

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 17, 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:

The Table

(words below)

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.



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: Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10a

The Lord visits Abraham and Sarah to tell them that the long-awaited promise of the birth of a child will be fulfilled for them in their old age.

¹The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day.

²He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet

them, and bowed down to the ground. ³He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said."

⁶And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes."

⁷Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. ⁹They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?"

And he said, "There, in the tent." ^{10a}Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 15

¹Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?

²**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;**

³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

⁴**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the Lord. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia

Sinclair

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

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

During his visit to the home of Mary and Martha, Jesus reminds Martha that her concern for her many tasks distracts from the one thing that precedes all else: abiding in the presence of God.

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

³⁸Now as Jesus and his disciples went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴²there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Paul Busekist

Song of the Day:

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

ELW 579

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

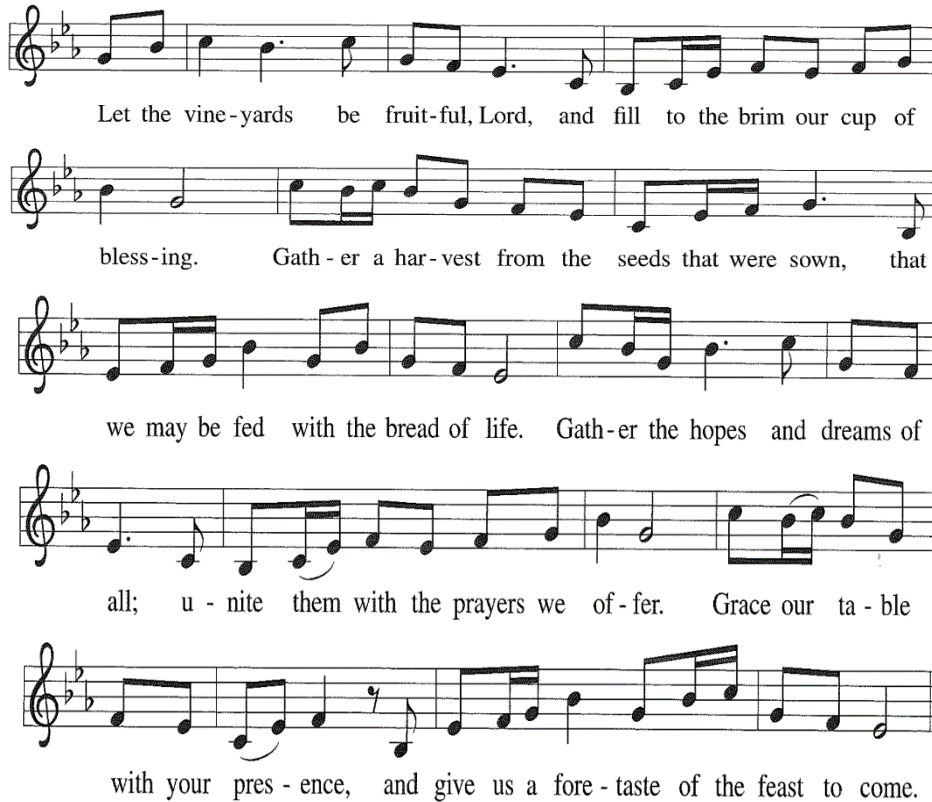
Offering Song:

How Great Thou Art

ELW 856

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:

We Come to the Hungry Feast
Let Us Break Bread Together

ELW 479

ELW 471

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:

Trading My Sorrows

(words below)

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 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

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

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

C: Thanks be to God.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

7/17—Martin Graf

7/21—Sandra Schichtel

7/23—Jim Hutchinson

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. The August STAR will be available on Sunday, July 24th. 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>.

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.

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

Today’s altar flowers are donated by: *Barbara Oster in Memory of her mother, Lois Oster, on the anniversary of her birth.*

BJ Christensen’s mom is turning 100 on July 29. She loves birthday cards!!! Please consider sending a card to Ann Mazurek in c/o BJ at 10255 S. Cedar, Cedar, MI 49621

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.

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 Sunday, July 24th 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.

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 (Please note STAR in subject line)
- **Bulletin/Verbal Announcements:** **Tuesday** of the week sent to 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 (Annie works Sunday – Wednesday)

Coffee and Cookies have returned! You are welcome to stay after the service for coffee, cookies and conversation. This will be done as many Sundays as there are volunteers to make the coffee and/or bring cookies, etc. There will be sign-up sheets available near the cookies.

