

# Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

July 3, 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:**

**My Country 'Tis of Thee**

*(words below)*

My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing:  
Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrim's pride from every mountain side let freedom ring!

My native country, thee, land of the noble free, thy name I love:  
I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and templed hills; My heart with rapture thrills like that above.

Let music swell the breeze and ring from all the trees sweet freedom's song:  
Let mortal tongues awake, let all that breathe partake; Let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.

Our fathers' God to Thee, author of liberty, to Thee we sing:  
Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light; Protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King!

## 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 God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## First Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14

*Those who returned from the exile found that the hopes for the glorious restoration of Judah were not completely fulfilled. For these disappointed people, the prophet envisions salvation in the image of a nursing woman. Mother Jerusalem and a mothering God remind the community how they are sustained and supported.*

<sup>10</sup>Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her—<sup>11</sup>that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom. <sup>12</sup>For thus says the Lord: I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees.

<sup>13</sup>As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass; and it shall be known that the hand of the Lord is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies.

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

## Psalms: Psalm 66:1-9

<sup>1</sup>Be joyful in God, all you lands; be joyful, all the earth.

<sup>2</sup>**Sing the glory of God's name; sing the glory of God's praise.**

<sup>3</sup>Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

<sup>4</sup>**All the earth bows down before you, sings to you, sings out your name."**

<sup>5</sup>Come now and see the works of God, how awesome are God's deeds toward all people.

<sup>6</sup>**God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, and there we rejoiced in God.**

<sup>7</sup>Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch over the nations; let no rebels exalt themselves.

<sup>8</sup>**Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.**

<sup>9</sup>Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.

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

**Gospel: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20**

*Jesus commissions harvesters and laborers to go where he would go and do what he would do. Risking hardship and danger in exchange for the experience of great joy, they offer peace and healing as signs that the reign of God is near.*

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

<sup>1</sup>After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. <sup>2</sup>He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup>Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup>Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup>Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' <sup>6</sup>And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup>Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. <sup>8</sup>Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup>cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' <sup>10</sup>But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup>"Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'" <sup>12</sup>"Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me." <sup>13</sup>The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" <sup>14</sup>He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. <sup>15</sup>See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. <sup>16</sup>Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon***Pastor Paul Busekist***Song of the Day:****When Peace Like a River****ELW 785****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

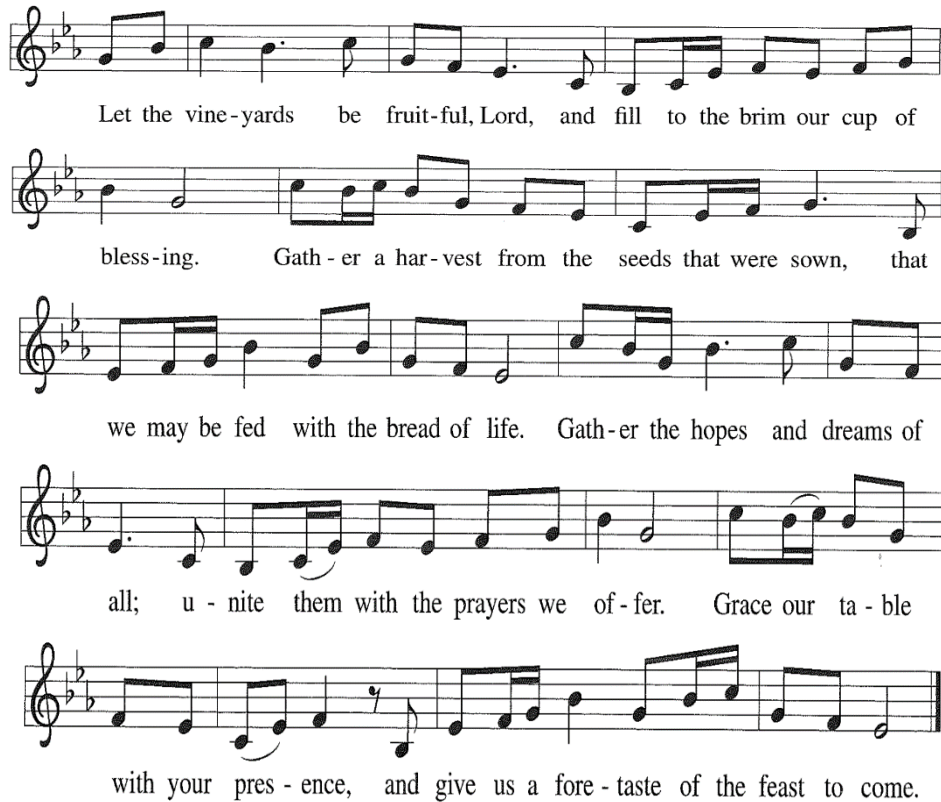
Offering Song:

**We All Are One in Mission**

**ELW 576**

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:**

**Eat This Bread  
Jesus, Remember Me**

**ELW 472**

**ELW 616**

## **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:**

**Shout to the Lord**

**ELW 821**

## **Dismissal**

A: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

C: Thanks be to God.



