

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

June 28, 2026 – 10am

Modern Worship, WOV Setting 5



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.

Gathering Song:

Let Us Go Now to the Banquet

ELW 523

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 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, . . . have mer - cy:

A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **C** Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, . . . have mer - cy:

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Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray together,

C: O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Jeremiah 28:5-9

Through a symbolic action Jeremiah insisted that Judah and all the surrounding nations should submit to the king of Babylon (Jer. 27). Hananiah contradicted the word of Jeremiah, who in reply insisted that Hananiah's rosy prediction should not be believed until it came true. God confirmed the word of Jeremiah and sentenced the false prophet Hananiah to death (vv. 16-17).

5 The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord, 6 and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord and all the exiles. 7 But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. 8 The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. 9 As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet."

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

1 Your love, O Lord, forever will I sing; from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

2 For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever; you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.

3 "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

4 'I will establish your line forever, and preserve your throne for all generations.'"

15 Happy are the people who know the festal shout! They walk, O Lord, in the light of your presence.

16 They rejoice daily in your name; they are jubilant in your righteousness.

17 For you are the glory of their strength, and by your favor our might is exalted.

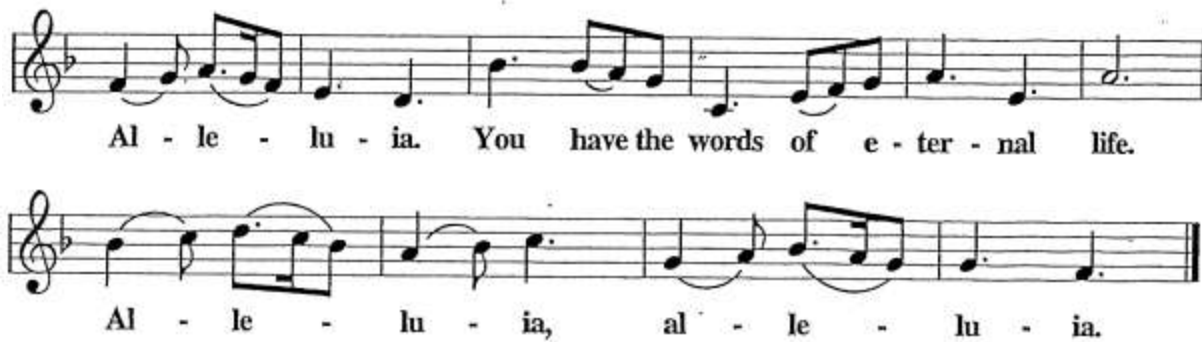
18 Truly, our shield belongs to the Lord; our king to the Holy One of Israel.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia



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Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42

When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.

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

Jesus said to the twelve: 40 “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. 41 Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, 42 and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Paul Busekist

Song of the Day:

How Firm a Foundation

ELW 796

Sacrament of Holy Baptism of John (Johnny) Norman Baldwin

Presentation

P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God’s mission for the life of the world.

Godparents: I present Johnny for baptism.

P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

Parents: We do.

P: As you bring Johnny to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with these responsibilities:

to live with him among God’s faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord’s Prayer, the Creed and the Ten
Commandments
place in his hands the holy scriptures,
nurture him in faith and prayer,

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so that your child may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,

P: Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: We do.

P: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Johnny in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Godparents: We do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Johnny and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

C: We do.

(the assembly stands)

Profession of Faith

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: 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 again to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: 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.

Thanksgiving at the Font

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the water of the flood you delivered Noah and his family and through the sea you lead your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Baptism

P: Johnny, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

C: You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Johnny with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

(Pastor makes sign of the cross on Johnny's forehead three times with oil representing The Triune God)

P: Johnny, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C: Amen.

Welcome

A: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. Let us welcome Johnny.

C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Prayers of the Church / Sign of the Peace

Offering / Offering Song:

Zeke Clemons

Offertory:

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful





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.

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:

Borning Cry
Children of the Heavenly Father

ELW 732

ELW 781

Final Blessing

P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C: Amen.

1. Send me, Jesus, send me, Jesus, send me
Jesus, send me, Lord
2. Lead me, Jesus, lead me, Jesus, lead me
Jesus, lead me, Lord
3. Fill me, Jesus, fill me, Jesus, fill me
Jesus, fill me, Lord
4. Send me, Jesus, send me, Jesus, send me
Jesus, send me, Lord

Dismissal

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

C: Thanks be to God.



Bethlehem June 28, 2026
LUTHERAN CHURCH

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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7/3—Jim Johnson 7/5—Norm Fred

Worship Servants for June 28

Presiding & Preaching—Pr. Paul Busekist

Assisting Minister—Peggy Burns

Lector—Scott Sorenson

Musicians: David Husser, Zeke Clemons; Phil & Denise Bossardet, Crystel Fernholz, Pr Paul

Today's altar flowers are donated: By Jack & Jenna Baldwin in Celebration of Johnny's Baptism

Hospitality: Tim & Peggy Goebel

A/V—Barbara Oster / Paul Ton

Cookies/Coffee—Diane Cunningham; Mary Ann Tanis

Welcome Table—VOLUNTEER

Bell Ringer—Tim Goebel

Front Door Monitor: Tim & Peggy Goebel

Altar Guild—Patty Leibenguth / Erin Word

Tech Support—Jim Hinds

Counters—John Halstead / Forest Bowling

Today we welcome by Baptism: John (Johnny) Norman Baldwin, son of Jack and Jenna Baldwin

The Social Ministry/Outreach committee gained approval to have the 4th Sunday of every month dedicated to collecting items for the Food Pantry. Our first official Sunday is **TODAY**. For future months, please see the display in the Narthex for items needed and take a flyer for your shopping trip. If everyone could just bring one thing, it would go a long way to fill the closet. Thank you for your support. Linda Hansen

Join us TONIGHT at 7 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church for a celebration of songs and community with TC Sings!.

