

Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Pentecost Day | June 4 & 8, 2025 Year C



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*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**GATHERING**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

After fifty days of Easter rejoicing, the church cries out:

**Come, Holy Spirit!**

All those living in resurrection light sing with joy:

**Come, Holy Spirit!**

All those dying under the weight of sin and grief plead:

**Come, Holy Spirit!**

Come, Holy Spirit: fill the hearts of your faithful people,

**and kindle in us the fire of your love.**



1 O day full of grace that now we see ap - pear - ing on  
 2 O day full of grace, O bless - ed time, our Lord on the  
 3 For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, when he on the  
 4 God came to us then at Pen - te - cost, the Spir - it new  
 5 When we on that fi - nal jour - ney go that Christ is for



earth's ho - ri - zon, bring light from our God that we may  
 earth ar - riv - ing; then came to the world that light sub -  
 cross was hang - ing; and then he a - rose and moved the  
 life re - veal - ing, that we might no more in death be  
 us pre - par - ing, we'll gath - er in song, our hearts a -



be a - bun - dant in joy this sea - son. God, shine for us  
 lime, great joy for us all re - triev - ing; for Je - sus all  
 stone, that we, un - to him be - long - ing, might join with an -  
 lost, its pow'r o - ver us dis - pel - ling. This flame will the  
 glow, all joy of the heav - ens shar - ing, and there we will



now in this dark place; your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.  
 mor - tals did em - brace, all shame and des - pair re - mov - ing.  
 gel - ic hosts to raise our voic - es in end - less sing - ing.  
 mark of sin ef - face and bring to us all true heal - ing.  
 join God's end - less praise, with an - gels and saints a - dor - ing.

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## Prayer of the Day

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God from which nothing can separate us,  
and the life-giving Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Let us pray, Holy Spirit,  
**rattle the rooms in which we are hiding,  
shake the tired foundations until unjust institutions crumble,  
break the rules that keep You out of all our sacred spaces,  
then lift from the dust and rubble a new creation.**

Come, Holy Spirit,  
**enter our lives, whisper our names,  
speak to us in the language of our hearts  
and scatter Your gifts of grace with wild abandon.  
Give Your silent strength to all imprisoned  
and let Your raging fire be our sign of liberty.**

Come, Holy Spirit!  
**Help us find ourselves in vital places,  
bringing Your word and freedom  
to the poor, the oppressed, the outcast.  
Help us to work for peace in our lives and ministries. Amen.**

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*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

**WORD**

## **Pentecost Reading** Acts 2:1-21

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

**as the Spirit gave them ability.**

- 1: Now there were devout Jews  
from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem.
- 2: And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered,  
because each one heard them speaking in the native  
language of each.
- 3: Amazed and astonished, they asked,

**All: “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?  
And how is it that we hear, each of us,  
in our own native language?**

- 1: Parthians, Medes, Elamites,  
and residents of Mesopotamia (mes-oh-poh-TAY-mee-uh),  
Judea and Cappadocia ( kap-uh-DOH-shee-uh),
- 2: Pontus and Asia, Phrygia (FRIJ-yuh) and Pamphylia (pam-FIL-yuh),  
Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene (sy-REE-nuh),
- 3: and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes (pro-ce-LIGHTS),  
residents of Crete, and Arabs—

**All: in our own languages we hear them speaking  
about God’s deeds of power.”**

- 1: All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another,

**All: “What does this mean?”**

- 1: But others sneered and said,

2&3: “They are filled with new wine.”

- 1: But Peter, standing with the eleven,  
raised his voice and addressed them:

- 2: “People of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem,

let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

- 3: Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose,  
for it is only nine o'clock in the morning.  
No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

- 1: "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 (PROF-uh-sigh),  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.

- 2: Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy (PROF-uh-sigh).

