

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 1, 2021 – 10am

Modern Worship, ELW Setting 4



Prelude Music

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C: Amen.

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God, our provider,

C: ... help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C: Amen.

Gathering Song: I Could Sing Of Your Love Forever

Over the mountains and the sea Your river runs with love for me, and I will open up my heart,
and let the Healer set me free. I'm happy to be in the truth, and I will daily lift my hands, for I will always sing of
when Your love came down, yeah.

I could sing of Your love forever, I could sing of Your love forever,
I could sing of Your love forever, I could sing of Your love forever.

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down, yeah.

I could sing of Your love forever, I could sing of Your love forever,
I could sing of Your love forever, I could sing of Your love forever.

Oh, I feel like dancing; it's foolishness, I know. But when the world has seen the light, They will dance with joy like
we're dancing now.

I could sing of Your love forever, I could sing of Your love forever,
I could sing of Your love forever, I could sing of Your love forever.

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, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

First Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

A food crisis becomes a faith crisis for the Israelites in the wilderness. The hungry people forget God's saving work in the exodus, and they wish for the food they had in Egypt. Nevertheless, God miraculously meets their needs, with manna for bread and quail for meat.

²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." ⁴Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. ⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" ¹⁰And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. ¹¹The Lord spoke to Moses and said, ¹²"I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'" ¹³In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 78:23-29

²³So God commanded the clouds above and opened the doors of heaven,

²⁴**raining down manna upon them to eat and giving them grain from heaven.**

²⁵So mortals ate the bread of angels; God provided for them food enough.

²⁶**The Lord caused the east wind to blow in the heavens and powerfully led out the south wind,**

²⁷raining down flesh upon them like dust and flying birds like the sand of the seas,

²⁸**letting them fall in the midst of the camp and round about the dwellings.**

²⁹So the people ate and were well filled, for God gave them what they craved.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia

Sinclair

Alleluia, alleluia,

alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia,

alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: John 6:24-35

Many of the five thousand people Jesus fed in the wilderness continued to follow him throughout the countryside. Jesus challenges them to consider the real nature of their quest.

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

²⁴When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were beside the sea, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. ²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." ²⁸Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" ²⁹Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?" ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' ³²Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." ³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon – Peggy Burns, S.A.M.

Song of the Day: Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer (please see back page for music)

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 Prayer

A: Let us pray.

C: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. 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 (*please see back page for music*)
The Table (*words below*)

The Table

I will feast at the table of the Lord. I will feast at the table of the Lord. I won't hunger anymore at His table.
I will feast at the table of the Lord. I will feast at the table of the Lord. I won't hunger anymore at His table.

Come all you weary, come and find His yoke is easy, His burden light.
He is able; He will restore at the table of the Lord.

There is peace at the table of the Lord. There is peace at the table of the Lord. I won't worry anymore at His table.

There is healing at the table of the Lord. There is healing at the table of the Lord. Oh and I won't suffer anymore at His table.

Come all you weary, come and find His yoke is easy, His burden light.
He is able; He will restore at the table of the Lord.

I know he has a place for me. Oh, what joy will fill my heart with the saints around the mercy seat of God.

Come all you weary, come and find His yoke is easy, His burden light.

He is able; He will restore at the table of the Lord, at the table of the Lord.

I'm invited to the table of the Lord. I'm invited to the table of the Lord. He says come just as you are to His table.

Final Blessing

P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ☩ be upon you now and forever.

Sending Song: Our God Saves

In the name of the Father, in the name of the Son, in the name of the Spirit, Lord, we come.
We're gathered together to lift up Your name, to call on our Savior, to fall on Your grace.
Hear the joyful sound of our offering as Your saints bow down, as Your people sing.
We will rise with You, lifted on Your wings, and the world will see that

Our God saves. Our God saves. There is hope in Your name
Mourning turns to songs of praise, Our God saves our God saves

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Dismissal

A: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
 wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es

feed me now and ev - er - more, ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
 shield me with your might - y arm, might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.
 I will raise for - ev - er - more, ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

Eat This Bread

Jesus Christ, Bread of Life

Refrain

“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.
 OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”
 Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

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August 1, 2021

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

8/2—Pat Wall

8/4—Judy Strickland

8/6—Margaret Hutchinson

8/8—Jessica Hengartner

We welcome Rev. Ruth Overdier as our presiding minister today.

We also welcome Peggy Burns, S.A.M. (Synodically Authorized Minister) as our preaching minister.

