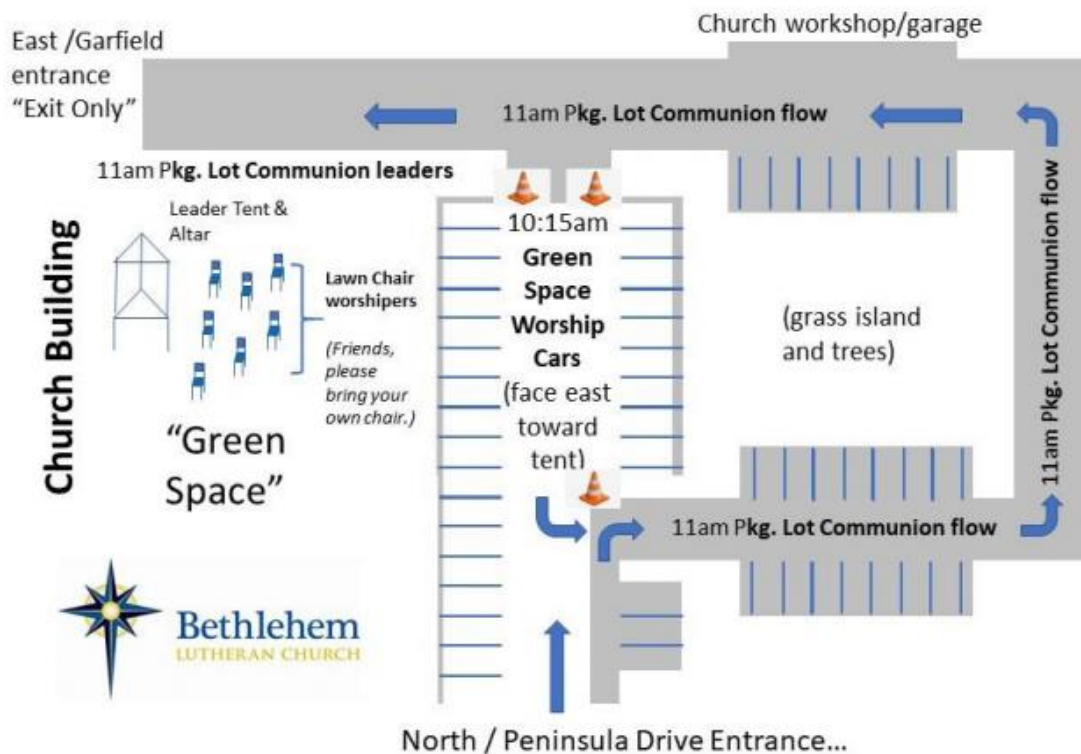


# Welcome to Outdoor “Greenspace” Worship and (Parking Lot) Communion!



**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.

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# Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 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: **Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

### Verse 1

All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread. Come from wilderness and wand'ring. Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

### Verse 2

All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest. Come from restlessness and roaming. Here in joy we keep the feast. We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

### Verse 3

All who hunger, sing together, Jesus Christ is living bread. Come from loneliness and longing. Here in peace we have been fed. Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

## First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-5

*God invites Israel to a great feast at which both food and drink are free. God also promises to make an everlasting covenant with all peoples, with promises that previously had been limited to Israel. As David was a witness to the nations, these nations shall now acknowledge the ways in which God has glorified Israel.*

<sup>1</sup>Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. <sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. <sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. <sup>4</sup>See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. <sup>5</sup>See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

## **Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21**

*After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.*

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

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus heard about the beheading of John the Baptist, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup>When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. <sup>15</sup>When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." <sup>17</sup>They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." <sup>18</sup>And he said, "Bring them here to me." <sup>19</sup>Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. <sup>20</sup>And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. <sup>21</sup>And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Sermon – Pastor Paul**

### **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.**

## **We Will Run**

### **Verse 1**

Create in me a clean heart, for I have turned my face from You.

Teach us of Your ways, O God, O God, for we have turned away from You.

Lord have mercy.

### **Chorus**

We will run to You, we will run to You; turning from our sin, we return to You.

Father, heal Your world, make all things new, make all things new.

### **Verse 2**

Your love and mercy build us, shape us. Break us and recreate us now.

Lord have mercy.

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### **Bridge**

Oh, bring us back to You.

Oh, bring us back to You.

Oh, bring us back to You. Oh.



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## August 2, 2020

**"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**, as we begin melding some of our typical "Celebrate!" content, along with footage from outdoor communion and other gatherings into a new Wednesday experience. More info coming soon! We may also look to YOU for help with readings if you are willing/able!

**The AUGUST issue of the STAR is here!** Thanks to an anonymous donor, printed copies of our STAR newsletter will be mailed to members. 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 June 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).

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

**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).

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**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 Weller at [sharon.weller@bethlehemtc.org](mailto:sharon.weller@bethlehemtc.org) if you'd like to contribute to the blog!

**Vacation Bible School (VBS) is now virtual!!!!** Introducing "Bible Stories" each Monday at 6PM on Zoom. Registration open all summer long 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.

**Our next Jubilee service is scheduled for Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.**

**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.** 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 and our new outreach on Wednesday nights, "WBLC", 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.