

# Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 6, 2021

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: Hold Us Together

It don't have a job, it don't pay your bills, won't buy you a home in Beverly Hills;  
Won't fix your life in five easy steps, ain't the law of the land or the government.  
But it's all you need:

And love will hold us together make us a shelter to weather the storm. And I'll be  
my brother's keeper, so the whole world will know that we're not alone.

It's waiting for you, knocking at your door, in the moment of truth, when your heart hits the floor.  
And you're on your knees;

And love will hold us together make us a shelter to weather the storm. And I'll be  
my brother's keeper, so the whole world will know that we're not alone.

This is the first day of the rest of your life, this is the first day of the rest of your life.  
'Cause even in the dark, you can still see the light— It's gonna be all right, it's gonna be all right.  
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my brother's keeper, so the whole world will know that we're not alone.

## 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: All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen**

## First Reading: Genesis 3:8-15

*Immediately after Adam and Eve eat the forbidden fruit, they hide from God. Neither takes responsibility for their sin, instead blaming each other, the snake, and even God. The curse on the snake was understood as a messianic prophecy by the early church, who associated Eve's "offspring" with Christ.*

<sup>8</sup>Adam and Eve heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup>But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" <sup>10</sup>He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." <sup>11</sup>He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" <sup>12</sup>The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." <sup>13</sup>Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." <sup>14</sup>The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. <sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

## Psalm: Psalm 130

<sup>1</sup>Out of the depths cry to you, O Lord;

<sup>2</sup>**O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.**

<sup>3</sup>If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand?

<sup>4</sup>**Yet with you is forgiveness, in order that you may be feared.**

<sup>5</sup>I wait for you, O Lord; my soul waits; in your word is my hope.

<sup>6</sup>**My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning, more than those who keep watch for the morning.**

<sup>7</sup>O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is steadfast love; with the Lord there is plenteous redemption.

<sup>8</sup>**For the Lord shall redeem Israel from all their sins**

## **Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia**

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

## **Gospel: Mark 3:20-35**

*In response to charges that he is possessed, Jesus wonders aloud how anyone who is demon-possessed can cast out demons. Those who do the will of God are possessed by the Holy Spirit, siblings of Christ.*

P: A reading from...

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

Jesus went home;<sup>20</sup> and the crowd came together again, so that Jesus and the disciples could not even eat.<sup>21</sup> When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.”<sup>22</sup> And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.”<sup>23</sup> And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan?<sup>24</sup> If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.<sup>25</sup> And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand.<sup>26</sup> And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come.<sup>27</sup> But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.<sup>28</sup> “Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter;<sup>29</sup> but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”—<sup>30</sup> for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”<sup>31</sup> Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him.<sup>32</sup> A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.”<sup>33</sup> And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?”<sup>34</sup> And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers!<sup>35</sup> Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Sermon – Pastor Paul**

**Song of the Day: Lead Me, Guide Me** (*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: As the Grains of Wheat** (*please see back page for music*)  
**Bread of Life from Heaven** (*please see back page for music*)

### Graduation video: Austin Leatherman

### 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 Have Decided to Follow Jesus

I have decided... to follow Jesus, I have decided... to follow Jesus,  
I have decided... to follow Jesus; no turning back... no turning back.,

Though I may wonder, still I will follow; though I may wonder, still I will follow;  
... though I may wonder, still I will follow; no lookin' back, no lookin' back!

The world around me, the Lord before me, the world around me, the Lord before me,  
... the world around me, the Lord before me, I'm movin' on, I'm movin' on!

I have decided... to follow Jesus, I have decided... to follow Jesus,  
I have decided... to follow Jesus; no turning back... no turning back.,

### Dismissal

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

# Lead Me, Guide Me

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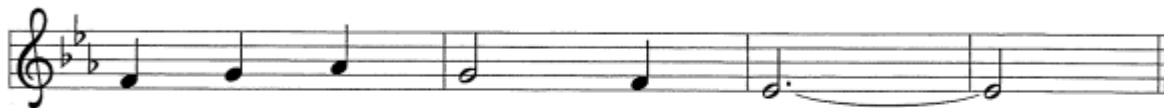
Lead me, guide me, a - long the way;



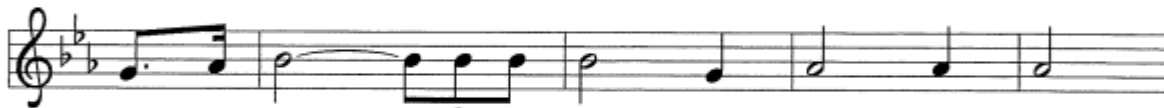
for if you lead me, I can - not stray.



Lord, let me walk each day with thee.



Lead me, O Lord, lead me.



1 I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r  
2 Help me tread in the paths of righ - teous - ness,  
3 I am lost if you take your hand from me,



to help me o - ver my weak - est hour.  
be my aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press.  
I am blind with - out . . . thy light to see.



