

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 6, 2022 – 10am

Modern Worship, ELW Setting 4



Prelude Music

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Most merciful God,

C: ... we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.

P: Rejoice in this good news: In † Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

C: Amen.

Gathering Song:

Shout for Joy

(words below)

Pour out your fervent praise; There's a song to raise like a banner high;
Lift up your grateful heart to the Morning Star; He's alive and here with us.

Shout for joy, for the Son of God is the Saving One; He's the Saving One;
Shout for joy, see what love has done; He has come for us; He's the Saving One.

We stood on sinking sand; He reached out His hand, pulled us to his side;
We turned our hearts away; He was strong to save, now our Savior reigns in us.

Shout for joy, for the Son of God is the Saving One; He's the Saving One;
Shout for joy, see what love has done; He has come for us; He's the Saving One.

(interlude)

Oh, oh, oh, oh.

Oh, oh, oh, oh.

There is no other God like You; We sing the praises that you're due Jesus, You have saved us, oh, whoa;
There is no other God who reigns; You are the name above all names; Jesus, You have saved us, whoa, whoa

... and shout for joy, for the Son of God is the Saving One; He's the Saving One;
Shout for joy, see what love has done; He has come for us; He's the Saving One.

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!

Kyrie

A: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord have mercy.**

A: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

A: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C: Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray together,

C: Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe. Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Message

Annie Slabaugh

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8, 9-13

Through a vision in the temple, the eighth-century prophet Isaiah is called by God to announce judgment against Israel. Aware of his sinfulness and shortcomings, Isaiah is initially hesitant. But when God calls, Isaiah responds, "Here am I; send me!"

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!" ⁹And he said, "Go and say to this people: 'Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand.'¹⁰Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes, so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and comprehend with their minds, and turn and be healed." ¹¹Then I said, "How long, O Lord?" And he said: "Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is utterly desolate; ¹²until the Lord sends everyone far away, and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land. ¹³Even if a tenth part remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak whose stump remains standing when it is felled." The holy seed is its stump.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:**Send Me, Lord (vs. 1)****ELW 809**

Send me, Jesus, send me, Jesus, send me, Jesus, send me Lord.

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

Jesus' teaching of God's word has begun to draw great crowds. For Simon, James, and John, Jesus' teaching inspires hospitality, then obedience, and then risk. After Jesus' creative power is revealed, fear and amazement leads these three fishermen to leave everything behind to become apostles.

P: A reading from... **C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ²he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." ⁶When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" ⁹For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." ¹¹When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon*Pastor Paul Busekist***Song of the Day:****You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore****ELW 817****Apostles Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, 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.

Prayers of the Church / Sign of the Peace

Offering (*encouraged for before or after service, using vase only and not ushers*)

Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray.

C: Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. Amen.

Words of Institution

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 and ever. Amen.

Communion

Communion Songs:

Will You Come and Follow Me I Will Follow

**ELW 798
(words below)**

Where You go, I'll go; where You stay, I'll stay; when You move, I'll move. I will follow.
Oh, oh, oh.

All Your ways are good, all Your ways are sure; I will trust in You alone.
Higher than my sight, high above my life; I will trust in You alone.

Where You go, I'll go; where You stay, I'll stay; when You move, I'll move. I will follow.
Whom You love, I'll love; How You serve, I'll serve; If this life I lose, I will follow You, yeah. I will follow You, yeah.

Light into the world, Light into my life – I will live for You alone.
You're the One I seek, knowing I will find all I need in You alone. In You alone.

Where You go, I'll go; where You stay, I'll stay; when You move, I'll move. I will follow.
Whom You love, I'll love; How You serve, I'll serve; If this life I lose, I will follow You, yeah. I will follow You, yeah.

In You, there's life everlasting. In You, there's freedom for my soul. In You, there's joy, unending joy; and I will follow.

Where You go, I'll go; where You stay, I'll stay; when You move, I'll move. I will follow.
Whom You love, I'll love; How You serve, I'll serve; If this life I lose, I will follow You, yeah. I will follow You, yeah.

