

# The Ascension of Our Lord (observed)

Saturday, May 16, 2026 - 4:00pm

Sunday, May 17, 2026 - 8:30am

## Prelude

Hymn of Invocation: *O Worship the King* LSB 804, sts. 1,2,3,4

Invocation, Exhortation, Confession of Sins, Absolution LSB 203

Introit: *Psalm 47 & Kyrie* *On the screens or in front pages of the hymnal & LSB 204*

Gloria in Excelsis LSB 204

Salutation and Collect of the Day *On the screens*

Holy Baptism (*Sunday*): Lottie Evelyn Wilder LSB pg.268

Welcome & Children's Time (*Sunday*)

The Rite of Confirmation (*Sunday*)

First Reading *Acts 1:1-11*

Gradual *Responsive reading adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6 found on screens*

Epistle *Ephesians 1:15-23*

Alleluia and Verse LSB 205

Holy Gospel *Luke 24:44-53*

Apostles' Creed *On the screens or on the back inside cover of the hymnal*

Hymn of the Day: *A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing* LSB 493, sts. 1,2,3,4

Sermon: "The Plan"

Offering (*please place attendance card in the plate. E-giving available online at [www.blcbcs.org](http://www.blcbcs.org)*)

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament, Preface & Proper, Sanctus LSB 208

Lord's Prayer & The Words of Our Lord LSB 209

Pax Domini *The Congregation shares "The Peace of the Lord"* LSB 209

Agnus Dei LSB 210

Distribution of Our Lord's Supper

Distribution Hymns: *Beautiful Savior* LSB 537

*In Christ Alone* OAR 241

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* LSB 549, sts 1 - 5

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* LSB 821

Benediction

Hymn to Depart: *O Worship the King* LSB 804 sts. 5, 6

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## Warm Bethel Welcome to Our Guests!



**We are delighted you are with us.** We hope you will fill out the connection card in the pew. If you are a first-time guest, we have a mug for you with some Bethel information in them. Please check at the Welcome Center in the Narthex. Please scan the QR code or go online to our website [blcbcs.org](http://blcbcs.org) to fill out our visitor's survey.

**If you wish to participate in the Lord's Supper,** please read the statement concerning the Supper on your attendance card. If you are in agreement with us, then please sign the card and place it in the offering plate. We offer gluten-free wafers at Communion. If your diet/health requires that you do not eat gluten, please ask for one from the elder serving the

### Announcements

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**Summer Sunday School is coming up quickly.** We have a signup in the narthex for those seeking to help support our Sunday School Program. You will not need to sign up for the entire summer, only times that will work for you. Sign up today and help share Jesus with the children in our congregation.

**Bethel's VBS "Emerald Crossings", June 21-25** in the evenings. Sign up to Volunteer or Register your children at <https://blcbcs.myanswers.com/emerald-crossing/>

### ***Hope Pregnancy Center's Baby Bottle Boomerang May 10-June 21***

Simply Pick up a Baby Bottle in the narthex and sign the sheet on the table. Then take your Baby Bottle home and fill it with coins, cash,

bread at the time you commune. If you are medically or emotionally unable to drink the offered wine, then grape-juice with a single drop of wine is offered in the center of each tray.

**NURSERY AVAILABLE—Nursery Care** is available in Rm. 152 for ages 4 and under. If your little one becomes restless, feel free to use the Nursery. The ushers will be glad to be of assistance. Please know though, that your children and babies are always welcome as we worship. You are also welcome to use The Gathering Room, to your left as you walk into the Narthex from the sanctuary. **Children's Activity Bags** are available in the Narthex beside the Elders Credenza.

or check and return them! It's easy! Bring it back by Father's Day, June 21. This is a great opportunity for your children. They can watch the bottle fill up and know that they helped.

### **Bethel Job Opening – Part-time Bookkeeper.** See Joyce for details.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- May Food Drive for Brazos Church Pantry
- Hope Pregnancy Center's Baby Bottle Boomerang- May 10-June 21
- OWLS Potluck Luncheon – May 21
- Preschool Summer Camps – First three weeks in June
- VBS – June 21-25
- Youth Mission Trip – June 28-July 5

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Church Newsletters are in the narthex.



# In Our Prayers This Week

**Bethel's Preschool Teachers and students.**

**Bethel's confirmands** confirming their faith today. All of our Graduates from College and High School. God's blessings to them all.

**Rev. Steve Wiechman**, Breathe Life Ministries

**Rev. Chad Bresson**, The Table, Los Fresnos

**Rev. John Karle, Rev. Daniel Bueckman, &**

**DCE Dorinda Werner**, University Lutheran Chapel, American and International Students

**Those of our families who are expecting babies.** Micah & Rebecca Black and baby Jon to be induced the 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Those who are struggling with infertility.**

**Those Blessed with a Hospice Care Team and their families:** Gabe Sanchez, Wayne LePori, Daniel Moravec, Frances Miles and Deanne Noack.

**Those with injuries, Hospitalized, scheduled surgery or recovering from surgery:** Sharon Tomlin, Bob Pottberg, Kenneth Smotek, Charlie Coble, Jim Holste, Lisa Anderson and Shirley Hamilton.

