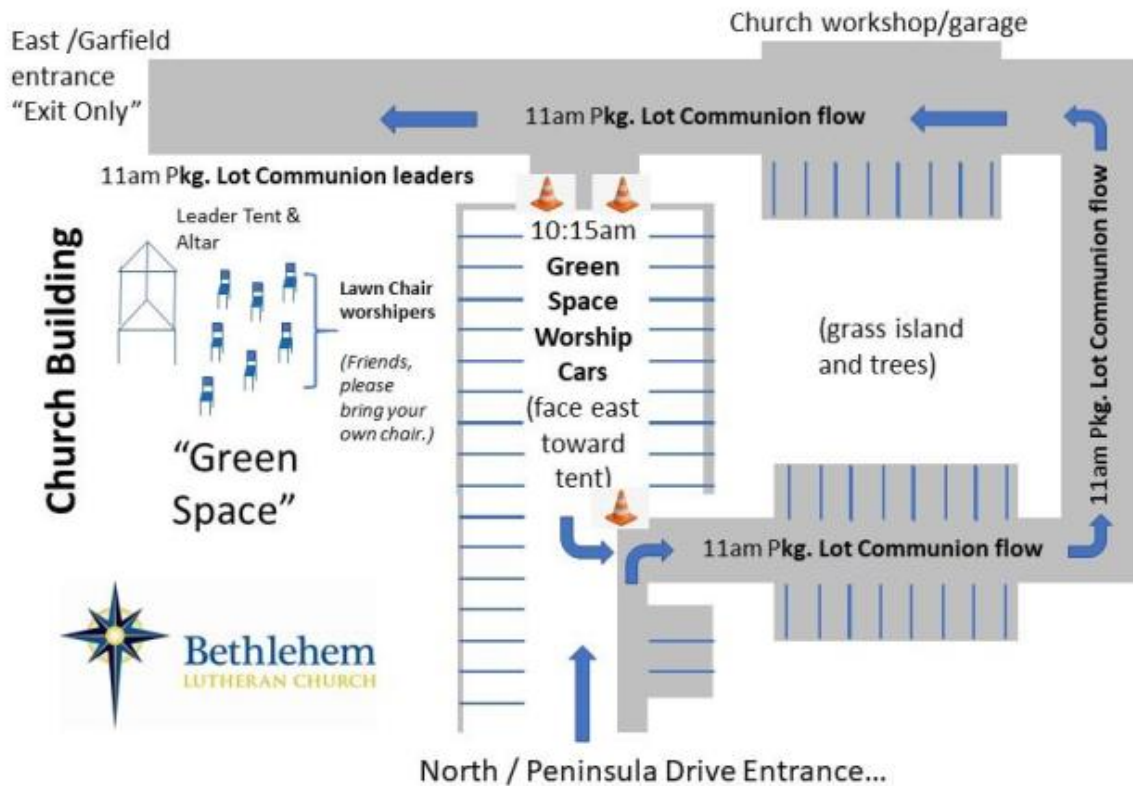


# Welcome to Outdoor “Greenspace” Worship and (Parking Lot) Communion!



**Please follow our parking lot ushers’  
guidance and review additional instructions  
on the reverse side**

## Welcome to Bethlehem Lutheran Church's Outdoor / Green Space Worship and Communion

So that you are safe today, please follow the directions of our parking lot attendants. There will be cones and you will be directed to proper parking spaces. **You can listen to the service if you turn to 99.7 FM on your car radio.** Please drive slowly in the parking lot.

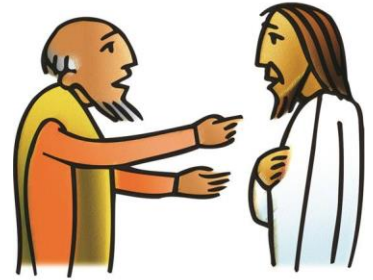
- **Worship starts at 10:15; Parking Lot Communion starts at 11am** and will last until roughly 11:30.
- Please bring your own lawn chair or remain in your car to ensure safety.
- The building will be closed with no exceptions.
- If your windows are closed, you may leave your masks off but please wear your masks when you open your window. **If your car window goes down, the mask goes up!**
- To see and hear the most of what's going on from your car, please park in the main lot facing the church building. Parking lot attendants will direct you to a space.
- **Turn your car radio to 99.7 to listen to the worship service. Only if necessary, you may be advised to change to 106.9 as an alternate station – do not change unless instructed (we can only use one of those signals).**
- **At the end of the service, the parking lot attendants will direct you to the line for distribution of Communion. Cars will move one car at a time. Please wait for the parking lot attendant before you move your car.**
- If you do not wish to “stay” for Communion, you will be directed to the exit.
- You may drop off your donations to the Youth can drive while in line for Communion – look for Annie near the garage building.
- Communion will be held at the end of worship (for outdoor worshippers) or during Parking Lot Communion at 11am.
- When it is your car's turn to receive Communion, please lower your driver and passenger side windows (remember “mask on”).
- The wafer is inside a small ziplock baggie. Each occupant will receive a wafer. There will be gluten free wafers available.
- After receiving the wafers, please pull your car forward to where the Assisting Minister is standing with the empty chalice.
- Wine/Blood will not be distributed. The Blood of Christ will be spoken. Our bishop reminds us that The Bread/Body (of Christ) is enough, as wine is too difficult to do safely at this point.
- When you have received Communion, please pull your car forward to receive this week's bulletin, *The Living Lutheran* and *Christ in Our Home* (July/August/September)
- If you have your offering, you may give it at this time.
- Please exit the parking lot when you are finished. You will be directed by the parking lot attendants.