Grief Workshop In the Informational Meeting we had in March to discuss Pastor's Sabbatical activities, grief counseling was brought up as a need in our congregation. In some of our discussions with the Sabbatical Team and the Church Council we thought this is a need to be met now and not in a year. Munson Hospice is willing to come in and do some workshops free of charge. We are calling them workshops as it will be once a month from September through March with a break in December. They can provide group counseling, music and/or art therapy. What we need to know is who is interested? The time you would like to have it, afternoon or evening? And also are there any children you would like to have join you. Munson Hospice is willing to meet our needs and maybe small groups, separate children's groups or possibly a combination. We would have it at Bethlehem Lutheran Church and if you know someone outside of our church family with this need, they would be welcome to come. There will be a signup sheet in the Narthex or call Gail Goldsmith at 231-633-2630.

The Refresh Committee would like to thank everyone who attended our open meetings. Your comments, suggestions and ideas are appreciated. We would also like to thank those who have pledged or made a donation, our total is nearing the \$5000 mark at the time we wrote this article. We are putting together some final ideas and anticipate starting sometime in August. In the meantime, if you have any questions or would like to share additional ideas, please reach out to us. Thank You Bethlehem!

Our Parking Lot Fundraiser 2022 is complete! We earned a total of \$3,139 for the entire holiday weekend! The money earned will go toward youth activities. Thank you so much to the following individuals who helped out with our fundraiser this weekend. We couldn't have done it without you. (in alphabetical order by last name:)

Pastor Paul Busekist
Lincoln Dohm
Tina Dohm
Makena Dohm
Norm Fred
Martin Graf

Jacob Graf
Aleah Graf
Jim Hinds
Steve Kramer
Owen Mungor
Christine Mungor

Lilliana Mungor
Annie Slabaugh
Trent Slabaugh
Rena Wells

Our Jerusalem: Marketplace VBS is less than a month away! Join us on Monday, July 25th - Wednesday, July 27th as we go back in time to ancient Jerusalem and witness Jesus' final days on earth! Registration is open and free to kids up to 5th grade. Register today at myvbs.org/blcvbs2022

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 7:00pm 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 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!

BLC Book Club: The BLC book club continues to meet during the summer. Our meeting in August is on the 23rd at 5:30 via ZOOM. The book which will be announced next week, will be available in the Book Club box outside of the church. If you are not on the email list and want to be involved send your information to cmonroe@chartermi.net.

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: Remember to take advantage of BOGO offerings and bring your extras of staple foods for our outdoor food pantry. Those who are hungry will be appreciative. There is a teal bin below the table by the mailboxes for placing your goodies.

On Sunday, July 31st right after church there will be a Youth Group Parent Meeting in the Youth Room to discuss some major changes that are being considered for youth groups starting in the fall. Before any plans are finalized however, Annie wishes to discuss the potential changes with parents and get feedback as well as get any ideas from parents. Every youth family will be invited and welcomed to this meeting!

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 Financial News were inadvertently left out of the July STAR: May income was \$29,705 compared to budgeted income of \$30,645 or a shortfall of \$940. Expenses were \$27,244 compared to budget of \$29,035 resulted in spending \$1,791 less than budgeted. On a cash basis, income exceeded expenses by \$2,461.

Through May, income was \$146,182 compared to budgeted income of \$151,657 for a shortfall of \$5,475. Expenses were \$153,328 compared to budget of \$150,305 resulted in spending \$3,023 more than budgeted. On a cash basis, expenses have exceeded income by \$7,147.

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

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

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.

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, July 17

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

Monday, July 18

Youth Mission Trip with Freedom Builders

Tuesday, July 19

Youth Mission Trip with Freedom Builders

Bulletin articles due today

9:00am—Property Work Group
10:00am—Staff Meeting (CR)
6:00pm—Council Meeting
7:00pm—Lautner SG (Offsite)

Wednesday, July 20

Youth Mission Trip with Freedom Builders

12:45pm—Music Rehearsal (S)

Thursday, July 21

Youth Mission Trip with Freedom Builders
5:30pm—ACOA (GS)

Friday, July 22

Youth Mission Trip with Freedom Builders

Saturday, July 23

Youth Mission Trip with Freedom Builders

Sunday, July 24

10:00am—Worship Service (S)
11:00am—Parking Lot Communion
11:15am—VBS Final Prep Party
2:45pm—Children's Message Corner (Zoom)