**Those who are ill, hospitalized, or dealing with chronic health issues and their families:** Barry Boyd, Debbie Smith, Kira Hoffzimmer, Briley Schoppe, Malinda Klein, Juliette Sutherland, Autumn Beard, Myrtle Head, Trey Schultz, Vivian Peacock, Connie Schmeling, Leona Bess, Rose Kunkel, Linda Vincent, Taneisha Burton, Melinda Morris, Logan Stevens, Julia Clark, Carol Humes, Linda Wellman, Dominick Falco, Sharon Lang, Brigitte Schmitt, Brandi Walters, Rosie Leach, Carl Woodward, Jean Sefcik, Jade Fineran, Wade Bolting, Shane Godby, Terri Glass, Krista Jones.

**Our Beloved Members:** Virginia Becker, Mardell Byer, Gladys Byer, Frances Duchmasco, Dottie Garrison, Sue Hoffart, Mike Lenz, Dalton & Deanne Noack, Gladys Paholek, Lee Price, Berta Ranft, Pearl Symmank, LaRue Welch and Judy Wieghat.

**Those who mourn:** For Jeff Bellach, his mother Barbara & family at the death of his father, Lawrence Bellach on May 10. For Dana Mortimer & family at the death of her cousin Trevor Schwartz on May 9. For the Sugita Family at the death of good friend, Lynda Kreutzer.

**All of our Law Enforcement, Fire Fighters and First Responders:** Mikayla Friemel, Jaxton Zaneck, Mike Clark, Roger Simmons, Tim Kappler, Jason Nored, Scott Goodenow, Daniel Goodenow, Waylon Wendler (Wilson's son), Bryan Thurston (Cheryl Wendler's son-in-law), Ryan Rutledge (Heather Clark's brother), Chris Pali- HPD, Brett Pali- HFD (Robert Pali's sons).

**Those in the Military and their families:**

**Air Force** - Cullen & Arlene Douget – stationed in Germany (Wade & Terressa Douget's son and daughter-in-law)  
Joshua Stroud & family (stationed in Germany)  
Hayley Sisco (Debbie Smith's niece)  
Clay Gober (George/Lynn McIlhaney's grandson)

**Marines**

Vincent Jochen – Deployed to Japan (Barry & Donna Boyd's son-in-law)

**Army** - Blake Martin - Deployed to East Europe  
Nick Solymosy (Ellen Solymosy's grandson)  
Matthew Sutherland on Reserves field exercises.

**Navy** – Nina Silber – Deployed overseas (Steve & Connie Silber's granddaughter)  
Michael Sefcik (John Gerald Sefcik's son)

*Please note: In an effort to keep our prayers updated, please let us know about your friends and family, if you wish them to stay in our petitions. Prpb*

**Today's Altar Flower Sponsors:** Jimmie & Kaylee Smith, celebrating their 1st anniversary on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Preston & Annette Kissman, celebrating their 55th anniversary on May 14<sup>th</sup>.

**The Lutheran Hour Sponsors for the month of May:** David & Rita Baumann.

**OPPORTUNITIES TO Grow in Christ**

**Sun., May 17 – Sun., May 24, 2026**

Sunday, May 17	<p><b>The Ascension of Our Lord (observed) with the Lord’s Supper and the Rite of Confirmation</b></p> <p>*8:30 a.m. - Divine Service (Traditional) Sanctuary</p> <p>*10:00 a.m. - Children’s Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible Classes Various Rooms</p> <p>*11:15 a.m. - Divine Service (Contemporary) Sanctuary</p>
Monday, May 18	<p>7:00 p.m. - Men’s Bible Study Room 240</p>
Tuesday, May 19	<p>8:30 a.m. - Fit for Christ Room 234</p> <p>10:00 a.m. - Ladies Bible Study Room 239</p> <p>11:30 a.m. - Banner Group Room 240</p>
Wednesday, May 20	<p><b>Preschool’s Last Day of School</b></p> <p>6:00 p.m. - Bd of Community Service Mtg Room 105</p>
Thursday, May 21	<p>8:30 a.m. - Fit for Christ Room 234</p> <p>12:00 p.m. - Bethel OWLS Potluck Luncheon Parish Hall</p>
Friday, May 22	<p>6:30 a.m. - Men’s Bible Study and Breakfast Room 239</p> <p>12:00 p.m. - Church Office Closes at Noon</p> <p>5:00 p.m. - Torralva/Price Wedding Rehearsal Sanctuary</p>
Saturday, May 23	<p><b>The Day of Pentecost</b></p> <p>2:00 p.m. - Torralva/Price Wedding Sanctuary</p> <p>4:00 p.m. - Divine Service (Traditional) Sanctuary</p> <p>5:00 p.m. - Adult Bible Class Room 105</p>
Sunday, May 24	<p><b>The Day of Pentecost</b></p> <p>*8:30 a.m. - Divine Service (Traditional) Sanctuary</p> <p>*10:00 a.m. - Children’s Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible Classes Various Rooms</p> <p>*11:15 a.m. - Divine Service (Contemporary) Sanctuary</p>

**\*Child Care Available in the Nursery**

Bethel Financials	Apr 2026 Actuals	Jan - Apr 2026 Actuals	% of Jan - Apr Budget
General Fund Income	\$142,753.22	\$623,670.64	94.5%
General Fund Expenses	\$150,999.70	\$556,230.64	89.5%

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