### **Share your name please**

Some of us are finding that not seeing an entire face and dealing with sunglasses causes us to have more difficulty knowing and calling other BLC members by name. If you enjoy being greeted by name please consider placing your name on your dashboard while drive-through communion is occurring. If you have an extra name tag at home you may want to consider wearing it when green space services occur. And please be sure to wear your name tag when the time comes to re-enter church.

# Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2020



## Greeting and Prayer of the Day

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!**

A: Let us pray together,

C: **O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## The Church's One Foundation

### Verse 1

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord; she is his new creation by water and the word. From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride; with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

### Verse 2

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth, her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth: one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses with ev'ry grace endued.

### Verse 5

Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won. Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by your grace, that we, like saints before us, may see you face to face.

## First Reading: Romans 12:1-8

*In response to God's merciful activity, we are to worship by living holistic, God-pleasing lives. Our values and viewpoints are not molded by the time in which we live but are transformed by the Spirit's renewing work. God's grace empowers different forms of service among Christians, but all forms of ministry function to build up the body of Christ.*

<sup>1</sup>I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. <sup>3</sup>For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. <sup>6</sup>We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; <sup>7</sup>ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; <sup>8</sup>the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

## Psalmody: Psalm 138

<sup>1</sup>I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I will sing your praise.

<sup>2</sup>**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;  
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

<sup>3</sup>When I called, you answered me;  
you increased my strength within me.

<sup>4</sup>**All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord,  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

<sup>5</sup>They will sing of the ways of the Lord,  
that great is the glory of the Lord.

<sup>6</sup>**The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly,  
perceiving the haughty from afar.**

<sup>7</sup>Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

<sup>8</sup>**You will make good your purpose for me;  
O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.**

## Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

*At a climactic point in Jesus' ministry, God reveals to Peter that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and Jesus responds with the promise of a church that will overcome the very gates of Hades.*

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

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" <sup>14</sup>And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." <sup>15</sup>He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." <sup>20</sup>Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Sermon – Art Newhouse, read by Cindy Monroe

### 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 / Interlude

### 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.

### Final Blessing

P: Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. God, the creator, † Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

**C: Amen.**

### Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Lift High the Name of Jesus

#### Verse 1

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our King. Make known the power of His grace, the beauty of His peace. Remember how His mercy reached and we cried out to Him. He lifted us to solid ground, to freedom from our sin.

#### Chorus

Oh sing my soul and tell all He's done 'til the earth and heavens are filled with His glory.

#### Verse 2

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our Lord. His pow'r in us is greater than, is greater than this world. To share the reason for our hope, to serve with love and grace, that all who see Him shine through us might bring the Father praise.

#### Chorus

Oh sing my soul and tell all He's done 'til the earth and heavens are filled with His glory.

#### (Instrumental)

#### Verse 3

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our Light. No other name on earth can save, can raise a soul to life. He opens up our eyes to see the harvest He has grown. We labor in His fields of grace as He leads sinners home.

#### Chorus

Oh sing my soul and tell all He's done 'til the earth and heavens are filled with His glory. (**Sing twice**)



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**Beginning next week** with our Jubilee service, our Sunday morning church services will **begin at 10:00 am**. The service will contain more of the traditional liturgical elements such as the Kyrie, Great Thanksgiving and Song of the Day. Parking Lot Communion will continue at 11:00 – 11:30 am.

**"2.0" is coming!** We are excited to announce that a new experience is coming soon for our online worship, and we're calling it "2.0"! On **Wednesday Nights**, join Pastor Paul and others for an online **Holden Evening Prayer or Taize service**, as we begin melding some of our typical "Celebrate!" content, along with footage from outdoor communion and other gatherings into a new Wednesday experience. We may also look to YOU for help with readings if you are willing/able!

