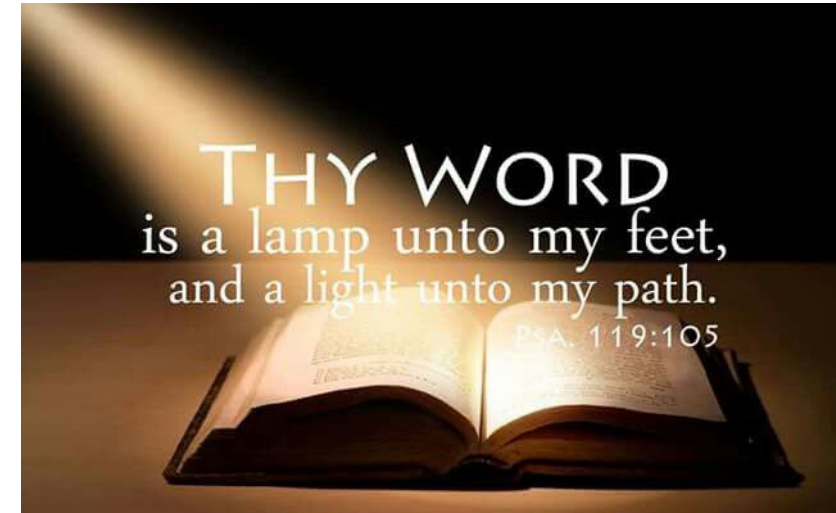


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Worship Service		
May 18, 2025	The Fifth Sunday of Easter	
PRELUDE		
CHIMING OF THE TRINITY		
INTROIT		
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		
CALL TO WORSHIP	Break Thou the Bread of Life	#599
INVOCATION	Come, Divine Interpreter	#594
OPENING HYMN	Wonderful Words of Life	#600
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	The Apostles’ Creed	#881
HONORING OUR GRADUATES		see insert
PSALTER READING		Psalm 119:1-16
ANTHEM	Just a Little Talk with Jesus Full Gospel Men’s Trio	Derricks
PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY		
A PRAYER	Prayer of John Chrysostom	#412
THE LORD’S PRAYER		
OFFERTORY	In Christ Alone	arr Mark Hayes
DOXOLOGY	Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow	#94
HYMN	Thy Word is a Lamp	#601
SERMON TEXT		Psalm 119:105-114
SERMON	God’s Word	Rev. Ott
CLOSING HYMN	Take Time to be Holy	#395 v.1,3
BENEDICTION		

OUR PRAYERS: Vera Newington, Mary Jane Little, Audrena Williams, Bill Howell, Lad Howell, Dwight Courtney, Ed Newington, Carrie Fender, Mike Fanchette, Bobbie McLaine, Debra Smith

Nursing Homes/Shut-Ins/Distant Members: Jane Brown, Nina Crosby, Lucille Culpepper, Sarah Anne Dean, June Dyches, Lynn Harrison, Joy Lawson, Jeanine Price, Rusty Riddle, Kay Speaks, Miriam Westbury.

Military Service: Elijah and Kaeleigh Forni, Matthew Mangum, Jordan Ray, Tristan Ray

The Youth Groups will meet this afternoon at church for their end of the year party.


There will be no Finance Committee or Trustees meeting this month.

The Food Pantry is Thursday, May 22, 2025 2:00 PM -4:00 PM.

Bethel’s Preschool Graduation is Friday, May 23, 2025 at 9:00 AM.

The church office will be closed Monday, May 26, 2025 in observance of Memorial Day.

Shut-in meals will be delivered May 28, 2025.



Maddie Howell – May 20
Judy Woodward – May 21

AN ORDER FOR THE PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO GRADUATES

Pastor says:

Receive the Word of God.
Learn its stories and study its words.
Its stories belong to us all,
 and these words speak to us all.
They tell us who we are.
They tell us that we belong to one another,
 For we are the people of God.

Presentation of Bibles

Graduates respond:

We receive these Bibles with our hands, our hearts, and our minds.
Thank you.
We will read and study the Bible together.

The graduates and leaders face the congregation. Congregation to graduates:

We rejoice in this step in your journey with God.
We pray God will guide you, your family, and us
 as you use this Holy Bible in your home,
 in your church school classes, and in our worship.
We will learn together and grow in our love for God’s Word.

Graduates to congregation:

The Word of God is a lamp to our feet,
 and a light to our path.
Thanks be to God.



HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Nicholas Andrew Blubaugh
John Avery Crews
Caden Stone Griffith
Ava Ryan Hipp
John North Hipp
Carter Pruitt Sims
Charles Blake Spears
Cayson Price Warner
Anne Hatcher White

COLLEGE GRADUATES

Jackson Lee Bell
John Huiet Rowe
Ann Mathis Thomas

