

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 2, 2022 – 10am

Modern Worship, ELW Setting 3



Prelude Music

Announcements / Temple Talk

Confession and Forgiveness

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Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God of mercy and forgiveness,

C: ... we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

P: Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven † and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Gathering Song:

Children of Light

It's a new day. Ev'rything changed when Your love came into the darkness.
You sent the light of the Son. You sent the light of the Son.

Wake up! Open your eyes. No longer dead, we are alive.
Rise up, children of light. Open the doors; Go let it shine.
Woah...! Woah...! Woah...! Woah...!

There is freedom in Your Kingdom. For You Jesus we will be dancing.
Forever Your joy is our song. Forever Your joy is our song.

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Rise up, children of light. Open the doors; Go let it shine.
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Song for the broken, let it shine. Into the shadows, let it shine.
Hope for the whole world, let it shine, let it shine.
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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: Let us pray together,

C: Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Injustice and violence in the time leading up to the Babylonian exile move this prophet to lament: How can a good and all-powerful God see evil in the world and seemingly remain indifferent? God answers by proclaiming that the righteous will live by faith.

¹The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. ²O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save? ³Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. ⁴So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous—therefore judgment comes forth perverted. ^{2:1}I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. ²Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. ³For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. ⁴Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 37:1-9

1Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

2For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.

3Put your trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

4Take delight in the Lord, who shall give you your heart's desire.

5Commit your way to the Lord; put your trust in the Lord, and see what God will do.

6The Lord will make your vindication as clear as the light and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.

7Be still before the Lord and wait patiently. Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

8Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.

9For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who hope in the Lord shall possess the land.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia

Sinclair

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

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus instructs his followers about the power of faith and the duties of discipleship. He calls his disciples to adopt the attitude of servants whose actions are responses to their identity rather than works seeking reward.

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

5The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" 6The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. 7"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? 8Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? 9Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? 10So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Paul Busekist

Song of the Day:

We Walk by Faith

ELW 635

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:

Come, Let Us Eat

ELW 491

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: Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. 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 (Please note: *gluten-free wafers and white grape juice cups are available*)

Communion Songs:

**O God of Light
I Am the Bread of Life**

**BLC Choir
ELW 485**

Final Blessing

P: God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, † one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

C: Amen.

Sending Song:

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

ELW 535

Dismissal

A: Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

C: Thanks be to God.



Bethlehem October 2, 2022
LUTHERAN CHURCH

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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10/2—Braxton Rhodes
10/2—Eileen Rubino
10/2—Jason Nellist

10/4—Scott Schlagel
10/6—Phil Bossardet
10/6—Will Gaston

10/6—Maggie Hahn
10/9—Butch Waisanen

2nd Sunday Traditional Service is next week, October 9th

Building and Office Hours are: 9:00am – 2:30pm, Monday – Thursday.

Our next Congregational Listening Forum to discuss both Y2A position status and next moves with Sabbatical will be today, directly after worship in the Fellowship Hall. We plan on providing food for those who can stay, so we won't have to engage our minds on an empty stomach! :) We hope that you will join us either in person or via zoom! The link for the zoom meeting can be found in the Special Bethlehem Mid-Week Update, sent last Tuesday.

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.

The Refresh Committee has started work on cleaning and painting the last classroom at Bethlehem. There is a bit more wear and tear in the classroom than we anticipated so it is going to take us a little more time to update. This classroom will be a Conference/Library Room when done. New LED lighting and painting will be completed in the next few weeks. We will continue to update everyone as we continue our projects. In terms of Fund Raising please see below:

Actual Cash on Hand :	\$8105
Pledged but not yet Received :	\$2200
TOTAL	\$10,305

As you can see, we have reached our Goal of \$10,000 and we Thank Everyone who supported Our Refresh Project. If you have not contributed and still wish to, we appreciate any additional contributions to further our Refresh efforts. You can make a contribution and place it in the collection plate (Write Refresh on your check) or see Phil Anderson in the church office.

Today's altar flowers are donated by: *the Congregation in thanks for all of God's blessings.*

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.

Third Thursday: The next Third Thursday service will be a Taize service on October 20th at 7:00pm. The service will be livestreamed.

The October issue of the STAR is now available. 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

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.

We will be having a send off celebration for Annie, Trent and Caleb on October 23rd after church. There will be cake, punch and coffee in the Fellowship Hall. Members of the congregation may like to give them a card with your personal well wishes.

The newest Living Lutheran magazine and the October/November/December 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.

HELP NEEDED: We are looking for volunteers for our A/V Team – specifically to advance the PowerPoint slides and/or pressing the button to change the angle for the Livestream camera. You don't need to be proficient on computers, just able to follow the service and press a button. Training will be available. Contact Barbara Oster if you are interested. If you would like to watch the procedure on a Sunday, that can be arranged.

XYZ Potluck has returned! Join us for good food, laughter and fellowship on Friday, October 14th at 12 Noon. For now it will be mainly fellowship but we plan to eventually add a program. While predominately geared toward seniors, we welcome any adult who would like to attend.

Coffee and Cookies: 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 is a sign-up sheet available near the cookies.

Name tags: Your name tags are back in your mailboxes. Please walk a little farther and retrieve them so you can proudly wear them on Sunday mornings. We often have visitors and it helps them if they can see a friendly face and attach a name to it.

Choir announcement: IT'S BACK!! The choir will be singing during the service today. Come add some music into your life! Rehearsals are 2-3 Thursdays per month at 7:00. The next rehearsal is Thursday, October 6th. Contact Tony Bero at bero.tony@gmail.com or 942-1162.

