

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 4, 2021 – 10 am

Modern Worship, ELW Setting 4



Prelude Music

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: Trading My Sorrows

I'm trading my sorrows, I'm trading my shame. I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord.

I'm trading my sickness, I'm trading my pain. I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord.

Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes Lord. Yes Lord, yes Lord, Yes, yes Lord. Yes Lord, yes Lord, Yes, yes Lord. Amen

I am pressed, but not crushed, persecuted not abandoned. Struck down, but not destroyed.

I am blessed beyond the curse for his promise will endure that his joy's gonna be my strength.

Though the sorrow may last for the night, his joy comes with the morning.

I'm trading my sorrows, I'm trading my shame. I'm laying them down I'm trading my sickness,

I'm trading my pain. I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes Lord.

Yes Lord, yes Lord, Yes, yes Lord. Yes Lord, yes Lord, Yes, yes Lord. Amen for the joy of the Lord.

Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes Lord. Yes Lord, yes Lord, Yes, yes Lord. Yes Lord, yes Lord, Yes, yes Lord. Amen

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: God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

First Reading: Ezekiel 2:1-5

In 597 BCE, the priest Ezekiel was removed into exile in Babylon. While there, he received a vision of God appearing majestically on a chariot throne. Today's reading recounts God's commissioning of Ezekiel during this vision. The prophet is to speak God's word to a people unwilling to hear.

¹A voice said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.²And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me.³He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day.⁴The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord God."⁵Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 123

¹To you I lift up my eyes, to you enthroned in the heavens.

²**As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to you, O Lord our God, until you show us your mercy.**

³Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, for we have had more than enough of contempt,

⁴**too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, and of the derision of the proud.**

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia

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Alleluia, alleluia,

alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia,

alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Mark 6:1-13

At home and abroad, Jesus and his disciples encounter resistance as they seek to proclaim God's word and relieve affliction.

P: A reading from...

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon – Pastor Paul

Song of the Day: Lord, You Give the Great Commission *(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:

The Table *(words below)*

Let Us Break Bread Together *(please see back page for music)*

The Table

I will feast at the table of the Lord. I will feast at the table of the Lord. I won't hunger anymore at His table.
I will feast at the table of the Lord. I will feast at the table of the Lord. I won't hunger anymore at His table.

Come all you weary, come and find His yoke is easy, His burden light.
He is able; He will restore at the table of the Lord.

There is peace at the table of the Lord. There is peace at the table of the Lord. I won't worry anymore at His table.

There is healing at the table of the Lord. There is healing at the table of the Lord. Oh and I won't suffer anymore at His table.

Come all you weary, come and find His yoke is easy, His burden light.
He is able; He will restore at the table of the Lord.

I know he has a place for me. Oh, what joy will fill my heart with the saints around the mercy seat of God.

Come all you weary, come and find His yoke is easy, His burden light.

He is able; He will restore at the table of the Lord, at the table of the Lord.

I'm invited to the table of the Lord. I'm invited to the table of the Lord. He says come just as you are to His table.

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: Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ *(please see back page for music)*

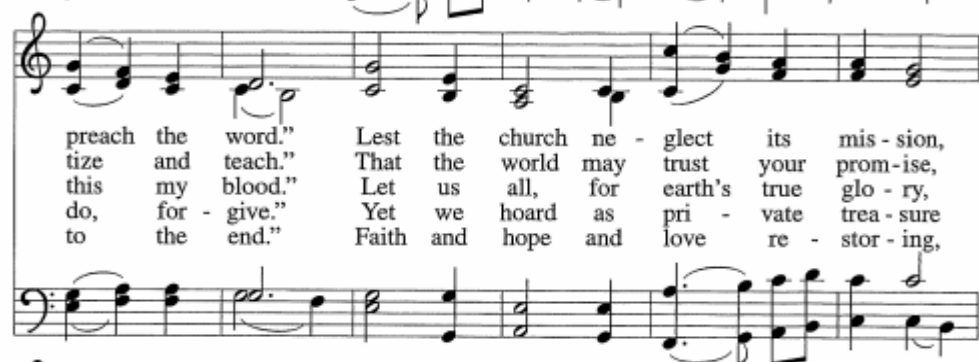
Dismissal

A: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
C: Thanks be to God.

