introduction to the day

Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

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## Faith-Bethany Lutheran Partnership

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### You Are Received Here, as you are

We are one partnership worshipping across two campuses: Bethany Lutheran and Faith Lutheran. We are called to serve you, each other, Ishpeming and our surrounding neighborhoods. Rooted in Jesus Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit, we believe God's grace is for all people and all creation, calling us into lives of compassion, justice, service, and hope.

Whoever you are, whatever your story or questions, you are free to listen, to join in as you are able, and to be met by the living presence of God. Whether you are new to church, returning after time away, carrying faith or doubt, or joining us from a distance — **there is space for you here.**

Our services are livestreamed to extend that welcome beyond these walls. Our camera remains focused on the chancel and worship leaders. We do our best to protect the faces of children, and we ask for your grace knowing we cannot control every moment. Questions or concerns about our livestream? Please speak with a pastor or worship leader.

From the earliest days of the Church, God's people gathered in different places while sharing one faith, one mission, and one Spirit. Bethany and Faith share a long history of cooperation and pastoral connection — what we are living into now is a faithful renewal of a way of being church that has served this place before. As part of the ELCA and the Northern Great Lakes Synod, we join the wider church in ministries of mercy, justice, and accompaniment within and beyond our local context.

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### This Is How We Honor One Another Here

Being received into this community also means receiving one another with care. We are all learning together what it means to protect the dignity, image, and trust of every person who gathers here. These are not rules imposed from outside. They are the values of the Gospel, finding expression in how we treat one another every day.

**We ask consent** before photographing, recording, or sharing the image of any person — including children — in any public or online space.

**We keep confidence.** Private communications belong to those who shared them, and are not ours to forward or share without permission.

**We name harm.** We will not go along to get along. We extend grace to one another in learning, while holding one another accountable with honesty and love.

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### Honoring the Land

With gratitude and humility, we acknowledge that we gather on the ancestral lands of the Anishinaabeg — the Ojibwe, Odawa, and Potawatomi peoples — who have stewarded this region since time immemorial. We honor their enduring presence and commit ourselves to walk gently on the earth and seek right relationship with all our neighbors.

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*One partnership. Two campuses. Many gifts. One body in Christ.*

**Grace and peace to you: welcome.**

# WELCOME

## PRELUDE

*When I Look Into Your Holiness*  
by Wayne & Cathy Perrin

# Gathering

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

*Please stand, as you're willing and able, in body or in spirit.*

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb! **Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*In baptism our gracious heavenly Creator frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.*

## GATHERING SONG

*Come, My Way, My Truth My Life ELW (ELW 816)*



1 Come, my way, my truth, my life: such a  
2 Come, my light, my feast, my strength: such a  
3 Come, my joy, my love, my heart: such a



way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all  
light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in  
joy as none can move; such a love as none can



strife; such a life as kill - eth death.  
length; such a strength as makes his guest.  
part; such a heart as joys in love.

## 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.**

*This greeting, based on 2 Corinthians 13:13, is a call-and-response between the worship leader (often the pastor) and the congregation. This greeting is more than a simple salutation; it is a blessing and a recognition of God's presence, here and now, and of God's grace.*



# KYRIE

*The Kyrie, from the Greek "Kyrie eleison" (meaning "Lord, have mercy"), is a prayer of supplication, a plea for God's grace and forgiveness. In many ELCA traditions, the Kyrie is a threefold repetition of "Lord, have mercy" (Kyrie eleison), often followed by "Christ, have mercy" (Christe eleison) and then "Lord, have mercy" (Kyrie eleison) again.*



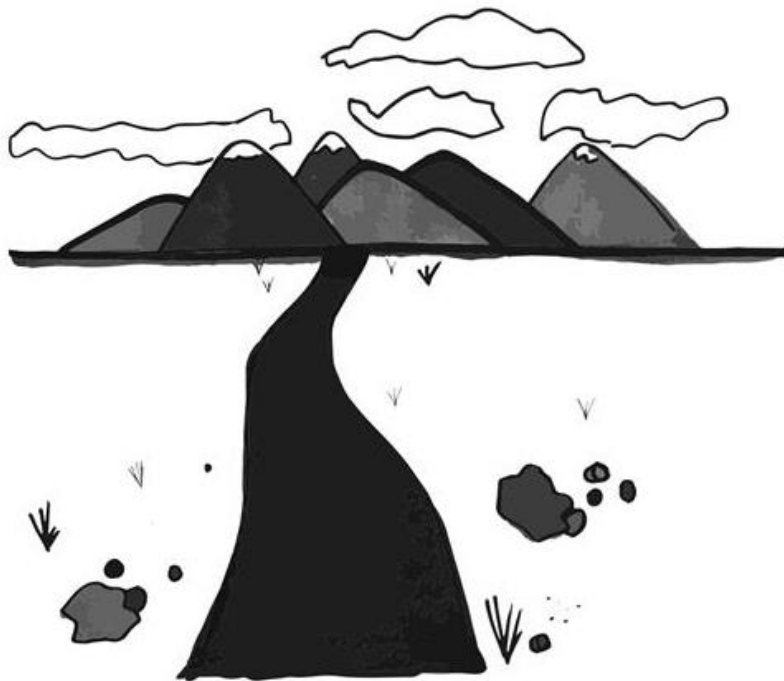
Se - ñor, ten pie - dad de no - so - tros. Cris - to, ten pie - dad.  
O Lord, have . . . mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy.



