

All Saints Sunday

November 5, 2023 – 10am

Modern Worship, ELW Setting 4



Prelude Music

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.

C: Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy One,

C: ... we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.

P: Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through † Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

C: Amen.

Gathering Song:

For All the Saints (Verses 1, 2, 6 & 7)

ELW #422

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 God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the

inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. 10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying, Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" 11 And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." 13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" 14 I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. 16 They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; 17 for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 34:1-10, 22

1 I will bless the Lord at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

2 I will glory in the Lord; let the lowly hear and rejoice.

3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; let us exalt God's name together.

4 I sought the Lord, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors.

5 Look upon the Lord and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.

6 I called in my affliction, and the Lord heard me and saved me from all my troubles.

7 The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear the Lord and delivers them.

8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who take refuge in God!

9 Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord, for those who fear the Lord lack nothing.

10 The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.

22 O Lord, you redeem the life of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

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

1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Paul Busekist

Song of the Day:

Blest Are They

ELW #728

**Worshippers are encouraged during this song to come forward to light a candle for a loved one who has passed, placing it in one of the sand trays at the front of the sanctuary.

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 (Let us give one another a sign of peace according to your comfort level.)

Offering / Offering Song:

Zeke Clemons

Offertory:

As the Grains of Wheat

ELW #465

(Refrain – Verse 1 – Refrain)

Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray.

C: God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. 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 (*Please note: gluten-free wafers and white grape juice cups are available*)

Communion Songs:

Majestic (*words below*)
Shall We Gather at the River

ELW #423

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!

Final Blessing

P: May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.

C: Amen.

Sending Song:

When the Saints Go Marching In

Oh, when the saints go marching in oh when the saints go marching in,

Oh, Lord I want to be in that number
when the saints go marching in.

Oh, when the light begins to shine oh when the light begins to shine,

oh, Lord I want to be in that number
when the light begins to shine.

Oh, when the trumpet sounds the call oh when the trumpet sounds the call,

oh, Lord I want to be in that number
when the trumpet sounds the call.

Oh, when the saints go marching in oh when the saints go marching in,

Oh, Lord I want to be in that number
when the saints go marching in.

Dismissal

A: Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



Bethlehem November 5, 2023
LUTHERAN CHURCH

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

11/5—Jane Zlojutro
11/6—Phil Anderson

11/6—Madison Goodwin
11/9—Suzanne Lehto

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WELCA THANK OFFERING SUNDAY and Pledge Sunday next week on November 12, 2023

Worship Servants for November 5

Assisting Minister—Jana Rockne

Lector—Peg Pepler

Musicians: David Husser, Zeke Clemons, Phil & Denice Bossardet, Pr Paul

Today's altar flowers are donated by: *Suzanne Lehto in Thankfulness for 80 years since birth*

A/V—Dale Wentzloff, Barbara Oster and Acker Family

Hospitality—Jason and Shelly Nellist

Cookies—Jacque Rossfeld

Welcome Table—Gail Goldsmith

Bell Ringer—Gail Goldsmith

Altar Guild—Mary Ann Tanis and Gail Goldsmith

Tech Support—Julia Acker

Counters—Jane Passmore and Sherryl Hellenga

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE: We often find the front door and/or the kitchen door unlocked when there is no one in the building. Please be sure that the doors are locked when you leave.

Please Note:

Barbara Oster/Administrative Assistant works 9:00am-2:30pm on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

Phil Anderson/Bookkeeper works 8:30am-12:30pm on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Alanna Steffunick/Ministry Coordinator works 9:00am-2:30pm – in the office on Tuesday and Thursday and from home on Wednesday

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

The November issue of the STAR is now available. For current issues of the Star, feel free to check online at www.bethlehemtc.org < About Us > “The Online Bethlehem Star” or type this URL to get these directly: <http://www.bethlehemtc.org/the-bethlehem-star-newsletter>.

The October/November/December *Christ In Our Home* is now available. Please take a copy for yourself and also for friends and family.

Ellie Tacke’s Memorial service will be at St Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Farms, MI on Saturday, November 11th. Carl’s address is Apt #129, 29250 Heritage Parkway, Warren, MI 48092

Adult Education in the Youth Room plus Sunday School - every Sunday at 9:15am

The next Third Thursday service will be a Taize 2 service on November 16th at 7:00pm. The service will be livestreamed. The BLC Fellowship Committee will be providing a light meal at 5:45 p.m. There will be sandwiches, salad and drinks. Please come early and share in fellowship and stay for the service.

