

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH 26418 Mountain Highway E, Spanaway, WA

"We are a family of believers, gathered in Christ, called to be disciples, nourished in the Word and sent to serve."

Welcome to Worship at Bethany! Please fill out a Communication Card (available on the bookcase inside the sanctuary door or ask an usher) if you are: visiting; have prayer requests; have contact information changes or other information for the office. Please place it in the offering plate at the time of the offering. All are welcome at Holy Communion; the Lord invites us to come. A gluten-free option is available. Children may receive communion at their parent's discretion. If you have no congregational home in this area, we invite you to consider Bethany!

The "Kids' Korner" is our current alternative to a nursery. This section of the narthex is set up for kids to stay quietly occupied under their parent's (or another adult's) supervision.

~Today, May 27, 2018~ <u>Holy Trinity</u>

The Order of Service – The bulletin is all-inclusive. The readings and hymns are included in the order they occur in the service.

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Next week's readings: First Reading, Deuteronomy 5:12-15; Psalm 81-1-10; Second Reading, 2 Corinthians 4:5-12; Gospel, Mark 2:23-3:6

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSIC MEDITATION/PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Please stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Eternal God our creator,

C: in you we live and move and have our being.
Look upon us, your children,
the work of your hands.
Forgive us all our offenses,
and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires.
By your grace draw us near to you,
our refuge and our strength;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit given to us.
In the mercy of almighty God,
Christ died for us while we still were sinners;
and for his sake, God + forgives you all your sins.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: Come, Join the Dance of Trinity



- 1 Come, join the dance of Trin i ty, be fore all worlds be gun—
- 2 Come, see the face of Trin-i-ty, new-born in Beth le hem;
- Come, speak a loud of Trin i ty, as wind and tongues of flame
- 4 With in the dance of Trin i ty, be fore all worlds be gun,



of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, the in - ter-weav-ing blood-ied by crown of thorns out - side Je - ru - sa - lem. then a Pen - te - cost to peo - ple free tell the Say - ior's name. set at sing the prais - es of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son. we



ni - verse of space and time did The not a - rise by chance, Trin - i - ty is meant for hu - man flesh and bone; The dance of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth; We know the yoke of in - ter-weave, by love and hope set Let voic - es rise and



and hope, made room with in their dance. the Three, in but as love dance in death, God rolls a - way the stone. when fear con-fines the weight and woe that tell the world of are free to move! go we this life: the joy, shape in song this dance of Trin - i - tv. to

Text: Richard Leach, b. 1953

Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

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GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Be Seated

FIRST READING Isaiah 6:1-8

L: A reading from the book of Isaiah.

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;

the whole earth is full of his glory."

⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



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¹Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,

ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.

²Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God's name; worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders; the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.

⁴The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice; the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor.

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees; the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;

6the LORD makes Lebanon skip | like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.

⁷The voice | of the LORD bursts forth in | lightning flashes.

⁸The voice of the LORD| shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh.

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the | forests bare. And in the temple of the LORD all are | crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.

¹¹O LORD, give strength | to your people; give them, O LORD, the bless- | ings of peace.

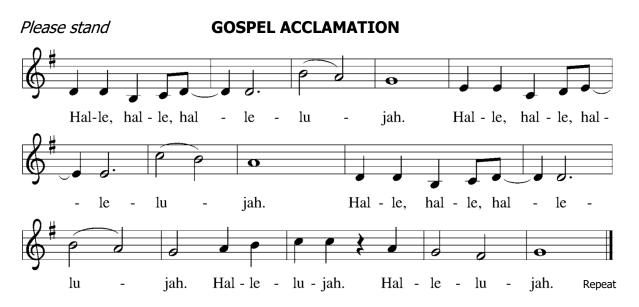
Romans 8:12-17

L: A reading from the book of Romans.