Help me through the dark - ness thy face to see.  
I am put - ting all . . . my trust in thee.  
Lord, just al - ways let me thy ser - vant be.



Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

*Refrain*

Text: Doris Akers, 1922-1995

Music: Doris Akers

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LEAD ME, GUIDE ME

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## As the Grains of Wheat

*Refrain*

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were

gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from

all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,  
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

*Refrain*

may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

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 Music: Marty Haugen  
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AS THE GRAINS  
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# Bread of Life from Heaven

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*Refrain*

Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod-y giv-en,

we eat this bread and drink this cup un-til you come a-gain.

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|---|---------------------|------------------------------|------------|
| 1 | Break now the bread | of Christ's sac - ri - fice; | giv - ing  |
| 2 | Seek not the food   | that will pass a - way;      | set your   |
| 3 | Love as the one     | who, in love for you,        | gave him - |
| 4 | Dwell in the one    | who now dwells in you;       | make your  |
| 5 | Drink of this cup   | and de - clare his death;    | eat this   |

thanks, hun - gry ones,	gath - er round.	Eat, all of you, and be
hearts on the food	that en - dures.	Come, learn the true and the
self for the life	of the world.	Come to the one who is
home in the life - giv - ing	Word.	Know on - ly Christ, Ho - ly
bread and be - lieve	Eas - ter morn;	trust his re - turn and, with

sat - is - fied;	in Christ's pres - ence	the loaves will a - bound.
liv - ing way,	that the full - ness	of life may be yours.
food for you,	that your hun - ger	and thirst be no more.
One of God,	and be - lieve	in the truth you have heard.
ev - 'ry breath,	praise the one	in whom you are re - born.

*Refrain*



# Bethlehem

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

6/8—Steve Hubert  
6/9—Barbara Wright  
6/11—Danielle Rice  
6/12—Jan Waisanen

6/8—Chuck Rubino  
6/10—Barb Hammond  
6/11—Kristen Rivard  
6/13—Barbara Graf

**Based on positivity rates, masks are still required for worship for the next few weeks. Please see your emails for more details.**

**Bethlehem's Council voted to reopen the church building** as of Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. 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.*

**Pr Ruth Overdier has given Bethlehem many books from Pr Fred's collection.** Please feel free to take what you would like from the table in the area between the Gathering Space and Narthex.

**"Zoom Bible Study"** gathering via Zoom is now studying Walter Wangerin's *Jesus: A Novel*. Besides the thought-provoking discussions, we also have great conversation and fellowship. Please contact Pr. Paul if you are interested in joining.



**The BLC book club will meet via ZOOM at 5:30 on Tues, June 22.** We will be discussing *Sparrow Migration* by local author, Cari Noga. If you are not already on the list and want to be added to the group for June just send your email to Cindy Monroe at [cmonroe@chartermi.net](mailto:cmonroe@chartermi.net).

**Summer is just around the corner and here at Bethlehem we're planning a new exciting VBS Adventure not only for your kids...** but for the entire family! Are you looking for a safe, friendly and fun environment that you can all enjoy together? Then sign up today for Great Bible Reef One Day VBS! This outdoor fun-filled vacation bible school is for the young and the young at heart for one day only on Sunday, June 27th 2PM - 5:45PM. **Registration is going on now until the June 13th deadline!** For more information or to register for VBS, go to [myvbs.org/blcvbs2021](http://myvbs.org/blcvbs2021) or reach out to Annie Slabaugh at [annie.slabaugh@bethlehemtc.org](mailto:annie.slabaugh@bethlehemtc.org) or 231.947.9880 extension 16!

**The June issue of the STAR is ready!** 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>.

The outdoor "**Shooting STAR Dispenser**" at BLC is now full with several paper publications, including the June 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 those who have turned in Oleson's receipts. For 2020, we received a total of \$545.66. Please continue saving your Oleson's receipts for Bethlehem. Please drop them off in the bin under the mailbox counter. Thanks.

**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)

**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) if you'd like to contribute to the blog!

**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. There is a registration link in the Bethlehem Weekly emails. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Pastor Paul!

**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, June 7**

1:00pm—Ruth Circle (FH)

4:00pm—Drive My Way (FH)

6:00pm—Drive My Way (FH)

### **Tuesday, June 8**

9:00am—Property Work Group

10:00am—Zoom Staff Meeting

12:00pm—Sarah Circle (FH)

4:00pm—Drive My Way (FH)

4:30pm—Executive Committee (CR)

6:00pm—Drive My Way (FH)

### **Wednesday, June 9**

4:00pm—Drive My Way (FH)

6:00pm—Drive My Way (FH)

7:00pm—Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

### **Thursday, June 10**

10:00am—Baby Pantry (FH)

1:00pm—Rebecca Ann Circle (FH)

4:00pm—Drive My Way (FH)