

Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 7, 2026 – 10am

Modern Worship, ELW Setting 4



Prelude Music

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate God,

C: ... we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

P: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

C: Amen.

Gathering Song:

Morning Has Broken

ELW 556

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, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Message

Peggy Burns S.A.M.

First Reading: Hosea 5:15—6:6

Because the people have trusted in military powers and not God, God decides to withdraw from the scene until Israel acknowledges its guilt and seeks God's face. The response of the people does not acknowledge this guilt and is as fickle as fog or dew burned away quickly by the sun. God desires loyalty rather than words or meaningless deeds.

15 I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favor: 6:1 "Come, let us return to the Lord, for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. 2 After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. 3 Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth." 4 What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. 5 Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets; I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. 6 For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Jesus demonstrates God's mercy and power, accepting the unacceptable and curing the incurable. Even the dead receive new life.

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

9 As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. 10 And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. 11 When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" 12 But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. 13 Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners."

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18 While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” 19 And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. 20 Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, 21 for she was saying to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” 22 Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And the woman was made well from that moment. 23 When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, 24 he said, “Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. 25 But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. 26 And the report of this spread through all of that district.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Peggy Burns S.A.M.

Song of the Day:

We Come to You for Healing, Lord

ELW 617

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:

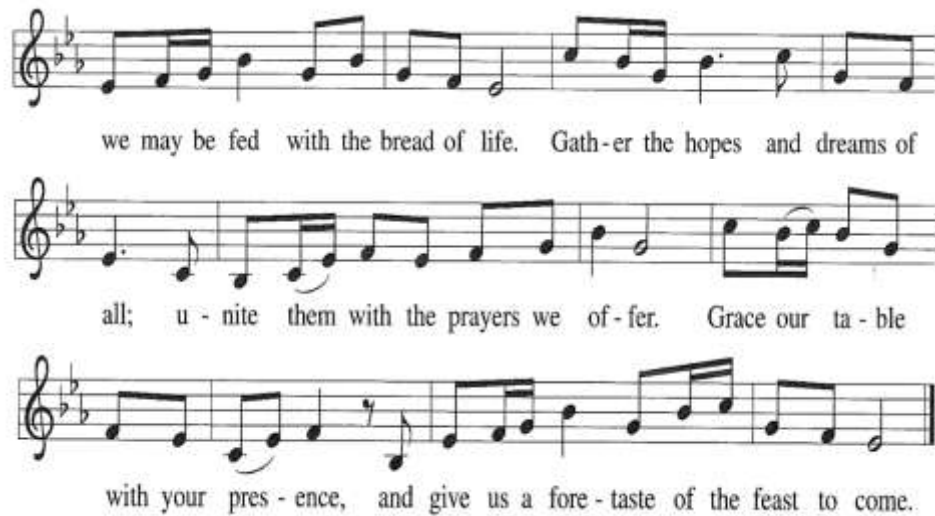
Zeke Clemons

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

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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 together.

C: **Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. 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: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C: Amen.

Sending Song:

Will You Come and Follow Me

ELW 798

Dismissal

A: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God.



Bethlehem June 7, 2026
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

6/7—Megan Acker	6/9—Barbara Wright	6/11—Kristen Rivard	6/14—Bob Hammond
6/8—Chuck Rubino	6/9—Niki Hengartner	6/11—Danielle Rice	6/14—Dorene Boyd
6/8—Steve Hubert	6/10—Barb Hammond	6/13—Barbara Graf	

Worship Servants for June 7

Preaching & Presiding—Peggy Burns, S.A.M.

Assisting Minister—Cindy Monroe

Lector—Jan Stretlien

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

Today's altar flowers are donated: *By Butch Waisanen in Memory of Jan Waisanen on her birthday*

Hospitality—Dan & Laura Hahn

A/V—Jim Monroe / Jim Hinds

Cookies/Coffee—Diane Cunningham; Mary Ann Tanis

Welcome Table—VOLUNTEER

Bell Ringer—Dave Susalski

Front Door Monitor: Craig & Maureen Bauer

Altar Guild—NO COMMUNION

Tech Support—Julia Acker

Counters—John Halstead / Forest Bowling

Join us next Sunday, June 14, for our monthly Traditional Worship Service

Today's rose on the Baptismal Font is in celebration of Sophie Kay Morley, who was born on May 28, 2026. Her parents are Sam and Sara Morley and her grandparents are Betsy and the late Dan Morley.

ALL MEN OF BETHLEHEM! You are invited to join us for a chance to become a kid again! The Women of Bethlehem are hosting a fun afternoon for you TODAY beginning at noon. "Take me out to the ball game!" Fun! Food! Fellowship! Games! Prizes! We invite you to wear apparel highlighting your favorite team!