¹²Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—
¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



Music: Caribbean traditional

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GOSPEL John 3:1-17

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 3rd chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⑦Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ®The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹¹0Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Be seated

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY (see next page)

HYMN OF THE DAY: Holy God, We Praise Your Name



- Ho ly God, praise of all, your name; Lord we we choirs 2 Hark! The glad tial gel ce - les hymn an a -
- 3 Lo. the tol ic train join cred ap os your sa Son, Spir Ho - ly Fa ther, ho ly Ho - ly it,



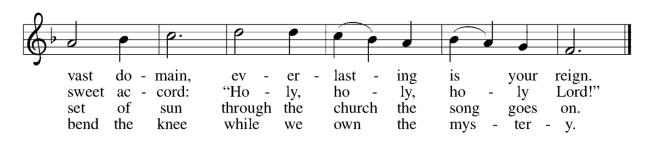
bow be - fore you. bove are rais - ing; name to hal - low; three we name you,

All earth claim, on your scep ter cher - u bim and phim, ser a proph - ets glad swell the re - frain, though in ly es sence on one:



prais - ing, ceas - ing in un cho rus the white - robed fol - low; mar and tyrs claim you un - di vid - ed God we

In - fi - nite your fill the heav'ns with and from morn to and, a - dor - ing,



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APOSTLES CREED

creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,

THE PRAYERS (Sung response to each petition)



A: Filled with the Holy Spirit, we join with the church in every place, praying for the world that God so loves.

Sing "O Lord, My God"

A: Abba, when we cry to you, your Spirit bears witness with our spirit. Give to your church the confidence of the children of God, so that we boldly share with everyone your world-saving love. The whole earth is full of your glory: cities teem, fields flourish, mountains soar, and waters abound. Blot out our sin of spoiling your creation. Send us to go for you, mending what is torn and tattered in your world.

Sing "O Lord, My God"

A: You so loved the world that you gave your only Son. In these days, when nation condemns nation, save us. Give us strength and fill us with your justice and peace. Your people cry out to you, seeking the goodness and hope of your holiness. Let the wind of your Spirit blow into the lives of all who suffer from injustice, want, or anguish of any kind

Sing "O Lord, My God"

A: In our living and in our dying, we belong to you. In loving remembrance, we honor those who live with scars or have died defending our nation. Beat our swords into plowshares and our spears into pruning hooks, and teach us your ways.

Sing "O Lord, My God"

- P: We pray for Ray White, Sally Pollock, Obe Estby, Marcus Hollmann, Tony Noble, the family of Linda's brother, Mark Thiel, as they grieve. For what and for whom else do we pray? (wait for others to offer names or prayers)
- P: By the sure guidance of you Holy Spirit, O God, we lift up our prayers in trust and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sing "O Lord, My God"

PEACE

P: The peace of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you all.

C: And also with you.

The congregation greets one another with these words: Peace be with you.

Please be seated. The Offering is received as the Lord's table is prepared.

Please stand

OFFERTORY:



- Ac-cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up-on your ta-ble.
- 2 The vines were plant ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea-sure.
- 3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble. What once was com - mon, dail - y food be-comes a ho - ly trea-sure. Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum-bly we a - dore you.

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Music: BARBARA ALLEN, English folk tune

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Merciful God,

C: you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

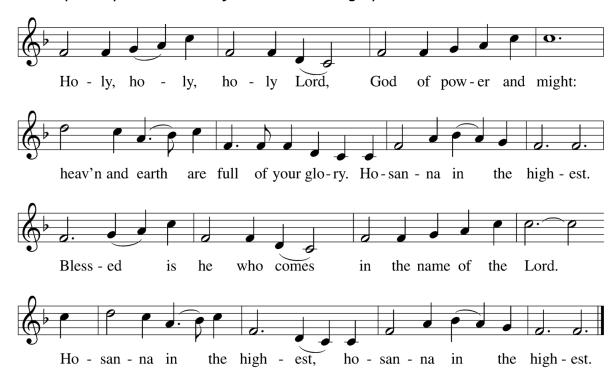
P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God. You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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Eucharistic Prayer

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful God, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

C: In great love, you sent to us Jesus, your Son,

P: who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,

C: who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

- P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you."
- C: "Do this to remember me."
- P: Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin."
- C: "Do this to remember me."
- P: Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
- C: we await his coming in glory.
- P: Pour out upon this bread and wine, and all who gather in this place, the Spirit of your love, O God,
- C: Unite our wills in the sharing of this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen

