

# Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 1, 2023 – 10am

Modern Worship, ELW Setting 10



**Prelude Music**

**Announcements**

## Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be God, the one who forms us, † Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.  
C: **Amen.**

P: Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Steadfast and faithful God,

C: **... you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

P: Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In † Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

C: **Amen.**

**Gathering Song:**

**Now We Offer**

**WOV #761**

Now we offer you, our Father, with the bread and with the wine  
all our joys and all our sorrows all our struggles and our time.

As the fields of wheat now growing will become a holy sign,  
so shall we reveal you, Jesus, that in us you now may shine.

Now we offer you, our Father, with the bread and with the wine  
all our joys and all our sorrows all our struggles and our time.

Like the grape put in the cellar, there to change into the wine,  
all the poor on earth who suffer shed their sorrows in this sign.

Now we offer you, our Father, with the bread and with the wine  
all our joys and all our sorrows all our struggles and our time.

In these gifts we see our oneness throughout city and the field,  
and we find a life of solace where the scars of strife are healed.

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Now we offer you, our Father, with the bread and with the wine  
all our joys and all our sorrows all our struggles and our time.

All your people who are yearning for the freedom still ahead  
offer fruits of your creation in these gifts of wine and bread.

Now we offer you, our Father, with the bread and with the wine  
all our joys and all our sorrows all our struggles and our time.

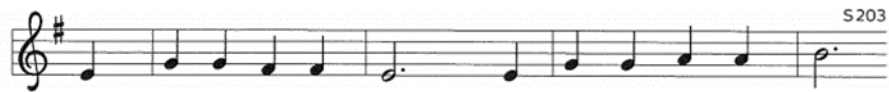
We sing glory to the Father and to Christ who lives above,  
and we praise the Holy Spirit for the gift to us of love.  
Now we offer you, our Father, with the bread and with the wine  
all our joys and all our sorrows all our struggles and our time.

## 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:** God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## Children's Message

Pr Paul

## First Reading: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

*Ezekiel challenges those who think they cannot change because of what their parents were and did, or who think they cannot reverse their own previous behavior. God insistently invites people to turn and live.*

1 The word of the Lord came to me: 2 What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? 3 As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. 4 Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die. 25 Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? 26 When the righteous turn away from

their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. 27 Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. 28 Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. 29 Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? 30 Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. 31 Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? 32 For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

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 21:23-32

*After driving the moneychangers out of the temple (21:12), Jesus begins teaching there. His authority is questioned by the religious leaders, who are supposed to be in charge of the temple.*

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

23 When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” 24 Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. 25 Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ 26 But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” 27 So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. 28 “What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ 29 He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. 30 The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. 31 Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. 32 For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Pastor Paul Busekist

Song of the Day:

*Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways*

ELW #772

## 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.)*

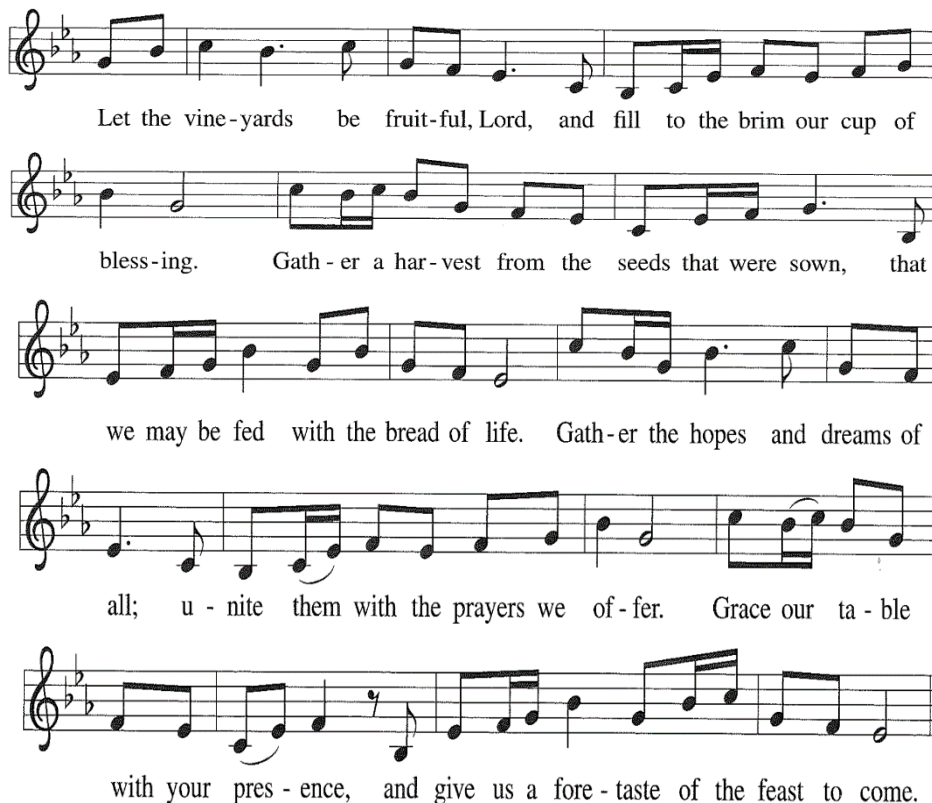
### Offering

#### Offering Song:

Zeke Clemons

#### Offertory:

#### *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 power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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** (*Please note: gluten-free wafers and white grape juice cups are available*)

