

# Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 28, 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, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy**

**reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## In Christ Called to Baptize

### Verse 1

In Christ called to baptize, we witness to grace and gather a people from each land and race. In deep, flowing waters, we share in Christ's death, then, rising to new life give thanks with each breath.

### Verse 2

In Christ called to banquet, one table we share, a haven of welcome, a circle of care. Although we are many, we share in one bread. One cup of thanksgiving proclaims Christ, our head.

### Verse 3

In Christ called to witness, by grace we will preach the life-giving gospel; God's love we will teach. By grace may our living give proof to our praise in costly compassion reflecting Christ's ways.

### Verse 4

Unite us, anoint us, O Spirit of love, for you are within us, around us, above. Equip us for service with gifts you bestow. In Christ is our calling. In Christ may we grow.

## First Reading: Jeremiah 28:5-9

*Through a symbolic action Jeremiah insisted that Judah and all the surrounding nations should submit to the king of Babylon (Jer. 27). Hananiah contradicted the word of Jeremiah, who in reply insisted that Hananiah's rosy prediction should not be believed until it came true. God confirmed the word of Jeremiah and sentenced the false prophet Hananiah to death (vv. 16-17).*

<sup>5</sup>The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord; <sup>6</sup>and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. <sup>7</sup>But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. <sup>8</sup>The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. <sup>9</sup>As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet."

L: The Word of the Lord C: **Thanks be to God**

## Psalm: Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

<sup>1</sup>Your love, O Lord, forever will I sing;

from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

<sup>2</sup>**For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever;  
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**

<sup>34</sup>I have made a covenant with my chosen one;

I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

<sup>41</sup>**I will establish your line forever,  
and preserve your throne for all generations.’”**

<sup>15</sup>Happy are the people who know the festal shout!

They walk, O Lord, in the light of your presence.

<sup>16</sup>**They rejoice daily in your name;  
they are jubilant in your righteousness.**

<sup>17</sup>For you are the glory of their strength,  
and by your favor our might is exalted.

<sup>18</sup>**Truly, our shield belongs to the Lord;  
our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

## **Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42**

*When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.*

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

Jesus said to the twelve: <sup>40</sup>“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup>Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; <sup>42</sup>and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Sermon – Pastor Art Newhouse**

### **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.**

## **Announcements and 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.**

## **Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)**

### **Verse 1**

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.

### **Verse 2**

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed.

### **Chorus**

My chains are gone. I've been set free, my God, my Savior has ransomed me.  
And like a flood His mercy rains, unending love, amazing grace.

### **Verse 3**

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

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### **Verse 4**

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine.  
But God, who called me here below, will be forever mine, will be forever mine.  
You are forever mine.

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## June, 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** 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 and July is on the way!** Thanks to an anonymous donor, printed copies of our STAR newsletter have been mailed to members. Printed STARs are also be available in the “Shooting Star box” outside the church entry. 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** (note: this is not a worship service), and it was well received. **We continue this week with the addition of “Parking Lot Worship” service**, 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.

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*

**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 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**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 9:45am 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.