A: We are bold to pray as our Lord Jesus taught us:

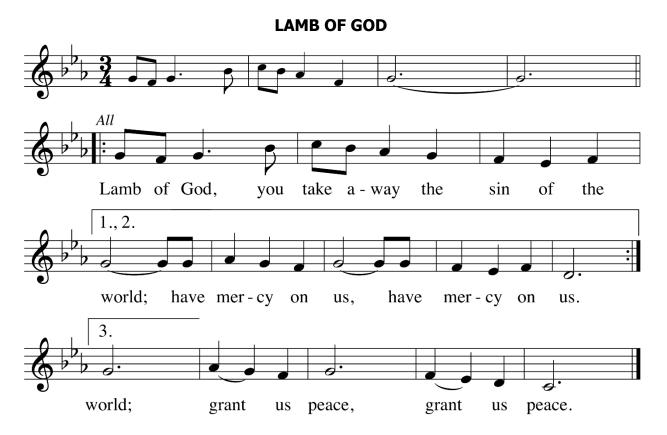
LORD'S PRAYER

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. Amen.

P: Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.

COMMUNION (Be seated until ushers direct you to the altar.)

All are welcome at Holy Communion. The Lord invites us to come. If you would like a gluten-free option, hold up your index finger when the Pastor serves the bread. Red wine is available in the outer part of the tray and white grape juice is available in the center of the tray.



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COMMUNION HYMN: Now the Silence



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Music: NOW, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929

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COMMUNION HYMN: Baptized in Water



Text: Michael Saward, b. 1932

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version

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Please stand

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

C: Amen

PRAYER

A: Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore.

C: Amen

BLESSING

P: May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father,

→ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen

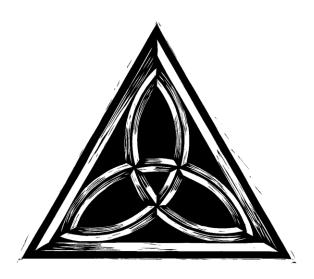
SENDING HYMN (next page)

Please stand

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

C: Thanks be to God.



SENDING HYMN: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty



- 1 Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly, Lord God Al-might y!
- Ho lv. ly! All the saints a - dore thee. 2 ho - lv, ho Ho - ly, Though the dark - ness 3 ho - ly, ho ly! hide thee.
- 4 Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho ly! Lord God Al-might y!



song shall rise ing Ear - ly in the morn our to thee. cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea; though the eye sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry of may not see, thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, cher - u - bim and on - ly thou art ho - ly; Ho - ly, ho - ly,

mer - ci - ful and might - y! fall - ing down be - fore thee, there is none be - side thee, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, which wert and art, and per - fect in pow'r, in God in three per - sons,

bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
ev - er - more shalt be.
love and pu - ri - ty.
bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

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Coming Events						
MON	MAY 28	OFFICE	CLOSED			
		10:30	Memorial Day Service			
THURS	MAY 31	6:45	Bell Choir Practice			
SUN	JUN 3	2nd Sunday after Pentecost/Quilt Sunday				
		8:00	Worship			
		9:15	Sunday School			
		9:15	Adult Bible Study			
		10:15	Worship			
MON	JUNE 4	6:00	Worship & Music Meeting			
TUES	JUNE 5	7:00	Property Meeting			
THURS	JUNE 7	6:45	Bell Choir Practice			
SUN	MAY 27	3rd Sun	<u>unday after Pentecost</u>			
		8:00	Worship			
		9:15	Sunday School			
		9:15	Adult Bible Study			
		9:30	Bell Choir Concert			
		10:15	Worship			

BETHANY ANNOUNCEMENTS 5-27-18

Preaching Today – Pastor Janeen is taking Continuing Education and vacation time until May 31st. We welcome Pastor Rick Swenson as our supply pastor today, May 27th. If you have pastoral needs during this week, please call the office.

