

*To **LOVE** is to look for opportunities to have deeply personal, spiritual conversation with our friends.*



Our Pray-Eat-Love framework is meant to give a memorable, simple, easily identifiable, cyclical way to speak about what we are doing together as a gathering of brothers and sisters in Christ on God's Kingdom mission. This framework, is adopted from GO! Together—a partnership of Gurnee churches.

Celebration of the Ascension

After He rose from the dead, the Lord Jesus presented Himself alive to the apostles, “appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God” (Acts 1:3).

After 40 days, He ascended to the heavens. 40 days past Easter is Thursday, May 25. When Jesus ascended to the right hand of the Father, He did not abandon His Church, but He fills all things in heaven and on earth and gives gifts to His disciples.

Even now, through His Church, He continues “to do and teach” (Acts 1:1), preaching “repentance and forgiveness of sins” (Luke 24:47), even “to the end of the earth” (Acts 1:8).

Thursday, May 25, & Sunday, May 28, 2017

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays 8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Holy Communion: 1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday of the month

Becky Lanzito & Karen Leicht - Organists, Ann Souza - Music Director,
Mandi Stilson – Choir/New Music Accompanist

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

We are pleased you chose to be with us in worship today, and pray the Lord blesses you as he has blessed us with your presence. Our goal is to help people find the right place for them to hear God's word and serve His mission. We'd love to support you in that spiritual journey. Please take a moment to complete an attendance card and place it in the Offering plate or give to an usher. This card will help us connect with you.

NURSERY

We have two rooms available for your use. When the service is in the sanctuary, the nursery is down the hall just past the restrooms. If the service is held in the gym, the nursery is in the youth room at the far end of the gym.

SERVING TODAY

Thursday 6:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

<i>Elder:</i>	JJ Jones	OPEN
<i>Comm/Asst. Elder:</i>	Bob Souza	Tim Faitsch
<i>Acolytes:</i>	Jeremy Leicht, Hunter Kregel	Jake Herstowski, Sam Squires
<i>Ushers:</i>	Dave Hoffmeister, OPEN	OPEN, OPEN
<i>Lay Readers:</i>	Linda Peters, Larry Peters	Bill Oesterreich, Al Diercks
<i>Greeters:</i>	Javier & Michelle Ramon, Bob & Patty Livingston	Cook & Marilyn Westendorf, Mary Kay Anderson
<i>May Altar Guild:</i>	Diane Mundrick	Debra Wuethrick
<i>May Counters:</i>	Chris Mason	Diane Sanders

ALTAR FLOWERS ARE PROVIDED BY:

Kelley Dorner in celebration of her mother Laraine Soderlund's birthday (5/31) and
in remembrance of her late father Arthur Soderlund's birthday (5/22).

THE WORD OF GOD SERVICE

This service celebrates the Word of God, using words from Paul's letters to Timothy.

Opening Hymn

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

LSB 493 sts. 1-2, 4



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New
2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band Up -
4 "You see Him now, as - cend - ing high Up



hymns through - out the world shall ring: Al - le - lu - ia,
on the Mount of Ol - ives stand. Al - le - lu - ia,
to the por - tals of the sky." Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -
al - le - lu - ia! And with His faith - ful fol - l'wers
al - le - lu - ia! "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall



trod, As - cends un - to the throne of
see Their Lord as - cend in maj - es -
see Re - turn - ing in great maj - es -



God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
ty. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
ty." Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



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

Invocation and Greeting

P: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. 1 Tim. 1:2b

C: And also with you.

(Sunday) Baptism of Colin Traynor, son of Andy & Holly Traynor (see insert)

The Word of God

P: In worship, we become acquainted with the sacred writings,

C: which are able to make us wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

P: All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching,
for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,

C: so that we may be equipped for every good work. Amen. 2 Tim. 3:15-16

Confession of Sin

P: The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance:

C: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 Tim. 1:15

P: For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men:

C: Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all. 1 Tim. 2:5-6

Silence for meditation on our need for Christ's forgiveness.