Adult Bible Study gets together on Wednesdays from 9:00am-11:00am. It is a casual discussion of the Gospel of Mark. Bring your bibles and come, share, learn and grow with us.

The Zoom Bible Study meets on Wednesdays from 1:30pm—3:00pm. We will discuss the Book of Revelation from the Book of Faith. If you are interested, please contact either Pr Paul or Barbara Oster.

Christian Education committee is seeking discussion leaders for adult education on Sundays from 9:15am-9:45am. Discussion will be about the Lessons/Gospel for the day. If interested, please call Barb Graf 946-5120.

Starting this September, Bethlehem's entire congregation will have the opportunity to join the youth in our brand new Intergenerational Events. These are fun opportunities to gather in fellowship with Bethlehem's youth to connect and become a supportive and strong Christian influence. Reach out to Annie for more information.

Sunday Sundae: Wasn't it fun to join together for a Sunday "Sundae" on Sept. 18? Special thanks to a Thrivent Financial Action Team for funding the cost of all of our supplies and treats, for those who donated items for the food pantry, and to an anonymous donor who gave a large gift of money to help with keeping the food pantry stocked in the future.

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.

BLC Book Club: The BLC book club's Oct meeting is on the 25th at 5:30 via ZOOM. The book title should be announced within the week so the book 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.

LAUNDRY BASKET PROJECT UPDATE: The laundry basket project is ongoing. Please drop off any cleaning items in the Narthex. Families who visit the baby pantry have been most appreciative. Blessings to you all!

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.

Due Dates for STAR/Bulletin/Screen Announcements:

- **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)



Bethlehem Week at Safe Harbor Coming in February: Yes, Bethlehem Lutheran will be joining with Northern Lakes Community Church (a Presbyterian congregation) to provide a week of evening meals again this winter. We will be serving from February 4 through February 10. Bethlehem will take Saturday February 4, Sunday February 5, and Tuesday February 7. “Five Loaves; Two Fish” of Leland is taking February 6- and all Mondays throughout the winter! Northern Lakes will handle the 8, 9, and 10 February. We are coordinating menus as we can to assure variety. Here are a couple other updates:

-I already have the Tina Dohm group committed to February 4th with a lasagna dinner and the Cindy Monroe group signed up for February 5th with a chicken and rice dinner. Still looking for a lead for the February 7th, but I do already have kitchen workers ready to assist. Reach me anytime at 631-0040. Come January we will have sheets to sign-up to assist in a number of ways outside of the kitchen with guest interaction and providing breakfast and other items. You may have also seen that Safe Harbor is going to be open days on the weekends. Safe Harbor will be looking for volunteers to assist the professional staff with supervision on Saturdays and Sundays during the day. Those shifts will be from 8AM to 1PM and 1PM to 6PM. If you have never volunteered at Safe Harbor before, this could be a good place to start. I can assist you in signing up for one of these opportunities. Look forward to a regular great response from Bethlehem members. More to come.

Mark your calendars! Thank you. Tom Rockne/Bethlehem Safe Harbor Coordinator M.231.631.0040

Hoop’s Pet Food Pantry: This is the only pet food pantry in NW lower Michigan. They primarily provide dry food, wet food, treats, cat litter and toys for mostly dogs and cats but they will support any type of pet to the best of their ability. Please visit them at the Square Deal Country Store, 900 Woodmere Ave, TC from 1100am – 2:00pm on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month with your donations OR you may leave donations in the tub on our “donations” table next to the mailboxes.

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.

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. We received a check from Olesons for \$187.74. So far this year we have received a total of \$464.62 just for people turning in their Olesons’ receipts. Please continue to drop your Olesons’ receipts off at church.

Love Thy Neighbor will be having a For the Love of Jazz and Neighbors fundraiser on Wednesday, October 19 from 6 - 8:30 at Faith Reformed Church. It will be a night of good food, music by Jazz North, with testimonies and information about how our organization helps our neighbors in need. Please spread the word and come join us for a night of fun!

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 LUTHERAN CHURCH
"ART & CRAFT SHOW"
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2022
9:00a.m. – 3:00p.m.
1050 Peninsula Dr.,
Traverse City, Mi. 49686
Featuring 50 local & original
handcrafted artists and crafters

"Many Hands make work light."

Please sign up in the Narthax hallway to volunteer for the largest church fund raiser of the year. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Again, there will be a Craft Raffle to support the Grand Traverse Baby Pantry. In 2022, we are adding a Silent Auction with gifts donated from the crafters. Our Christian Education Team will have baked goods tables with items for sale. Please help with a baked good donation. Per the BLC Council, appropriate COVID protocol will be followed.

Thank you.

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 is 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, October 2

10:00am—Worship Service (S)
11:00am—Parking Lot Communion
11:15am—WELCA Board meeting (CR)
11:15am—Worship and Music meeting
11:15am—Listening Forum/Lunch (FH)
1:00pm—Confirmation Class (YR)

Tuesday, October 4

Bulletin articles due today

9:00am—LWR Quilters (FH)
9:00am—Property Work Group
10:00am—Staff Meeting (CR)

Wednesday, October 5

9:00am—Adult Bible Study
11:30am—Music Rehearsal (S)
1:30pm—Zoom Bible Study
4:30pm—Safety and Security Meeting (GS)

Thursday, October 6

5:30pm—ACOA (FH)
7:00pm—Choir Rehearsal (S)

Saturday, October 8

9:00am—All Star DE (FH)

Sunday, October 9

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