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Se - ñor, ten pie - dad. Se - ñor, ten pie - dad.  
Have mer - cy, O Lord. Have mer - cy, O Lord.



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray, together.

Almighty and ever-living God, **you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*The Prayer of the Day is born out of the lectionary (texts), and is the primary invitation to the radical love offered through the Gospel of the day, focused on the primary themes we might experience together, across the church and traditions.*

*Please be seated.*

## Word

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

## SERMON FOR THE YOUNG, AND YOUNG AT HEART

*The People are invited forward for an invitation to see themselves in God's story with us anew.*

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

*Our youth are invited to a time of crafts and story focusing on the Word, at their level. While departing the Sanctuary for their work, they will return to the community for our Communion Celebration.*

## FIRST READING

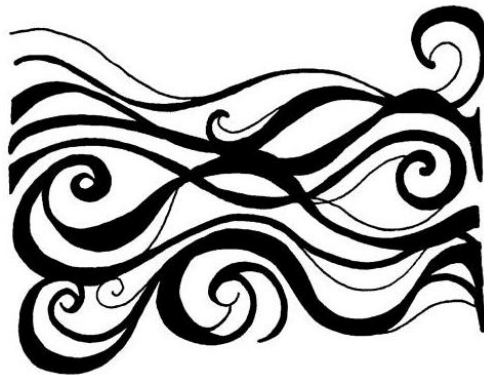
Ezekiel 43:1-7a

A reading from Ezekiel.

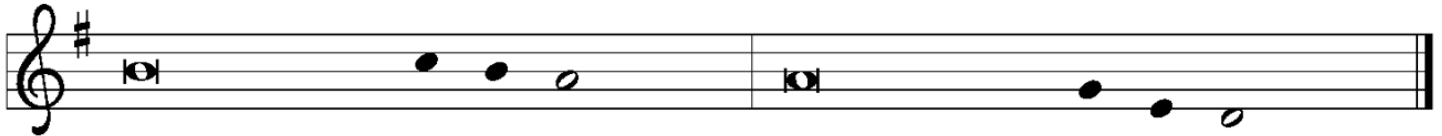
<sup>1</sup> Then he brought me to the gate, the gate facing east. <sup>2</sup> And there the glory of the God of Israel was coming from the east; the sound was like the sound of mighty waters, and the earth shone with his glory. <sup>3</sup> The vision I saw was like the vision that I had seen when he came to destroy the city and like the vision that I had seen by the River Chebar, and I fell upon my face. <sup>4</sup> As the glory of the Lord entered the temple by the gate facing east, <sup>5</sup> the spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court, and the glory of the Lord filled the temple.

<sup>6</sup> While the man was standing beside me, I heard someone speaking to me out of the temple. <sup>7a</sup> He said to me: "Mortal, this is the place of my throne and the place for the soles of my feet, where I will reside among the people of Israel forever."

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**



We will chant the psalm, following the Choir.



