Day of Pentecost

June 5, 2022 – 10am Modern Worship, ELW Setting 4

Prelude Music

Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism

- P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

C: We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing. You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through. In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation. Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear. To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever. Amen.

Gathering Song:

Come, Holy Spirit (sing 2x)

(words below)

Come, Holy Spirit, fall afresh on me. Fill me with Your power, satisfy my needs.

Only You can make me whole, give me strength to make me grow.

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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!**

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: God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he told his disciples they would be filled with the Holy Spirit. Now, amid signs of fire, wind, and a variety of languages, the people were amazed and astonished at Jesus' promise coming true.

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, the apostles were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, "Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." ¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷In 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, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

²⁴How manifold are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. ²⁵Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great.

²⁶There go the ships to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.
²⁷All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.

²⁸You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
 ²⁹When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

³⁰You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth. ³¹May the glory of the Lord endure forever; O Lord, rejoice in all your works.

³²You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke.
³³I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.

³⁴May these words of mine please God. I will rejoice in the Lord.^{35b}Bless the Lord, O my soul. Hallelujah!

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

Gospel: John 14:8-17, 25-27

Though the disciples struggle with Jesus' nature and identity, they receive the promise that they too will be identified with God and God's mission. Though he must leave them now, Jesus promises the coming of the Advocate whom God will send to comfort and enlighten them.

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

⁸Philip said to Jesus, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹Jesus 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'? ¹⁰Do 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. ¹¹Believe me 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. ¹¹Believe 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. ¹²Very 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. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. ¹⁵"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This 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. ²⁵"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But 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. ²⁷Peace 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."

- P: The Gospel of the Lord.
- C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Pastor Paul Busekist

Song of the Day:

Sermon

Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading

ELW 401

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

Offering Song:

O Living Breath of God

Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray.

C: Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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:	The Flame and the Fire	BLC Choir
	Spirit of Gentleness	ELW 396

Final Blessing

P: God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, + bless you now and forever. C: Amen.

Sending Song:

Send the Fire

(words below)

O God of burning, cleansing flame: Send the fire! Your blood-bought gift today we claim: Send the fire today! Look down and see this waiting host, and send the promised Holy Ghost We need another Pentecost! Send the fire today! Send the fire today!

God of Elijah, hear our cry: Send the fire! And make us fit to live or die: Send the fire today! To burn up ev'ry trace of sin, to bring the light and glory in, the revolution now begin! Send the fire today! Send the fire today! It's fire we want for fire we plead: Send the fire! The fire will meet our ev'ry need: Send the fire today! For strength to always do what's right, for grace to conquer in the fight, for pow'r to walk the world in light Send the fire today! Send the fire today!

To make our weak hearts strong and brave: Send the fire! To live, a dying world to save: Send the fire today! Oh see us on Your altar lay, we give our lives to You today, so crown the off'ring now we pray: Send the fire today! Send the fire today! Send the fire today!

Dismissal

A: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
A: Go in peace. Tell what God has done.
C: Thanks be to God.



6/5—Betty Cole 6/5—Marilyn Dork 6/7—Megan Acker 6/8—Steve Hubert

6/8—Chuck Rubino 6/9—Barbara Wright 6/10—Barb Hammond 6/11—Danielle Rice 6/11—Kristen Rivard 6/12—Jan Waisanen

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

<u>COVID NEWS</u>: According to the CDC and Munson Hospital, Covid-19 is once again on the rise in Grand Traverse County, and our county now has one of the highest transmission rates in Michigan. Council voted on May 17th to adopt a guideline that masks are required for unvaccinated persons in worship and highly encouraged for those who are vaccinated.

June 5, 2022

<u>Today is Pentecost Sunday.</u> To celebrate, we are serving cake, cookies and coffee after the worship service. Come and celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit! Then join either Chuck Ardingo to give your opinions and desires for making Bethlehem more welcoming or Annie for information on the upcoming Freedom Builders mission trip in July.

