

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

July 28, 2024 – 10am

Modern Worship, ELW Setting 4



Prelude Music

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

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

C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God, our provider,

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

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

C: Amen.

Gathering Song:

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.

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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

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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

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: Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44

Today's reading is part of a larger section of 2 Kings that describes the miracles of Elisha, the successor to Elijah. Here the prophet gives food to a hungry crowd. Though there is not enough food to go around, Elisha trusts God, who provides enough and even more to satisfy the need.

42 A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to Elisha, the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." 43 But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" 44 He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 145:10-18

10 All your works shall praise you, O Lord, and your faithful ones shall bless you.

11 They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power,

12 that all people may know of your power and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures through- out all ages.

You, Lord, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.

14 The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.

15 The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

16 You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

17 You are righteous in all your ways and loving in all your works.

18 You are near to all who call upon you, to all who call upon you faithfully.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia

S 151a

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

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

Gospel: John 6:1-21

In John's gospel, the miracles of Jesus are called "signs," because they reveal the true character of God. As such, they remain within the mystery of God and cannot be brought under human control.

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

1 Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. 2 A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. 3 Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. 4 Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. 5 When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" 6 He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. 7 Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." 8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 9 "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" 10 Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. 11 Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. 12 When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." 13 So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. 14 When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world." 15 When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. 16 When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, 17 got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. 18 The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. 19 When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. 20 But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." 21 Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Paul Busekist

Song of the Day:

I Come With Joy

ELW # 482

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.

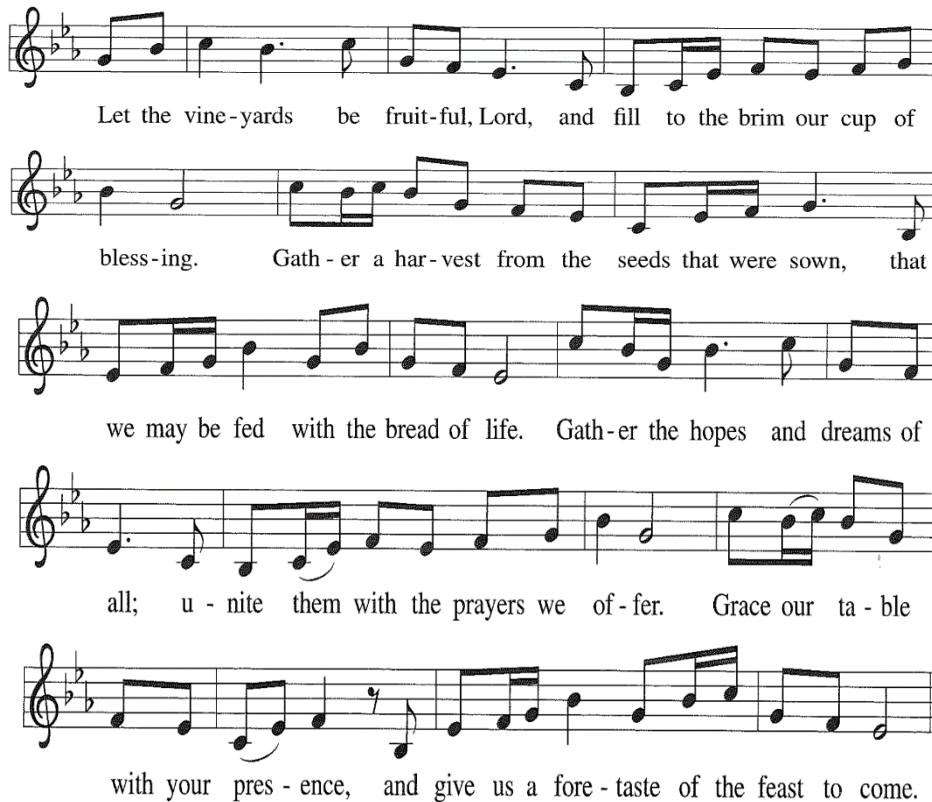
Prayers of the Church / Sign of the Peace *(Let us give one another a sign of peace according to your comfort level.)*

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 together

C: Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. 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:

Just As I Am, without One Plea
We Come to the Hungry Feast

ELW #592
ELW #479

Final Blessing

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

Sending Song:

All Things are Possible

Verse 1

Almighty God, my Redeemer, my hiding place, my safe refuge; no other name like Jesus, no pow'r can stand against You.

Verse 2

My feet are planted on this rock and I will not be shaken; my hope it comes from You alone, my Lord and my salvation.

Chorus

Your praise is always on my lips, Your word is living in my heart; and I will praise You with a new song, my soul will bless You Lord. You fill my life with greater joy, yes, I delight myself in You; and I will praise You with a new song, my soul will bless You Lord.

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Bridge

When I am weak You make me strong, when I'm poor I know I'm rich; for in the power of Your name all things are possible, all things are possible; all things are possible, all things are possible.

Chorus

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Dismissal

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

C: Thanks be to God.



