

# Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 19, 2021 – 10am

Modern Worship, ELW Setting 4



**Prelude Music**

**Announcements**

## Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: God our comforter:

**C: ...like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.**

P: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in ☩ Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

**C: Amen.**

## Gathering Song: Come, Now Is the Time to Worship

Come, now is the time to worship. Come, now is the time to give your heart.  
Come, just as you are to worship. Come, just as you are before your God. Come.

One day ev'ry tongue will confess You are God. One day ev'ry knee will bow.  
Still, the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose You now.

Come, now is the time to worship. Come, now is the time to give your heart.  
Come, just as you are to worship. Come, just as you are before your God. Come.

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives. Willingly our knees will bow.  
With all our heart, soul, mind, and strength we gladly choose You now.

Come, now is the time to worship. Come, now is the time to give your heart.  
Come, just as you are to worship. Come, just as you are before your God. Come...

Come... come. Come.

## 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: O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## Children's Message

### First Reading: Jeremiah 11:18-20

*Today's reading tells of the suffering of the prophet Jeremiah, who announced God's word to Judah but was met with intense opposition and persecution. Jeremiah continues to trust in God in the midst of his suffering.*

<sup>18</sup>It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. <sup>19</sup>But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!" <sup>20</sup>But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

## Gospel Acclamation: Allelu

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Allelu! Allelu!

Ev'rybody sing, "Allelu!"

For the Lord has risen, it is true.

Ev'rybody sing, "Allelu!"

**(Sing Twice)**

## **Gospel: Mark 9:30-37**

*Jesus' teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.*

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

<sup>30</sup>Jesus and the disciples went on and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;<sup>31</sup>for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. <sup>33</sup>Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" <sup>34</sup>But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." <sup>36</sup>Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon – Pastor Paul**

**Song of the Day: All Are Welcome** (*please see back page for music*)

## **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: God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens.**

**Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through 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:

**Will You Let Me Be Your Servant?** *(please see back page for music)*

**Children of the Heavenly Father** *(please see back page for music)*

## Final Blessing

P: People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, ☩ one God, bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## Sending Song: Sing, Sing, Sing

(We will) sing sing sing And make music with the heavens We will sing sing sing Grateful that You hear us  
When we shout Your praise Lift high the name of Jesus

What's not to love about You Heaven and earth adore you Kings and kingdoms bow down Son of God You are the  
One You are the One we're living for

You are the love that frees us You are the light that leads us Like a fire burning Son of God You are the One  
You are the One we're living for

## Dismissal

A: Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

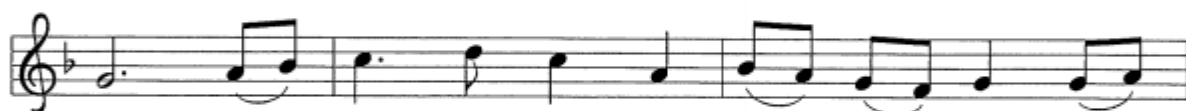
**C: Thanks be to God.**

# All Are Welcome

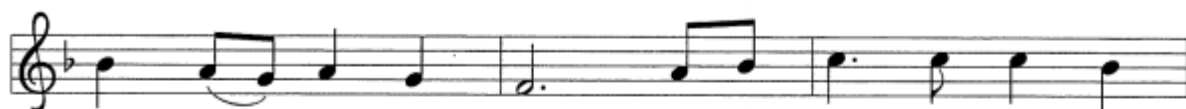
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- 1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
- 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
- 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
- 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
- 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how  
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to  
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where  
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and  
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of  
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we  
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in  
strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an  
laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
claim the faith of Je - sus:  
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,  
end to fear and dan - ger:  
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

## Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as  
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers  
 3 I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night - time  
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll  
 5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as

Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to  
 on the road; we are here to help each oth - er  
 of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,  
 laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row  
 Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to

let you be my ser - vant, too.  
 walk the mile and bear the load.  
 speak the peace you long to hear.  
 till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
 let you be my ser - vant, too.

# Children of the Heavenly Father

Tryggare kan ingen vara

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Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,  
 1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;  
 2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour-ish.  
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;  
 4 Though he giv - eth or he tak-eth, God his chil-dren ne'er for - sak - eth;

stjär-nan ej på him-la - fäs - tet, få-geln ej i kän-da näs - tet.  
 nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
 From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.  
 un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.  
 his the lov - ing pur-pose sole - ly to pre-serve them pure and ho - ly.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958

Music: Swedish folk tune

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*September 19, 2021*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

9/20—Joe Friedli  
9/21—Meg Sheehan  
9/23—Kim McNeil

9/21—Makena Dohm  
9/21—Daniel Deutsch

**Bethlehem has discontinued the sign-in process for contact tracing. Masks will continue to be optional for vaccinated persons, but required for non-vaccinated persons.**

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

**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 Administration Assistant's mailbox near the church office entrance or in the offering plate. 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.

**Today's altar flowers are donated by:** *Carl and Suzanne Lehto in celebration of their 58<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on September 7, 2021.*

**Today's Rose on the baptismal font is in:** *celebration of Emmeline Grace Lesoski, born September 7th, daughter of Madison and Colin Lesoski, great granddaughter of Mary Woodring.*

**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 Wednesday morning bible study of Matthew has resumed 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.



**Attention Bethlehem families: Sunday school has moved to a new time!** We invite your little ones to join us for a special time of worship and learning to take place during regular service this fall. Children will be dismissed for Sunday school during service before the Gospel. This change in timing will begin today, Sunday, September 19th and will continue for a trial period until November 21st. We are optimistic that this change will result in increased participation by current members and new or visiting families.