Sunday Coffee and Conversation: Interior Renovations for the Future: Chuck Ardingo and the Refresh sub-committee invite you to join us for coffee in the Fellowship Hall today Sunday, June 5th, immediately following the service for a conversation about refreshing and updating the functionality and appearance of our church spaces. Please consider stopping in and meeting with us to share your perspective and thoughts. What would you like to see? How could our spaces be made more useful, impactful, and attractive? We want to hear from you!

<u>Offerings</u>: The offering plates are now passed during the service. The vase in the back of the Sanctuary is still available for those who prefer not to touch the offering plate.

<u>The June issue of the STAR is now available</u>. 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.

Prayer Requests:

- Prayer Chain: Please contact Jan Stretlien at jstretlien@gmail.com or 231-947-3265
- Prayers read from the altar: Please call Rebecca in the church office 231-947-9880

Today's altar flowers are donated by: *In honor of the birthday of the Christian Church.*

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

<u>The newest Living Lutheran magazine and the April/May/June Christ in Our Home</u> 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. The July/August/September Christ in Our Home is also available.

The Congregational Meeting packet for our June 12th meeting is available today. There is also a supplemental packet. Please be sure to take one today.

<u>Children's Message Corner</u>: The next Message Corner is scheduled for Sunday, June 12th at 2:45pm. To be put on the email list to receive the Zoom link please see Annie after worship or contact her at annie.slabaugh@bethlehemtc.org.

Due Dates for STAR/Bulletin/Screen Announcements: PLEASE NOTE NEW DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN

<u>STAR</u>: The third Friday of the month sent to <u>admin@bethlehemtc.org</u> (Please note STAR in subject line) <u>Bulletin/Verbal Announcements</u>: <u>Tuesday</u> of the week sent to <u>admin@bethlehemtc.org</u> (Bulletin/Worship Folder is prepared on Wednesday and printed on Thursday morning.) (Please note Bulletin or Announcement in subject line) <u>Screen Announcements/Weekly BLC Emails</u>: Tuesday of the week sent to <u>annie.slabaugh@bethlehemtc.org</u> (Annie works Sunday – Wednesday)

This summer, we will be participating in a weeklong serving opportunity from July 18th - July 23rd with Freedom Builder's <u>Missions Week and all of Bethlehem is invited!</u> Freedom Builders understands that most people can only serve 1-2 days tops or possibly even only a partial day is perfectly fine. They also understand that not all want to be involved with construction so they have quite a few opportunities for those who wish to serve, but be sure to let Annie know which days you are hoping to attend and if you are looking to serve in a specific capacity. <u>There will be an informational meeting today Sunday June 5th right after</u> <u>church in the youth room and all who are interested in serving are invited</u>. Reach out to Annie at annie.slabaugh@bethlehemtc.org if you have any other questions!

We are happy to announce that we have finalized our VBS dates for this summer! Join us on a fun faithful adventure with Jerusalem: Marketplace! We will join Jesus' faithful friends and followers during His final days on earth. You'll travel back into Bible times--without setting foot outside your community! <u>VBS this year will be Monday, July 25th - Wednesday July 27th</u> 8:30AM - 1:00PM! <u>The VBS Registration Website is now open. You may register at myvbs.org/blcvbs2022.</u> You can also still sign up as a volunteer as well! We are still in need of:

- A Village Playground Leader (games)
- At least 2 Tribe Leaders (small group leaders)
- At least 1 Tribe Leader Assistant (small group support, great for older youth!)
- Set Up/Tear Down Crew (day before and end of VBS)
 - Decoration Coordinators (day before and end of VBS)

We will also still take Marketplace Shopkeepers if you are interested in one of those roles! Sign up sheets are still in the Narthex, or you can sign up online! Reach out to Annie for more information.

<u>Music news at BLC</u>: Many of you commented how much you enjoyed the choir music during Holy Week. The choir members appreciate the nice comments and we relay them to our new director, Tony Bero. It is sad that he is not on-site so he can hear from you himself. If you want to make certain he knows how much his skill in selecting the anthems and preparing the choir is appreciated, feel free to drop him a note in the "choir director" mailbox by the office or send him an email at <u>bero.tony@gmail.com</u>. And for all of you budding vocalists out there....just think...if he can make the 4 of us sound that good, what could he do with you?!? Don't hesitate...the choir always wants more singers.

