

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 10, 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: Take My Life that I May be *(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: Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Amos was a herdsman by profession and a prophet by God's call. During a time of great prosperity in the northern kingdom of Israel, the prophet speaks to the wealthy upper class. He warns his listeners that fulfilling God's demand for justice brings blessing, while corruption and oppression incur God's wrath.

⁶Seek the Lord and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. ⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! ¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. ¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. ¹²For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. ¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. ¹⁴Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. ¹⁵Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 90:12-17

²So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

¹³**Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? Be gracious to your servants.**

¹⁴Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning; so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.

¹⁵**Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us and as many years as we suffered adversity.**

¹⁶Show your servants your works, and your splendor to their children.

¹⁷**May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.**

Stewardship Temple Talk

Scott Farley & Mark McPherson

Gospel Acclamation: Allelu

Repp

Allelu! Allelu!

Ev'rybody sing, "Allelu!"

For the Lord has risen, it is true.

Ev'rybody sing, "Allelu!"

Gospel: Mark 10:17-31

Jesus has been teaching his disciples about what is most valued in God's eyes. Now, a conversation with a rich man brings his message home to the disciples in a way that is surprising but unforgettable.

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

¹⁷As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" ²⁰He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. ²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." ²⁸Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." ²⁹Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon – Pastor Paul

Song of the Day: You Are God Alone (*words below*)

You are not a god created, by human hands, You are not a god dependent, on any mortal man.
You are not a god in need of, anything we can give. By Your plan, that's just the way it is.

You are God alone, from before time began, You were on Your throne, You are God alone.

You're unchangeable, You're unshakable, You're unstoppable, that's what You are.
You're unchangeable, You're unshakable, You're unstoppable, that's what You are.

You're the only God whose power, none can contend. You're the only God whose name and
praise will never end.

You're the only God who's worthy, of ev'rything we can give. You are God, that's just the way it is.

You are God alone, from before time began, You were on Your throne, You are God alone.
And right now in the good times and bad, You are on Your throne, You are God alone.

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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:

We Come to the Hungry Feast (*please see back page for music*)

I Received the Living God (*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: My Lighthouse *(words below)*

In my wrestling and in my doubts, in my failures, You won't walk out.
Your great love will lead me through; You are the peace in my troubled sea, whoa oh, You are the peace in my troubled sea.

In the silence, You won't let go. In the questions, Your truth will hold. Your great love will lead me through;
You are the peace in my troubled sea, whoa oh, You are the peace in my troubled sea..

My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse shining in the darkness, I will follow You!
Oh, my Lighthouse, my Lighthouse, I will trust the promise: You will carry me safe to shore, safe to shore,
safe to shore safe to shore.

I won't fear what tomorrow brings. With each morning, I'll rise and sing. My God's love will lead me through;
You are the peace in my troubled sea, whoa oh, You are the peace in my troubled sea.

My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse shining in the darkness, I will follow You!
Oh, my Lighthouse, my Lighthouse, I will trust the promise: You will carry me safe to shore, safe to shore,
safe to shore, safe to shore.

Fire before us, You're the brightest. You will lead us through the storms.
Fire before us, You're the brightest. You will lead us through the storms. Hey!
Fire before us, You're the brightest. You will lead us through the storms.
Fire before us, You're the brightest. You will lead us through the storms.

My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse shining in the darkness, I will follow You!
Oh, my Lighthouse, my Lighthouse, I will trust the promise: You will carry me safe to shore, safe to shore,
safe to shore, safe to shore.

Dismissal

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

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Take My Life, That I May Be

Toma, oh Dios, mi voluntad

Refrain/Estribillo



To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na - da más;
Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;



to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón y tu tro - no en él ten - drás.
take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.



1 Que mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té con - sa - gra -
1 Take my hands and let them move at the im -
2 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on -
4 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be



da a ti, Se - ñor; que a mis ma - nos pue -
pulse of thy love; take my feet and let
would I with - hold; take my in - tel - lect
ly for my King; take my lips and let
no lon - ger mine; take my heart, it is



Refrain/Estribillo

da guiar el im - pul - so de tu a - mor.
them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.
them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.