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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

7/3—Jim Johnson  
7/5—Norm Fred

7/6—Julie Cole  
7/7—Michelle Smith

7/8—Carl Lehto

**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 July issue of the STAR is now available.** 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

**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](mailto:beo6475@yahoo.com) or 231.668.7038.

**The newest Living Lutheran magazine and the July/August/September 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.

**Children's Message Corner:** The next Message Corner is scheduled for next Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:annie.slabaugh@bethlehemtc.org).

**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](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 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](mailto:annie.slabaugh@bethlehemtc.org) (Annie works Sunday – Wednesday)

**Coffee and Cookies have returned!** You are welcome to stay after the 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 will be sign-up sheets available near the cookies.

**The Refresh Committee held several meetings in the past month regarding renovations at Bethlehem.** We welcome all with your questions, comments and ideas. We are asking for your support by making a donation or pledge by July 15, 2022. This will help us to determine our path forward. Pledges or donations can be given to Phil Anderson or placed in the offering plate. If writing a check, please write "Refresh" on the Memo line.

**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 18<sup>th</sup> - Saturday July 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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.

**Our Jerusalem: Marketplace VBS is less than a month away!** Join us on Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup> as we go back in time to ancient Jerusalem and witness Jesus' final days on earth! Registration is open and free to kids up to 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Register today at [myvbs.org/blcvbs2022](http://myvbs.org/blcvbs2022)

**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:** The adult choir is taking a break for the summer and will resume rehearsals 2-3 Thursdays per month at 7:00pm on Sept 8. It's time to return to a favorite pastime or start a new one. Plan to come to the first rehearsal or contact Tony Bero at [bero.tony@gmail.com](mailto:bero.tony@gmail.com) or 942-1162.

**Name tags:** Yes, your name tags are back in your mailboxes, but please walk a little farther and retrieve them so you can proudly wear them on Sunday mornings. We often have more visitors in the summer and it helps them if they can see a friendly face and attach a name to it.

**LAUNDRY BASKET PROJECT FOR 2022:** We are collecting cleaning items to be given out during the Baby Pantry here at Bethlehem. There is an example basket in the Narthex along with a list of items needed. You may fill an entire basket OR bring single items if you prefer. We would like to have baskets available beginning in March. Thank you for your participation!

**Book Club:** The BLC book club continues to meet during the summer. Our meeting in July is on the 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 via ZOOM. The book, Wish, will be available in the Book Club box outside of the church. It is a touching story with a bit of baseball. If you are not on the email list and want to be involved send your information to [cmonroe@chartermi.net](mailto:cmonroe@chartermi.net).

**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.

**24 hr food pantry:** Even as we leave the month, please continue our "Jump into June" campaign with your offerings of staple foods which can be placed in our outdoor food pantry. Those who are hungry are appreciative.



**On Sunday, July 31st right after church there will be a Youth Group Parent Meeting in the Youth Room** to discuss some major changes that are being considered for youth groups starting in the fall. Before any plans are finalized however, Annie wishes to discuss the potential changes with parents and get feedback as well as get any ideas from parents. Every youth family will be invited and welcomed to this meeting!

**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](mailto:annie.slabaugh@bethlehemtc.org).

**The Financial News were inadvertently left out of the July STAR:** May income was \$29,705 compared to budgeted income of \$30,645 or a shortfall of \$940. Expenses were \$27,244 compared to budget of \$29,035 resulted in spending \$1,791 less than budgeted. On a cash basis, income exceeded expenses by \$2,461.

Through May, income was \$146,182 compared to budgeted income of \$151,657 for a shortfall of \$5,475. Expenses were \$153,328 compared to budget of \$150,305 resulted in spending \$3,023 more than budgeted. On a cash basis, expenses have exceeded income by \$7,147.

**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](mailto:tslabaugh93@gmail.com)

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

**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 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.

**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](mailto:annie.slabaugh@bethlehemtc.org).

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

#### **CALENDAR**

##### **Sunday, July 3**

9:00am—Parking Lot Fundraiser  
10:00am—Worship Service (S)  
11:00am—Parking Lot Communion

##### **Monday, July 4 – CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

##### **HAPPY JULY FOURTH OF JULY**

7:00pm—Parking Lot Fundraiser

##### **Tuesday, July 5**

##### **Bulletin articles due today**

9:00am—Property Work Group  
10:00am—Staff Meeting (CR)

##### **Wednesday, July 6**

12:45pm—Music Rehearsal (S)

##### **Thursday, July 7**

5:30pm—ACOA (GS)

##### **Sunday, July 10**

10:00am—Worship Service (S)  
11:00am—Parking Lot Communion  
11:15am—Worship and Music Committee (CR)  
2:45pm—Children's Message Corner (Zoom)

# *Happy Fourth of July*