- <sup>1</sup> Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your | name give glory;  
because of your steadfast | love and faithfulness.
- <sup>2</sup> **Why should the | nations say,**  
**"Where then | is their God?"**
- <sup>3</sup> Our God | is in heaven;  
whatever God | wills, God does.
- <sup>4</sup> **Their idols are sil- | ver and gold,**  
**the work of | human hands.**
- <sup>5</sup> They have mouths, but they | cannot speak;  
eyes they have, but they | cannot see;
- <sup>6</sup> **they have ears but they | cannot hear;**  
**noses, but they | cannot smell;**
- <sup>7</sup> they have hands, but they cannot feel; feet, but they | cannot walk;  
they make no sound | with their throat.
- <sup>8</sup> **Those who make | them are like them,**  
**and so are all who put their | trust in them.**
- <sup>9</sup> O Israel, trust | in the Lord,  
who is your help | and your shield.
- <sup>10</sup> **O house of Aaron, trust | in the Lord,**  
**who is your help | and your shield.**
- <sup>11</sup> You that fear the Lord, trust | in the Lord,  
who is your help | and your shield.
- <sup>12</sup> **The Lord has been mindful of us, | and will bless us;**  
**the Lord will bless the house of Israel and the | house of Aaron;**
- <sup>13</sup> those who fear the Lord | will be blessed,  
both small and | great together.
- <sup>14</sup> **May the Lord increase you | more and more,**  
**you and your | children after you.**
- <sup>15</sup> May you be blessed | by the Lord,  
the maker of heav- | en and earth.
- <sup>16</sup> **Heaven is the heaven | of the Lord,**  
**but the earth God entrusted | to its peoples.**
- <sup>17</sup> The dead do not | praise the Lord,  
nor all those who go down | into silence;
- <sup>18</sup> **but we will | bless the Lord,**  
**from this time forth forevermore. | Hallelujah!**

## SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:13-22

A reading from first Peter.

<sup>13</sup> Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup> But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup> but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, <sup>16</sup> yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup> For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup> in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup> who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup> And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand, as you're willing and able, in body or in spirit.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. El Se - ñor re - su - ci - tó.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en, ris' n in - deed.

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

<sup>18</sup>“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup>In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**



Please stand, as you're willing and able, in body or in spirit.

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Come Down, O Love Divine (ELW 804)*



1 Come down, O Love di - vine; seek thou this soul of mine  
2 Oh, let it free - ly burn, till world - ly pas - sions turn  
3 Let ho - ly char - i - ty mine out - ward ves - ture be,  
4 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,



and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;  
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;  
and low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing—  
shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;



O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear  
and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,  
true low - li - ness of heart, which takes the hum - bler part,  
no soul can guess Love's grace till it be - come the place



and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.  
and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.  
and o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.  
where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray.

*silence is held for preparation*

We pray for those who got pregnant right away and those who have been trying for years...

**For those who entrust their babies to the care of another family and those who parent the child of another...**

We pray for those who cannot wait to welcome a baby into their home and those who are terrified they are not fit to be parents...

**For those whose child will get a sports scholarship and those whose child will never run...**

We pray for those whose children always dance to their own drum and those whose children need encouragement to keep dancing.

**For those whose child will live on their own and those who will always need assistance...**

We pray for those who proudly pose for pregnant photos and those who shamefully hide their bellies...

**For those who are proud to be fathers and those who hope the DNA tests are incorrect...**

We pray for those who are grandparents and those who need to adjust their dreams...

**For those who fight with teenage children and those whose children have run away...**

We pray for those who cannot pay for college, medical care, housing, or food and those who have the resources to help...

**For those who home school and those who fear their children won't make it home from school...**

We pray for those who think their child is the best surprise of their life and for those who have chosen not to be parents...

**For those whose children are in prison and transition houses and those whose children live within the imprisonment of mental illness...**

We pray for those whose baby doesn't live outside of the womb and those whose wombs are empty...

**For those who plan to be parents in the future and those adjusting to a future different than their expectations...**

## A LITANY FOR MOTHER'S DAY

*Prayers of intercession, or Prayers of the People, are prayers that ask God to intervene on behalf of people and causes in need. They can be used in worship services and for personal prayer.*

We pray for those who are single parents and those who are now step parents...  
**For those who fit traditional family structures and those who live in extended and other family arrangements...**

We pray for those who have an empty nest and for those whose children are young...  
**For those whose mothers and fathers have died, those whose parenting partners have died, those who are far apart, and those who live next door...**

We pray for all those who may not be called mother or father but are still a part of the interdependent caring community of God...  
**For those who carry various other griefs and joys which have not been named...**

Thanks be to Jesus our great Mother Hen, who holds close, cares for and carries each of us, whatever joys and pains we bear this day. **Amen.**

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

*"Passing the peace" is a ritual where members share God's peace with one another, typically through a handshake or other gesture, symbolizing unity and reconciliation before receiving communion. The practice of "passing the peace" is rooted in scripture, where Jesus greets his disciples with "Peace be with you" and the apostle Paul begins his letters with "Grace and peace be with you".*





## Meal

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

### ANTHEM

*Beloved, Let Us Love One Another*  
by Pepper Choplin

### OFFERING

Ways to support the ministry here at in Ishpeming with either Faith, or Bethany, or both:

