

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 18, 2021 – 10am

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: Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us *(please see back page for music)*

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: O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Jeremiah prophesied before the exile in 587 BCE. In this passage, he uses the metaphor of a shepherd to describe the bad kings who have scattered the “flock” of Israel. God promises to gather the flock and to raise up a new king from David’s line to save Israel and Judah.

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. ²Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. ⁵The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.”

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 23

¹The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

²**The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

³You restore my soul, O Lord, and guide me along right pathways for your name’s sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia

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

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Gospel: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

When Jesus sends his disciples out to teach and heal, they minister among large numbers of people. Their work is motivated by Christ's desire to be among those in need.

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

³⁰The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. ⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon – Rev. Lucy Waechter Webb

Song of the Day: The Church's One Foundation (*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 (Response: "Your mercy is great")/ 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:

Shepherd (*words below*)

Banquet (*words below*)

Shepherd:

In the process, in the waiting, You're making melodies over me,
and Your presence is the promise for I am a pilgrim on a journey.

You will lift my head above the mighty waves; You are able to keep me from stumbling.
And in my weakness You are the strength that comes from within.
Good Shepherd of my soul, take my hand, and lead me on.

You make my footsteps and my path secure, so walking on water is just the beginning.
Cause my faith to arise, stand at attention, for You are calling me to greater things.

You will lift my head above the mighty waves; You are able to keep me from stumbling.
And in my weakness You are the strength that comes from within.
Good Shepherd of my soul, take my hand, and lead me on.

Oh, how I love You, how I love You; You have not forsaken me.
Oh, how I love You, how I love You; With You is where I want to be.

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Oh, how I love You, how I love You; With You is where I want to be.

You will lift my head above the mighty waves; You are able to keep me from stumbling.
And in my weakness You are the strength that comes from within.
Good Shepherd of my soul, take my hand, and lead me on.

Banquet:

There's no banquet so rich as the bread and the wine; no table more holy, no welcome so kind.
There's no mercy so wide as the arms of the cross; come and taste, come and see, come find and be found.

There's no banquet so rich for what feast could compare with the body of Jesus bless'd, broken and shared?
Here is grace to forgive, here is blood that atoned; come and taste, come and see come know and be known.

Take the bread, drink the wine, and remember His sacrifice.

There's no banquet so rich as the feast we will share when God gathers the nations and dines with us here.
When death's shadow is gone, ev'ry tear wiped away, come and eat, come and drink, come welcome that day.

Take the bread, drink the wine, and remember His sacrifice.
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There's no banquet so rich, for our Savior we find present here in the mys'try of these humble signs.
Cleansed, renewed, reconciled, let us go out as one, live in love, and proclaim His death till He comes.

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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: I Will Follow

Where You go, I'll go; where You stay, I'll stay; when You move, I'll move. I will follow.

Oh, oh, oh.

All Your ways are good, all Your ways are sure; I will trust in You alone.

Higher than my sight, high above my life; I will trust in You alone.

Where You go, I'll go; where You stay, I'll stay; when You move, I'll move. I will follow You.

Whom You love, I'll love; How You serve, I'll serve; If this life I lose, I will follow You, yeah. I will follow You, yeah.

Light into the world, Light into my life – I will live for You alone.

You're the One I seek, knowing I will find all I need in You alone. In You alone.

Where You go, I'll go; where You stay, I'll stay; when You move, I'll move. I will follow You.

Whom You love, I'll love, How You serve, I'll serve; If this life I lose, I will follow You, yeah. I will follow You, yeah.

In You, there's life everlasting. In You, there's freedom for my soul. In You, there's joy, unending joy; and I will follow.

Where You go, I'll go; where You stay, I'll stay; when You move, I'll move. I will follow You.

Whom You love, I'll love, how You serve, I'll serve; if this life I lose, I will follow.

Where You go, I'll go; where You stay, I'll stay; when You move, I'll move. I will follow You.

Whom You love, I'll love, how You serve, I'll serve; if this life I lose, I will follow you, yeah.

I will follow You, yeah. I will follow You, yeah. I will follow You.

Dismissal

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

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1 Sav - ior like a shep - herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.
2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard - ian of our way;
3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;

In your pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, for our use your fold pre - pare.
keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.

Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.

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1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
 by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.

From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

7/21—Sandra Schichtel

7/23—Jim Hutchinson

We welcome Rev. Lucy Webb as our presiding/preaching minister today.

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.

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

The adult choir is returning for a summer Sunday!! Please join us on Sunday July 25 when the choir will join with Zeke and David to lead the singing. We also have a special song that tells the story of the gospel, but you will need to get there early in order to hear it during the time of pre-service music. And as always...if you cannot be there in person, you can always watch the Livestream.

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: *Barbara Oster in memory of her mother, Lois Oster, on the anniversary of her birth.*

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.

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 yellow insert for registration info. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Pr Tim Jahn at Advent Lutheran Church, 231.275.8031.

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.

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

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)

Our blog is undergoing a revamp and will be named "Paths of Hope". 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.

FUN Ministry! Recycle Altar Flowers! Meet People! New Faces and New Places! This Ministry will Help BLC grow! This Ministry promotes Caring and Compassion! Come Join Our Team for the Jesus Love Theme - ♥♥♥ Set your own time. Be Creative. Call Kathi Ivany for more information. 231 313 1647

Finance: June income came in at \$22,011 compared to budgeted income of \$33,313 resulting in a shortage of income against budget of \$9,301. On the expense side we came in at \$27,750 compared to budgeted expense of \$31,495 resulting in spending \$3,745 less than budgeted. The June budget anticipated a shortfall of \$182...basically a breakeven month. In reality we were \$5,739 short making the variance for June against budget \$5,556. From a cash flow (i.e., money in the door vs. money out the door) perspective actual income of \$22,011 was below actual expense of \$27,750 leaving us short \$5,739 for the month. This is a significant cash shortfall for one month.

Year to date income came in at \$169,279 compared to a budget of \$191,709 resulting in a shortage of income against budget of \$22,430. On the expense side we came in at \$174,011 compared to a budget of \$192,109 resulting in spending \$18,098 under budget. From a purely budget perspective we received \$4,332 less income than needed to cover budgeted expense. From a cash flow perspective income of \$169,279 is short of expense of \$174,011 leaving us behind \$4,733 year to date. Said another way over the first six months of this year BLC fell short of covering expenses by \$4,733.

BLC has incurred the necessary \$27,125 in payroll expense under the Paycheck Protection Plan (PPP) loan taken out in March 2021. Huntington Bank approved BLC's request for loan "forgiveness" and forwarded the request to the Small Business Administration for final loan forgiveness. We anticipate final SBA approval within the next 60 days.

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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, July 19

9:00am—Drive My Way (FH)

10:00am—Staff Meeting (Youth Room)

Tuesday, July 20

9:00am—Drive My Way (FH)

9:00am—Property Work Group

6:00pm—Council meeting

Wednesday, July 21

9:00am—Drive My Way (FH)

7:00pm—Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday, July 22

9:00am—Drive My Way (FH)

5:30pm—ACOA (LL)