

# Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 18, 2023 – 10am

Modern Worship, ELW Setting 3



## Prelude Music

## Announcements

## Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

P: Merciful God,

**C: ... we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Righteous God,

**C: ... we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

## Gathering Song:

***Will You Come and Follow Me***

***ELW #798***

## 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: Let us pray together,

**C: God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## First Reading: Exodus 19:2-8a

*At Sinai God assured Israel, “You shall be my treasured possession,” and commissioned them to serve as mediating priests for the nations. The people commit themselves completely to God’s will.*

2 The Israelites had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain.<sup>3</sup> Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: 4 You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. 5 Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, 6 but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.”

7 So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. 8a The people all answered as one: “Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do.”

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

## Psalm: Psalm 100

1 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you lands!

**2 Serve the Lord with gladness; come into God’s presence with a song.**

3 Know that the Lord is God, our maker to whom we belong; we are God’s people and the sheep of God’s pasture.

**4 Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving and the courts with praise; give thanks and bless God’s holy name.**

5 Good indeed is the Lord, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from age to age.

## Gospel Acclamation:

### Alleluia

S 142a

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Gospel: Matthew 9:35—10:23

*The mission of Jesus’ followers is to continue the mission of Jesus himself. Here, he instructs his first disciples as to how they might proclaim the gospel through their words and deeds.*

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

35 Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. 36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; 38 therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” 10:1 Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. 2 These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; 3 Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; 4 Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. 5 These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, 6 but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 7 As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ 8 Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. 9 Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, 10 no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. 11 Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. 12 As you enter the house, greet it. 13 If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. 14 If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. 15 Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town. 16 “See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. 17 Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; 18 and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. 19 When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; 20 for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. 21 Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; 22 and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. 23 When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

## Sermon

Peggy Burns (SAM)

## Song of the Day:

***Lord, You Give the Great Commission***

**ELW #579**

## 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 *(Let us give one another a sign of peace according to your comfort level.)*

## Offering

## Offering Song:

Zeke Clemons

Offertory:

*Come to the Table*

ELW #481

## Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray.

C: God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## 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: The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed ✠ bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.

C: Amen.

## Sending Song:

*Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises*

ELW #535

## Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Share the harvest.

C: Thanks be to God.



**Bethlehem** June 18, 2023  
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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

6/19—Jessilyn Wallington

6/22—Nancy Schmidt

6/23—Sherri Helman

6/25—Tom Fink

6/25—Amy Rogers

6/25—Nathan Kolka

**We welcome Sherri Helman as Worship leader for today's service.** Lifelong Lutheran actively involved in ministry since a youngster. Have served on Church Council, Education, Stewardship, Worship and Music, Congregational Life, Stephen Leader/Minister, Youth, Eucharistic Ministry, and Choirs.

**We welcome Peggy Burns (SAM) as Preaching for today's service.** Synodically Authorized Minister (SAM), in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod, who has served various congregations including Feast of Victory, Acme and with Samaritas as Director of Pastoral Care.

**For Pastoral Care during Pr Paul's Sabbatical time,** please call Barbara in the church office. If it is after hours and it cannot wait until the next work day or Sunday, you may call Barbara at home (231.668.7038) so that she can contact someone. We have two different people for Pastoral Care.

**Building and Office Hours are: 9:00am – 2:30pm, Monday – Thursday.**

**Please Note:**

Barbara Oster/Administrative Assistant works 9:00am-2:30pm on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday and some Wednesday mornings.

Phil Anderson/Bookkeeper works 8:30am-12:30pm on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. This will last through the summer months.

Alanna Steffunick/Ministry Coordinator works 9:00am-2:30pm – in the office on Tuesday and Thursday and from home on Wednesday

**Offerings:** The offering plates are now passed during the service. The vase in the back of the Sanctuary is still available for those who prefer not to touch the offering plate.

**Today's altar flowers are donated by:** *Norm and Jane Fred in Celebration of their 57th Wedding Anniversary.*

**The June issue of the STAR is now available.** The July STAR will be available on Sunday, June 25th. For current issues of the Star, 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>.