Creation Care: All are welcome as we 'savor' creation. Please join us as we hike Empire Bluffs. We will meet at the trailhead at 6:30p on June 11. Hope to see you there.



Bethlehem Lutheran Church will be holding its Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 14 at 11:15am after the 10:00am service. We will be electing members for Church Council, Mission Endowment and Sustaining Endowment Committees. [s](#)

Grief Group meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month from 3:30-4:30 in the gathering space. The next meeting will be June 15th. Any questions contact Peggy Burns 232-392-6913.

Parking Lot Fundraiser: Volunteers Needed! - The youth of Bethlehem will be holding their Parking Lot Fundraiser again this year! The BLC parking lot will be open for business for the 1pm airshow on July 4th, the 10:30pm fireworks on July 4th, and the 1pm airshow on July 5th. We will be charging \$15 to use our lot for parking while people attend the airshows and fireworks, and all funds raised benefit the BLC youth program. The youth will be front and center welcoming cars into the parking lot and accepting payment, but we also need adult volunteers to guide cars into spots and keep the traffic flow running smoothly! Alanna will be leading the two airshow shifts and will be supervising the kids, but we need a leader for the firework shift and adult volunteers for all three shifts! If you are able to sign up, please reach out to Alanna or sign up in the Narthex!

Parking Changes for Worship July 5th - Please note that when you arrive for worship on Sunday, July 5th, only the entrance off of Peninsula Drive will be open for entering and exiting the parking lot! The other entrances/exits will be blocked off for the youth Parking Lot Fundraiser. You do not need to pay for parking to attend worship, but give a wave to our hard working volunteers as you pass by!

VBS 2026: Knights & Castles is scheduled for July 27-29 (Mon-Wed), from 9am-1pm each day! VBS is open to kids ages 3-10 and registration is now open - the registration link is on the BLC website (bethlehemtc.org/vacation-bible-school), the BLC Facebook page, and the weekly email. VBS is only possible with the help of many wonderful volunteers (adults and kids age 10+), so please let us know if you would like to help! There are many different volunteer opportunities, including leading groups of kids, helping with activities, decorating and prep, snack preparation, loaning of household items for decorations, donating snacks, and so much more. All are very appreciated and essential to making VBS a success! If you would like to help in any way, please reach out to Alanna at alanna.steffunick@bethlehemtc.org

New Life Together We are looking for some folks to be at the volunteer table to welcome visitors to our church-just to say hello and we are glad that are here. Please see Peggy Burns 231-392-6933.

Where 2 or more are gathered in my name. (Matt 18:20) In our world today there are a lot of things that we need prayer for. Every 4th Tues. starting at 11:00, we will be offering a time and place in church to pray. Please join us. The next date is June 23rd. If any questions, please contact Peggy Burns at 231-392-6913 or cobaltblues2003@yahoo.com

Sunday School holds class at 9:15am on Sundays throughout the summer.



Sunday Adult Education: There will not be a formal class at 9:15am in the Yourh Room, however, folks could come and discussion would take its own course whether that be checking in with one another or addressing the lessons for the day.

Looking for people to give rides to some members of our congregation on Sunday mornings. Please see Peggy Burns for more information or questions 231.392.6913

Social Ministry/Outreach update (REMEMBER: If general questions, concerns, or ideas contact Cindy Monroe or Jim_Hutchison):
Monthly outreach meal: By the time you read this BLC volunteers will have prepared their first and second community meal the 4th Sunday of the month at Grace Episcopal. There will always be sign-up sheets in the gathering space for more volunteers. Please prayerfully consider helping. Even if you can only come once or twice in a year, your help will be appreciated especially on the Sunday of Christmas weekend.

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 6/10, 6/17, 6/24 – The Pub TC, Traverse City 7:00pm

Fri 6/19—Mt. Holiday, Traverse City 6:00pm

Fri 6/26—Grand Traverse Resort, Acme, 7:00pm

Sat 6/27—Bel Lago, Cedar 3:30pm

Trinity Lutheran School will have its 4th Annual "Trinity Tourney" Golf at Elmbrook Golf Course on August 14, 2026. Shotgun start at 9:00am with contests and prizes. For more information or a copy of the brochure, see Barbara Oster in BLC's office.

A belated "thank you" to the youth who helped with the Noisy Offering in April and May: Emma Thomson, Hazel Wentzloff, Parker Busekist, Sammy Steffunick and Braxton Rhodes. Your willingness to serve your congregation is appreciated.

Chair Yoga meets at 3:00pm on Mondays only. It is \$5 per class.

