

# Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 3, 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: Children of Light

It's a new day. Ev'rything changed when Your love came into the darkness.  
You sent the light of the Son. You sent the light of the Son.

Wake up! Open your eyes. No longer dead, we are alive.  
Rise up, children of light. Open the doors; Go let it shine.

Woah...! Woah...! Woah...! Woah...!

There is freedom in Your Kingdom. For You Jesus we will be dancing.  
Forever Your joy is our song. Forever Your joy is our song.

Wake up! Open your eyes. No longer dead, we are alive.  
Rise up, children of light. Open the doors; Go let it shine.

Woah...! Woah...! Woah...! Woah...!

Song for the broken, let it shine. Into the shadows, let it shine.  
Hope for the whole world, let it shine, let it shine.  
Song for the broken, let it shine. Into the shadows, let it shine.

Hope for the whole world, let it shine, let it shine.

Wake up! Open your eyes. No longer dead, we are alive.  
Rise up, children of light. Open the doors; Go let it shine.  
Woah...! Woah...! Woah...! Woah...!  
It's a new day. Ev'rything changed when Your love came into the darkness.  
You sent the light of the Son. You sent the light of the Son.

## 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: Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**  
**Amen.**

## Children's Message

### First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

*Genesis 2 stresses that people are not meant to live in isolation but in relationship. Out of love for humanity, God creates them male and female, to provide companionship for each other and to become with each other "one flesh." The Hebrew words used here are ish (man) and ishshah (woman).*

<sup>18</sup>The Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." <sup>19</sup>So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup>The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. <sup>21</sup>So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup>And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup>Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." <sup>24</sup>Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

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!"

## Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

*Jesus announced and enacted in history the new reality of God's surprising activity. These two stories demonstrate this new reality: Women and children are accepted and valued, not dismissed as inferior to adult men.*

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

<sup>2</sup>Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" <sup>3</sup>He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" <sup>4</sup>They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." <sup>5</sup>But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. <sup>6</sup>But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' <sup>7</sup>'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, <sup>8</sup>and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. <sup>9</sup>Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." <sup>10</sup>Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. <sup>11</sup>He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; <sup>12</sup>and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." <sup>13</sup>People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. <sup>14</sup>But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. <sup>15</sup>Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." <sup>16</sup>And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Sermon – Pastor Paul

**Song of the Day: Blest Be the Tie that Binds** (*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:

**Day by Day** (*please see back page for music*)

**Go, My Children with My Blessing** (*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: Majestic (*words below*)

O Lord our Lord How majestic is Your name in all the earth.

O Lord our Lord How majestic is Your name in all the earth.

The heavens Declare Your greatness, The oceans Cry out to you.

The mountains They bow down before you. So I'll join with the earth And I'll give my praise to you!

O Lord our Lord How majestic is Your name in all the earth.

O Lord our Lord How majestic is Your name in all the earth.

The heavens Declare Your greatness, The oceans Cry out to you.

The mountains They bow down before you. So I'll join with the earth And I'll sing...

The heavens Declare Your greatness, The oceans Cry out to you.

The mountains They bow down before you. So I'll join with the earth And I'll give my praise to you!

(instrumental)

I will worship You. I will worship You.  
We will worship You. We will worship You.

The heavens Declare Your greatness, The oceans Cry out to you.  
The mountains They bow down before you. So I'll join with the earth And I'll sing...  
The heavens Declare Your greatness, The oceans Cry out to you.  
The mountains They bow down before you. So I'll join with the earth And I'll give my praise to you!  
So I'll join with the earth And I'll give my praise to you! So I'll join with the earth And I'll give my praise to you!

## **Dismissal**

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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## Blest Be the Tie That Binds

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;  
 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;  
 3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,  
 4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;

the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.  
 our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.  
 and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
 and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt.

Music: Johann G. Nägeli, 1773–1836, adapt.

