

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 26, 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: Oh, Sing to the Lord (*please see back page for music*)

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: Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

What constitutes legitimate need and legitimate leadership is the focus of this reading. God provides manna in the wilderness, yet the people crave meat. What is truly needful? God bestows the spirit on seventy elders, yet two men not designated as leaders prophesy in the power of God's spirit. What constitutes real leadership?

⁴The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; ⁶but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at." ¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹So Moses said to the Lord, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors'? ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' ¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. ¹⁵If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery." ¹⁶So the Lord said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you." ²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. ²⁶Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." ²⁸And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" ²⁹But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!"

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 19:7-14

⁷The teaching of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

⁸The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

⁹The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my¹ secret faults.

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

Recognition of Youth Leaders

(Ministry Covenant to Make Disciples) (See Insert)

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 9:38-50

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus teaches his disciples about ministry that involves service and sacrifice. His disciples are slow to realize that these words apply to them as well as to others.

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

³⁸John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." ³⁹But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. ⁴²"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. ⁴⁹"For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon – Pastor Paul

Song of the Day: We are Called (*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:

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart (*please see back page for music*)

Make Me a Servant (*words below*)

Make Me a Servant:

Make me a servant, humble and meek, Lord let me lift up those who are weak.

And may the prayer of my heart always be: Make me a servant, make me a servant, make me a servant today.

Make me a servant, humble and meek, Lord let me lift up those who are weak.

And may the prayer of my heart always be: Make me a servant, make me a servant, make me a servant today.

Make me a servant, humble and meek, Lord let me lift up those who are weak.

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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: Days of Elijah (*words below*)

These are the days of Elijah, declaring the Word of the Lord;
And these are the days of Your servant Moses, righteousness being restored;
And though these are days of great trials, of famine and darkness and sword;
Still we are the voice in the desert crying, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord."

Behold He comes, riding on the clouds, shining like the sun at the trumpet call;
Lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee, and out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

And these are the days of Ezekiel, the dry bones becoming as flesh;
And these are the days of your servant, David, rebuilding a temple of praise;
And these are the days of the harvest, the fields are as white in the world;
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard, declaring the Word of the Lord.

Behold He comes, riding on the clouds, shining like the sun at the trumpet call;
Lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee, and out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

There is no god like Jehovah, there is no god like Jehovah, there is no god like Jehovah, there is no god like Jehovah.
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Lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee, and out of Zion's hill salvation comes. at the trumpet call;
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Lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee, and out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

Dismissal

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Oh, Sing to the Lord

Cantad al Señor

PRAISE, THANKSGIVING

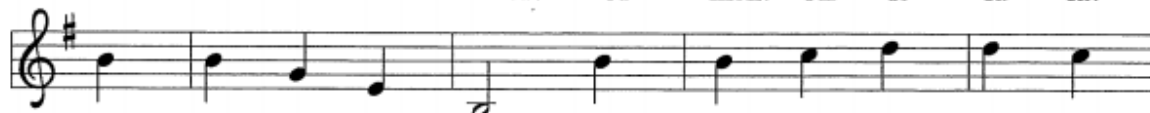
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1 Can - tad al Se - ñor un cán - ti - co nue - vo.
 1 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
 2 For God is the Lord, and God has done won - ders.
 3 So dance for our God and blow all the trum - pets.
 4 Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spir - it.
 5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!



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2 *Pues nuestro Señor ha hecho prodigios.
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 ¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*

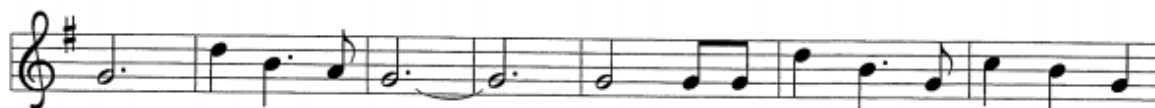
4 *Es él que nos da el Espíritu Santo.
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 Es él que nos da el Espíritu Santo.
 ¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*

3 *Cantad al Señor, alabadle con arpa.
 Cantad al Señor, alabadle con arpa.
 Cantad al Señor, alabadle con arpa.
 ¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*

5 *¡Jesus es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluya!
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 ¡Jesus es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluya!
 ¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*

We Are Called

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- 1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be



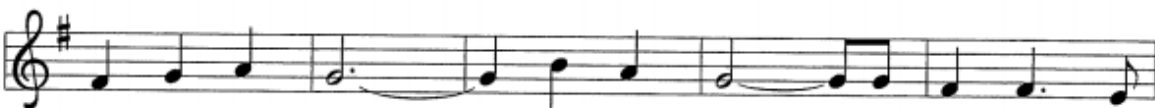
Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to
 fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so
 one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.
 sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.



Refrain
 We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Gift of Finest Wheat

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Refrain



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



- 1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out - poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,

Refrain



so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav' n - ly food.
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

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Music: Robert E. Kreutz, 1922–1996

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

9/28—Cal Cole
9/28—Aleah Graf
9/29—Bella Gaston
10/1—Bob Rogers
10/2—Braxton Rhodes

9/28—Tom Woodworth
9/29—Austin Leatherman
9/30—Jan Schmidt
10/2—Eileen Rubino

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.

Giving Statements: Your individual giving statements are will be available in your mailbox in the Narthex beginning October 7, 2021. The statement covers giving from January through September 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 October. Thank you for your generous support for the programs and ministries of your church even during these uncertain times. Your Bookkeeper

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: *the Congregation in thanks for all of God's blessings.*

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.

Celebration of Creation (and blessing of the animals) next Sunday, October 3rd at Bethlehem in

Traverse City: Our North/West Lower Michigan Synod's Environmental Stewardship Task Force (ESTF) has teamed up with congregations in our varied conferences to offer up a "Celebration of Creation" service on the first weekend of October. This weekend is known for honoring St. Francis of Assisi and more importantly, all God's creatures big and small. **We invite you to join us at 2:30pm, on Sunday,**

October 3rd in the west lawn of Bethlehem Lutheran church (1050 Peninsula Drive, TC, MI 49686) for a service including the blessing of the animals along with scripture, prayer and song. If you have any questions, please call the church office (231-947-9880) or contact Pr. Paul Busekist directly at paul.busekist@bethlehemtc.org.

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 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.

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.

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.

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.

Have you noticed and taken time to appreciate the beautiful lawns and flower gardens around the church this summer? They are the work of the Property Team, namely, Chuck Ardingo, Frank Wall, Jim Hinds, Paul Ton, Tom Christensen, Don Sheehan, Jonathon Waters and Carl Lehto. They have been working every week, sometimes in the heat and sometimes in the rain. There are also many other things they do that keep Bethlehem looking good but they are not so obvious. Please tell them you appreciate their dedication and hard work.

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 < About Us > "The Online Bethlehem Star" or type this URL to get these directly:
<http://www.bethlehemtc.org/the-bethlehem-star-newsletter>. **Look for the October/Stewardship Star on October 10th.**

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

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.

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.**

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

Monday, September 27

4:00pm—Drive My Way (FH)

Tuesday, September 28

9:00am—LWR Quilters (FH)

9:00am—Property Work Group

10:00am—Staff Meeting (CR)

4:00pm—Drive My Way (FH)

5:30pm—Book/Supper Club (Zoom)

6:30pm—Newcomers (FH)

Wednesday, September 29

Bulletin articles due

9:00am—Bible Study (YR)

1:30pm—Zoom Bible Study

6:30pm—WELCA General Meeting (FH)

Thursday, September 30

5:30pm—ACOA (LL)

Saturday, October 2

11:00am—All Star DE (FH)