Bethlehem has discontinued the sign-in process for contact tracing. Masks will continue to be optional for vaccinated persons, but required for non-vaccinated persons.

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

Please consider signing up for Altar Flowers for a Sunday service. 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 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.

Today's altar flowers are donated by: *Carolyn Mann in Loving memory of David Mann.*

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.

Someone left a lace tablecloth on Barbara Oster's desk in the church office. Would that person please call her at the church office – 947-9880.

The BLC book club will meet via ZOOM at 5:30 on Aug24. We will be discussing *Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman which is currently a bestselling book. If you are not already on the list and want to be added to the group for August just send your email to Cindy Monroe at cmonroe@chartermi.net.

Congratulations to our new 2021/2022 Council:

Pastor Paul Busekist
Annie Slabaugh---Youth & Outreach Director
Mark McPherson —President
Maureen Bauer—Vice President
Gail Goldsmith—Secretary
Leonard Graf—Treasurer
Jim Monroe--- Financial Secretary
Jim Hinds—Christian Care
Leonard Graf—Christian Education
Paul Wiemerslage—Y2A
Laura Hahn---Fellowship
Cindy Monroe—Membership & Evangelism
Maureen Bauer---Personnel
Denice Bossardet—Worship & Music
Scott Farley—Stewardship

BLC's Art & Craft Show has returned for 2021. Mark your calendar for Nov. 6th. The show will feature 50 local & original handcrafted artists and crafters.

Due to Living Water Ministries closing their camp for this summer Bethlehem is teaming up with Advent Lutheran Church and Immanuel Lutheran Church for a very special camp outing, Thursday August 26th - Sunday August 29th! We are hoping to get a group of youth together grades 6th grade and up (families are also invited!), and we will be having fun activities such as hiking, swimming, bonfires, worship and fellowship! Price is \$20 per person for overnight camping (whether one night or three) and \$10 per person for the weekend for people participating without camping. Please mail checks or cash to Advent Lutheran Church (PO Box 249, Lake Ann, MI 49650). Space is limited so youth registration deadline is July 1st while adults and family is August 1st. Please see today's special yellow insert for registration info. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Pr Tim Jahn at Advent Lutheran Church, 231.275.8031.

The July issue of the STAR is ready! 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>. Look for the August Star on the weekend of August 8th.

The outdoor "**Shooting STAR Dispenser**" at BLC is now full with several paper publications, including the July STAR and the current week's worship folder/bulletin. If you would like a copy of a DVD, please contact the church and one will be produced for you.

Drive My Way, the driver's ed school using Bethlehem's facility is in need of experienced driver's ed teachers. If you are experienced or know someone who is experienced, please contact Mark or Ashley Ingraham, the Father/Daughter Team; Drive My Way Driver Education; (231)492-6612. Time and pay are negotiable.

Christ in Our Home Devotionals are available for July/August/September. Special Note: Pr Ruth Overdier is the writer for the daily devotions from July 11-20. They can be picked up at the name tag table on Sunday mornings, from the STAR box below the outside mailbox, or during parking lot communion. The newest *Living Lutheran* magazine is also available in the same locations.

"Zoom Book Study" is taking a summer break and will start up again in the Fall. Look for details then to join the group.

A big thank you to all who turned in their Olesons receipts to Bethlehem. We just received a check from them for \$255.62. Please continue to turn in your receipts to church.

Calling all Knitters!! There is an overabundance of yarn skeins in the bin under the mailboxes in the narthex. PLEASE feel free to grab some to make hats, mittens, prayer shawls, etc.! The yarn is sorted according to kind, so you can be sure to find something appropriate for whatever project you have in mind. Questions? Call Betty R. (947-1013)

Our blog is undergoing a revamp and will be named "Paths of Hope". Be on the lookout soon for more detailed information.

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.

FUN Ministry! Recycle Altar Flowers! Meet People! New Faces and New Places! This Ministry will Help BLC grow! This Ministry promotes Caring and Compassion! Come Join Our Team for the Jesus Love Theme - ♡♡♡ Set your own time. Be Creative. Call Kathi Ivany for more information. 231 313 1647

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.

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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

Monday, August 2

10:00am—Staff Meeting

Tuesday, August 3

9:00am—Property Work Group

6:30pm—Christian Ed (Gathering Space)

Thursday, August 5

5:30pm—ACOA (LL)

Friday, August 6

5:00pm—Drive My Way Registration (FH)

Saturday, August 7

1:00pm—Jerrie Boike Memorial Service (Sanctuary)