

# Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 21, 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: **Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## Will You Come and Follow Me

### Verse 1

“Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known, will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”

### Verse 2

“Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer pray’r in you and you in me?”

### Verse 3

“Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the pris’ners free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?”

### Verse 4

“Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same? Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the world around, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?”

### Verse 5

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

## Zoom Children’s Message

### First Reading: Romans 6:1b-11

*In baptism we were incorporated into the reality of Christ’s death and resurrection. We have been made new in Christ through his death and resurrection to live freed from sin.*

<sup>1b</sup>Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

<sup>4</sup>Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup>But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>The death he died, he died

to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

## **Zoom Psalm 100**

### **Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39**

*Jesus warns his disciples that their ministry in his name will meet with opposition. However, he assures them that they need not fear for the truth will come to light. Life is found in Christ.*

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

Jesus said to the twelve: <sup>24</sup>“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup>it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! <sup>26</sup>“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup>What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup>Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup>Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup>And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup>So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. <sup>32</sup>“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; <sup>33</sup>but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. <sup>34</sup>“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. <sup>35</sup>For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; <sup>36</sup>and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household. <sup>37</sup>Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; <sup>38</sup>and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup>Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Sermon – Pastor Paul**

### **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.**

### **Announcements / Final Blessing Dismissal**

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.**

A: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(Song on next page.)*

# Your Grace Is Enough

## Verse 1

Great is Your faithfulness, O God; You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart.  
You lead us by still waters into mercy and nothing can keep us apart.

## Pre-Chorus

So remember Your people, remember Your children, remember Your promise O God.

## Chorus 1

Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough for me.

## Verse 2

Great is Your love and justice, God of Jacob; You use the weak to lead the strong.  
You lead us in the song of Your salvation, and all Your people sing along.

## Pre-Chorus

So remember Your people, remember Your children, remember Your promise O God.

## Chorus 1

Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough for me.

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Remember Your people, remember Your children, remember Your promise O God.

## Chorus 1

Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough for me.

## Chorus 2

Yeah, Your grace is enough; heaven reaches out to us.  
Your grace is enough for me.  
God, I sing Your grace is enough; I'm covered in Your love.  
Your grace is enough for me, for me.

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**"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** later this summer, 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 JUNE issue of the STAR is here!** Thanks to an anonymous donor, printed copies of our STAR newsletter will be mailed to members this week. 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, Bethlehem continues working on plans **to start gathering in June. Our first foray into re-opening was an outdoor "Parking Lot Communion" on Sunday, June 14th at 11:15 a.m.** (note: this is not a worship service), and it was well received. **We continue this week, and then move to a "Parking Lot Worship" service on Sunday, June 28th**, offering Parking Lot Communion after worship. **We hope to move outside of our cars to the West Lawn (aka "Greenspace Worship") within a few weeks.** Safety is our primary concern. More details will be sent soon, and we give thanks always for your support, understanding and prayers.

**Hikers, be aware! The "Longest Day" Hike is coming soon! NEW DATE** We're excited to announce that we are still planning on doing the annual **Longest Day Hike** that will now be taking place on the evening of **Monday, June 22nd (ahem, the day after the longest day of the year!)** at **7:30pm!** This year by request we are going to go to Sleeping Bear Trail (i.e. instead of the Dune Climb). A map is available for those who come to Parking Lot Communion on the back of our Guidelines handout; for electronic viewers, go to this link:

<https://www.nps.gov/slbe/planyourvisit/trailsleepingbearpt.htm>

### **HAPPY FATHER'S DAY, GENTLEMEN!!**

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.

**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.**

**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!

**Vacation Bible School (VBS) is now virtual!!!** Because of all the COVID-19 precautions and changes, BLC joins other churches in altering our VBS plans. Introducing "Bible Stories" each Monday at 6PM on Zoom. Registration will be 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 30th.**

**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 10:45am on Sundays and 7:45pm 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 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 "Luke and Acts ToGather" and whatever life and ministry guides us as we meet... which gives us plenty of good stuff to talk about. *Please note that you don't need to be a biblical scholar to join us.* In fact, much of our time might be just as social as it is theological. Like the Sunday Fellowship, the meeting ID and password will be emailed out the day before the Bible Study. Contact Pastor Paul if you would like the login sent to you.