Coffee and Cookies: Our wonderful volunteers Mary Ann Tanis and Diane Cunningham have indicated a willingness to continue offering this after the Sunday service as long as there are volunteers who bring the goodies and help with clean-up after. Our thanks to these two women for their wonderful display of the goodies and the clean-up after. Thanks to all of you who have shared goodies, and please feel free to continue to do so.

A big thank you to all who have turned in Olesons' slips. On March 8, 2026, we received a check from Olesons for \$294.24. In 2025, we received a total of \$1031.80 from people turning in their Olesons receipts. We will see how well we do this year! Thank you so much to everyone who turned in their Olesons receipts. Also, the area for the Olesons' receipts is in the lower cabinets below the mailboxes (under the last names beginning A-C). The cabinet door is marked with the receptacle inside. Unfortunately, we are no longer collecting the receipts from Family Fair or any other grocery store. We just collect for Olesons

Volunteers for Watching the Front Door During Worship: The Safety and Security Committee has the new sign up sheets available. We need volunteers who can be available to stay in the Gathering Space to lock the doors and let in late comers for Sundays. We appreciate all of the volunteers. If you have any questions, the committee members are Gail Goldsmith, Maureen Bauer, Jana Rockne, and Dave Pepler.

The June issue of the STAR is available. If you receive the weekly email, your June issue was emailed on June 1st. The shut-ins receive an issue by mail. There will also be a few copies available on the counter by the mailboxes. You may also contact the office at 947-9880 to request that mail delivery continues. 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>.



SAVE YOUR PAPER SACKS: Please check the nooks and crannies of your home for paper sacks. The Baby Pantry fills requests from preschool teachers for their students whose parents cannot make it to the pantry. Paper sacks are the perfect size to place the needed items for each child. Just place your bags on the Care table in the coat room. Thank you!!

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.



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 or admin@bethlehemtc.org

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 Thursday. Please note that Phil works these days through the summer months

Alanna Steffunick-Boomer/Ministry Coordinator working in the office on the first Tuesday of each month from 9:30am - 12:30pm, and on Wednesdays from 11:30am - 2:30pm on all other weeks. I will also work from home throughout the week.

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 in plastic bags by the garage.** These are nice people. There, but for the Grace of our God, go we.

Are you looking for the Caring Table for your donations? It is located inside the coat room to the right. Your donations are very much appreciated.

LOST AND FOUND: If you lose something in the church building, please check our Lost and Found box located in the Coat Room. Also, if you find something, please put it in the box.

Yarn Available: There is yarn available free for the taking located in the cabinets located under the mailboxes in the Narthex. Take what you need.

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 **If you are not getting the weekly emails for any reason, please contact Alanna at her email above.**



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 \$45 (This is a new amount.) The check should be 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.

Today's Prayer Recipients: Please send any changes or additions to admin@bethlehemtc.org

Harper Wiemerslage,
Jerry Hill,
John Block,
Roy DuMond,
Mary Woodring,
Norm Fred,
Lynn,
Steve,
Sherry,
Bob,
John Stretlien,

Judy Fenton,
Cindy Hitesman,
Richard Fernholz,
Julie Lapeer,
Lee,
Chris,
Cheryl,
Julie Barrett,
Patti,
Sharon,
Kyle,

Christine,
Janet,
Cheryl
Pat,
Pat Burton,
Gretchen
Shelley Miller
Pr. Zack Nelson
Mike & Fredricka
Dolly
Jacque

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 on the calendar.

Sunday, June 7

9:15am—Adult Education (YR)
9:15am—Sunday School
10:00am—Worship Service (S)
12:00pm—WELCA Men's Appreciation (FH)

Monday, June 8

11:00am—Finance Committee (CR)
3:00pm—Chair Yoga

Tuesday, June 9

Bulletin articles due today

9:00am—Property Work Group
1:00pm—Friendship Bible Study (Offsite)
6:00pm—Y2A/Christian Ed Meeting (YR)
6:30pm—Executive Committee (Zoom)

Wednesday, June 10

11:30am—Music Rehearsal

Thursday, June 11

9:00am—Baby Pantry Set-up (FH)
10:00am—Baby Pantry (FH)
1:00pm—Rebecca Anna/Sarah Circle (Library)
5:30pm—ACA (FH)
6:30pm—Hike at Empire Bluffs (Offsite)

Friday, June 12

6:00pm—LifeRing Recovery Group (Library)

Saturday, June 13

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

Sunday, June 14

9:15am—Adult Education (YR)
9:15am—Sunday School
10:00am—Traditional Worship Service (S)
11:15am—Congregational Meeting (S)
12:15pm—Burning the Mortgage Party