**Communion Songs:**

***For the Beauty of the Earth  
Taste and See***

**BLC Choir  
ELW #493**

## Final Blessing

P: The God of glory, † Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

**Sending Song:**

***Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises***

**ELW #535**

## Dismissal

A: Go in peace. God is at work in you.

C: Thanks be to God.



**Bethlehem** *October 1, 2023*  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

10/1—Bob Rogers  
10/2—Braxton Rhodes  
10/2—Eileen Rubino

10/2—Jason Nellist  
10/4—Scott Schlagel  
10/6—Phil Bossardet

10/6—Maggie Hahn  
10/6—Will Gaston

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**Join us for our Traditional Worship Service next Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am**

### **Worship Servants for October 1**

Assisting Minister—Karen Fehar

Lector—Kathi Ivany

Musicians: David Husser, Zeke Clemons, Phil & Denice Bossardet, Pr Paul

Today's altar flowers are donated by: *Boardman River Clean Sweep in Memory of John Heiam and Lois Goldstein*

The rose on the baptismal font today is in celebration of: *James Foxx Hahn, born 9/21/2023. He is the son of Sage Hahn and his wife Jamie Gavin-Smyth and the grandson of Dan and Laura Hahn*

A/V—Dale Wentzloff, Barbara Oster and Acker Family

Hospitality—Dan/Laura Hahn

Cookies—Pat Wall and Sherryl Hellenga

Welcome Table/Bell Ringer—Kathi Ivany

Altar Guild—Patty Leibenguth and Erin Word

Tech Support—Julia Acker

Counters—Kate Holtfreter and Cindy Cuba

**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

Phil Anderson/Bookkeeper works 8:30am-12:30pm on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

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.

**The October 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>.

**The October/November/December Christ In Our Home is now available.** Please take a copy for yourself and also for friends and family.

**DON'T MISS OUT... COME JOIN IN!!!! Adult Education has started** and we are getting ourselves organized for a great year. We will begin by looking at each Sunday's lessons and as the year ensues... we may want to try other resources... we are open to options! You are an important part of the plan... you are an important part of the Body of Christ! Please come and see; join in the learning and sharing! We hope you will consider making this a priority!! Sunday morning from 9:15 to 9:45 in the Youth Room! See you there!! All are welcome!!! Sherri Helman

**Sunday School - every Sunday at 9:15am**

**The next Third Thursday service will be a Holden Evening Prayer service on October 19th at 7:00pm. The service will be livestreamed.**

**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.

**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.

**Counters are needed!** Jim Monroe is looking for offering counters for the calendar year of 2024. Counters will be assigned for a month at a time. Depending on the number of volunteers, it could only be a couple of times per year. To volunteer, please contact Jim at 231-941-0788 or by email at [xcski@chartermi.net](mailto:xcski@chartermi.net)

**Chair Yoga has been cancelled for October 2<sup>nd</sup>** as Jeana the instructor is not available. They resume on October 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm and will continue until November 20<sup>th</sup>.

**New member orientation:** The next gathering for new members will be **Sunday Oct 8 immediately after the service**. This meeting will last a little over an hour. If most can attend, new members will be accepted the following Sunday during the service.

**The Safety and Security Committee for BLC** has been working diligently this past year on creating an environment in which we can worship, socialize and serve with confidence and assurance that we are, indeed, in a safe setting. We have created a Safety and Security Policies, Procedures and Guidelines handbook and have been canvassing other places of worship in our area to determine what the standards are for ensuring safety. If you have not done so, please review the handbook. Additionally, we will be doing Temple Talks to review and rehearse emergency plans should the need ever arise. Our first Temple Talk will be on Sunday, October 15, at which time we will take a few minutes to review our emergency evacuation process and even exit the Sanctuary at the close of the service as though an emergency had occurred (sort of like a fire drill without the alarms going off). This is not intended to create fear. On the contrary, we have to let our brains be aware of what to do in case of an emergency and this only happens when we practice. Again, our goal is to plan effective responses to unexpected events. We hope you will join us in this effort.