- Certainly, you are welcome to take part in our “noisy offering” collection, by placing your gifts **in the containers passed** by our Usher Team, each Sunday during this time. Noisy Offering supports the work and outreach of the Social Ministry Team and is designated in May for the North Carolina Youth trip.
- You are invited to set up a one-time or recurring donation by **texting ASSIST to 844-920-4105**; be sure to have your preferred method of sharing ready.
- Use this **QR Code** (to the right). Open your camera app on your phone, place the QR code in the center of your camera’s view-field, and select the Vanco link that appears!
- Offerings will be assigned to the campus you name, or by the affiliated envelope you use. You may designate a specific partnership building online; or designate offerings by applying a note of intent, or reaching out to the office, by phone or email, and expressing your intent with your name and amount offered.



*We give thanks for your sharing of gifts and generosity!*

Please stand, as you're willing and able, in body or in spirit.

Now all the Vault of Heaven Resounds (ELW 367)

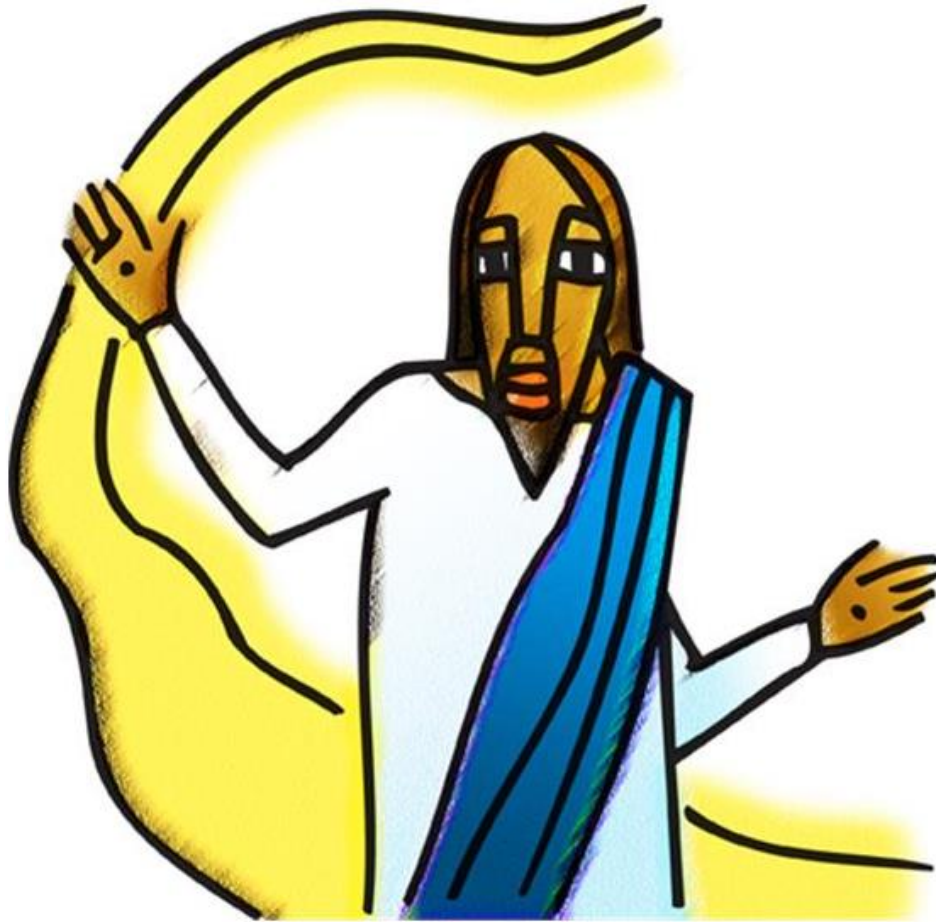
A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring  
and with the heav'n-ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has  
tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the  
Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly  
God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray, together.

Gracious God, you bless us with gifts of guidance, new life, growth in grace, and fruitful labor. Accept the first fruits of time and toil, field and orchard we offer here. Bless and multiply these gifts to our nurture and the care of your creation; for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

*The service of Holy Communion is at the heart of Christian faith and life. In this sacrament, two essential realities occur for the benefit of God's people. First, God gives us his Son's true body and blood, through which we receive the forgiveness of sins. Second, the people of God's church are joined with one another as we share a mysterious and intimate bond as fellow members of Christ's body. This sacrament, together with the proclamation of God's Word, lies at the core of Christian worship. We Lutherans often describe our ministry as "Word and Sacrament". Both elements of worship are essential. There have been periods in the history of the Lutheran church where the frequency of Holy Communion waxed and waned. In the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, a liturgical renewal began, and one of the results was the restoration of weekly Communion. At Bethany, we follow that cadence.*



