

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 20, 2021

Modern Worship, ELW Setting 4



Prelude Music:

Lead Me, Guide Me

ELW 768

Precious Lord, Take My Hand (Solo: Denice Bossardet)

Good Good Father

What a Fellowship. What a Joy Divine

ELW 774

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C: Amen.

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God, our provider,

C: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ☩ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C: Amen.

Gathering Song: I've Got Peace Like a River

I've got peace like a river I've got peace like a river I've got peace like a river in my soul

I've got peace like a river I've got peace like a river I've got peace like a river in my soul

I've got joy like a fountain I've got joy like a fountain I've got joy like a fountain in my soul

I've got joy like a fountain I've got joy like a fountain I've got joy like a fountain in my soul

I've got love like an ocean I've got love like an ocean I've got love like an ocean in my soul

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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: O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

First Reading: Job 38:1-11

At the end of the book of Job, after Job and his companions have argued about the cause of the great suffering Job endures, God finally speaks. These verses begin that speech, which is a grand vision of creation, describing God's ordering of the cosmos and inviting Job to marvel at its beauty.

¹The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind: ²“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? ³Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. ⁴“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. ⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? ⁶On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone ⁷when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy? ⁸“Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb ⁹when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band, ¹⁰and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, ¹¹and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped?’”

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32

¹Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good, for God's mercy endures forever.

²**Let the redeemed of the Lord proclaim that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,**

³gathering them in from the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

²³**Some went down to the sea in ships, plying their trade in deep waters**

²⁴They beheld the works of the Lord, God's wonderful works in the deep.

²⁵**Then God spoke, and a stormy wind arose, which tossed high the waves of the sea.**

²⁶They mounted up to the heavens and descended to the depths; their souls melted away in their peril.

²⁷**They staggered and reeled like drunkards, and all their skill was of no avail.**

²⁸Then in their trouble they cried to the Lord, and you delivered them from their distress.

²⁹**You stilled the storm to a whisper and silenced the waves of the sea.**

³⁰Then were they glad when it grew calm, when you guided them to the harbor they desired.

³¹**Let them give thanks to you, Lord, for your steadfast love and your wonderful works for all people.**

³²Let them exalt you in the assembly of the people; in the council of the elders, let them sing hallelujah!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia

Sinclair

Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

Jesus' calming of the storm on the sea reveals his power over evil, since the sea represents evil and chaos. The boat on the sea is a symbol of the church and invites us to trust God amid life's turbulence.

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

³⁵When evening had come, Jesus said to the disciples, "Let us go across to the other side." ³⁶And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon – Pastor Paul

Song of the Day: When Peace Like a River *(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

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:

Eat This Bread ELW 472 (*please see back page for music*)

Jesus Remember Me ELW 616 (*please see back page for music*)

Final Blessing

P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ☩ be upon you now and forever.

C: Amen

Sending Song: My Life Flows On In Endless Song (*please see back page for music*)

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

When Peace like a River

It Is Well with My Soul

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1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
 3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the

sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the

taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain

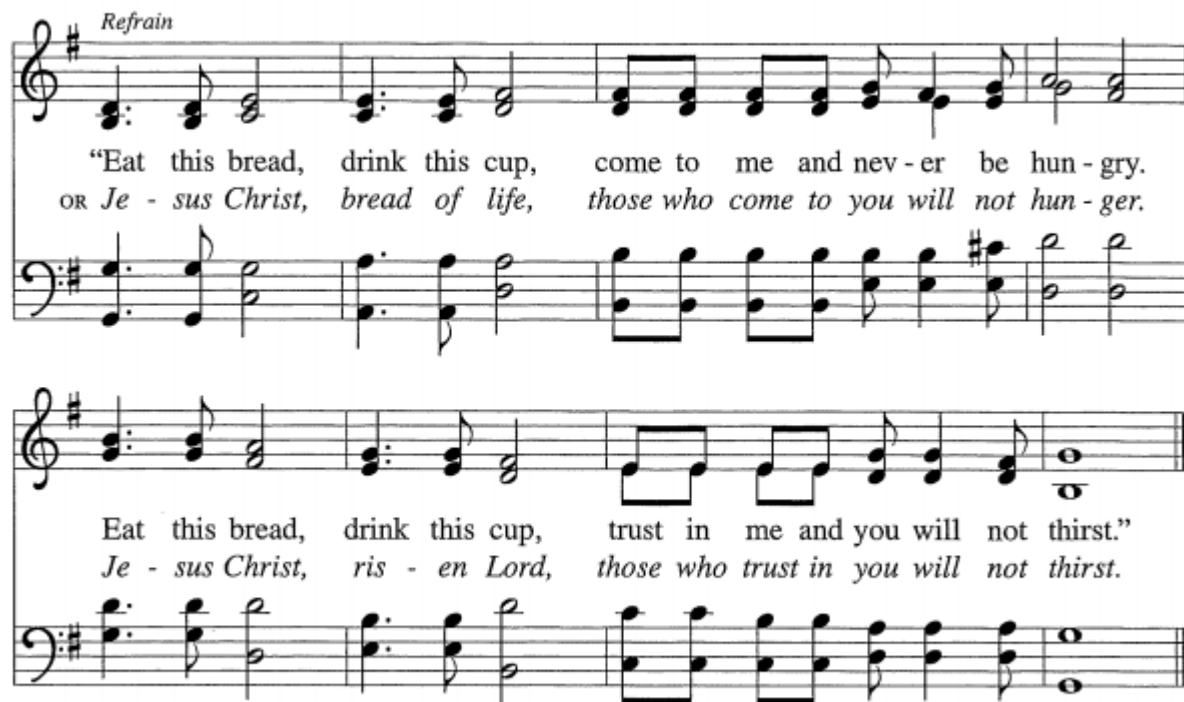
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 It is well with my soul,

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Eat This Bread

Jesus Christ, Bread of Life

Refrain



“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.
OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

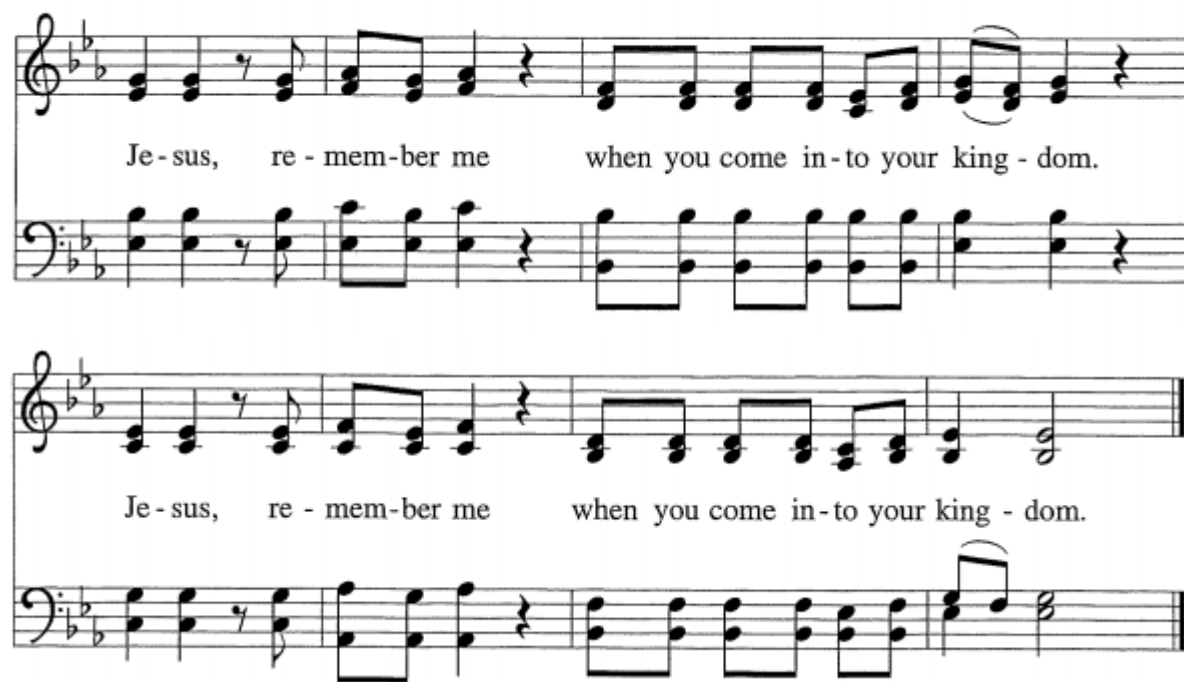
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