Living Stones Raffle – Today is the last day to get your tickets for the Living Stones Raffle fundraiser. This year the raffle prize is a **\$5000 Costco travel voucher** to be used by the winner to plan a dream trip to anywhere Costco arranges travel! Tickets are \$10 each or 6 for \$50. Please see Sandy Schaefer or come to the office to get your tickets.

Memorial Day Service – The annual Memorial Day Service will be held in the cemetery on Mon. May 28th at 10:30 AM, followed by a luncheon in Litzer Hall.

Donations to Pastor's Discretionary Fund for a Family in Need —In keeping with our non-profit status, the church cannot collect funds specifically for a person or family, but we can accept donations to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, which can then be used to pay for things like grocery or gas cards, rent, utility bills, etc. Janeen has identified an imminent need this week that she would like to help with, and you are asked to prayerfully consider making a donation designated to this fund.

Check Out the Garden! A big thank you to Walt Sandor for all the work that he has done in the garden. Walt came up with the design, provided the sand and pavers, and worked clearing the space and setting the pavers, along with: Gary Pollock, Doug Kotrba, Dewaine Selzler, Creig Kuwitzky, Janeen Smith, Susan Fordice, Daleen Haifley, and the Youth Group. Would you or your group be interested in planting and maintaining a section of the garden? Each individual or group will decide what is planted in their section and what it will be used for, for example: flowers to decorate the altar; vegetables for the food bank; a salad garden to be used for the annual picnic; plantings to beautify the garden space. Oh, the possibilities! Let Janeen or Walt know if you're interested.

Food Bank Focus – The "urgent need" for May is toilet paper. Even though we are a "food" bank, our clients are often begging for this. Thank you.

Quilt Sunday — Quilt Sunday will be Sunday, June 3rd. We have one graduate this year, Will Almond, who will be "wrapped" in a special quilt made by our Bethany Quilters as a reminder of the love of his church family.

Summer Schedule - Beginning on June 17th we will worship together at one service **9 AM on Sundays** using an adaptation of a Marty Haugen morning prayer setting entitled *In the Morning I Will Sing.* We will return to two services in the fall.

Summer Hymns - We will have three hymns (a mini hymn sing) each week during the summer – there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Summer Bible Study - Beginning on June 17th, and continuing through August 5th, following 9:00 AM worship, we will read and study the Bible using a book, *Interrupting Silence*, by Walter Brueggemann. This Bible study for adults explores God's command to speak out by examining how maintaining silence allows the powerful to keep control. There are 110 pages to read (over the 8 weeks) in addition to biblical references; participants will be encouraged to read and answer some reflection questions before each session. The books are about \$12 – you may purchase one yourself or let us know that you'd like one ordered when you sign up for the course. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Annual Bell Choir Concert – will be Sunday, June 10th at 9:30 AM. Save the date!

Spread the Word! VBS is Coming Soon!

Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus

Monday, July 16th – Friday, July 20th 8:45 AM – 12:00 PM



Games, Treats, Adventures, Music, & More! Ages 4-11

Who to invite:

Your kids * Your kids' friends Your nieces and nephews Your friends' kids * Your grandkids Your neighbor's kids!

Registration is available online at: **www.bethany-l-c.org**

THOSE WHO SERVE

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Striving to be Disciples

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Pianist/Organist: Claudia Simpson-Jones

Bell Choir Director: Anastacia Caswell

Video/Webmaster: Clay Ching

On the web: www.bethany-l-c.org
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Public Group

SERVING TODAY, MAY 27, 2018

<u>8:00 AM</u>		<u>10:15 AM</u>	
Greeter-	Wendy Sandor	Greeter-	Sally Williams
Acolyte-	Volunteer	Acolyte-	Brooklyn Shelton
Lector-	Linda Pempeck	Lector-	Walt Birdseye
Ushers-	Gary Christensen	Ushers-	Gary Pollock
	Pat Ward		Volunteer
Sound-	Alan Eagle	Assistant-	Marge Fife
Altar Guild-	Lynda Duncan	Sound-	Daniel Bacher
		Kitchen-	Sharon Edmunds
		Altar Guild-	Kelli Bacher

NEXT WEEK, JUNE 3, 2018

8:00 AM 10:15 AM