Where You go, I'll go; where You stay, I'll stay; when You move, I'll move. I will follow.
Whom You love, I'll love; How You serve, I'll serve; If this life I lose, I will follow You, yeah. I will follow You, yeah.

I will follow You, yeah. I will follow You, yeah. I will follow You.

Final Blessing

P: God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, ✠ bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Song:

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

(words below)

I have decided... to follow Jesus, I have decided... to follow Jesus,
I have decided... to follow Jesus; no turning back... no turning back.,

Though I may wonder, still I will follow; though I may wonder, still I will follow;
... though I may wonder, still I will follow; no lookin' back, no lookin' back!

The world around me, the Lord before me, the world around me, the Lord before me,
... the world around me, the Lord before me, I'm movin' on, I'm movin' on!

I have decided... to follow Jesus, I have decided... to follow Jesus,
I have decided... to follow Jesus; no turning back... no turning back.,

Dismissal

A: Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

2/8—Harper June Wiemerslage
2/8—John Stretlien
2/10—Claudia Heindl
2/13—Ellie Tacke

2/8—Jim Leibenguth
2/9—Zachary Word
2/11—Joe White

A COVID update from Council:

“For several months, Grand Traverse County has topped the 14-day average 17% Covid positivity threshold set up by Council for our current precautions. At a recent Council Meeting, it was voted upon that **if the positivity rate rises to 17.5% that Bethlehem will once again require mandatory masks regardless of vaccination status.** This will ensure that we are doing our part to keep our parishioners and community safe.

During the last few months, Munson Healthcare has activated Pandemic Response Level Red for the first time in history (<https://www.munsonhealthcare.org/services/community-health/covid19/pandemic-status>), as they have been seeing the most Covid cases since last year. **At the time of printing, GT County positivity rate is well above our new threshold, so we ask that ALL worshippers wear masks.**

Stay safe, pray for all good things, and see you soon!

-Your Bethlehem Church Council”

Please note that the new Building and Office Hours are: 9:00am – 2:30pm, Monday – Thursday.

Today’s altar flowers are donated by: *Jan Stretlien in Honor of my husband, John Stretlien, on his “81” birthday, February 8, 2022.*

Sunday flowers: Those of you who donate for the weekly flowers: you are welcome to wait a few minutes after the service in the kitchen to pick-up a bouquet for yourself or someone else. The flower brigade is so thankful for your donation they want to thank you also.

The 2022 Giving envelopes are available in the Narthex. Please pick your box up today so that we do not have to mail them.

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY! Would YOU be available to make a Call, send a Card, or thoughtful Flowers to another member of our Congregation? Please look at Corinthians 13: 4-8 and listen to what it says to YOU! Our Christian Care Giving is always open for more help with our team. Call Kathi Ivany at (231)- 929-4911 OR James Hinds at (231) 947-8545

LADIES' AFTERNOON OF FUN! ALL women of Bethlehem are invited to an afternoon of games and prizes! February 20th from 2-4PM. Potluck finger snacks are encouraged! Lots of fun and laughs! See you there!

As the Omicron variant contributes to the largest surge we've seen during this time of pandemic, people remain understandably uneasy about coming together for large group, in-person events that occur indoors. As a result, **Living Water Ministries has decided to postpone the upcoming Charge event, moving it from March 18-20, 2022 to November 4-6, 2022.** It is their hope this postponement will buy necessary time for current COVID realities to lessen so that we can gather together all of God's children this fall for a phenomenal weekend of faith formation, service, leadership, and community. Please reach out to Annie either after church or at annie.slabaugh@bethlehemtc.org for any questions or concerns.

Giving Statements Available: Your individual giving statements are available in your mailbox in the Narthex. The statement covers giving from January through December 2021. Please pick them up at your convenience. To save on postage, I will mail out the ones not picked up by the end of March 2022. Thank you for your generous support for the programs and ministries of your church especially during these uncertain times. Your Bookkeeper

The February issue of the STAR is available today. Beginning with the March issue, the Star will be published on the last Sunday of the previous month. For example, the March issue will be published on February 27th. If you have an article to submit, the due date will be the third Friday of the previous month. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Oster in the church office. For current issues of the Star, feel free to check online at www.bethlehemtc.org < About Us > "The Online Bethlehem Star" or type this URL to get these directly: <http://www.bethlehemtc.org/the-bethlehem-star-newsletter>.