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Music: Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994
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BERTHIER
Irregular

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Jesus, Remember Me



Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

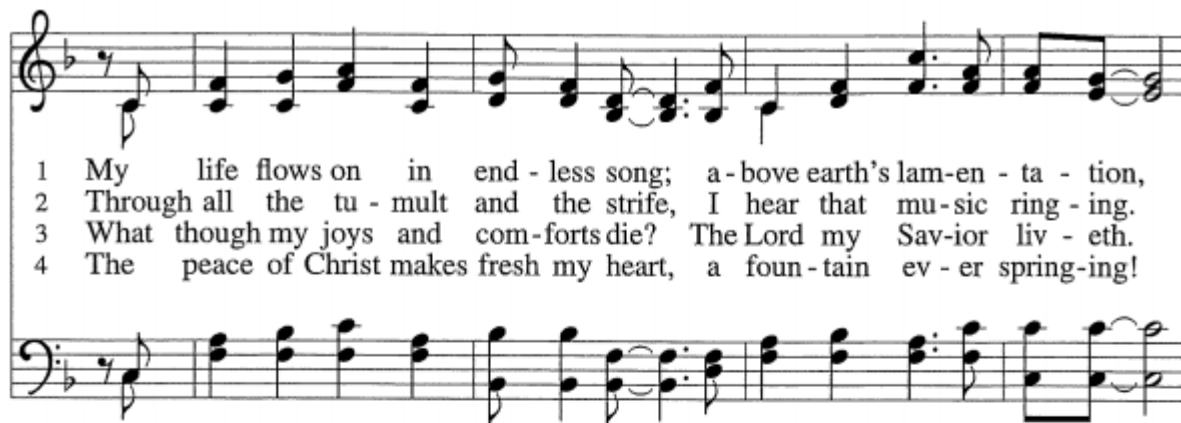
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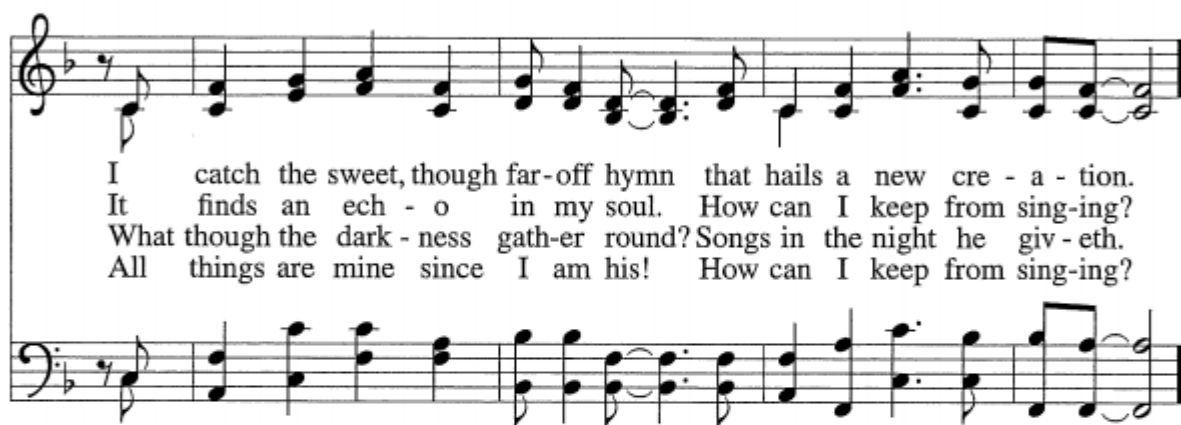
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My Life Flows On in Endless Song