Absolution (Forgiveness)

1 Tim. 2:4; 2 Tim. 1:9-10; 2 Tim. 2:21

P: God our Savior desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. He saved you and called you to a holy calling, not because of your works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave you in Christ Jesus before the ages began, and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel. You have been cleansed of your sin, set apart as holy, useful to our Lord, and ready for every good work in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: If we have died with him,

C: we will also live with him;

P: if we endure,

C: we will also reign with him;

P: if we deny him,

C: he also will deny us;

P: if we are faithless,

C: he remains faithful—

P: for he cannot deny himself.

2 Tim. 2:13-14

Response**A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing**

LSB 493 sts. 5–6

5 Be now our joy on earth, O Lord,
And be our future great reward.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Then, throned with You forever, we
Shall praise Your name eternally.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

6 O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
All praise to You let earth accord:
Alleluia, alleluia!
You are, while endless ages run,
With Father and with Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Greeting and Collect (Prayer of the Day)

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Charge to the Congregation Regarding the Scriptures

P: Devote yourselves to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching. If anyone teaches a different doctrine and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that accords with godliness, he is puffed up with conceit and understands nothing. Guard the deposit entrusted to you—the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Do not be ashamed of His Word, for we know whom we have believed, and we are convinced that He is able to guard His Word in us by the Holy Spirit who dwells within us. Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from the Scriptures, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you. *1 Tim. 4:13, 6:3–4, 20; 2 Tim. 1:12–14*

C: We have devoted ourselves to the Scriptures.

We dedicate this time now to hear from God's Word. Amen.

A Reading from the Early Church**Acts 20:17–21(ESV)**

¹⁷Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him.

¹⁸And when they came to him, he said to them: “You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, ¹⁹serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; ²⁰how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, ²¹testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle (New Testament Letter)**1 Corinthians 2:1–5 (ESV)**

¹And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, ⁴and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Ascension Verse**Hail Thee, Festival Day**

LSB 489 st. ref-a

All

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

Day when our ris - en Lord Rose in the heav - ens to reign. reign.

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Holy Gospel**Luke 24:44–53 (ESV)**

⁴⁴Then [Jesus] said to [His disciples], “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. ⁵¹While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³and were continually in the temple blessing God.

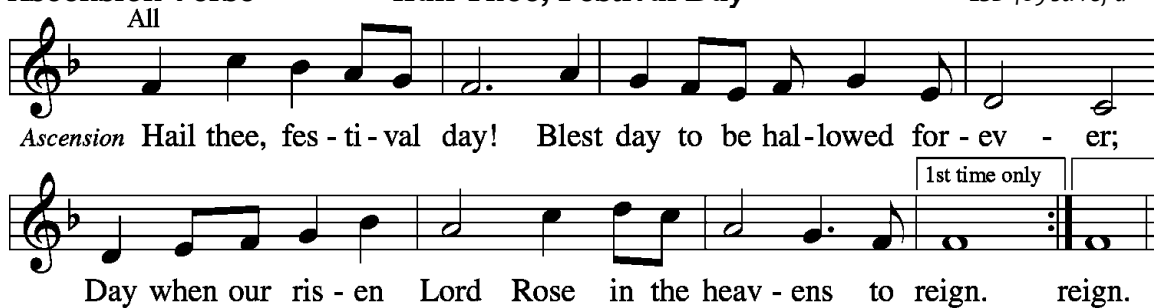
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Ascension Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! Blest day to be hal - lowed for - ev - er;
Day when our ris - en Lord Rose in the heav - ens to reign. reign.

1st time only

Hymn of the Day**On Christ's Ascension I Now Build**

LSB 492



1 On Christ's as - cen - sion I now build The hope of my as -
2 Since Christ re - turned to claim His throne, Great gifts for me ob -
3 O grant, dear Lord, this grace to me, Re - call - ing Your as -
cen - sion; This hope a - lone has al - ways stilled All doubt and
tain - ing, My heart will rest in Him a - lone, No oth - er
cen - sion, That I may serve You faith - ful - ly In thanks for
ap - pre - hen - sion; For where the Head is, there as well I
rest re - main - ing; For where my trea - sure went be - fore, There
my re - demp - tion; And then, when all my days will cease, Let
know His mem - bers are to dwell When Christ will come and call them.
all my thoughts will ev - er soar To still their deep - est yearn - ing.
me de - part in joy and peace In an - swer to my plead - ing.

