

Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 19, 2022 – 10am

Modern Worship, ELW Setting 4



Prelude Music

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,

C: ... we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.

P: Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

C: Amen.

Gathering Song:

Come, Now Is The Time To Worship

(words below)

Come, now is the time to worship. Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship. Come, just as you are before your God. Come.

One day ev'ry tongue will confess You are God. One day ev'ry knee will bow.
Still, the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose You now.

Come, now is the time to worship. Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship. Come, just as you are before your God. Come.

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives. Willingly our knees will bow.
With all our heart, soul, mind, and strength we gladly choose You now.

Come, now is the time to worship. Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship. Come, just as you are before your God. Come.

Come... Come... come.

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: O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 65:1-9

The prophet announces God's impatience. The people's self-absorption is idolatry, and images of practices that displease God fill this reading. Like a vintner who crushes the grape to release the wine, God will use Israel's exile to establish a new community of the faithful.

¹I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that did not call on my name. ²I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; ³a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; ⁴who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; ⁵who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long. ⁶See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps ⁷their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the Lord; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions. ⁸Thus says the Lord: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, "Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it," so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. ⁹I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 22:19-28

¹⁹But you, O Lord, be not far away; O my help, hasten to my aid.

²⁰**Deliver me from the sword, my life from the power of the dog.**

²¹Save me from the lion's mouth! From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.

²²**I will declare your name to my people; in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.**

²³You who fear the Lord, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory. Stand in awe of the Lord, all you offspring of Israel.

²⁴**For the Lord does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the Lord's face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the Lord hears them.**

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the Lord.

²⁶**The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts live forever!**

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; all the families of nations shall bow before God.

²⁸**For dominion belongs to the Lord, who rules over the nations.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia

Sinclair

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

Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

Jesus' mission includes foreigners and his authority extends to the casting out of demons. Some who witness Jesus' work are seized with confusion and fear, but the man who was healed is commissioned to give testimony to God's mercy and power.

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

²⁶Then Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"—²⁹for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. ³¹They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. ³²Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. ³⁴When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹"Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Paul Busekist

Song of the Day:

Lead Me, Guide Me

ELW 768

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

Offering

Offering Song: The Trumpets Sound, The Angels Sing

ELW 531

Offertory: *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray.

C: God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

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
Bread of Life from Heaven

ELW 465

ELW 474

Final Blessing

P: The God of peace, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

C: Amen.

Sending Song:

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

ELW 860

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

C: Thanks be to God.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

6/19—Jessilyn Wallington

6/21—Libby Thayer

6/22—Nancy Schmidt

6/25—Tom Fink

6/25—Amy Rogers

6/25—Nathan Kolka

Please note that the Building and Office Hours are: 9:00am – 2:30pm, Monday – Thursday.

COVID NEWS: According to the CDC and Munson Hospital, Covid-19 is once again on the rise in Grand Traverse County, and our county now has one of the highest transmission rates in Michigan. Council voted on May 17th to adopt a guideline that masks are required for unvaccinated persons in worship and highly encouraged for those who are vaccinated.

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.

The June issue of the STAR is now available. The July issue will be available next week, June 26th. For current issues of the Star, feel free to check online at 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>.

Prayer Requests:

- Prayer Chain: Please contact Jan Stretlien at jstretlien@gmail.com or 231-947-3265
- Prayers read from the altar: Please call Rebecca in the church office 231-947-9880

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

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 or 231.668.7038.

The newest Living Lutheran magazine and the April/May/June Christ in Our Home can be picked up at the welcome table on Sunday mornings, from the Shooting STAR box below the outside mailbox, or during parking lot communion. The July/August/September Christ in Our Home is also available.

Children's Message Corner: The next Message Corner is scheduled for Sunday, June 26th at 2:45pm. To be put on the email list to receive the Zoom link please see Annie after worship or contact her at annie.slabaugh@bethlehemtc.org.

The Parking Lot Fundraiser will take place Saturday July 2nd, Sunday July 3rd and Monday July 4th as long as we have youth and families signed up. Sign up sheets are in the Narthex as well as online. The link to the online sign up can be found in your weekly email or reach out to Annie directly.

Due Dates for STAR/Bulletin/Screen Announcements: PLEASE NOTE NEW DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN

- **STAR:** The third Friday of the month sent to admin@bethlehemtc.org (Please note STAR in subject line)
- **Bulletin/Verbal Announcements:** **Tuesday** of the week sent to admin@bethlehemtc.org (Bulletin/Worship Folder is prepared on Wednesday and printed on Thursday morning.) (Please note Bulletin or Announcement in subject line)
- **Screen Announcements/Weekly BLC Emails:** Tuesday of the week sent to annie.slabaugh@bethlehemtc.org (Annie works Sunday – Wednesday)

Sign Ups for Missions Week are available in the Narthex. We will be partnering with local non-profit Freedom Builders to help people in our community from Monday July 18th - Saturday July 23rd. You do not need to commit to every week to participate and all are welcome. Please reach out to Annie with any questions or concerns.

