

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
215 3rd Ave SE, MINOT, ND, 58701

Pastors: Janet Hernes Mathistad & Gerald Roise
Organist: Deacon Kari Files; Intern Pastor: Dave Myers

Day of Pentecost

May 31, 2020

* Standing, for those who are able

PRELUDE

ANTHEM: *“10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation. **C: Amen**

P: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence for Reflection

P: Reconciling God, **C: we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen**

P: Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through + Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

GATHERING

* **HYMN:** *“O Day Full of Grace”* Hymn 627 (1, 3-5)

***GREETING**

* **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

WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21

Psalm 104:24-34, 35B

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

* **GOSPEL: John 20:19-23**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON: Pastor Janet

HYMN: *“O Living Breath of God”* Hymn 407

* **APOSTLES’ CREED** p. 105

* **PRAYERS**

* **PEACE**

OFFERING MOMENT

Anthem: *“Spirit, Come Down”*

PRAYER

God of goodness and growth, **all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Water and word, wine and bread, these are signs of your abundant grace. Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen**

MEAL

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***LORD’S PRAYER**

Hymn: *“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”* SBH 470

***BLESSING**

***PRAYER**

P: God of the welcome table, in this meal we have feasted on your goodness and have been united by your presence among us. Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts so that we may

share your neighborly love with all, through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life. Amen

SENDING

* **BENEDICTION**

P: Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present,

nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit bless you and keep you in eternal love. **C: Amen**

* **HYMN:** *“God of Tempest”* Hymn 400 (1-3)

* **MISSION STATEMENT**

* **DISMISSAL**

POSTLUDE

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PRAYER CONCERNS: Lenhart Mindt, Betty Niemann, Arnie Semchenko, Vicki Amon, Val Swenson, Donna Erickson, Amber Mills, Shirley Harmon, Family of Diane Caley. All Covid 19 Patients, Mechanics, Electricians.

CAUSE OF THE MONTH: Our cause of the month is mission support for YWCA.

Please continue to send us your quarantine pictures and also a family picture for the directory! ☺

In-Person Worship?

When are we going to be open again? That is a burning question on people’s minds as the days and weeks press on. The Bethany council will be meeting June 3 for a decision on worship in the month of June. We have been weighing issues of safety and liability. We are learning more about the dangers of aerosol spread inside closed spaces. There are several documented instances of Corona hotspots coming through worship services, funerals, and choir singing.

On the other hand, outdoors is found to be MUCH safer, and so it's possible that we will begin with an outdoor worship service starting June 14. We would continue to Live-stream worship at 8:30 each Sunday morning, but invite people to bring their own chairs for worship outside at 10 or 10:30. We would still require people to respect the social distancing rule of 6 feet. Then we would go from there. By that time we'll know more about any impact from businesses opening up and graduation celebrations. As one pandemic expert stated it, "The virus sets the timeline."

BETHANY'S WEBSITE: bethanylutheranminot.org

BETHANY'S STREAMING: bethanylutheran.tv