The Charge for the Pastor

E: Paul instructed Timothy as a pastor. His letters speak of the calling and duties of pastors... Pastor, we remind you of your duty now:

C: We charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus:

**Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season to speak His Word;
Point out errors, warn people, and encourage us,
with complete patience and teaching. Amen.**

2 Tim. 4:1-2

Sermon



LOVE: Building towards

intentional, personal, spiritual conversations

Individual disciples talking to other disciples about what is happening in their personal experience of God. Individual disciples making the intentional effort to ask their fellow disciples about their "heart life." This is small groups and discipleship huddles. This is pastoral care, Elders reaching out, members seeking out missing members, Christians accountable to one another. This is also individual disciples looking for opportunities to speak of spiritual things with their friends who do not already know Jesus, are distant from Him, or are seeking answers for their faith questions. This is the congregation creating conversation spaces for spiritual seekers; this is our members spending time in their "neighborhoods" and being encouraged to ask the spiritual questions.

Offering & Prayer Requests

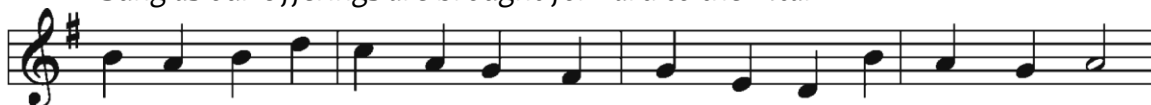
In addition to the prayer requests already received, Pastor will pause here to see if there are additional requests. Prayers can be thanksgivings, joy, requests for yourself, or requests for others.

Offertory

“God has called you out of darkness”

LSB 646, sts. 2&3; tune: 826

Sung as our Offerings are brought forward to the Altar



2 God has called you out of dark-ness In - to His most mar- v'lous light;
3 Once you were an al - ien peo - ple, Strang-ers to God's heart of love;



Brought His truth to life with- in you, Turned your blind - ness in - to sight.
But He brought you home in mer-cy, Cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove.



Let your light so shine a -round you That God's name is glo - ri - fied
Let His love flow out to oth - ers, Let them feel a Fa - ther's care;



And all find fresh hope and pur - pose In Christ Je - sus cru - ci - fied.
That they too may know His wel-come And His count-less bless - ings share.

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Prayers

P: Supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings
are to be made for all people,

C: *thanking God whom we serve,*

P: as we remember others constantly in our prayers night and day.

**C: *And praying for our leaders and all who are in high positions,
that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life,***

P: godly and dignified in every way.

C: *This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior.*

1 Tim. 2:1-3; 2 Tim. 1:3

(Pastor then offers the Prayers of the Church).

The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

All: 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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: Father, You have strengthened us by the grace that is in Christ Jesus. May what we have received from You enable us to share Your grace with others. May we endure all suffering in this world without swerving from the faith. And when we depart from Your Word, grant us repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth so that we may receive the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

C: Amen.

2 Tim. 2:1-2, 1 Tim. 6:21, 2 Tim. 2:10, 2:25

Benediction

P: There is stored up for you the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to you on the Last Day, and not only to you but also to all who have longed for his appearing. The Lord will rescue you from every evil deed and bring you safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

2 Tim. 4:8,18



Closing Hymn**All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name**

LSB 549 sts. 1, 3, 6-7



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;
3 Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, Ye ran - somed from the fall,



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.

6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all.
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all.

7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all.

Announcements**Acknowledgments**

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*Calling all kids and volunteers to
Mighty Fortress*

Vacation Bible School,

where kids learn that God is their refuge and strength.

*Monday, June 12, - Friday, June 16,
from 9AM—12PM*

Register at: <http://www.vbsmate.com/bethelgurnee>

*** VOLUNTEERS are needed but the following positions are of high importance:
two adult preschool volunteers and two grade leaders. Volunteers do not
have to attend the entire week if their schedule does not allow.

*** MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

May 31 6 - 8 PM Prop Night/Pizza,

June 7 6 - 7 PM Train the Trainer for VBS Volunteers.

*** QUESTIONS?????

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