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1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort  
 2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and  
 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens

to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me  
 wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me  
 grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me

draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all  
 o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil  
 when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter

mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,  
 of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,  
 what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,

lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.  
 help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.  
 with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

# Go, My Children, with My Blessing

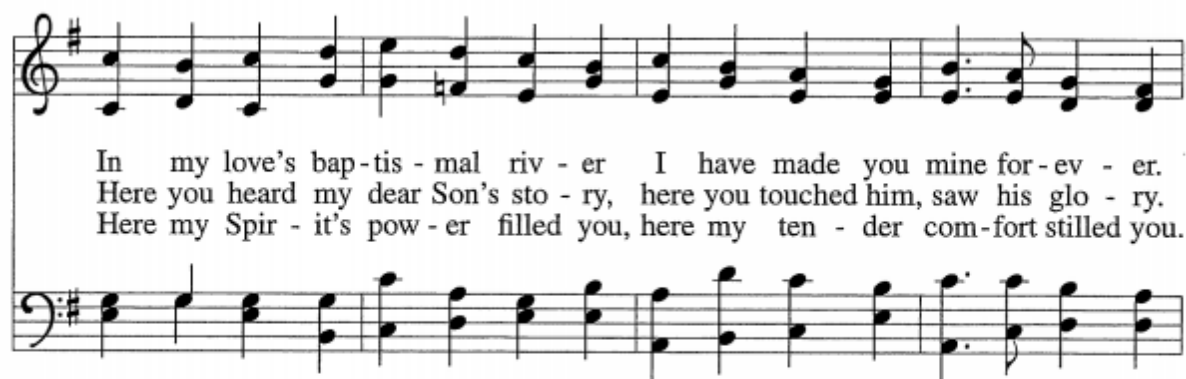
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1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a - lone.  
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."  
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*October 3, 2021*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

10/4—Scott Schlagel  
10/6—Will Gaston  
10/9—Butch Waisanen

10/6—Maggie Hahn  
10/6—Phil Bossardet

**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.

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

**At the Christian Leader Recognition last Sunday, Barbara Graf's name was not included on the Y2A committee.** She has been a member of that committee for 4 years. Please take a moment to thank her for her service.

**Please welcome Clark Rasmussen (Sponsored by Jim Hinds) and Jason Nellist (Sponsored by Shelly Nellist) who were accepted into our Bethlehem family at last week's service.**

**Celebration of Creation (and blessing of the animals) is today 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. 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 this afternoon on 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. **A huge thank you to everyone who has donated so generously. Please keep the pantry in mind whenever you are shopping special deals at your favorite store. If you can get 2 for the price of one, and really don't need an extra, please bring it to church. There will always be a blue container under the giving table by the mailboxes where you can place your extra items.**

**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. **Make your list of who you need gifts for and please contact Barbara Oster (231-668-7038 or beo6475@yahoo.com) by today, October 3rd. We will be ordering the first week of October for delivery at the end of October/early November.**

**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.

**BLC Book club continues to meet the 4th Tues of the month at 5:30 on ZOOM.** The book selection for October is *Virgil Wander* by Leif Enger. That author was the first to come to Traverse City many years ago when a program was started for everyone in Michigan to be reading the same book. His book that time was "Peace Like a River". We will meet by ZOOM at 5:30 on Tuesday Oct 26. If you are not already on the list for the Zoom meeting you can send your email to [cmonroe@chartermi.net](mailto:cmonroe@chartermi.net).

**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! Look for the October/Stewardship Star on October 10th.** 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. 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.

**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).



Please note: Our 2022 Stewardship Campaign will begin next Sunday, October 10th, and our theme this year is "Treasured Days, Ceaseless Praise." We will hold temple talks on the 10th and 17th, focusing on different aspects of stewardship for God's ministry in our life together. *Pledge Sunday will be October 24th.* See you then!

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, October 3

10:00—Worship Service  
11:00—Parking Lot Communion  
1:00pm—Confirmation (YR)  
2:30pm—Celebration of Creation

##### Monday, October 4

10:00am—WELCA Board meeting (CR)  
4:00pm—Drive My Way (FH)

##### Tuesday, October 5

9:00am—LWR Quilters (FH)  
9:00am—Property Work Group  
10:00am—Staff Meeting (CR)  
4:00pm—Drive My Way (FH)  
6:30pm—Christian Ed Committee (GS)

##### Wednesday, October 6

##### Bulletin articles due

9:00am—Bible Study (YR)  
1:30pm—Zoom Bible Study  
4:00pm—Drive My Way (FH)

##### Thursday, October 7

1:00pm—Rebecca Ann Circle (FH)  
4:00pm—Drive My Way (FH)  
5:30pm—ACOA (LL)

##### Sunday, October 10

10:00—Worship Service  
11:00—Parking Lot Communion (Stewardship Campaign Begins)