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

- 1: The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

**All: Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."**

## The Word for All Ages

### Gospel Acclamation

### *Celtic Alleluia*

ELW 174



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## **Gospel** John 14:8-17 [25-27]

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>8</sup> Philip said to [Jesus,] “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?” <sup>10</sup> Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup> Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup> Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

<sup>15</sup> “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup> This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

[<sup>25</sup> “I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”]

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day**

*Send Down the Fire of Your Justice*

# REFRAIN



Send down the fire of your jus - tice, \_\_\_\_\_



Send down the rains of your love; \_\_\_\_\_ Come,



send down the Spir - it, breathe life in your peo - ple, and



we shall be peo-ple of God. \_\_\_\_\_

# VERSES



1. Call us to be your com - pas - sion, \_\_\_\_\_
2. Call us to learn of your mer - cy, \_\_\_\_\_
3. Call us to an - swer op - pres - sion, \_\_\_\_\_
4. Call us to wit - ness your King - dom, \_\_\_\_\_



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| 1. Teach us the song of your love; _____    | Give us  |
| 2. Teach us the way of your peace; _____    | Give us  |
| 3. Teach us the fire of your truth; _____   | Give us  |
| 4. Give us the pres - ence of Christ; _____ | May your |



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|------------------------|-----------------------------|---------|
| 1. hearts that sing,   | Give us deeds that ring,    | Make us |
| 2. hearts that feel,   | Give us hands that heal,    | Make us |
| 3. right - eous souls, | 'Til your jus - tice rolls, | Make us |
| 4. ho - ly light       | Keep us shin - ing bright,  | Ev - er |



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|----------|-------------------------|---------------|
| 1. ring  | with the song of your   | love. _____   |
| 2. walk  | in the way of your      | peace. _____  |
| 3. burn  | with the fire of your   | truth. _____  |
| 4. shine | with the pres - ence of | Christ. _____ |

*To Refrain*

**(Sun) Affirmation of Baptism-Confirmation    Cranberry pp 234-236**

**Hayden James Skrobel**

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for *Hayden*, one with us in the body of Christ, who is making public affirmation of his baptism.

I present Hayden James Skrobel who *desires* to make public affirmation of his baptism.

Let us pray, Merciful God, we thank you that you have made us your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold us and all your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

**PROFESSION OF FAITH**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**Response: I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**Response: I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**Response: I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**



Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

#### **AFFIRMATION**

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,  
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,  
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,  
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each person responds: **I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

People of God, do you promise to support this brother and pray for him in his life in Christ? **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Let us pray, We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Stir up in Hayden James the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Let us rejoice with this brother in Christ.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.  
Together we will give thanks and praise to God  
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

**Prayers**      *Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading*      **Cranberry 401**  
(played in the background during prayers)

Filled with the Holy Spirit, we join with the church in every place, praying for the world that God so loves. *Sing Verse 1*



*Njo - o kwe - tu, Ro - ho mwe - ma, M - fa - ri - ji we - tu.*  
 1 Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing, fash - ion us all a - new.  
 2 Come to teach us, come to nour - ish those who be - lieve in Christ.  
 3 Guide our think - ing and our speak - ing done in your ho - ly name.



*Tu - fu - ndi - she ya mbi - ngu - ni, tu - we wa - tu wa - pya.*  
 It's your lead - ing that we're need - ing, help us to fol - low you.  
 Bless the faith - ful, may they flour - ish, strength - ened by grace un - priced.  
 Mo - ti - vate all in their seek - ing, free - ing from guilt and shame.

*Refrain*



*Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.*  
 Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.



*Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.*  
 Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

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| 4 Not mere knowledge, but discernment,<br>nor rootless liberty;<br>turn disquiet to contentment,<br>doubt into certainty. <i>Refrain</i> | 5 Keep us fervent in our witness,<br>unswayed by earth's allure.<br>Ever grant us zealous fitness,<br>which you alone assure. <i>Refrain</i> |
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Text: Wilson Niwagila; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922

Music: NJOOKWETU, ROHO MWEMA, Wilson Niwagila

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Lord of life, you baptize your people with the fire of the Spirit. Grace your church everywhere with your visions and dreams, so that as we testify, all will hear the gospel and call upon your saving name. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great. Sing Verse 2**

