

BETHANIA MORAVIAN CHURCH

Ascension Sunday

Morning Worship – 11:00 A. M. – May 13, 2018

Jesus says, "Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth."

John 17:17

STRIKING of the HOUR

CALL TO WORSHIP *Amazing Grace* Tally & Stella Bovender (clarinet)

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS Rylee Swaim

PRAYER Rylee Swaim

THE READING of GOD'S WORD

Psalm 1 (Page 465) Riley Bennett

Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26 (Pages 947,948) Evan Scott

*MOTHERS DAY LITURGY Tally Bovender (Insert)

THE READING of GOD'S WORD

John 17: 6-19 (Page 941) Maggie Cass

1 John 5: 9-13 (Page 1067) Cole Wood

PRESENTATION of TITHES and OFFERINGS

Offertory *Here I am Lord* Tally Bovender (violin)

*Doxology – (Hymn 817) *Praise God...* T. Old Hundredth

*Prayer of Dedication Logan Wood

*HYMN 716 *On Your Ransomed Congregation*

SERMON Logan Swaim

*HYMN 559 *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

*JUDE BENEDICTION (Led by youth)

Sunday May 13 May 20
Nursery Andrea Wood & Rosemary Mock Rachel Wilson & Renee Martin
Greeters Youth Kimberly Swaim

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Don & Barbara Peiffer to the glory of God and in memory of their mothers, Theresa Peiffer and Grace Wright, and in honor of all mothers of Bethania Moravian Church.

Happy Mother's Day to all our wonderful ladies in the congregation!

The Bovender family would like to extend a big thank-you to all who donated diapers to the Diaper Bank Campaign! There were a grand total of 720 diapers collected and the Diaper Bank was very appreciative and thankful!!

Next Sunday we will be observing Pentecost Holy Communion during the worship hour. Band Prelude will start at 10:30am. The Youth will also be holding a fundraiser "Breakfast for Dinner" from 5-7pm in the Fellowship Hall. All the youth will set up, cook, serve and clean up afterwards. The menu will consist of pancakes (with all the necessary toppings), bacon and orange juice to drink. Cost will be \$5.00. Everyone is welcome!!

The office will be closed on Monday, May 28th for Memorial Day.

The Women's Fellowship summer schedule is as follows: Circles 1&2 will not meet in July and August. Circle 3 will not meet in June or July.

June 5th is the date for our Senior Luncheon! Please mark your calendars and look for more information in upcoming bulletins.

OPPORTUNITIES for the WEEK

MON 14 9:00am Quilters
TUES 15 10:00am WF Mtg.-Circle 1
7:00pm WF Mtg.-Circle 3
7:00pm Cub Pack & Boy Scouts
WED 16 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal
SAT 19 10:00am WF Mtg.-Circle 2
SUN 20 9:15am Coffee and Fellowship
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Pentecost Holy Communion
5-7pm "Supper for Dinner" (Youth Fundraiser)

UPCOMING EVENTS

MON 21 9:00am Quilters
TUES 22 7:00pm Cub Pack & Boy Scouts
7:00pm Elders Mtg.
WED 23 6:15pm Handbells
7:30pm Choir Rehearsal
SUN 27 9:15am Coffee and Fellowship
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship
5-7pm Youth Group

Mothers' Day Litany

One: All who gather here are sons or daughters.

All: We praise God for the women who gave us life.

One: For mothers brave, strong, compassionate, full of wisdom and grace,

All: We give God thanks and praise.

One: For mothers vulnerable, worried, frustrated, and hurried,

All: We pray for peace.

One: For relationships that are strained and no longer a source of joy,

All: We pray for healing.

One: For mothers who have died, that live no longer with us, but whose light shines on in our hearts and memories,

All: We pray for those that mourn, and give God thanks for life eternal.

One: For mothers who grieve, who have lost children born or unborn,

All: We weep with those with broken hearts.

One: For those who are struggling to raise children, who are tired and weary,

All: We pray that we may be their village, offering real help in hard times.

One: For those who are preparing emptier nests,

All: We both celebrate and mourn with you, and hope their wings are as strong as their roots are deep.

One: For stepmothers, navigating the pitfalls and joys of creating a new family,

All: We pray for wisdom and patience.

One: For Grandmothers who are doing the hard work of raising children again,

All: We pray the caregivers have those who care for them.

One: For those who are waiting and sometimes struggling with the biological process to bring new life, and for those who are waiting for adoptive process to be fulfilled.

All: We wait eagerly with you, and offer you our hand to hold in the trial.

One: For women who do not have children, but instead teach, lead, care for, and guide the children of others,

All: We give God thanks and praise.

One: For the mothers, sisters, daughters in our midst and around the world. For the women who, created in the image of God, give not just life, but abundant life. For women fighting, struggling, and sweating for the sake of others. For women caring, compassionate, and crying with the heart of Christ. For the caregivers, prophets, preachers, teachers, leaders, shepherds, healers. For Moms, in their wide variety and many forms,

All: We give God thanks and praise.