**The BLC community pantry has been the wish of a BLC member who chooses to remain anonymous.**

Through his gentle coaxing your current council decided that the time was right for BLC to have its own pantry due to its unique location. A sturdy cupboard has been purchased, assembled and placed outside the kitchen door thru a grant from the Trapp family. Funds will also be used from this grant to supplement what we as members of the congregation provide as donations to the pantry. There will also be some funds used from a Thrivent grant to provide staples for the pantry. **As this will be an ongoing endeavor, you are encouraged to bring a canned good or nonperishable item (You may put them in the blue container underneath the table outside of the Fellowship Hall).** Thanks to Scott and Lisa Schlagel and Cindy and Jim Monroe for leading this project. Contact them with any questions.

**All women are invited to attend a small potluck with appropriate COVID precautions on September 29 at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.** Please bring a dish to pass, your own table service including plate, cup and silverware. We will be having a white elephant game so each person is asked to bring a wrapped white elephant item. Please come and spend time with old friends and make new friends.

**If you would like to give a gift to Annie Slabaugh for her new son, Caleb, gift cards would be a great choice.** Annie and Trent really like Target or a website called buybuybaby.com (can use Bed Bath and Beyond gift cards). If you would like to drop off your gift in the church office, we will see that she receives it.

**Y2A News:** Our next fundraiser, a Chili CookOff, was planned for October 31st. Council had this event on their agenda in August, and they determined **the Chili CookOff be cancelled.** Hopefully, things will improve in the future, and we will still be able to hold this popular event.

**Pecans are coming! Pecans are coming!** The Worship and Music committee will sell the popular Schermer pecans again this Fall. Instead of having a table set up inside the church, we will take orders for **Dark Chocolate Pecans, Caramel Cluster Pecans and Cinnamon Glazed Pecans.** We will be trying something this year: There were a few requests for the Plain Pecans which we had tried to sell a few years ago. Since we were unable to sell the entire case of 24, we did not order again. But this year, if we can get orders of at least 15 bags of the case, we will order again. The plain are great for baking or roasting. They do freeze well. The \$12 bags are perfect for holiday or hostess gifts or just plain munching. We will be ordering the first week of October for delivery at the end of October/early November. Make your list of who you need gifts for and please contact Barbara Oster (231-668-7038 or beo6475@yahoo.com) by October 3rd.

**BLC Book club continues to meet the 4th Tues of the month at 5:30 on ZOOM.** There is a change for the book for this month. It will be "Educated" by Westover. The book bag was available from the library so there are copies in a plastic bin outside the front door of church. There are additional copies so if you need one, or want to be added to the ZOOM List contact Cindy Monroe at [cmonroe@chartermi.net](mailto:cmonroe@chartermi.net).

**Put October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:30 pm on your calendar for a *Celebration of Creation*.** The afternoon outside event will include our annual Blessing of the Animals. Area churches will be invited.

**BLC's Art & Craft Show has returned for 2021.** Mark your calendar for Nov. 6th. The show will feature 50 local & original handcrafted artists and crafters.

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

**The September issue of the STAR is ready!** Feel free to check online at [www.bethlehemtc.org](http://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>.

**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.

**The outdoor "Shooting STAR Dispenser" at BLC is now full** with several paper publications, including the September STAR and the current week's worship folder/bulletin. If you would like a copy of a DVD, please contact the church and one will be produced for you.

**"Zoom Book Study"** gathering via Zoom will continue on Wednesdays from 1:30pm until about 3:00pm. We will have our first study on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Besides the thought-provoking discussions, we also have great conversation and fellowship. For this series, we will discuss the Gospel of Matthew. Please contact Pr. Paul if you are interested in joining.

**A big thank you** to all who turned in their Olesons' receipts to Bethlehem. We just received a check from them for \$179.90. So far this year, we have received \$435.52 total from Olesons' receipts. Please continue to turn in your Olesons' receipts to Bethlehem. Thanks again.

**Our blog is undergoing a revamp and will be named "Paths of Hope".** Be on the lookout soon for more detailed information.

**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](mailto:annie.slabaugh@bethlehemtc.org).

**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](mailto:annie.slabaugh@bethlehemtc.org).

**The church calendar has returned below.** Please be sure to notify the office ([admin@bethlehemtc.org](mailto:admin@bethlehemtc.org) or 231-947-9880) to be sure that your group is on the calendar.

**CALENDAR**

**Sunday, September 19**

1:00pm—Confirmation Parent  
and Children Informational Meeting (YR/FH) **\*\*note the change, moved from 09.12.2021\*\***

**Monday, September 20**

4:00pm—Drive My Way (FH)

**Tuesday, September 21**

9:00am—LWR Quilters (FH)  
9:00am—Property Work Group  
10:00am—Staff Meeting (CR)  
4:00pm—Drive My Way (FH)  
6:00pm—Council meeting  
7:00pm—Lautner SG (Offsite)

**Wednesday, September 22**

**Bulletin articles due**

**Star articles due**

9:00am—Bible Study (YR)  
1:00pm—Johnson SG (Offsite)  
1:30pm—Zoom Bible Study  
4:00pm—Drive My Way (FH)  
7:30pm—Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

**Thursday, September 23**

4:00pm—Drive My Way (FH)  
5:30pm—ACOA (LL)

**Friday, September 24**

4:00pm—Drive My Way (FH)