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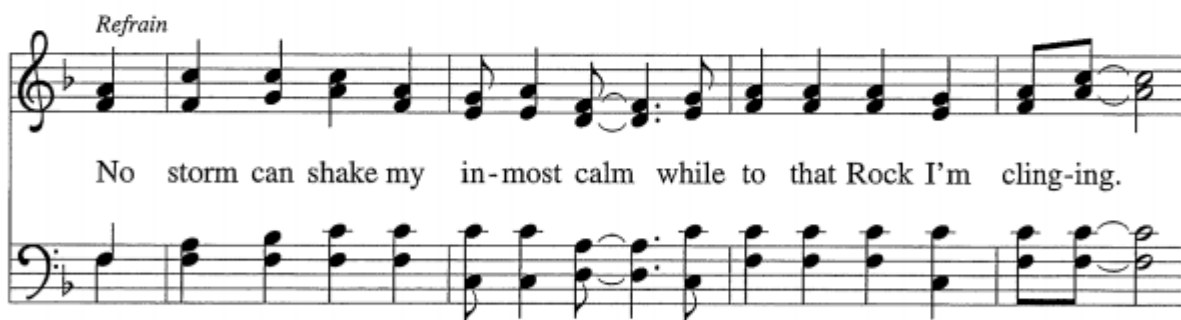


1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu-sic ring - ing.
 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!

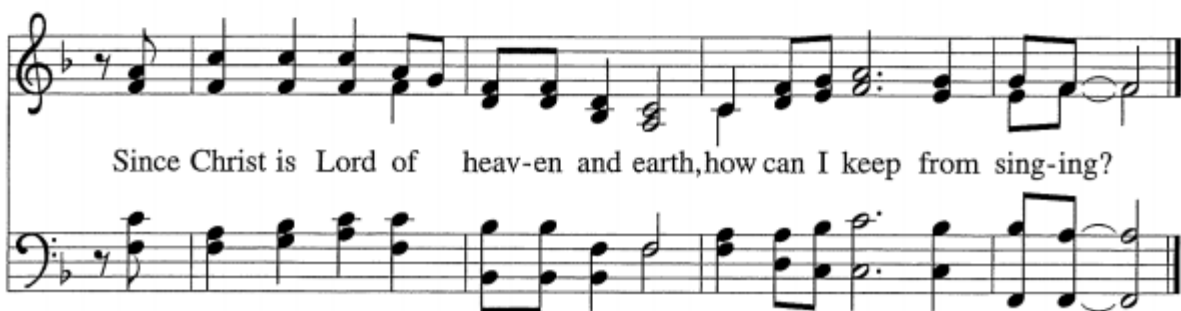


I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
 What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

6/21—Libby Thayer
6/25—Tom Fink
6/25—Amy Rogers
6/27—Cindy Monroe

6/22—Nancy Schmidt
6/25—Nathan Kolka
6/26—Marie Watz

Based on positivity rates, masks are now optional for vaccinated persons. We are still gathering contact tracing information and encouraging social distancing. Please see your Bethlehem emails for more details.

Bethlehem's Council voted to reopen the church building as of Wednesday, May 26th. New Building and Office Hours are: 9:00am – 2:30pm, Monday – Thursday.

TODAY is our annual Congregational Meeting on the West lawn at 11:15am. We will be electing members for the Church Council, Mission Endowment and Sustaining Endowment.

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. 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.*

Pr Ruth Overdier has given Bethlehem many books from Pr Fred's collection. Please feel free to take what you would like from the table in the area between the Gathering Space and Narthex.

"Zoom Book Study" gathering via Zoom is now studying Walter Wangerin's *Jesus: A Novel*. Besides the thought-provoking discussions, we also have great conversation and fellowship. Please contact Pr. Paul if you are interested in joining.

