

St. Louis Mission Trip
June 24—29, 2018



The Youth of Bethany have one more fund raiser to finish off their St. Louis Mission Trip Goal. There will be a “Tip Night” at the Pizza Ranch on May 22nd (Tuesday). Serving will begin at 5 and will continue until 8 pm. Pizza Ranch will take a percentage of their sales along with any tips you would care to share, and give this to the Youth. Please come and enjoy good food and good waiters and help out the Youth of Bethany. Thank You!!

Join us for VBS
At Lost Island
July 31 – August 2 from 6pm-8pm



When you're afraid,
God is with you.

If you are interested or want more information contact Karyn by May 20 LostIslandLutheran@gmail.com. Help is always needed before the event. Let Karyn know if you can help with decorating, collecting supplies or serving supper.

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Bethany Lutheran Church
703 Broadway- Emmetsburg, IA
Worship 10:30 AM
Sunday School 9:30 AM

Lost Island Lutheran Church
3797-310th St. - Ruthven, IA
Worship 8:45 AM
Sunday School 10:15 AM

We welcome you to worship today
May 20, 2018
PENTECOST
YOUTH SUNDAY-LOST ISLAND

On the fiftieth day of Easter we celebrate the Spirit, through whom and in whom the people of God are created and re-created. Pentecost is sometimes called the church's birthday, but might more appropriately be called its baptism day, since the gift of the Spirit is the fullness of baptism. Ezekiel's vision shows the Spirit resurrecting and re-creating not just individuals but a whole people. Romans makes it clear that God is in the process of re-creating the entire cosmos; yet the Spirit is also at work in the most intimate and personal way, praying in us "with sighs too deep for words" when we do not know how to pray.

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS/ SIGNING OF FRIENDSHIP SHEETS

We invite everyone to please sign the attendance sheets in the black notebook located at the end of pew. If you are a visitor, we would like to get to know you better, please include your address and phone number. We welcome you to come again.

ORDER OF SERVICE—LBW HOLY COMMUNION SETTING TWO

*Please stand if you are able

Youth: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS: Please read responsively

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

1 John 1:9⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Brief pause

PSALM 51:1-4-Congregation reads together

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

²Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

³For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

⁴Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

***GATHERING HYMN:** LBW #161 *“O Day Full of Grace”*

Alleluia! Christ is Risen. **CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED. ALLELUIA!**

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Just as God’s work of creation never ends, so the gifts received in baptism are renewed every day. Let us give thanks together for the life given in baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life:

for water to bathe in, water to drink, for waters to play in and waters that inspire wonder, for water that gives life to our planet.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place: for water from our tap, for rain, for local water sources like Lost Island Lake.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place.

We give you thanks for your salvation through water: for delivering Noah and his family through the floodwaters, for leading your people Israel through the sea into freedom, for preserving your prophet Elijah through the time of drought, for guiding your people across the Jordan into a new land, for quenching the Samaritan woman’s thirst with living water.

We give you thanks for your salvation through water.

We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized, and for all who gather here; for godparents and baptismal sponsors, for children and grandchildren, for our brothers and sisters in Christ whom we have never seen but to whom we are bound.

We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized.

We give you thanks for life in Christ through your Holy Spirit: for our entry into Jesus’ death through these waters, for our new birth into a life of freedom and service, for our calling to be your people, sent out for the life of the world.

We give you thanks, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

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¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

Here ends the reading of the Gospel

***GOSPEL RESPONSE: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN’S SPECIAL MUSIC
MESSAGE**

***HYMN OF THE DAY:** #684 WOV “*Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*”

***NICENE CREED** LBW P.84

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

Please be seated while the offering is received

***OFFERING/OFFERTORY:** Sing “Holy Spirit” printed in bulletin

***OFFERTORY PRAYER:** LBW pg. 87

Merciful Father, **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us-ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:** LBW Pg. 88

***THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION:** Pg. 89

***THE LORD’S PRAYER:** Pg. 91

HOLY COMMUNION: Pg. 92 “**Lamb of God...**”

HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION: LBW #200, LBW 524, WOV #770

***BLESSING:** P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen.**

***POST COMMUNION:** Pg. 92 “**Thank the Lord...**”

***PRAYER AND BENEDICTION**

***SENDING HYMN:** #523 “*Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling*”

***DISMISSAL:** Go in peace and serve the risen Lord. **Okay! We Will!**

ORGAN POSTLUDE

SALUTATION: The Lord be with You. **And also with you.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Pray together

Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***FIRST READING: ACTS 2:1-21**

Originally Pentecost was a Jewish thanksgiving-type festival celebrated seven weeks after Passover. On this particular Pentecost, however, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the entire community of believers just as Jesus had promised and the scriptures had prophesied. Empowered by the Spirit, the entire community bears witness to God’s activity in multiple languages.

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

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

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

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

²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

***PSALM 104:24-34, 35b Please read responsively**

Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. (Ps. 104:30)

²⁴How manifold are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you have made them
all; the earth is full of your creatures.

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

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

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

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

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

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

³¹**May the glory of the LORD endure forever; O LORD, rejoice in all your
works.**

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

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

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

^{35b}**Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah!**

***SECOND READING: ROMANS 8:22-27**

*By pouring the Holy Spirit into our hearts, God gives us the promised first fruit of
eternal life so that we await God's future in hope. In the meantime, the Spirit also
intercedes for us by carrying the prayers of our weak human hearts to God.*

²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until
now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits
of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of
our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope.
For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see,
we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to
pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for
words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the
Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the
will of God.

Here ends the reading. Please stand for the Gospel.

***RESPONSE:** Alleluia! He is Risen! **He is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!**

***GOSPEL ANNOUNCED AND RESPONSE:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

***GOSPEL: JOHN 15:26-27, 16:4B-15**

*When speaking to his disciples before his death, Jesus referred to the Holy
Spirit as "the Helper" and described the difference the Spirit would make in
their lives and in the world.*

[Jesus said,] ²⁶"When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you
from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he
will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have
been with me from the beginning.

^{16:4b}"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I
was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of
you asks me, 'Where are you going?' ⁶But because I have said these
things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless I tell you
the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go
away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to
you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin
and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not be-
lieve in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father
and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler
of this world has been condemned.