**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:

**Wed 10/4**—Park Place, Minerva's Happy Hour at 4:00

**Sat 10/7**—Hotel Indigo at 6:00

**Wed 10/11**—Park Place, Minerva's Happy Hour at 4:00

**Wed 10/18**—Park Place, Minerva's Happy Hour at 4:00

**Fri 10/20**—Hotel Indigo at 6:00

**Wed 10/25**—Park Place, Minerva's Happy Hour at 4:00

**FOR BOOK CLUB MEMBERS AND ANY WHO LOVE TO READ:** The book for **Oct 24** discussion is *Firekeeper's Daughter* which has been a New York Times Bestseller. This book was named the Great Michigan Read book for the year!!!! Thousands in Michigan will be reading the book at the same time. Even if there are no books left in the book club box in front of church if you live in Michigan you will be able to download an audio or print version of the book FREE by going to [ReadMichigan.org](http://ReadMichigan.org). There will also be many extra books available at the library. This book is a mystery centered in Sault Ste Marie and tells the tale of a biracial female Ojibwe member who helps in an undercover investigation. If you want to join the BLC discussion it will be at 5:30 on that Tues. If you want to join but cannot be there in person please send a ZOOM request to Cindy Monroe at [cmonroe@chartermi.net](mailto:cmonroe@chartermi.net).

**Our Care Giving Committee has put up a "Communitas" Board** on the wall of our Coat Room! This "BOARD" is needed and helpful for ALL of us! Following is a suggestion of some things YOU and our YOUTH can do to "interact" with the board and other members of our congregation. The purpose of our "Auxilium Communitas" BOARD (Latin for "Community/Congregation Assistance") is to SHARE our gifts, talents, or skills to others that might be in NEED of something like: Gardening, Organizing, Painting, Raking leaves, Shoveling, Household tasks, Carpentry, Manicures, Pedicures, Companionship, Care giving, etc. - This list is Endless! You never know when YOU will be in need of some extra help personally, in your home or yard - let's make this "reciprocal" - All ages are Welcome to Help Service our Congregation!

Bark (I mean, MARK!) your calendars, friends. **"Blessing of the Animals" is BACK - October 8th at 2:15pm** on the west lawn of Bethlehem. Feel free to bring your dog, cat, turtle or other pet to be blessed with a little music and a message of love and thankfulness to God for how they bring goodness to our lives each day!

**BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH ART & CRAFT SHOW - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2023 9:00am to 3:00pm**

Featuring over 40 local artists and crafters with original, handmade goods! Please sign up in the Narthex hallway to volunteer for our fundraiser. Your help would be greatly appreciated. "Many hands make work light".

**Adult Bible Study:** meets on Wednesdays from 9:30-11:30am in the Youth Room, with a study of the Gospel of John.

**The Zoom Book and Bible Study:** meets on Wednesdays from 1:30-3:00pm, with a study the Book of Isaiah. Contact Pr Paul or Barbara Oster if you are interested in attending. Our last day of studying Isaiah is October 4th. We will resume on Wednesday, October 18th with the study of the Mitch Albom book, *Have a Little Faith*. If you are interested in obtaining this book, please contact Barbara Oster or Pr Paul.

**XYZ Potluck:** Join us for good food, laughter and fellowship on Friday, October 13th at 12 Noon. While predominately geared toward seniors, we welcome any adult who would like to attend. After lunch, we will have a program Hali McRoberts of Northern Health Care Management. NHCM's mission is to walk with people and assist them to live their most independent life possible while ensuring choice, dignity, and quality of life. We serve elderly and disabled persons and their caregivers, and also offer assistance with navigating Medicare and Medicaid.

**BUGs for Christmas:** “BUG” otherwise known as the Bethlehem Ukulele Group may be playing during the Christmas season. Details are still being arranged. Could you attend class right after the Sunday service on the last Sunday of Nov. and first 2 Sundays of Dec? The group could play on Dec 17 and/or Christmas eve. Please check your schedule and let Denice Bossardet know as soon as you can. Even if you could not play this summer you can still join this fun group. Denice’s contact info: 231-499-7523 or denice.bossardet@gmail.com

**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!

**Food Pantry: HELP!!!** 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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**On October 26th at 7:30pm ET, our synod will host a webinar for how churches might better steward their power needs and care for Creation through exciting and inexpensive solar power partnerships (see the box on the back of the bulletin for more information.)**





**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, October 1**

- 9:15am—Sunday School
- 9:15am—Adult Education (YR)
- 10:00am—Worship Service (S)
- 11:15am—Worship and Music (CR)
- 2:30pm—Memorial Gathering (FH)

**Tuesday, October 3**

**Bulletin articles due today**

- 9:00am—Property Work Group
- 9:00am—LWR Quilters (FH)
- 10:45am—Staff Meeting (CR)