2 Que mis pies tan sólo en pos
de lo santo puedan ir,
y que a ti, Señor, mi voz,
se complazca en bendecir. Estribillo

3 Que mis labios al hablar
hablen sólo de tu amor;
que mis bienes dedicar
yo los quiera a ti, Señor. Estribillo

4 Que mi tiempo todo esté
consagrado a tu loor;
que mi mente y su poder
sean usados en tu honor. Estribillo

We Come to the Hungry Feast

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1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
 2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
 3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,

To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
 from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
 and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay

not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
 poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
 with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943

Music: Ray Makeever

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I Received the Living God

Refrain

I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.

I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.

1 Je - sus said: I am the bread, knead - ed long to give you life;
 2 Je - sus said: I am the way, and my Fa - ther longs for you;
 3 Je - sus said: I am the truth; come and fol - low close to me.
 4 Je - sus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,

Refrain

you who will par - take of me need not ev - er fear to die.
 so I come to bring you home to be one with us a - new.
 You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free.
 but re - ceive this liv - ing bread, and my Spir - it you shall know.

Text: Anonymous
 Music: Anonymous

LIVING GOD
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

10/12—Kay Asiala
10/14—Frank Watz
10/15—Sally Ton

10/13—Tom Cole
10/15—Meredith Busekist

October is Pastor Appreciation Month – please take the time to thank Pr Paul for all that he has done for Bethlehem in the past year.

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 note: Our 2022 Stewardship Campaign will begins today, 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!

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

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>

CHARGE - Living Water Ministries has made the decision to cancel the Great Lakes Youth Gathering in January and will instead combine it with CHARGE this year in a hybrid type event! Therefore, grades for CHARGE will be **6th - 12th** and the event will take place from **March 18th - 20th** here in Traverse City at the Great Wolf Lodge! As registration fills up fast, Annie needs to know who is interested so that we can figure out cost for families right away. **Please let her know if your youth is interested in attending CHARGE in 2022 no later than Sunday, October 10th.** She will send further information such as forms to fill out and what the family cost will be once we know the total number of people interested!

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL NIGHT - The Middle School/Junior High Youth Group will meet at Jacob's Corn Maze on Wednesday, October 13th at 5PM for corn mazes, donuts and fellowship. If you have any questions or concerns please reach out to Annie at annie.slabaugh@bethlehemtc.org or find her after worship!

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING - The National Youth Gathering has returned and will be taking place **July 24th - 28th in Minneapolis, MN for grades 8th - 12th!** **If your youth is interested, please let Annie know no later than Wednesday October 20th.** She will then send an email to all interested families with cost info and a form to fill out!

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 have been ordered based on the pre-orders we received. We will have a few left of the cases that we ordered for the Dark Chocolate Pecans, Caramel Clusters and the Plain Pecans. The Cinnamon Glazed pecans are sold out. If you are interested in any of the remaining pecans, please contact Barbara Oster at 231.668.7038 or beo6475@yahoo.com. The bags are \$12 each and are perfect for holiday gifts, hostess gifts or just plain munching. Delivery should be in mid to late November.

Front Door: If you are leaving the Bethlehem building through the front door when it is supposed to be locked, please pull on the door to be sure that it is completely shut and locked. Doors have been found ajar.

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.

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 October/Stewardship 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>.

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.

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 October 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.

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

Sunday, October 10 (Stewardship Campaign Begins)

10:00am—Worship Service (S)
11:00am—Parking Lot Communion

Monday, October 11

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

Tuesday, October 12

9:00am—LWR Quilters (FH)
9:00am—Property Work Group
10:00am—Staff Meeting (CR)
1:00pm—Ruth Circle (FH)
4:00pm—Drive My Way (FH)
4:30pm—Executive Committee (CR)
6:00pm—Y2A Committee (GS)

Wednesday, October 13

Bulletin articles due

9:00am—Bible Study (YR)
1:30pm—Zoom Bible Study
4:00pm—Drive My Way (FH)
5:00pm—Junior High Night (Offsite)

Thursday, October 14

9:00am—Baby Pantry (FH)
1:00pm—Rebecca Ann Circle (FH)
4:00pm—Drive My Way (FH)
5:30pm—ACOA (GS)

Friday, October 15

9:00am—Sew Pieceful (FH)

Saturday, October 16

6:00pm—Audubon Club (FH)

Sunday, October 17 (Stewardship Campaign)

10:00am—Worship Service (S)
11:00am—Parking Lot Communion