LAUNDRY BASKET PROJECT FOR 2022: We are collecting cleaning items to be given out during the Baby Pantry here at Bethlehem. There is an example basket in the Narthex along with a list of items needed. You may fill an entire basket OR bring single items if you prefer. We would like to have baskets available beginning in March. Thank you for your participation!

Book Club: After two highly emotional books the book club will relax a little with its June selection, The Recipe Box by Viola Shipman. This book has ties to Michigan with its main character, Sam leaving her family's orchard and pie shop to be a star chef in New York, and then returning to northern Michigan. There are even recipes in the book! Books are in the box outside church. **The Zoom meeting will be Tues, June 28 at 5:30.** If you are not on the list send your email to cmonroe@chartermi.net.

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 Thrivent "Jump into June" promotion has already been a success for the Food Pantry with many people bringing in bags of great food. And the pantry has been "found" with at least 1/3 of the contents taken from the time it was filled on May 1 until it was checked for a refill on May 29. Please keep watching for specials in the store and bring in what you can share. You can place the items in or near the teal bin under the table by the mailboxes. If the church is closed you can check to see if there is room in the pantry. If you know someone who is in need please direct that person to our pantry.

Our interim tech support person is Trent Slabaugh. He welcomes your comments on the audio or video system. You may contact him by email at tslabaugh93@gmail.com

<u>A big thank you to all who turned in Olesons receipts</u>. Please continue to drop your Olesons receipts off at church.

<u>Please consider signing up for Altar Flowers for a Sunday service</u>. While we do not have Altar Flowers during Lent, there are plenty of dates available for the rest of the year. You may use the sign-up poster in the Narthex by signing on the date you request. <u>Then fill out a pink slip with the necessary information and place it and a check for \$40 (payable to Bethlehem</u> <u>Lutheran Church or BLC) in the offering plate on Sunday morning (Preferable) or during the week, in the Administration</u> <u>Assistant's mailbox near the church office entrance</u>. 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.

<u>Have something important going on at Bethlehem that you'd like others to know about?</u> 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 <u>annie.slabaugh@bethlehemtc.org</u>.

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

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, June 5 10:00am—Worship Service (S) 11:00am—Parking Lot Communion 11:00am—Mission Trip Informational Meeting (YR) 11:15am—Worship and Music Committee (CR) 11:15am—Refresh Sunday Coffee and Conversation (FH)

<u>Tuesday, June 7</u> <u>Bulletin articles due today</u> 9:00am—Property Work Group 10:00am—Staff Meeting (CR) Thursday, June 9 9:00am—Baby Pantry 11:30am-Music Rehearsal (S) 2:00pm—Rebecca Anna Circle (FH) 5:30pm—ACOA (GS)

<u>Friday, June 10</u> 6:00pm—Faith & Family SG (FH)

Sunday, June 12

10:00am—Worship Service (S) 11:00am—Parking Lot Communion 11:15am—Congregational Meeting (S) 2:45pm—Children's Message Corner (Zoom)

JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 12^{TH} , WITH OUR SPECIAL GUESTS, OUR SAVIOUR'S "EAGLE'S WINGS" YOUTH CHOIR!

Don't forget our annual congregational meeting after the service!!!

Youth Choir Visiting Bethlehem!

Special Musical Guests on Sunday, June 12th! An ELCA church youth choir from the Chicago suburbs has reached out to Bethlehem to be a part of their "around the Lake (Michigan) mission tour" this summer. Normally they take their chorus overseas but are going domestic this summer because of Covid and travel concerns. After performing downstate on Saturday, 6/11, they will head to Traverse City to spend the night and have graciously offered to bless us with singing/leading a few songs for us at worship at Sunday's traditional worship service on June 12. Our congregational meeting is also after worship that day, so spread the word to help us provide a hearty welcome and make a joyful noise together!



Our Saviour's "Eagle's Wings" Youth Choir from Naperville.



June 12, 2022 – Schedule of Events

10:00am – Worship (w/special guests, Our Saviour's "Eagle's Wings" Youth Choir)
11:00am – Parking Lot Communion
11:20am – Congregational Meeting