**Wednesday, October 4**

- 9:30am—Adult Bible Study (YR)
- 11:30am—Music Rehearsal (S)
- 11:30am—WELCA Board Meeting
- 1:30pm—Zoom Bible Study

**Thursday, October 5**

- 5:30pm—ACA
- 7:00pm—All Star DE (FH)
- 7:00pm—Choir Rehearsal (S)

**Saturday, October 7**

- 4:00pm—Zlojutro/DeHaven wedding (Offsite)

**Sunday, October 8**

- 9:15am—Sunday School
- 9:15am—Adult Education (YR)
- 10:00am—Traditional Worship Service (S)
- 11:15am—Craft Fair Meeting (CR)
- 11:30am—New Member Orientation
- 12:30pm—Confirmation Class (YR)
- 2:15pm—Blessing of the Animals

**Toward a Brighter Future**

Bishop Emeritus John Schleicher,  
Environmental Stewardship Task Force

Worldwide, we just experienced the hottest month ever recorded. Yet in Christ we know that in the midst of this and other ominous signs, the future of Earth, our common home, will be renewed. We, members of his Body, the Church, are called to be agents of that renewal.

One increasingly accessible witness to that coming promised renewal is the use of solar energy. To learn more about solar energy and how you can use it in your congregation, the Synod's Environmental Stewardship Task Force will be hosting a one-hour webinar with Rob Raison of Solar Faithful. This webinar will be held on October 26, 2023 at 7:00pm ET.

Register now: <https://bit.ly/468ZUeT>

You can learn more about the options available from Solar Faithful here: <https://bit.ly/3Rlfhg1>

One of the options, a no upfront cost power purchase agreement, is already used by First Lutheran in Muskegon and Faith in Okemos.

New federal legislation makes it more feasible than ever to start moving now toward minimizing the impact of climate change. Going solar can be an important witness to God's promise to make all things new.

**XYZ**  
EXTRA YEARS OF ZEST

Join us for a potluck lunch, followed by a program or presentation.

Friday, Oct. 13th  
12pm noon

Hali McRoberts - BRS, CHW

**NORTHERN**  
Health Care Management  
*There's no place like home*

Dance by Donation  
\$10/person suggested

Live Music by  
The Elderberries

**Anniversary  
Contra Dance**

Celebrate forty years of music and dance with us!

**Saturday, October 14th**

No partner or dance experience needed!

Potluck Dinner 5:30pm  
Beginner Dance Workshop 7pm  
Dances 7:30 - 10:30pm

dances called by  
Pat Reoser

LOCATION:  
Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
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**MOVIE NIGHT**

Friday  
October 20th  
6:30pm

**FREE ADMISSION**

HOTDOGS,  
POPCORN, DRINKS,  
AND BALLOONS FOR  
EVERYONE!

All Ages Welcome!

**Art & Craft Show**

November 4th, 2023  
9am - 3pm

Featuring dozens of local artists and crafters with original, handmade goods!

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church**  
1050 Peninsula Drive  
Traverse City, MI 49686

# From the Inside Out

## Discovering a Deeper, More Transformative Life with God

Through the joint efforts of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Christ Church and facilitator Jo Panter, President of TST, a program on Christian spiritual formation, *Inside Out*, is being offered. This experiential offering is intended for those who are interested in revisiting their faith from the point of view of six big questions. For those trained in discipleship and who have practiced following Jesus for many years, this may be a helpful refresher. For those new to the idea of Christian spiritual formation based on the life and model of Jesus, this will be an exciting introduction. You need not be a member of either church to participate. Anyone hungry for a deeper life with God is encouraged to come. Six sessions will explore six big ideas.

***What Is Spiritual Formation?***

***What Is My Picture of God?***

***What Is My Picture of Myself?***

***What Is My Picture of the Gospel?***

***How Do People Change?***

***How Do I Follow Jesus?***

**COST:** There is no participation fee except for the expectation of attending all six sessions. All resources will be provided free of charge.

**FORMAT:** The program will be a combination of a teaching video\*, small group discussions, weekly recommendations for reflection, and handouts.

### **SCHEDULE AND LOCATIONS:**

**CHRIST CHURCH:** CONSECUTIVE WEDNESDAYS FROM 6-7:30PM, BEGINNING OCTOBER 11TH. **Registration: Call 231-392-9687 before Monday, October 9th**

**BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN:** CONSECUTIVE THURSDAYS AFTERNOONS FROM 1-2:30pm, BEGINNING OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup>. **Registration: Call 231-645-5796 or 231-947-9880 before Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup>**

*\*Carolyn Arends will be the primary video presenter. She is the Education Director for Renovare and leader of the Renovare Institutes. Renovare is an ecumenical Christian nonprofit that models, resources, and advocates fullness of life with God experienced by Grace, through the spiritual practices of Jesus and the historical Church.*