

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 6, 2023 – 10am

Modern Worship, ELW Setting 10



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:

Jesus Fed 5,000 Men

Verse 1 – Sung by Choir

When they went out, Well they went to hear the Lord
And as the day went on the crowd just grew and grew.
When they went out, there were 5000 hungry men
And lots of hungry women and their children too.
So they met up and they went up to the Lord
Said these folks are hungry but we have no food
But you know what... they were just about to see,
about to see the mighty things that God can do.

Chorus – Sung by all

Jesus fed 5000 men
With women and kids there were thousands more.
Yes, he's the one who fed 5000 men
With 5 loaves, 2 fish and that's all.

Verse 2 - Sung by Choir

Well, then they went out, just to see if anyone
If anyone had thought to carry any food.
All they found there was a single little boy
One single boy who had some loaves and fishes too.
Then they brought him, (Yes, they brought him)
Yes they brought him to the Lord
And they wondered what this small amount could do.
But he took out, he took out his little lunch and said,
“It isn’t much but I’ll give it to you.”

Chorus – Sung by all

Jesus fed 5000 men
With women and kids there were thousands more.
Yes, he’s the one who fed 5000 men
With 5 loaves, 2 fish and that’s all.

Verse 3 – Sung by Choir

So they fed them, everybody ate their fill
12 baskets were left over when they were through
Jesus fed them all because one little boy
Gave his all although he only had a few.
When I go out, (when I go out), Well I know I want to be one
I want to be one who follows what is true
I’m going to give all, going to give all to the Lord
Then I’ll see the mighty things that God can do.
I want to see what God can do, don’t you?

Chorus – Sung by all

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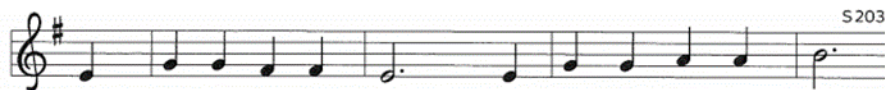
Greeting

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

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1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray together,

C: Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Message

Sherri Helman

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-5

God invites Israel to a great feast at which both food and drink are free. God also promises to make an everlasting covenant with all peoples, with promises that previously had been limited to Israel. As David was a witness to the nations, these nations shall now acknowledge the ways in which God has glorified Israel.

1 Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. 2 Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. 3 Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. 4 See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. 5 See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia

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Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.

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

13 Now when Jesus heard about the beheading of John the Baptist, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. 14 When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. 15 When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." 16 Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." 17 They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." 18 And he said, "Bring them here to me." 19 Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. 20 And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. 21 And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

"Give Them Something to Eat"

Sherri Helman

Song of the Day:

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

ELW #817

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:

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

ELW #674

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Share the harvest.

C: Thanks be to God.



Bethlehem August 6, 2023
LUTHERAN CHURCH

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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8/6—Margaret Hutchinson
8/10—Tina Dohm

8/12—John Sheehan
8/12—Jake Sheehan

8/12—Debbie Hissong Fink
8/13—Pat Friedli

We welcome Cindy Monroe as our Worship Leader for today's service. Cindy has been a member of Bethlehem since 1986. Even before officially a member she was involved with teaching Sunday School. She has been most active in membership/evangelism and in many areas of worship and music including: choir, hand-bells, worship team, steel drums, lector and assisting minister.

We welcome Sherri Helman as Preaching 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.

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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: We often find the front door and/or the kitchen door unlocked when there is no one in the building. Please be sure that the doors are locked when you leave.

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: *Bonnie Gamble in Memory of our loved ones who have gone on before us.*

The August issue of the STAR is now available. 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>.

We received the July/August/September Christ In Our Home – we apologize for the delay. Please take a copy for yourself and also for friends and family.

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 OR you may call the office to request a copy.

Prayer Requests:

- Prayer Chain: Please contact Jan Stretlien at 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 (Please note STAR in subject line)
- Bulletin/Verbal Announcements: Tuesday of the week sent to 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

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.

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.

The Paint workshop will be Sunday August 13th from 4-6:30 at The Hang Workshop on Woodmere Ave. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Wright at mzbright9006@yahoo.com. There are no more spaces available.

Good Samaritan “Fund”raiser: During the month of August, we will kick-off our Good Samaritan “Fund”raiser with our Envelope Wall. Each envelope in the series of 1-50 will represent a donation amount. So, if the first envelope is available for a \$1 donation, the 33rd envelope is available for a \$33 donation and so on. We ask that you remove the colored envelope of your choice from the board, if you’re interested in participating, and then put your donation into the inside envelope and return it to the church by putting it into the Sunday service collection plate, placing it into the mailbox of our bookkeeper, Phil Anderson, or mailing it back to the church. A reminder that the Good Samaritan Fund is one of our local outreach initiatives that allows us to be able to help our local residents when there may be a need for assistance with food, gas, a doctor bill, etc. We have been lucky in the past to help many and hope that you will help us build back this dwindling fund. Please, if paying by check, make payable to Bethlehem Lutheran Church with Good Samaritan fund in the memo line.