WOMEN'S FUN DAY! All women of Bethlehem are invited to an afternoon of food, fellowship and FUN on Tuesday, June 21st - 1:00 PM at the Lehto home - 15793 Smokey Hollow Road. Food: potluck meal with meat and beverages provided. Fellowship: ALL women of Bethlehem are invited. FUN! Lawn games (a couple of table games will also be available). Please sign up at the display in the Narthex. Contact Nancy Ammann - 946-8433 - if interested in carpooling. Come & join us!

VBS Registration from Monday, July 25 - Wednesday, July is OPEN and available to kids PreK - 5th Grade! Register online at myvbs.org/blcvbs2022 or reach out to Annie directly. We are still looking for a few volunteers as well so please reach out to Annie on how you can help. We are still in need of:

- Weaving Shopkeeper
- At least 1 Tribe Leader Assistant (small group support, great for older youth!)
- Set Up/Tear Down Crew (day before and end of VBS)
- Decoration Coordinators (day before and end of VBS)

We will also still take Marketplace Shopkeepers if you are interested in one of those roles.

Want to help with VBS but aren't able to be there in person? Well you are in luck! Our VBS Volunteers are in need of items such as decor and food! If you'd like to donate or lend an item for Jerusalem: Marketplace please go to the wall in the Narthex close to the mailboxes (you can't miss it!) on the wall. There you will find slips of paper with needed items for VBS. Please take the slip, fill it out, obtain the item and return it to the person who requested the item (that information is on the slip!)

Music news at BLC: Many of you commented how much you enjoyed the choir music during Holy Week. The choir members appreciate the nice comments and we relay them to our new director, Tony Bero. It is sad that he is not on-site so he can hear from you himself. If you want to make certain he knows how much his skill in selecting the anthems and preparing the choir is appreciated, feel free to drop him a note in the "choir director" mailbox by the office or send him an email at bero.tony@gmail.com. And for all of you budding vocalists out there....just think...if he can make the 4 of us sound that good, what could he do with you?!? Don't hesitate...the choir always wants more singers.

Monthly STAR: Thanks to all of you who have said that you will read the STAR on line or pick it up at church. Those of you who come to church, be thinking if there is any member close in your neighborhood that you could deliver their copy to them. If you have recently decided to read on line or pick-up at church please call the office and let them know.

The Thrivent "Jump into June" promotion has already been a success for the Food Pantry with many people bringing in bags of great food. And the pantry has been "found" with at least 1/3 of the contents taken from the time it was filled on May 1 until it was checked for a refill on May 29. Please keep watching for specials in the store and bring in what you can share. You can place the items in or near the teal bin under the table by the mailboxes. If the church is closed you can check to see if there is room in the pantry. If you know someone who is in need please direct that person to our pantry.

Our interim tech support person is Trent Slabaugh. He welcomes your comments on the audio or video system. You may contact him by email at tslabaugh93@gmail.com

A big thank you to all who turned in Olesons receipts. Please continue to drop your Olesons receipts off at church.

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 and on our Facebook Events Page! If there is something you'd like featured or included for either Screen Announcements or Facebook Events please reach out to Annie at annie.slabaugh@bethlehemtc.org.

Please consider signing up for Altar Flowers for a Sunday service. There are plenty of dates available for the rest of the year. 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 offering plate on Sunday morning (Preferable) or during the week, 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.

Bethlehem sends weekly emails directly to your inbox with important announcements and information! If you are not getting them for any reason or if you have something you'd like to have added please reach out to Annie at annie.slabaugh@bethlehemtc.org.

Our blog has been renamed "Paths of Hope". Check it out on the Bethlehem website:
<http://www.bethlehemtc.org/new-blog-paths-of-hope>.

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

CALENDAR

Sunday, June 19

Youth arrive at Stony Lake camp

10:00am—Worship Service (S)

11:00am—Parking Lot Communion

Monday, June 20

Youth at Stony Lake camp

Tuesday, June 21

Youth at Stony Lake camp

Bulletin articles due today

9:00am—Property Work Group

10:00am—Staff Meeting (CR)

6:00pm—Council Meeting

7:00pm—Lautner SG (Offsite)

Wednesday, June 22

Youth at Stony Lake camp

11:30am—Music Rehearsal (S)

1:00pm—Johnson SG (Offsite)

Thursday, June 23

Youth at Stony Lake camp

10:00am—Rolf-Piano Tuning (S)

5:30pm—ACOA (GS)

Friday, June 24

Youth at Stony Lake camp

Sunday, June 26

10:00am—Worship Service (S)

11:00am—Parking Lot Communion

11:00am—VBS Safety Meeting (YR)

2:45pm—Children's Message Corner (Zoom)