**Looking for a link to last month's full Council minutes?** Type this address/url into your web browser to get the latest approved minutes from Council: [bethlehemtc.org/Council-Minutes](http://bethlehemtc.org/Council-Minutes) OR you may call the office to request a copy.

**Prayer Requests:**

- Prayer Chain: Please contact Jan Stretlien at [jstretlien@gmail.com](mailto:jstretlien@gmail.com) or 231-947-3265
- **Prayers read from the altar:** Please call Administrative Assistant in the church office 231-947-9880

**Due Dates for STAR/Bulletin/Screen Announcements:**

- STAR: The third Friday of the month sent to [admin@bethlehemtc.org](mailto:admin@bethlehemtc.org) (Please note STAR in subject line)
- Bulletin/Verbal Announcements: Tuesday of the week sent to [admin@bethlehemtc.org](mailto:admin@bethlehemtc.org) (Bulletin/Worship Folder is prepared on Tuesday and printed on Thursday morning.) (Please note Bulletin or Announcement in subject line)
- Screen Announcements/Weekly BLC Emails: Tuesday of the week sent to [alanna.steffunick@bethlehemtc.org](mailto:alanna.steffunick@bethlehemtc.org)

**Celebrate a new child in your life with a rose on the baptismal font!** Cost \$10.00 per rose. Contact Barbara Oster at [beo6475@yahoo.com](mailto:beo6475@yahoo.com) or 231.668.7038.

**Photo Directory:** We have a chance to make a new directory the final week of September, but with any project like this we need volunteers. Please leave your name in the office if you can help on this project in any way. Thanks to those who have already volunteered. And please, try to be in town that week. We want everyone's smiling faces in our new directory.

**We have heard that our friend and former Choir Director, Billie Thompson, has had a stroke.** She cannot communicate but would love to get any well wishes. Her address is 3436 29th Street, San Diego, CA 92104

**Sunday Adult Education and Sunday School will resume in the Fall.**

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church will be holding its Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 25 at 11:15am** after the 10:00am service. We will be electing members for Church Council, Mission Endowment and Sustaining Endowment Committees and any other business that may be brought up. The packet of reports is available. Then after the meeting, Sundaes on Sunday will be served. Please plan to attend!

**Spotlight on Zeke:** In a recent NMC Extended Education email our own Zeke Clemons was the subject of their "Instructor Spotlight: Eric "Zeke" Clemons is a musician and sought-after music instructor in Traverse City. We're so lucky to have him teach College for Kids! His popular guitar and ukulele classes are always fan favorites. New this year, we're adding Songwriting! July 31-August 4 is 'Zeke Week!' Classes include Songwriting for grades 6-12; Fun Play the Ukulele Way for grades 3-5; Ukulele University for grades 6-9; and Beginning Guitar for grades 5-12." Information on the classes can be found at <https://nmc.augusoft.net//index.cfm?fuseaction=1010> – click on Music.

**SUMMER SABBATICAL ACTIVITIES:** Please take a moment to review the activity sheets on the table in the Gathering Space and SIGN-UP!! **The date has now been determined for the cookie decorating activity. It will be TUES, Aug 8 6-8 pm.** Come prepared to have a good time.

**Norm Fred has helped a previously homeless couple for a few years.** They are proud people and do not like to be given charity but they will accept help in the form of donated cans that they can recycle for money. Please bring in your recyclables in for them. Leave them by the garage. These are nice people. There, but for the Grace of our God, go we.

**BLC Book Club:** The BLC book club's June meeting is on the 27th at 5:30 in person in the office conference room and via ZOOM. The book is Lottery by Patricia Wood. This book is fiction but the author knows the topic well since her father won 6 million dollars in the Washington State Lottery in 1993!! Books will be available in the bin outside the front door. If you are not on the email list and want to be involved send your information to [cmonroe@chartermi.net](mailto:cmonroe@chartermi.net).