The BLC book club will meet via ZOOM at 5:30 on Tues, June 22. We will be discussing *Sparrow Migration* by local author, Cari Noga. If you are not already on the list and want to be added to the group for June just send your email to Cindy Monroe at cmonroe@chartermi.net.

Summer is just around the corner and here at Bethlehem we're planning a new exciting VBS Adventure not only for your kids...but for the entire family! Are you looking for a safe, friendly and fun environment that you can all enjoy together? Then sign up today for Great Bible Reef One Day VBS! This outdoor fun-filled vacation bible school is for the young and the young at heart for one day only on Sunday, June 27th 2PM - 5:45PM.

Although the registration deadline has passed, if you are still interested, please reach out to Annie Slabaugh at annie.slabaugh@bethlehemtc.org or 231.947.9880 extension 16!

The June 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 outdoor **"Shooting STAR Dispenser"** at BLC is now full with several paper publications, including the June 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.

Drive My Way, the driver's ed school using Bethlehem's facility is in need of experienced driver's ed teachers. If you are experienced or know someone who is experienced, please contact Mark or Ashley Ingraham, the Father/Daughter Team; Drive My Way Driver Education; (231)492-6612. Time and pay are negotiable.

Christ in Our Home Devotionals are available for July/August/September. Special Note: Pr Ruth Overdier is the writer for the daily devotions from July 11-20. They can be picked up at the name tag table on Sunday mornings, from the STAR box below the outside mailbox, or during parking lot communion. The newest *Living Lutheran* magazine is also available in the same locations.

A big thank you to all who turned in their Olesons receipts to Bethlehem. We just received a check from them for \$255.62. Please continue to turn in your receipts to church.

Calling all Knitters!! There is an overabundance of yarn skeins in the bin under the mailboxes in the narthex. PLEASE feel free to grab some to make hats, mittens, prayer shawls, etc.! The yarn is sorted according to kind, so you can be sure to find something appropriate for whatever project you have in mind. Questions? Call Betty R. (947-1013)

The online sign up for volunteers for the Parking Lot Fundraiser is out! Due to the Cherry Festival not having fireworks or an airshow this year we will be having our fundraiser on Sunday July 4th during the city fireworks only...but we will still have a great time! **The Sign Up is on the contact tracing table or you can get the link to the online sign up by checking out our Facebook Events Page, checking out the weekly emails or reaching out to Annie for the link! Also see her if you have any questions!**

Our "Hope Spreading" blog is undergoing a revamp: Be on the lookout soon for more detailed information.

Bethlehem sends weekly emails directly to your inbox with important announcements and information! If you are not getting them for any reason or if you have something you'd like to have added please reach out to Annie at annie.slabaugh@bethlehemtc.org.

Due to Living Water Ministries closing their camp for this summer Bethlehem is teaming up with Advent Lutheran Church and Immanuel Lutheran Church for a very special camp outing, Thursday August 26th - Sunday August 29th! We are hoping to get a group of youth together grades 6th grade and up (families are also invited!), and we will be having fun activities such as hiking, swimming, bonfires, worship and fellowship! Price is \$20 per person for overnight camping (whether one night or three) and \$10 per person for the weekend for people participating without camping. Please mail checks or cash to Advent Lutheran Church (PO Box 249, Lake Ann, MI 49650). Space is limited so youth registration deadline is July 1st while adults and family is August 1st. Please see today's special insert for registration info. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Pastor Paul!

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, June 21

9:00pm—Drive My Way (FH)

Tuesday, June 22

9:00am—Property Work Group

9:00am—Drive My Way (FH)

5:30pm—Book/Supper Club (Zoom)

Wednesday, June 23

9:00am—Drive My Way (FH)

1:00pm—Johnson SG (Offsite)

Thursday, June 24

9:00am—Drive My Way (FH)

5:30pm—ACOA (LL)

Saturday, June 26

12:00pm—Annie Slabaugh Family Baby Shower (FH)