Your creating Spirit renews the face of the earth. Awaken us from the slumber of neglect to show tender care for our home. Your Spirit swept over the waters and you created the human family. Connect the nations with the strength of the Holy Spirit, so that all will live in hope. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.** *Sing Verse 3*

Your Spirit sighs with every need. Guide us in honoring the dignity of everyone and opening our lives to others. Pour your healing mercies into the lives of all who need your care. Help us in our weakness, teach us to pray, search our hearts, and intercede for us, your beloved saints, according to your will. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.** *Sing Verse 4*

For what else do the people of God pray?  
*Silent and spoken prayers are invited*

By your Holy Spirit you have called and gathered people from every nation under heaven. Gather us with all the saints at the heavenly banquet that has no end. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.** *Sing Verse 5*

By the sure guidance of your Holy Spirit, O God, we lift up our prayers in trust and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Peace**

On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit enabled people from different nations and languages to not only speak to one another, but to understand each other. Friends, in many ways, celebrating Pentecost is celebrating God's ability to forge connection and peace among diverse people and nations. As renewed, forgiven people, let us share the radical and unifying peace of God with one another now.

The peace of Christ is with you always. **And also with you.**

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*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**MEAL**

## **(Sun) Offering**

### **(Sun) Offertory Prayer**

Let us pray, Risen One,  
**you have gathered us around your table of grace  
along with these gifts we bring.  
Come among us again,**

**breathe your life into us,  
and enliven us with this meal,  
that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.**

### **Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Thanks be to you, O God, for the power of your loving Spirit.  
We worship you for your Spirit, who forms life out of chaos and dust.  
We bless you for your Spirit, who ignites the words of the prophets.  
We praise you for your Spirit, who carries your people together in unity.

Glory be to you, O God, for the comfort of your creative Spirit.  
By your Spirit your Son preached and healed, rebuked and forgave.  
Dying on the cross for a wounded world, he gave over his Spirit.  
Risen from death, he pours out your Spirit on all who believe.

On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and O thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for  
you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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. Do this for the remembrance of me.

On this bread and wine, **Come, Holy Spirit.**  
On this assembly, **Come, Holy Spirit.**  
On this earth, its waters and lands and skies, **Come, Holy Spirit.**  
On plants and animals, and even on the stars, **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Breathe your life into our bones.  
Anoint us for service with your oil of gladness.  
Translate our speech into tongues of wisdom.  
Shower on us your gifts: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,  
generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.  
Sanctify the whole earth with your truth.

We praise and bless you,  
Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,  
God of supreme mercy and might,  
God of the cross and the empty tomb,  
God of the power of justice and peace, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

As Jesus taught his friends and disciples, we are bold to pray,

**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 and ever. Amen.**

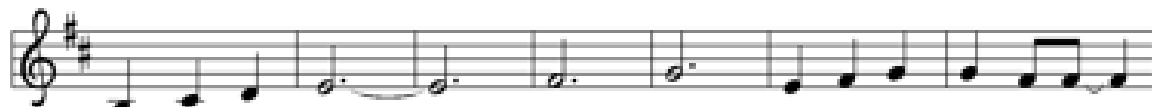
### **(Sun) Communion Hymns**

*Spirit of Gentleness*

**Cranberry 396**

*Refrain*

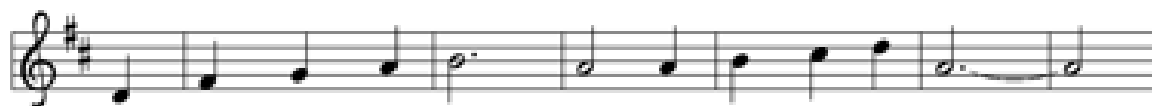
Spir - it, Spir - it of gen-tle-ness, blow through the wil-der-ness



call-ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest-less-ness,



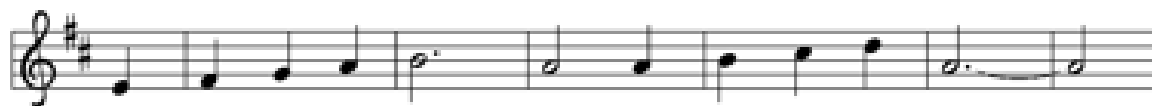
stir me from plac-id-ness, wind, wind on the sea.



