

# Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 26, 2022 – 10am

Modern Worship, ELW Setting 4



Prelude Music

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Merciful God,

C: ... we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.

P: Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

C: Amen.

Gathering Song:

Will You Come and Follow Me

ELW 798

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, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**First Reading: 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21**

*In the story preceding today's reading, the prophet Elijah flees for his life to the security of God's mountain. There God reveals to Elijah that there are still other faithful people in Israel and commissions him to anoint new leaders, including his own successor, Elisha.*

<sup>15</sup>Then the Lord said to Elijah, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. <sup>16</sup>Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. <sup>19</sup>So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. <sup>20</sup>He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" <sup>21</sup>He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia**

*Sinclair*

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

**Gospel: Luke 9:51-62**

*Jesus is unwavering in his commitment to his mission in Jerusalem and will not be swayed by pettiness. In a series of striking cases in point, he calls his disciples to a similar single-mindedness.*

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

<sup>51</sup>When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup>And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; <sup>53</sup>but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup>When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" <sup>55</sup>But he turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup>Then they went on to another village. <sup>57</sup>As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." <sup>58</sup>And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." <sup>59</sup>To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." <sup>60</sup>But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." <sup>61</sup>Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." <sup>62</sup>Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

*Pastor Paul Busekist*

## 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

## Offering Song:

## What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

ELW 774

## Offertory:

*Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
 bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that  
 we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of  
 all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble  
 with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray.

C: God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. 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  
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

ELW 484

ELW 807

## Final Blessing

P: The God of peace, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

C: Amen.

Sending Song:

Lead Me, Guide Me

ELW 768

## Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

C: Thanks be to God.





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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

6/27—Cindy Monroe  
6/27—Bill Allen

7/3—Jim Johnson

**Please note that the Building and Office Hours are: 9:00am – 2:30pm, Monday – Thursday.**

**COVID NEWS:** According to the CDC and Munson Hospital, Covid-19 is once again on the rise in Grand Traverse County, and our county now has one of the highest transmission rates in Michigan. Council voted on May 17th to adopt a guideline that masks are required for unvaccinated persons in worship and highly encouraged for those who are vaccinated.

**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 July issue of the STAR is now available.** For current issues of the Star, 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>.

**Prayer Requests:**

- Prayer Chain: Please contact Jan Stretlien at [jstretlien@gmail.com](mailto:jstretlien@gmail.com) or 231-947-3265
- Prayers read from the altar: Please call Rebecca in the church office 231-947-9880

**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](mailto:beo6475@yahoo.com) or 231.668.7038.

**The newest Living Lutheran magazine and the July/August/September Christ in Our Home** can be picked up at the welcome table on Sunday mornings, from the Shooting STAR box below the outside mailbox, or during parking lot communion.

**Children's Message Corner:** The next Message Corner is scheduled for this afternoon at 2:45pm. To be put on the email list to receive the Zoom link please see Annie after worship or contact her at [annie.slabaugh@bethlehemtc.org](mailto:annie.slabaugh@bethlehemtc.org).

**The Parking Lot Fundraiser will take place Saturday July 2nd, Sunday July 3rd and Monday July 4th** as long as we have youth and families signed up. Sign up sheets are in the Narthex as well as online. The link to the online sign up can be found in your weekly email or reach out to Annie directly.

**Due Dates for STAR/Bulletin/Screen Announcements: PLEASE NOTE NEW DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN**

- **STAR:** The third Friday of the month sent to [admin@bethlehemtc.org](mailto:admin@bethlehemtc.org) (Please note STAR in subject line)
- **Bulletin/Verbal Announcements:** **Tuesday** of the week sent to [admin@bethlehemtc.org](mailto:admin@bethlehemtc.org) (Bulletin/Worship Folder is prepared on Wednesday and printed on Thursday morning.) (Please note Bulletin or Announcement in subject line)
- **Screen Announcements/Weekly BLC Emails:** Tuesday of the week sent to [annie.slabaugh@bethlehemtc.org](mailto:annie.slabaugh@bethlehemtc.org) (Annie works Sunday – Wednesday)

**The Refresh Committee will hold an open meeting today after the Church Service regarding renovations at Bethlehem.** We welcome all with your questions, comments and ideas. We are asking for your support by making a donation or pledge by July 15, 2022. This will help us to determine our path forward. Pledges or donations can be given to Phil Anderson or placed in the offering plate. If writing a check, please write "Refresh" on the Memo line.