**Safe Harbor is closed for the summer.** We are committed to assist at Safe Harbor in January 2024 on the 27/28/30. Our superb kitchen Team Leaders B.J Christensen, Cindy Monroe, and Tina Dohm had again advised they are ready to prepare meals. And I am sure that as you all talk with those who "checked people in" and accomplished other tasks, you will find that those tasks were very doable and the staff support was always there. Plan to join the Bethlehem group at Safe Harbor in January! Thanks! Tom Rockne, BLC Safe Harbor Coordinator, 231.631.0040.

**Copies of the Living Lutheran magazine and the April/May/June Christ in Our Home** can be picked up at the welcome table on Sunday mornings or from the Shooting STAR box below the outside mailbox

**Are you looking for the Caring Table for your donations?** It has been moved inside the coat room to the right.

**Coffee and Cookies:** You are welcome to stay after the Sunday service for coffee, cookies and conversation. This will be done as many Sundays as there are volunteers to make the coffee and/or bring cookies, etc. There is a sign-up sheet available near the cookies. There are open dates, so please sign up!

**Name tags:** Your name tags are in your mailboxes. Please retrieve them so you can proudly wear them on Sunday mornings. We often have visitors and with so many recent new members it helps them if they can see a friendly face and attach a name to it.

**Adult Bible Study:** will resume in the Fall with the Gospel of John.

**The Zoom Bible Study:** will resume in the Fall. Look for the next topic at the end of summer.

**FOOD PANTRY:** With the return of good weather we have re-opened our outdoor food pantry to the community. Please be watching for special deals so you can help us restock our pantry. It's pretty slim pickings right now. The shelves are labeled so if the church is not open you can put your gifts right in. Or, when the church is open you can bring them to the "offering" table in the coat room. Thanks

**BABY PANTRY:** Suggested donations for June are: paper towels, toothpaste and brushes, baby shampoo and any other cleaning products. Thank you!

**Freedom Builders:** Bethlehem's week for volunteering at Freedom Builders will be July 17-22. There are sign-up sheets in the Narthex. Please sign up for the dates that you are able.

**A big thank you to all who turned in Olesons' receipts.** We just received a check from them for \$304.88. Last year received \$651.20. Let's see if we can do even better this year! Please continue to drop off your receipts at Bethlehem. Please note they do not expire. Thank you!

**Have something important going on at Bethlehem that you'd like others to know about?** Maybe a Small Group? A Club Event? Feature it on the Screen Announcements, weekly emails and on our Facebook Events Page! If there is something you'd like featured or included in any of these, please reach out to [alanna.steffunick@bethlehemtc.org](mailto:alanna.steffunick@bethlehemtc.org) If you are not getting the weekly emails for any reason, please contact Alanna.

**Please consider signing up for Altar Flowers for a Sunday service.** Please 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 offering plate on Sunday morning (Preferable) or during the week, in the Administrative 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.

**The church calendar is below. Please be sure to notify the office (admin@bethlehemtc.org or 231.947.9880) to be sure that your group is of the calendar.**

**Sunday, June 18**

10:00am—Worship Service (S)

**Monday, June 19**

4:00pm—Chair Yoga (FH)

**Tuesday, June 20**

**Bulletin articles due today**

9:00am—Property Work Group

6:30pm—Council Meeting

7:00pm—Lautner SG (Offsite)

**Wednesday, June 21**

11:30am—Music Rehearsal (S)

**Thursday, June 22**

5:30pm—ACA (FH)

**Friday, June 23**

6:00pm—All Star DE (FH)

**Sunday, June 25**

10:00am—Worship Service (S)

11:15am—Congregational Assembly (S)

12:00pm—Sundaes on Sunday (FH)

Bayside Travellers

# CONTRA FOLK DANCE

LIVE FOLK MUSIC

by  
-  
Tommy McKinney  
-  
Mason Brown  
-  
Jeff Standley



No partner or experience needed!

*dance by donation*  
\$10/person recommended

## JULY 15TH, 2023

Beginner Workshop 7pm      Dances 7:30 - 10:30pm

all led by caller PAT REESER

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