**The AUGUST issue of the STAR is here!** The STAR is no longer being subsidized by anonymous donors. We thank them for the generosity for 3 months and their hard work in preparing it for mailing. (There is even a rolling pin involved!!!) They are continuing to complete the lion's share of the work after it is printed, collated, and stapled, but now the cost of postage is being taken from the membership budget. If you read the STAR online and have not told us, please make certain you contact the office or tell the Sunday greeter or hospitality team so we are not sending out copies needlessly. Printed STARS will also be available in the "Shooting Star box" outside the church entry later this week. 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>

With the recent rescinding of Gov. Whitmer's full stay-at-home order and new guidelines by the Governor regarding different "phases" of safety for re-opening gathering venues, **we continue this week with our "Greenspace Worship" on the West Lawn. You are encouraged to B.Y.O.C. (Bring your own chair). Safety is our primary concern.**

The outdoor **"Shooting STAR Dispenser"** at BLC is **now full** with new DVDs for April and May virtual church services and several paper publications, including the August STAR. More recent DVDs on the way.

**Altar flowers have returned to our worship services.** If you would like to sign up for a particular weekend, you can call Sharon at 231-947-9880 or email her at [admin@bethlehemtc.org](mailto:admin@bethlehemtc.org) – the cost is \$40 per week.

**Today's altar flowers** are donated by: *Barbara Oster, in memory and honor of the people of New Orleans on the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Hurricane Katrina; and by Jim Hinds, in memory of Janet Hinds and Jan (Janice) Hinds.*

**A huge thank you to everyone who donated cans and bottles toward our Youth this summer!** Your outpouring generosity was amazing and we got a LOT of cans! Thank you to everyone who helped out and supported our Youth. Although there are some families still getting their deposits in, I wanted to share with you all our current total! With your help and support we were able to collect **\$1041.64** so far toward future youth events! Thank you so much again!

**Book Club News:** The book club will continue to meet via Zoom. On August 25 at 5:30 we will discuss *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* which is based on a true story. If you would like to be involved and have not already sent your email to Cindy Monroe, please send it now to [cmonroe@chartermi.net](mailto:cmonroe@chartermi.net).

**Share your name please!** It can be hard to think of someone's name when you do not see the entire face because of a mask and when someone is wearing sunglasses. If you have an old name tag at home, please consider wearing it. If not, please stop at the greeter's table when you come for the greenspace service and you or the greeter can make you a tag. Even though we are mainly at a distance of 6 feet, it is still nice to hear your own name especially when you come forward for communion.

**Keep "Hope Spreading":** Don't forget our blog "Hope Spreads Further" is still going strong! We've had many very inspiring entries and hope to read more. We invite you to help us build this blog or just read current entries at <http://www.bethlehemtc.org/hope-spreads-further>. Reach out to *Pastor Paul* at [paul.busekist@bethlehemtc.org](mailto:paul.busekist@bethlehemtc.org) or *Sharon* at [admin@bethlehemtc.org](mailto:admin@bethlehemtc.org) if you'd like to contribute to the blog!

**Pecans are coming! Pecans are coming!** The Worship and Music committee will sell the popular Schermer pecans again this Fall. Instead of having a table set up inside the church, we will take orders for ***Dark Chocolate Pecans, Caramel Cluster Pecans and Cinnamon Glazed Pecans.*** The \$12 bags are perfect for holiday or hostess gifts or just plain munching. We will be ordering at the end of September for delivery at the end of October. So that we know how much to order, please contact Barbara Oster (231-668-7038 or [beo6475@yahoo.com](mailto:beo6475@yahoo.com)) by the end of September.

**Vacation Bible School (VBS) is now virtual!!!** "Bible Stories" will continue each Monday at 6PM on Zoom until August 31st. Registration is still open so go to [myvbs.com/blcbiblestories](http://myvbs.com/blcbiblestories) and register your child TODAY to get the Zoom Link! Please contact Annie Slabaugh at [annie.slabaugh@bethlehemtc.org](mailto:annie.slabaugh@bethlehemtc.org) if you have any questions or concerns.

**The Annual Chili Cook Off** has been postponed to a later date, as was our May Jubilee service. Please stay on the lookout for more updates, and we can't wait to see you and share some chili with you all when we can (likely in the fall!)

**Online Fellowship Time on ZOOM continues and will start as soon as worship is over, or approximately 7:30pm on Wednesdays with a crossover to WBLC on Facebook around 7:45pm.** We will **not** be sharing the Zoom information publicly on Facebook or our website, so we can avoid hacking. An email will be sent out the day before either the Fellowship or the Bible Study. If someone you trust wants to join our Zoom Fellowship time or the Wednesday Bible Study, feel free to share this information with them privately.

**"Zoom Bible Study", gathering via Zoom is going strong each Wednesday from noon until about 1:15pm, and each week we are having great conversation and fellowship.** Pastor Paul and Annie co-lead this study. Our subject matter is now more of a book study using the Walt Wangerin book *Paul: A Novel*, on the famous apostle plus whatever life and ministry guides us as we meet...which gives us plenty of good stuff to talk about.