## Great Thanksgiving

### **DIALOGUE**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also 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...  
... we praise your name and join their unending  
hymn:

*The Preface introduces us to the next part of the service, where we are invited into God's presence for the sharing of the meal. It is an ancient aspect of Christian liturgy. St. Hippolytus mentions that in the early 3rd century, Christians were using a preface in worship. This exchange has survived for centuries almost word-for-word in our liturgy!*

# HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



San-to, san - to, san - to Dios de glo - ria y po - der,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God of pow - er and might,



cie - los y tie - rra pro - cla - man tu glo - ria.  
heav - en and earth . . . are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na en los cie - los.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na en los cie - los.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ben - di - to a - quel que vie - ne en el nom - bre de Dios.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of our God.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na en los cie - los.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na en los cie - los.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God...

...we proclaim the Lord's death  
until he comes.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit...

... Power of the Most High,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

We invite you to use the words of the Lord's Prayer that speak loudest to you, and experiencing the rhythms of the Spirit that speak to each of us, creating both dissonance and resonance.

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

**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.**

**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.**

**Fader Vår, som är i himmelen  
Helgat varde ditt namn.  
Tillkomme ditt rike. Ske din vilja,  
såsom i himmelen så ock på jorden.  
Vårt dagliga bröd giv oss idag,  
och förlåt oss våra skulder,  
såsom ock vi förlåta dem oss skyldiga äro,  
och inled oss icke i frestelse utan fräls oss ifrån  
ondo.  
Ty riket är ditt och makten och härligheten i  
evighet.  
Amen.**

**O Great Spirit, our Father from above, we  
honor your name as sacred and holy. Bring  
your good road to us, where the beauty of your  
ways in the spirit-world above is reflected in  
the earth below. Provide for us day by day—  
the elk, the buffalo, and the salmon. The corn,  
the squash, and the wild rice. All the things we  
need for each day. Release us from the things  
we have done wrong, in the same way we  
release others for the things done wrong to us.  
Guide us away from the things that tempt us to  
stray from your good road, and set us free  
from the evil one and his worthless ways. Aho!  
May it be so!<sup>1</sup>**

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<sup>1</sup> Wildman, Terry M.. First Nations Version: An Indigenous Bible Translation of the New Testament (p. 10). InterVarsity Press. Kindle Edition.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

*Please be seated.*

*Holy Communion, also known as the Lord's Supper, or Eucharist, is a central practice where the crucified and risen Christ is believed to be truly present, offering his body and blood as food and drink, and is celebrated every Sunday and festival. We believe that the presence of Christ is in, with, through, around, and under the elements of bread and wine. We hold that there are two Sacraments (sacred acts of divine institution), Communion and Baptism, both outward and visible signs of an inward and spiritual grace coupling earthly elements with divine command.*

*At the invitation of an usher, you may come forward for the Eucharist or a blessing. We offer gluten-free bread for the whole community. Both grape juice and wine are available in each passed tray; please take the option that best suits your expression and embodiment of this celebration at God's Table. All are welcome here.*

## COMMUNION SONG



Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui - tas el pe -  
O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the




ca - do del mun - do: ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.  
sin of the world; . . . have . . mer - cy up - on us.




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 Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui - tas el pe -  
 O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the


  
 ca - do del mun - do: ten pie - dad de no -  
 sin of the world; . . . have . . mer - cy up -


  
 so - tros, ten pie - dad de no - so - stros.  
 on us, have . . . mer - cy up - on us.


  
 Da - nos tu paz. A - mén.  
 Grant us your peace. A - mén.



## SONG DURING DISTRIBUTION

*Children of the Heavenly Father (ELW 781)*



- Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,  
1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;  
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.  
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;  
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;