Looking for a link to last month’s full Council minutes? Type this address/url into your web browser to get the latest approved minutes from Council: bethlehemtc.org/Council-Minutes OR you may call the office to request a copy.

Giving Statements Available Your individual giving statements will be available in your mailbox in the Narthex beginning Sunday October 15, 2023. The statement covers giving from January 1st through September 30, 2023. Please pick them up at your convenience. To save on postage, I will mail out the ones not picked up by the end of November 2023. Thank you for your generous support for the programs and ministries of your church. We are all blessed by your faithful giving. Your Bookkeeper

BABY PANTRY PROJECT: Parents visiting the baby pantry really appreciate all the items you have been donating. They especially need laundry soap, cleaning products and toilet tissue. The next Baby Pantry date is Thursday, November 9th. Thank you one and all!

XYZ Potluck: Join us for good food, laughter and fellowship on Friday, November 10th at 12 Noon. While predominately geared toward seniors, we welcome any adult who would like to attend. For this month, we will have a Thanksgiving Dinner. Turkey, dressing and beverages will be provided. Please bring side dishes to share. After lunch, we will have a program from Victoria Stone of the Grand Traverse region of Habitat for Humanity.

Prayer Requests:

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

Due Dates for STAR/Bulletin/Screen Announcements:

- STAR: The third Friday of the month sent to admin@bethlehemtc.org (Please note STAR in subject line)
- Bulletin/Verbal Announcements: Tuesday of the week sent to admin@bethlehemtc.org (Bulletin/Worship Folder is prepared on Tuesday and printed on Thursday morning.) (Please note Bulletin or Announcement in subject line)
- Screen Announcements/Weekly BLC Emails: Tuesday of the week sent to alanna.steffunick@bethlehemtc.org

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.

Norm Fred has helped a previously homeless couple for a few years. They are proud people and do not like to be given charity but they will accept help in the form of donated cans that they can recycle for money. Please bring in your recyclables in for them. Leave them by the garage. These are nice people. There, but for the Grace of our God, go we.

Counters are needed! Jim Monroe is looking for offering counters for the calendar year of 2024. Counters will be assigned for a month at a time. Depending on the number of volunteers, it could only be a couple of times per year. To volunteer, please contact Jim at 231-941-0788 or by email at xcski@chartermi.net

Spotlight on Zeke: So many of us enjoy Zeke's talents with religious music, but did you know that he plays other kinds of music at various locations in the Traverse City area? Here is a list of his engagements in the next month that are close to TC:

Wed 11/8—Park Place, Minerva's Happy Hour at 4:00

Sat 11/25—Hotel Indigo at 6:00

Wed 11/15—Park Place, Minerva's Happy Hour at 4:00

Wed 11/29—Park Place, Minerva's Happy Hour at 4:00

FOR BOOK CLUB MEMBERS: The book for **Nov 28** discussion is *The Christmas Train* by David Baldacci which has been a New York Times Bestseller. This is a more light-hearted book to get a jump on the holiday spirit. If you want to join the BLC discussion it will be at 5:30 that Tues with a pizza meal. If you want to join but cannot be there in person please send a ZOOM request to Cindy Monroe at cmonroe@chartermi.net.

Our Care Giving Committee has put up a "Communitas" Board on the wall of our Coat Room! This "BOARD" is needed and helpful for ALL of us! Following is a suggestion of some things YOU and our YOUTH can do to "interact" with the board and other members of our congregation. The purpose of our "Auxilium Communitas" BOARD (Latin for "Community/Congregation Assistance") is to SHARE our gifts, talents, or skills to others that might be in NEED of something like: Gardening, Organizing, Painting, Raking leaves, Shoveling, Household tasks, Carpentry, Manicures, Pedicures, Companionship, Care giving, etc. - This list is Endless! You never know when YOU will be in need of some extra help personally, in your home or yard - let's make this "reciprocal" - All ages are Welcome to Help Service our Congregation!

Adult Bible Study: meets on Wednesdays from 9:30-11:30am in the Youth Room, with a study of the Gospel of John.

The Zoom Book and Bible Study: meets on Wednesdays from 1:30-3:00pm. The group will study the Mitch Albom book, *Have a Little Faith* on November 8, 15 & 29. If you are interested in obtaining this book, please contact Barbara Oster or Pr Paul.