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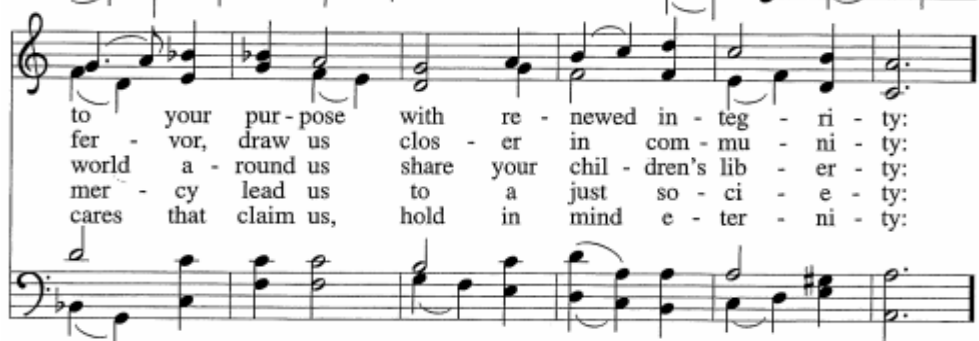
1 Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and
2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -
3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,
4 Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther, what they
5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you



preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,
tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,
this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,
do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure
to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,

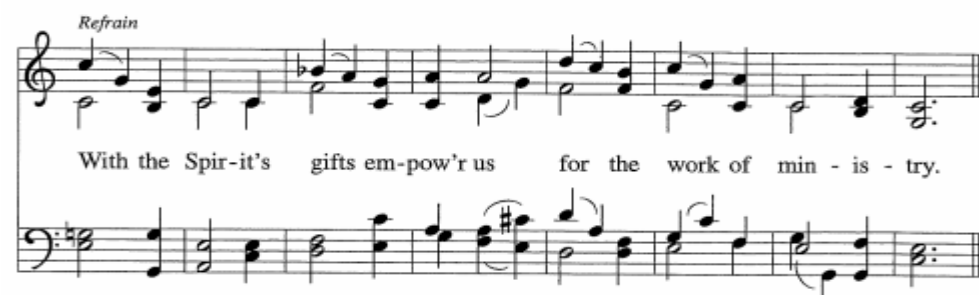


and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness
life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new
dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the
all that you so free - ly give. May your care and
may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the



to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:
fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:
world a - round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty:
mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:
cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:

Refrain



With the Spir - it's gifts em - pow'r us for the work of min - is - try.

Let Us Break Bread Together

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1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

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let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

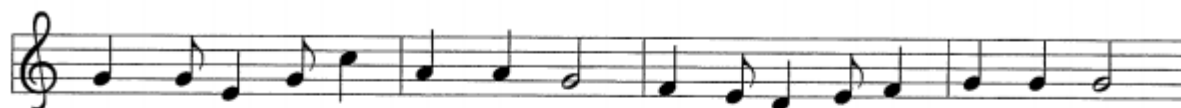
Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

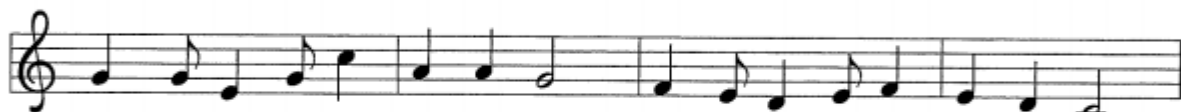
sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

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- 1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
- 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
- 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

Refrain



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925–1980

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

7/05—Norm Fred
7/07—Michelle Smith

7/06—Julie Cole
7/08—Carl Lehto

Based on Gov. Whitmer's recent announcement concerning the lifting of all Covid related restrictions, 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.

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.

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.*

"Zoom Book Study" is taking a summer break and will start up again in the Fall. Look for details then to join the group.

The BLC book club will meet via ZOOM at 5:30 on Tues, July 27. We will be discussing *The Only Woman in the Room* by Marie Benedict. If you are not already on the list and want to be added to the group for July just send your email to Cindy Monroe at cmonroe@chartermi.net.

The July 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 July 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 Parking Lot Fundraiser is today and it is not too late to volunteer. Due to the Cherry Festival not having fireworks or an airshow this year our fundraiser is tonight 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 reach 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.

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We had a great time last weekend at our One Day VBS: Great Bible Reef! We saw some old faces and quite a few new faces as we dove deep into God's word.



A special shout out to the individuals below who went above and beyond to make this VBS happen--from finding volunteers months ago to being at VBS the day of--we appreciate you and couldn't have done it without any of you!

Laura Acker
Nancy Ammann
Chuck Ardingo
Chris Ardingo
Pastor Paul Busekist
Zeke Clemons
Property Committee
Sarah Denton
Meghan Denton
Tina Dohm
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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**

**Monday, July 5 - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

**Tuesday, July 6**

9:00am—Property Work Group

10:00am—Staff Meeting (Youth Room)

**Wednesday, July 7**

11:00am—Hazel Grant Funeral (Sanctuary)

**Thursday, July 8**

5:30pm—ACOA (LL)

**Friday, July 9**

5:00pm—Drive My Way Registration (FH)

**Saturday, July 10**

11:00—All Star DE Registration (FH)