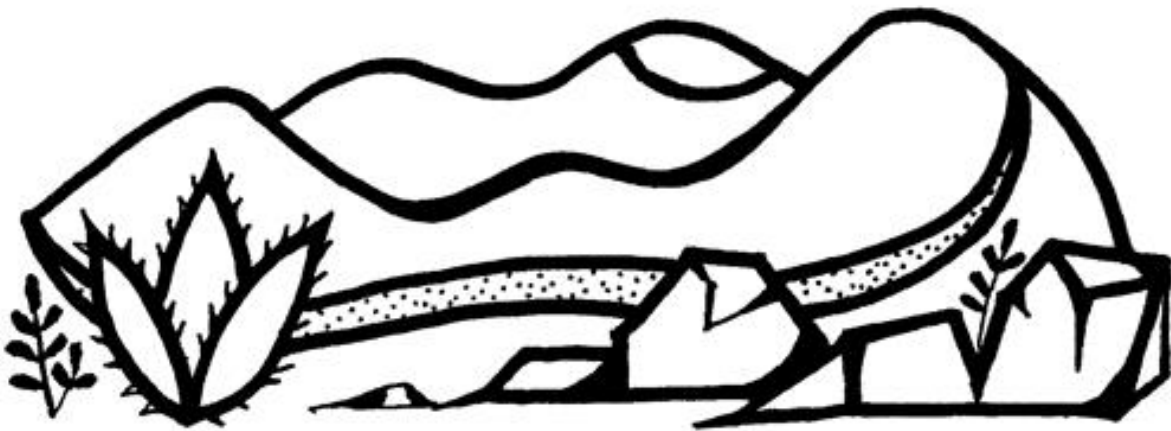


stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.  
nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.  
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.  
his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

## ADDITIONAL COMMUNION HYMN

*Please use the cranberry hymnal in the pew*

*Blessing, Honor, and Glory (ELW 433)*



## POST-COMMUNION COMMENDATION

May the body and blood of Christ, Risen Savior, strengthen ✝ and keep us. **Amen.**

**POST COMMUNION CANTICLE**

*Hail thee, Festival Day (ELW 394)*

*Refrain*



Hail thee, fes - ti-val day! Blest day to be hal-lowed for - ev - er;



day when our Lord was raised, break-ing the king - dom of death.



*Easter 1* All the fair beau - ty of earth from the



death of the win - ter a - ris - ing! Ev - 'ry good



gift of the year now with its mas - ter re - turns: *Refrain*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray, together.

O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord. Amen.



# Sending

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand, as you're willing and able, in body or in spirit.*

### **BLESSING**

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,  
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,  
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,  
✝ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**



SENDING SONG

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (ELW 392)*



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our  
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -  
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,



his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the  
 sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -  
 food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to  
 tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your  
 his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the



vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful  
 lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -  
 you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of  
 foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you  
 vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful



Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus  
 ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our  
 sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the  
 en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on  
 Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus



out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."  
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"  
 songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.  
 out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

## DISMISSAL

Go into the world with peace-filled partnership; share the good news!

**Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

*Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*

text & music by Rick Founds

# Upcoming Commemorations

## Matthias, Apostle

**Thursday, May 14, 2026**

Matthias was the apostle added to the Twelve after Jesus' resurrection, as a replacement for the dead Judas Iscariot. He had traveled among the followers of Jesus throughout the Lord's ministry. Formerly commemorated on February 24, Matthias's celebration is moved to May 14 in agreement with most Western calendars.

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# Community News

Sunday, May 3rd, Trinity's congregation voted in favor of the resolution to close our doors on February 26, 2027. It was a sad, tearful, decision but we understand that we are not a sustainable congregation and to continue until our endowment was gone is not the right thing to do. Trinity will have a final celebration on February 7, 2027 with more information closer to that date. We rejoice in Trinity's 156 years as a congregation; we have served this church, our community and God well. As we go forward with all the aspects of closing, please continue to pray for your Trinity church family.



# Community Events



Fortune Lake “Camperships” – Interested in attending camp this year? Need some financial assistance? We’re proud to announce that “camperships” are available starting at 50% assistance for children or families that would like to attend FLLC this year. The Spiritual Education Team is fielding requests and can be reached via email at [FaithSpiritualEducation@BethanyIshpeming.org](mailto:FaithSpiritualEducation@BethanyIshpeming.org). When you register for camp, before the summer deadline (5Mar), you will be prompted to submit a campership form (available on the kiosk, or by email). After the registration deadline, we can offer assistance on a case by case basis. We celebrate our Partnered Leaders’ affirmation through action the opportunity for everyone to experience the joy and spirituality of the Fortune Lake gift.

## SUPERIOR CONFERENCE YOUTH GROUP EVENTS



**PLEASE RSVP**

Text Stacy @ 906-361-9123



## BOWLING & PIZZA

for 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade youth

Where: River Rock Lanes,  
Ishpeming

When: Sunday June 7th

Time: 4p - 6p

\$5 donation is suggested





## Soul Shop™ for Faith Leaders

Saturday May 23, 2026  
8:30am-4:30 pm

Bethany Campus  
715 Mather Ave  
Ishpeming, MI 49849

Instructor: Christopher Epperson  
Contact: Pastor J. Mills  
pastor@jmichaelmills.org

Click [HERE](#) to register

This one-day workshop is designed to equip faith community leaders with the skills and resources necessary to minister effectively to individuals impacted by suicide. Participants will learn how to create worship resources, train others in suicide awareness and basic conversation

skills, and extend invitations to those who have experienced suicidal thoughts to share their stories. The workshop will engage participants in exploring how to cultivate a soul-safe culture within their congregations.