New member orientation: Arrangements are in the works for a gathering in November or December. Please contact membership chair, Cindy Monroe at cmonroe@chartermi.net or the office at 947-9880 if you are interested in joining Bethlehem.

DIRECTORY NEWS - For those who did not have their photo taken or submitted, or for those who might like an additional one, you may order a copy of our new church directory. Please contact Kathy Ancinec at 989-906-2764. The cost will be \$8.00 per copy, before December 6, 2023. After that date, it will cost \$12.00. Reserved copies will be available for future members only.

Copies of the Living Lutheran magazine can be picked up at the welcome table on Sunday mornings or from the Shooting STAR box below the outside mailbox.

Are you looking for the Caring Table for your donations? It has been moved inside the coat room to the right. Also, the area for the Oleson and Family Fair receipts is in the lower cabinets below the mailboxes (under the A-B-Cs...). The cabinet door is marked with the receptacle inside.

Coffee and Cookies: Remember that treats and a hot drink on Sunday are appreciated by all. Please take a moment to sign up to bring cookies or some other tasty treat on the Sunday that works best for you. Or sign up to prepare the coffee.

Name tags: Your name tags are in your mailboxes. Please retrieve them so you can proudly wear them on Sunday mornings. We often have visitors and with so many recent new members it helps them if they can see a friendly face and attach a name to it.

Food Pantry: We will NOT be closing our outdoor pantry for winter this year. We have a new member who ran an outdoor pantry downstate and she has given us lots of ideas of foods that can be stored there during the cold months including: hamburger helper, stuffing mix, dry milk, instant potatoes, cookies, and rice. Also, there is always room for dry goods such as toilet paper, paper towels etc. Please start looking for some of these items when they are on sale and bring your extras to the coat room. Your generosity is so appreciated.

A big thank you to all who turned in Olesons' receipts. We just received a check from Olesons for \$268.15 for a total of \$593.03 this calendar year. Please continue to drop off your Olesons' receipts at Bethlehem. Please note they do not expire. Thank you.

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, weekly emails and on our Facebook Events Page! If there is something you'd like featured or included in any of these, please reach out to alanna.steffunick@bethlehemtc.org If you are not getting the weekly emails for any reason, please contact Alanna.

Please consider signing up for Altar Flowers for a Sunday service. Please 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 on Sunday morning (Preferable) or during the week, in the Administrative 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.

The church calendar is below. Please be sure to notify the office (admin@bethlehemtc.org or 231.947.9880) to be sure that your group is of the calendar.

Sunday, November 5

9:15am—Sunday School
9:15am—Adult Education (YR)
10:00am—Worship Service (S)

Monday, November 6

11:00am—Betty Hartman Funeral
12:00pm—Betty Hartman Luncheon
3:00pm—Chair Yoga (FH)

Tuesday, November 7

Bulletin articles due today

9:00am—Property Work Group
9:00am—LWR Quilters (FH)
10:45am—Staff Meeting (CR)

Wednesday, November 8

9:30am—Adult Bible Study (YR)
11:30am—Music Rehearsal (S)
1:30pm—Zoom Book and Bible Study
7:00pm—Indian Woods Neighborhood Assn (FH)

Thursday, November 9

9:00am—Baby Pantry Set-up (FH)
10:00am—Baby Pantry (FH)
1:00pm—Rebecca Anna Circle (Library)
1:00pm—Inside Out (YR)
5:30pm—ACA (Library)
7:00pm—Choir Rehearsal (S)

Friday, November 10

12:00pm—XYZ Potluck (FH)

Saturday, November 11

7:00pm—Contra Dance (FH)

Sunday, November 12

Pledge Sunday

WELCA Thank Offering Sunday

9:15am—Sunday School
9:15am—Adult Education (YR)
10:00am—Worship Service (S)



XYZ
EXTRA YEARS OF ZEST

Join us for a potluck lunch, followed by a program or presentation.

Friday, Nov. 10th
12pm noon

Victoria Stone

Habitat for Humanity
Grand Traverse Region



BAYSIDE TRAVELLERS

Contra Dance

WITH LIVE MUSIC BY PEARL STREET STRING BAND & CALLING BY PAT REESER

Saturday, November 11th
BEGINNER DANCE WORKSHOP 7PM
DANCES 7:30 - 10:30PM

LOCATION: BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Dance by Donation
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