**Sign Ups for Missions Week are available in the Narthex.** We will be partnering with local non-profit Freedom Builders to help people in our community from Monday July 18th - Saturday July 23rd. You do not need to commit to every week to participate and all are welcome. Please reach out to Annie with any questions or concerns.

**VBS Registration from Monday, July 25 - Wednesday, July is OPEN and available to kids PreK - 5th Grade!** Register online at [myvbs.org/blcvbs2022](http://myvbs.org/blcvbs2022) or reach out to Annie directly. We are still looking for a few volunteers as well so please reach out to Annie on how you can help. We are still in need of:

- Weaving Shopkeeper
- At least 1 Tribe Leader Assistant (small group support, great for older youth!)
- Set Up/Tear Down Crew (day before and end of VBS)
- Decoration Coordinators (day before and end of VBS)

We will also still take Marketplace Shopkeepers if you are interested in one of those roles.

**Want to help with VBS but aren't able to be there in person?** Well you are in luck! Our VBS Volunteers are in need of items such as decor and food! If you'd like to donate or lend an item for Jerusalem: Marketplace please go to the wall in the Narthex close to the mailboxes (you can't miss it!) on the wall. There you will find slips of paper with needed items for VBS. Please take the slip, fill it out, obtain the item and return it to the person who requested the item (that information is on the slip!)

**Music news at BLC:** The adult choir is taking a break for the summer and will resume rehearsals 2-3 Thursdays per month at 7:00 on Sept 8. It's time to return to a favorite pastime or start a new one. Plan to come to the first rehearsal or contact Tony Bero at [bero.tony@gmail.com](mailto:bero.tony@gmail.com) or 942-1162.

**Name tags:** Yes, your name tags are back in your mailboxes, but please walk a little farther and retrieve them so you can proudly wear them on Sunday mornings. We often have more visitors in the summer and it helps them if they can see a friendly face and attach a name to it.

**LAUNDRY BASKET PROJECT FOR 2022:** We are collecting cleaning items to be given out during the Baby Pantry here at Bethlehem. There is an example basket in the Narthex along with a list of items needed. You may fill an entire basket OR bring single items if you prefer. We would like to have baskets available beginning in March. Thank you for your participation!

**Book Club:** After two highly emotional books the book club will relax a little with its June selection, *The Recipe Box* by Viola Shipman. This book has ties to Michigan with its main character, Sam leaving her family's orchard and pie shop to be a star chef in New York, and then returning to northern Michigan. There are even recipes in the book! Books are in the box outside church. **The Zoom meeting will be Tues, June 28 at 5:30.** If you are not on the list send your email to [cmonroe@chartermi.net](mailto:cmonroe@chartermi.net). The BLC book club continues to meet during the summer. Our meeting in July is on the 26th at 5:30 via ZOOM. The book, *Wish*, will be available in the Book Club box outside of the church. It is a touching story with a bit of baseball.

**Monthly STAR:** Thanks to all of you who have said that you will read the STAR on line or pick it up at church. Those of you who come to church, be thinking if there is any member close in your neighborhood that you could deliver their copy to them. If you have recently decided to read on line or pick-up at church please call the office and let them know.

**24 hr food pantry:** Even as we leave the month, please continue our "Jump into June" campaign with your offerings of staple foods which can be placed in our outdoor food pantry. Those who are hungry are appreciative.

**Our interim tech support person is Trent Slabaugh.** He welcomes your comments on the audio or video system. You may contact him by email at [tslabaugh93@gmail.com](mailto:tslabaugh93@gmail.com)

**A big thank you to all who turned in Olesons receipts.** Please continue to drop your Olesons receipts off at church.

**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 consider signing up for Altar Flowers for a Sunday service.** There are plenty of dates available for the rest of the year. 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 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.

**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).

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

**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, June 26**

10:00am—Worship Service (S)  
11:00am—Parking Lot Communion  
11:00am—VBS Safety Meeting (YR)  
2:45pm—Children's Message Corner (Zoom)

### **Tuesday, June 28**

#### **Bulletin articles due today**

9:00am—Property Work Group  
10:00am—Staff Meeting (CR)  
5:30pm—Book/Supper Club (Zoom)

### **Wednesday, June 29**

12:45pm—Music Rehearsal (S)

### **Thursday, June 30**

5:30pm—ACOA (GS)

### **Friday, July 1**

9:00am—All-Star DE (FH)

### **Saturday, July 2**

9:00am—Parking Lot Fundraiser

### **Sunday, July 3**

9:00am—Parking Lot Fundraiser  
10:00am—Worship Service (S)  
11:00am—Parking Lot Communion  
11:15am—Worship and Music Committee (CR)