We'll be sharing favorites from our spring term in three- and four-part harmony; there will be opportunities for audience participation! Admission is free; donations will be gratefully accepted to support On the Ground Global, helping the coffee-growing communities that supply beans to our local shop, Higher Grounds. Join us afterward for desserts and socializing. Hope to see you there!

Batter up! Let's go to a Pitspitters baseball game! The date is Sunday, July 19th, for a 1pm game. To make sure the group can all get seats together, the New Life Together team will take care of reserving the seats. If you'd like to attend the game, all you need to do is sign up in the Narthex and put your ticket payment (\$14 per ticket) in an envelope marked with your name in Alanna Steffunick-Boomer's mailbox outside the office door! **Please sign up to reserve your seat prior to July 1st.** See you at the game!

We are still in need of Volunteers for the Parking Lot Fundraiser! We have a good amount of adult volunteers for both morning shifts, but we are still in great need of adult volunteers for the evening 4th of July shift! We would also love to have more youth volunteers for all shifts. If you are able to help, sign up in the Narthex or contact Alanna Steffunick-Boomer!

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!

Women's Wine Down Wednesday! Ladies, join us for a chance to wind down mid-week and socialize at Women's Wine Down Wednesday! We will be meeting at Rove Winery (7007 E Traverse Hwy) at **5pm on July 15th**. Rove has a wide range of drinks including wine, ciders, mocktails, sodas, seasonal drinks, and non-alcoholic drinks, as well as a selection of small plates. If you have questions, reach out to Amy Haara at (708) 989-8124.

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

Friends of Peninsula Community Library: Join Us for a Reading of the Declaration of Independence On July 8, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was first read aloud to the public. Nearly 250 years later, communities across the country will gather to commemorate that historic moment, and Peninsula Community Library is proud to be part of this nationwide event. Join us on the library's front porch on Wednesday, July 8 at 6:00 p.m. as we participate in a synchronized reading taking place across Michigan. Lifelong community member Jane Boursaw will lead the reading and conclude the evening with a few patriotic songs. Cherry pie will be served following the program. This event is part of Sharing the Spirit of America and is supported by Michigan Humanities, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities

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.

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

The June issue of the STAR is still available. If you receive the weekly email, your July issue will be emailed on July 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>.

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. **There will not be a prayer time in July as the usual date is during VBS. The next date is August 25th.** If any questions, please contact Peggy Burns at 231-392-6913 or cobaltblues2003@yahoo.com

SHOEBOXES NEEDED: We are in need of 30-ish shoeboxes for a craft during Vacation Bible School. Please place them in the box in the Narthex. Thank You! Christian Education Committee

Book Club: Enjoy whatever you choose to read during the summer. New books will be available mid-August with a plan for the Sept meeting to be Wed Sept 23.

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 7/1 – The Pub TC, Traverse City 7:00pm
Sat 7/4—Grand Traverse Resort, Acme, 7:00pm

NEW MEMBERS: If you are interested in membership, please contact the office or membership co-chairs Cindy Monroe at cmonroe@chartermi.net or John Halstead at marilynjohnstc@hotmail.com

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 big thank you to all who have turned in Olesons’ slips. On June 18, 2026, we received a check from Olesons for \$211.15 for a total so far this year of \$505.39. 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.

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.

Prayer Requests:

- Prayer Chain: Please contact Jan Stretlien at jstretlien@gmail.com or 231-947-3265
- Prayers read from the altar: Please call or email the Administrative Assistant in the church office 231-947-9880 or admin@bethlehemtc.org

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 Maureen Bauer, Jana Rockne, and Dave Peppler.

Today's Prayer Recipients: Please send any changes or additions by email 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 28

9:15am—Adult Education (YR)
9:15am—Sunday School
10:00am—Worship Service (S)
10:00am—Baptism – Johnny Baldwin(S)
1:00pm—Community Meal at Grace Episcopal
3:30pm—Burial – Dale Leider
7:00pm—TC Sings!

Monday, June 29

3:00pm—Chair Yoga (FH)
6:00pm—New Life Meeting (GS)
6:00pm—Creation Care Meeting (YR)

Tuesday, June 30

Bulletin articles due today

9:00am— Property Work Group

Wednesday, July 1

11:30am—Music Rehearsal
5:00pm—Parking Lot usage

Thursday, July 2

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

5:30pm—ACA (FH)

Friday, July 3

6:00pm—LifeRing Recovery Group (Library)

Saturday, July 4

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AMERICA!

11:00am—Parking Lot Fundraiser
1:00pm—Parking Lot usage
6:30pm—Parking Lot Fundraiser

Sunday, July 5

9:00am—Parking Lot Fundraiser
9:15am—Adult Education (YR)
10:00am—Worship Service (S)