THANK YOU THRIVENT!!! We have been able to stretch our funds for activities by organizing some great Thrivent Action Teams. This has included our Sabbatical Send-off Sunday, the baking of cinnamon buns, subsidizing the new Bethlehem T-shirts for the Cherry Festival volunteers, and the monthly Sunday Sundaes. And there are even some more events to come.

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

We had a wonderful group of volunteers from BLC who joined Freedom Builders for their 2023 Missions Week. These special people deserve recognition for their service to such an important cause. Special thanks to Mark and Carl, who volunteered multiple days!

Cindy and Jim Monroe
Lisa Schlagel
Tina Dohm

Lincoln and Makena Dohm (youth volunteers!)
Mark and Kathie Bair
Carl Lehto

Thanks to all of you, for your hard work in serving our community and showing God's love to our neighbors! You are so appreciated.

Spotlight on Zeke: So many of us enjoy Zeke's talents with religious music, but did you know that he plays other kinds of music at various locations in the Traverse City area? Here is a list of his engagements in the next month that are close to TC:

Sat 8/12—Bel Lago Winery in Cedar at 2:30

Tues 8/15—Bel Lago Winery in Cedar at 5:00

Sat 8/19 & Thurs 8/24—Brady's Bar outside on the patio at 6:30

Sat 8/26—Bel Lago Winery in Cedar at 3:00

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

The Sabbatical committee has decided that our Welcome Back celebration on Aug 20 should include a "white-out" characteristic of many big athletic events. Anyone who obtained a new BLC logo t-shirt is asked to wear it that day. Everyone else is asked to wear a white top of their choosing. There are a few more shirts available in size L or 2X for anyone who still would like to obtain one for a \$10 donation to the Sabbatical fund.

BLC Book Club: The BLC book club is taking a summer vacation!!!! Please keep reading and bring your suggestions back to the group on Sept. 26 or send them in advance to cmonroe@chartermi.net. We hope to share meals at our meetings again besides discussing wonderful books.

Copies of the Living Lutheran magazine 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. Also, the area for the Oleson and Family Fair receipts is in the lower cabinets below the mailboxes (under the A-B-Cs...). The cabinet door is marked with the receptacle inside.

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!

Two Thank You notes received:

From Sarah Denton – Thank you so much for the card and Target gift Card. The love and kindness shown has filled my heart so much. Thank you. BLC has always, and will always hold a very special place in my heart. I'm excited for Sunday mornings on a lake kayaking, or getting all the sleep between babysitting jobs, and coming to BLC to enjoy seeing everyone. Thank you all so much for everything, I appreciate and love you all! With all my love, Sarah Denton

From the Family of Frank Watz, Sr – Dear Bethlehem Friends, Thanks to all who came to visit, the gift of the teddy bear, all who sent cards or attended Frank's Memorial service – we are truly grateful. Most of all, thank you for your love and prayers.

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 September with the Gospel of John.

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

Food Pantry: HELP!!! Our outdoor food pantry has finally been found by those in need and there is hardly anything left in it!!!! Please take some time and buy some extra staple items when you go shopping. The shelves in the pantry are labeled. You can place your items right in the cupboard or you can bring them inside church and leave them on the CARE table in the coat room.

BABY PANTRY: Suggested donations for **August** are anything you feel might be needed. Thank you!

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!

Hoop's Pet Food Pantry: This is the only pet food pantry in NW lower Michigan. They primarily provide dry food, wet food, treats, cat litter and toys for mostly dogs and cats but they will support any type of pet to the best of their ability. Please visit them at the Square Deal Country Store, 900 Woodmere Ave, TC from 11:00am – 2:00pm on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month with your donations OR you may leave donations in the tub on our “donations” table in the coat room. The volunteers have expressed their appreciation when receiving our donations.

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 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, August 6

10:00am—Worship Service (S)
11:15am—Worship and Music Committee (CR)

Monday, August 7

4:00pm—Chair Yoga (FH)

Tuesday, August 8

Bulletin articles due today

9:00am—Property Work Group
1:00pm—Friendship Bible Study
6:00pm—Cookie Decorating (Kitchen)
6:30pm—Executive Committee (CR)

Wednesday, August 9

11:30am—Music Rehearsal (S)

Thursday, August 10

9:00am—Baby Pantry Set-up (FH)
10:00am—Baby Pantry (FH)
5:30pm—ACA (FH)

Friday, August 11

5:00pm—Parking Lot Usage

Saturday, August 12

7:00pm—Contra Dancing – Bayside Travellers (FH)

Sunday, August 13

10:00am—Worship Service (S)
12:00pm—Ukulele Lessons
4:00pm—Painting Workshop (Offsite)

LOCATION:
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
1050 Peninsula Dr, Traverse City MI 49686

Contra Dancing

with Bayside Travellers

Live Music
by
Rigs & Jeels

Dance
by
Donation

suggested
\$10/person

Saturday, August 12th

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

No partner or experience needed!

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