Due Dates for STAR/Bulletin/Screenannouncements:

STAR: The third Friday of the month sent to admin@bethlehemtc.org (Please note STAR in subject line)

Bulletin/Verbal Announcements: Wednesday of the week sent to admin@bethlehemtc.org (Bulletin/Worship Folder is printed on Thursday morning.) (Please note Bulletin or Announcement in subject line)

Screenannouncements/Weekly BLC Emails: Wednesday of the week sent to annie.slabaugh@bethlehemtc.org (Annie works Sunday – Wednesday)

Monthly STAR: Thanks to all of you who have said that you will read the STAR on line or pick it up at church. Those of you who come to church, be thinking if there is any member close in your neighborhood that you could deliver their copy to them. If you have recently decided to read on line or pick-up at church please call the office and let them know.

The Ski Trip will be on Saturday, February 26th, we will meet at Crystal Mountain at 9AM and ski until our heart's content! Around 12PM we will meet up over by the tents for lunch (BYO!!) and will have some fellowship time together before heading back out to hit the slopes! We will then meet up again at 4PM and head over to Geno's to continue our tradition of dinner and fellowship! If you are interested in coming to the ski trip and haven't let Annie know yet please let her know ASAP so they can finalize total costs. Also, if you need rental equipment please let Annie know this as well at annie.slabaugh@bethlehemtc.org!

The newest Living Lutheran magazine and the January/February/March Christ in our Home can be picked up at the welcome table on Sunday mornings, from the Shooting STAR box below the outside mailbox, or during parking lot communion.

Book Club: The book for the Feb. 22 book club meeting at 5:30 on ZOOM is *Finding Dorothy*. Books from the library are in the plastic bin outside of church. Be sure to sign your name on the sheet next to the number that matches the number on your bag. This book is fiction based on fact told from the point of view of the wife of L Frank Baum, the author of The Wizard of Oz. It describes the actions of Baum's wife Maud as she tries to make certain that the movie stays true to Baum's original story. If you are not already on the email list and would like to join the discussion, please send your email to Cindy Monroe at cmonroe@chartermi.net.

Please consider signing up for Altar Flowers for a Sunday service. You may use the sign-up poster in the Narthex by signing on the date you request. **Then fill out a pink slip with the necessary information and place it and a check for \$40 (payable to Bethlehem Lutheran Church or BLC) in the offering plate on Sunday morning (Preferable) or during the week, in the Administration Assistant's mailbox near the church office entrance.** You may select either "in honor" or "in memory" or "to celebrate". If someone has already signed on the date you would like, feel free to add your name – we welcome more than one on a Sunday.

Celebrate a new child in your life with a rose on the baptismal font! Cost \$10.00 per rose. Contact Barbara Oster at beo6475@yahoo.com or 231.668.7038.

The outdoor food pantry is closed until spring to make sure that none of the food is damaged by the cold. You can still bring in your staples at any time and place it in the teal bin under the table by the mailboxes. One BLC member knew of an apartment complex for low income residents with food needs and delivered 12 overflowing bags of what had been outside to the very grateful recipients. Please keep the residents of the 72 unit Brookside Commons Apartments in your prayers. Watch for the pantry to jump back into full swing in the spring.

NEW CHOIR DIRECTOR: You have all heard of churches sharing a pastor...well BLC is about to embark on a similar kind of new adventure. We will be sharing a choir director with Immanuel in Suttons Bay!! This may sound impossible but your church council believes that we have found a way that this will work. Tony Bero has been approved as the new director. He attends Immanuel every Sunday because he is also their accompanist. Tony will be at all rehearsals and will prepare a choir member to direct the choir as necessary on Sundays. We are hoping that there may be times when we video a song in advance so all of you can also "see" Tony. Perhaps we can even join together with his other choir to make an even more powerful and joyful sound. Tony will be selecting weekly music in combination with volunteer Cindy Monroe's selection of the contemporary music, and Kate Holtfreter will continue her volunteer position of organizing all of the music. Some of you may have heard Tony's voice when he previously worked at IPR. In addition to his other church position, he has multiple piano students like our own David Husser. You may learn more about Tony in his bio in the February Star.