Who should attend? Faith community leaders, both paid and lay/volunteer who are interested in saving lives and bring hope to those who are affected by suicide.

Time Commitment: 1 day

soul shop™



American  
Foundation  
for Suicide  
Prevention



## Day of Renewal Spring 2026

Superior Central Cluster 8

Northern Great Lakes Synod Women of the ELCA

Join the Women of Prince of Peace (555 Riverside Street, Marquette) on **Saturday May 30, 2026** 10-1pm for a Pilgrimage

We are inviting all women to attend a morning of fellowship and lunch to learn about various types of Pilgrimages. A Pilgrimage is a journey to a sacred place that can lead to personal transformation or have moral significance.

Registration: 9:45 am cost \$5.00 (checks payable to NGLSWO)

The program starts at 10:00 am, with a business meeting and lunch to follow.

Please sign up and notify [Prince of Peace Lutheran](#) by Monday May 25th, 2026 for planning purposes. (906-249-3122)

Hope you can join us!  
Women of POP

*we can carpool & meet at church parking lot,  
9:15 am*

# LIGHT THE FIRE FOR FORTUNE LAKE

## Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>

6pm at the Bethany Campus, Ishpeming

ALL AGES ARE WELCOME to join for dinner (6pm) and songs/celebration around a campfire (6:30pm) to celebrate fortune lake on Sunday, May 31. Dinner will be hotdogs, chips, carrots, s'mores, etc. Bring a chair and join us at Bethany Lutheran Church, Ishpeming (715 Mather Ave). See signup sheet at all campuses for support and partnership.



## ***Summer and Fall Book Studies!***

Join in (and invite friends) for these book studies this fall. Descriptions of all books can be found online:

- **Sisters in the Wind by Angeline Boulley.**
- Meeting 9/15 from 6:30-7:45 pm in the Fireside

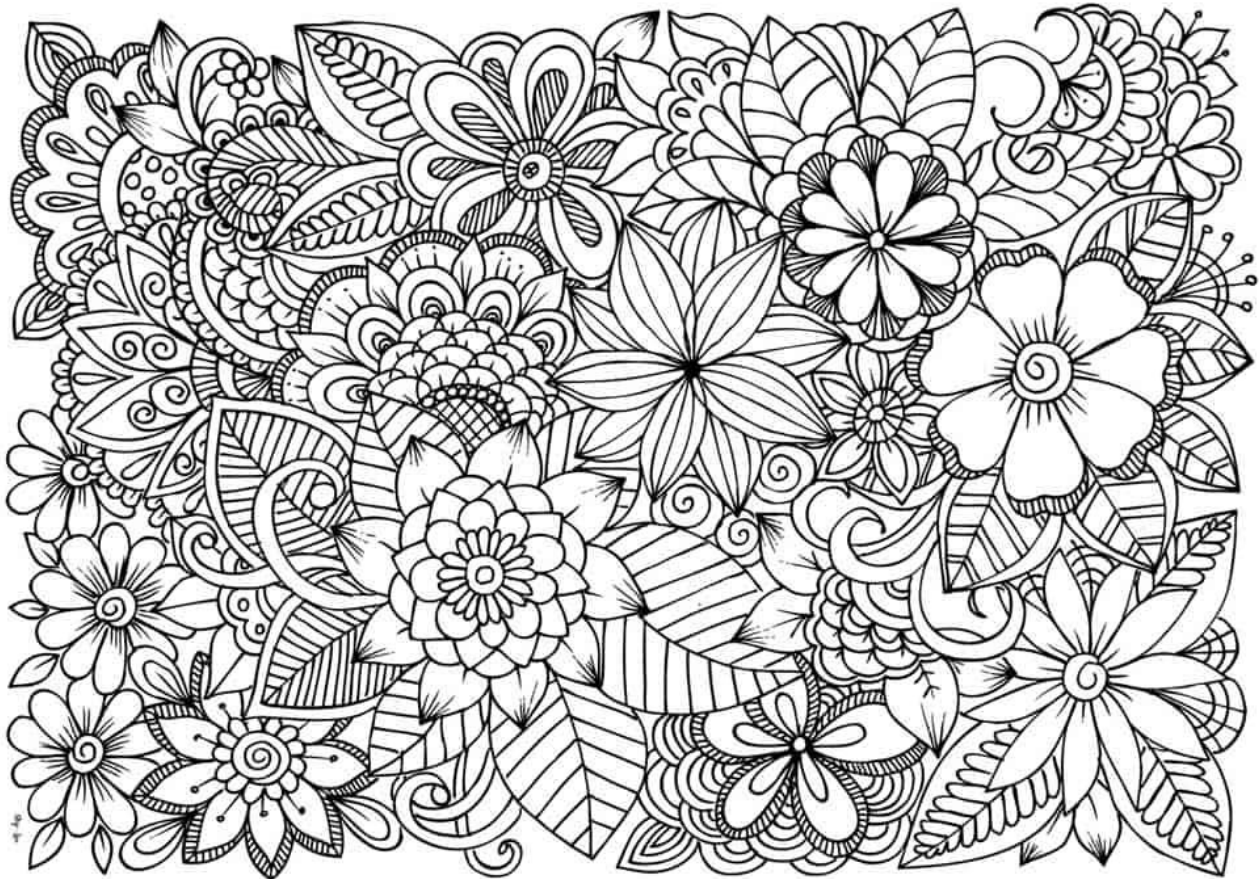
Room at Bethel, Ishpeming. Books are not provided, but you can check out, or inter-library loan, from your local library. Contact Pastor Tim with questions.