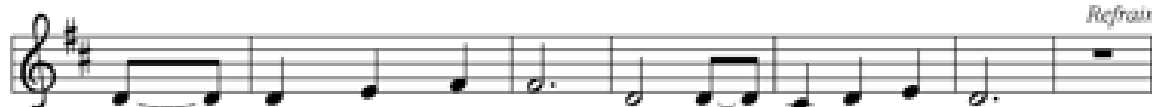
- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an-cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;  
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;  
then you whis-pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;  
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing;  
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,  
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,  
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.

*Refrain*

"A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings."  
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.  
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.  
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo-ple a - rise.

Text: James K. Manley, b. 1940

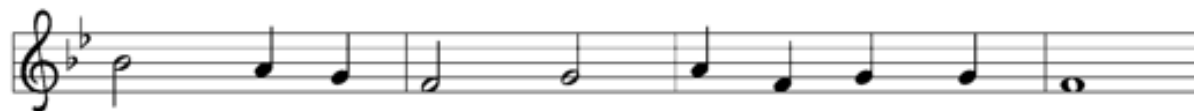
Music: SPIRIT, James K. Manley

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1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;  
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,  
 3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;  
 4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,



wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;  
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,  
 all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?  
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:



stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,  
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;  
 I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.  
 the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,



and make me love you as I ought to love.  
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.  
 Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!  
 my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

Text: George Croly, 1780–1860

Music: MORECAMBE, Frederick C. Atkinson, 1841–189

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**SENDING**

## Announcements

### Benediction

Come, Holy Spirit, come;

**and sustain us with your gifts.**

The spirit of wisdom;

**Come, Holy Spirit!**

The spirit of understanding;

**Come, Holy Spirit!**

The spirit of counsel;

**Come, Holy Spirit!**

The spirit of might;

**Come, Holy Spirit!**

The spirit of knowledge;

**Come, Holy Spirit!**

The spirit of the fear of the Lord;

**Come, Holy Spirit!**

The spirit of joy in your presence;

**Come, Holy Spirit!**

Come, Holy Spirit, come;

**and sustain us with your gifts.**

Almighty God, Creator, ✠ Redeemer, and Sustainer bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**Sending Hymn**

*God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind*

**Cranberry 400**





1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl - wind, as on Pen - te -  
2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your  
3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from  
4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's



cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;  
pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,  
leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,  
rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,



past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,  
let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,  
for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;  
may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;



there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!  
kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!  
make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!  
claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

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Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

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## Dismissal

Give us strength, give us power. **Holy Spirit, fill us up.**

Make us one, sisters and brothers. **Holy Spirit, fill us up.**

Give us strength to share your truth. **Holy Spirit, fill us up.**

Send us out to live for you. **Thanks be to God!**

### **Funding for Mission & Budget**

Monthly Receipts through 6/3/25:	\$ 5,596.10
Monthly Budget Expenses:	\$20,033.00
YTD Receipts through 5/31/25:	\$ 99,971.00

### **The Bethel Weekly**

**Congratulations:** to Hayden James Skrobel on his Confirmation today!

**Fellowship Hour:** Please, if you are able to help on a future date in June, sign up in the hallway.

**Summer Midweek Worship:** Continue on Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the lounge.

**FMSC- Rockers Game:** is Sunday June 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm. Please see the flyer in the hallway for more information.

**Handbags for Hope:** In conjunction with the Resurrection Food Pantry, we are asking all the ladies to bring in any unwanted purses. Donations are also needed of travel size hygiene items such as toothbrushes, shampoo, lip balm, etc. to fill the purses prior to distribution. Suggestions can be found on the front of the bin in the lounge.

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