After two years of cancellations due to COVID-19, Living Water Ministries has decided to make camp a gift freely given for all campers of Stony Lake. This means that there are no registration fees for any program at Stony Lake for the summer of 2022!! Adult Leaders from Bethlehem are planning on being there for Week 1 (June 19-24) as long as there are youth interested. Please note that the Living Water Ministries Board of Directors made the decision to make full vaccination a requirement for attendance at any Living Water Ministries event, including camp. If your youth is interested in attending camp this summer, please see Annie after service or reach out to her via email at annie.slabaugh@bethlehemtc.org no later than Wednesday February 9th.

Our blog has been renamed "Paths of Hope". Check it out on the Bethlehem website: <http://www.bethlehemtc.org/new-blog-paths-of-hope>.

The Wednesday morning bible study of Matthew meets from 9-11am. All are welcome. Bring your own bible. We read the bible and then talk about what we read. We say a prayer for any needs that are shared. Come. Join a fellowship. Leader is Barbara Graf.

Quilters need help! We meet on Tuesdays 9:00am-11:00am. It is not traditional quilting. We tie three layers of fabric together. The “quilts” are sent all over the world when needed by Lutheran World Relief. So if you can tie or even cut, please join us on Tuesday mornings.

"Zoom Book Study" gathering via Zoom has returned on Wednesdays at 1:30pm for the new year. Besides the thought-provoking discussions, we also have great conversation and fellowship. For this series, we are discussing the Gospel of Matthew. Please contact Pr. Paul if you are interested in joining.

Please continue to turn in your Olesons' receipts to Bethlehem. Thanks for your support.

Have something important going on at Bethlehem that you'd like others to know about? Maybe a Small Group? A Club Event? Feature it on the Screen Announcements and on our Facebook Events Page! If there is something you'd like featured or included for either Screen Announcements or Facebook Events please reach out to Annie at annie.slabaugh@bethlehemtc.org.

Bethlehem sends weekly emails directly to your inbox with important announcements and information! If you are not getting them for any reason or if you have something you'd like to have added please reach out to Annie at annie.slabaugh@bethlehemtc.org.

The church calendar has returned below. Please be sure to notify the office (admin@bethlehemtc.org or 231.947.9880) to be sure that your group is on the calendar.

CALENDAR

Sunday, February 6

10:00am—Worship Service (S)
11:00am—Parking Lot Communion
11:15am—WELCA Board meeting (CR)
11:15am—Worship and Music meeting

Monday, February 7

4:00pm—Drive My Way (FH)
5:00pm—Drive My Way (FH)

Tuesday, February 8

9:00am—LWR Quilters (FH)
9:00am—Property Work Group
10:00am—Staff Meeting (CR)
12:00pm—Sarah Circle (FH)
1:00pm—Friendship Bible Study (GS)
4:00pm—Drive My Way (FH)
4:30pm—Executive Committee (CR)
6:00pm—Drive My Way (FH)
6:00pm—Y2A/Christian Ed Meeting (YR)

Wednesday, February 9

Bulletin articles due today

9:00am—Bible Study (YR)
11:30am—Music Rehearsal (S)
1:30pm—ZOOM Bible Study
4:00pm—Drive My Way (FH)
5:00pm—Junior High Night (GS)
6:00pm—Drive My Way (FH)

Thursday, February 10

9:00am—Baby Pantry (FH)
1:00pm—Rebecca Anna Circle (FH)
4:00pm—Drive My Way (FH)
5:30pm—ACOA (GS)
7:00pm—Choir Rehearsal (S)

Friday, February 11

6:00pm—Faith & Family SG (FH)

Sunday, February 13

10:00am—Worship Service (S)
11:00am—Parking Lot Communion
1:00pm—Confirmation Class (FH)