- **The Complete Persepolis by Marjane Satrapi.** Contact Pastor J with questions and either pastor to get a book. Copies of this book are available for you to have and KEEP.
  - o Meeting 1: 9/29 from 6:30-7:45pm at Bethany
  - o Meeting 2: 10/8 from 6:30-7:45pm at Bethany
- **Mornings in Jenin by Susan Abulhawa.** Contact Pastor J or Tim with questions and either pastor to get a book. Copies of this book are available for you to have and KEEP.
  - o Meeting 1: 11/3 from 6:30-7:45pm at Bethany
  - o Meeting 2: 11/17 from 6:00-8:15pm at Bethany. 1<sup>st</sup> 45 minutes discussing the book; last 1.5 hours movie and discussion: Louis Theroux: The Settlers (1 hour documentary, 2025)

# Sunday SERMONS

Many have asked for copies of Pastor J's sermon manuscripts. In thanksgiving for this request of partnership in our journey together, copies will be available every Sunday, near the bulletins wherever we are worshipping. If you would like them emailed to you, reach out to Pastor J to be added to an email list that will deliver a copy of the sermon, after worship each Sunday. Pastor Tim also provides copies of his sermons, so this gift of partnership, discernment, and conversation is now available wherever you are called to gather with us.

17-May, 10AM	4ISH Trinity	
24-May, 10AM	Bethany	Trinity
31-May, 10AM	4ISH Bethel	



## THE MINISTERS OF THE DAY

Presider: Pastor J. Michael Mills

Communion Assistant: Kelly Penrose

Music Director: Donna Poirier

Organist/Accompanists: Carol Cox, Linda Hurrell

Ushers: Jaxon & Waylon Hollinshead

Lectors: Abbey Hollinshead and

Dashawn Mitchell

## CALENDAR



Today	6th Sunday in Easter	
	9:00A	Choir practice, Faith campus
	10:00A	Partnership Worship/Online at Faith campus
	11:30A	Mothers' Day brunch in the Fellowship Hall, Faith campus
	12:00P	NO choir practice
Tuesday	9:00A	Quilters, Bethany campus
	10:30A	CANCELLED – Social Ministry meeting, Bethany campus
	11:00A	Quilters, Faith campus
	11:00A	Bible Study at Bethel campus
	6:00P	4-ISH Council & Partnership Council meetings, Bethany campus
Wednesday	9:30A	Weight Watcher Support Group, Bethany campus
Thursday	6:30P	Hope Circle, Bethany campus
Sunday	7th Sunday in Easter	
	9:00A	Choir practice, Trinity campus
	10:00A	4ISH Worship, Trinity campus
	11:00A	Fellowship
	12:00P	Choir practice, Bethany campus

### Church Office hours Bethany Campus

Monday	10:00A – 5:00P
Tuesday	10:00A – 4:30P
Wednesday	10:00A – 11:45A, 1:45P – 5:00P
Thursday	3:30 – 5:30P

### Church Office hours Faith Campus

Tuesday	10:00P – 2:00P
Thursday	10:00P – 2:00P

*Please contact the office if you would like to make an appointment to see Pastor J.*