Bethlehem July 28, 2024
LUTHERAN CHURCH

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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7/28—Julia Acker
7/29—Tim Johnson
7/30—Maureen Bauer

7/30—Jim Parkinson
8/2—Pat Wall

8/4—Judy Strickland
8/4—Reid Glenn

Worship Servants for July 28

Assisting Minister—Doug Cunningham

Lector—Kathi Ivany

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

Today's altar flowers are donated: *by Barbara Oster in Memory of her mother, Lois Oster and in Celebration of the birthday of her great-niece, Annie Igoe*

Hospitality—Gary / Kathy Ancinec

A/V—Barbara Oster / Acker Family

Cookies/Coffee—VOLUNTEER / Mary Ann Tanis

Welcome Table—VOLUNTEER

Bell Ringer— Tim Goebel

Front Door Monitors—Jan Stretlien

Altar Guild— Patty Leibenguth / Erin Word

Tech Support—Julia Acker

Counters—Laura Hahn / Mike McCarty

NEW PRINTER: The church office has a new printer. It is one that will be more cost effective. This model is very similar to the one that we had but it has some new screens - so we ask that you check with either Barbara, Phil or Alanna before you use it the first time

CHAIR YOGA: Chair Yoga will continue through the month of August. We will meet every Monday at 3:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$5.00 per person. It is slow paced stretches that helps with balance, flexibility and relaxation. Come and try it out.

The August issue of the STAR is now available. If you receive the weekly email, your issue should be in with your emails on July 30th. The shut-ins will 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>.

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 in July and August. We appreciate all of the volunteers. If you have any questions, the committee members are Gail Goldsmith, Maureen Bauer, Jana Rockne and Jan Stretlien

News from Your Visioning Team: Here we are, we have passed mid-summer. Praying everyone is finding some time for relaxation and renewal. The Visioning Team is gearing up for our second mini-retreat in early August. Information and details will be brought together in order to assist in setting the fall schedule and planning for our time together. As details become available, we will be sharing that information in order for all of us to plan to be involved. Please pray for discernment within the body of Christ. May our work together be off to a great start! God be with you!

PROTECT OUR CARPET: spills always happen, but we now have a consistent way to deal with them. If you cause one or see one, please grab the spot cleaner in the squirt container over by the triple sinks in the kitchen. Just follow the directions on the bottle and we should be able to keep our carpet in good condition. Thank you!!

CHANGE OF PLANS FOR BOOK CLUB: The book bag we had on reserve came available early so we will meet WED, August 21 at 5:30. YES THAT IS A DIFFERENT DAY THAN USUAL!!! We will be reading *The Women* by Kristin Hannah. It has been on many best seller's lists. You can sign out a book on the shelf below the mailboxes in church.

WALK FOR PARKINSON'S: One of our members, Margaret Hutchison, recently received that diagnosis. She and her family will be participating in the Parkinson's walk at the Civic Center on the morning of Sat. Aug 24. Just as some from BLC supported a member for the epilepsy walk we are hoping to have a good showing for this walk at 10:30. Even if you can't walk you can receive a free t-shirt from Thrivent which will also be labeled with “Margaret's Marchers”. If you would like to donate see the web instructions in the weekly email. REMEMBER, JIM AND MARGARET HAVE PLEDGED AN ADDITIONAL \$20 FOR EVERY PERSON/FAMILY UNIT FROM BLC WHO CONTRIBUTES TO THIS WALK!!!!

GET A TREAT AND TAKE A SEAT!!! Remember that on the final Sunday of month, we are moving our coffee hour into the Fellowship Hall. This allows each person to sit for a moment and perhaps visit with someone new. So, on that Sunday each month be sure to take a turn into the Fellowship Hall. We will have a reminder sign on the counter in the Gathering Space to help you remember. Thank you!

We had an incredibly successful Parking Lot Fundraiser this year! Over the three days we held the fundraiser, we brought in \$4,308! Our best year yet! This wouldn't have been possible without the help of our wonderful volunteers, listed below. Because the fundraiser benefits them, youth volunteers worked the front of the operation - letting cars in, welcoming people, taking money, making change, and handing out paper receipt slips. As always, we are so impressed and proud of them for their hard work, responsibility, and willing, happy attitudes! Adult volunteers got cars parked in the lot, and supervised to make sure the kids had a safe place to work - thank you for taking the time to make this fundraiser successful! Every single one of our volunteers was absolutely amazing!

- Youth Volunteers: Makena Dohm, Lincoln Dohm, Owen Wilson, Aleah Graf, Jacob Graf, Owen Munger, Sammy Steffunick, Parker Busekist
- Adult Volunteers: Tina Dohm, Renae Wells, Mark and Kathie Bair, Scott Farley, Lindsay Susalski, Steve Kramer, Martin Graf, John Halstead, Forrest Bowling, Peggy Burns, Nancy Pflasterer, Linda Hansen, Tracey Moyer, Bethany Uhl, Allison Hayes

Many thanks to all of you for making this fundraiser such a great success!

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:

Sun 7/28—North Bar TC 1:00pm

Tue 8/6—Bel Lago Winery, Cedar 5:30pm

Wed 7/31—The Pub 8:00pm

Wed 8/7—The Pub 8:00pm

Fri 8/2—Hotel Indigo 6:00pm

Fri 8/9—Hammers Pub, Lake City 7:00pm

Coffee and Cookies on Sunday: Remember that treats and a drink on Sunday are appreciated by all. Please take a moment to sign up to bring cookies or some other tasty treat on the Sunday that works best for you. Or sign up to prepare the coffee to give our loyal volunteer Mary Ann Tanis a day off. Please see the message elsewhere about having the final Sunday of the month be a time when we join in the Fellowship Hall for this activity. We can sit at a table and chat with someone new while we munch on a treat.

Good Samaritan Fund Drive: You did so well with contributions last year that council agreed that a drive should be repeated this summer, especially since the needs are so great in our community. Please keep that in mind if you have been setting any \$\$\$ aside for a special need.

Food/Supply Pantry: It's SUMMER! Please LOOK for staple items when they are on sale and bring your extras to the coat room. Families visiting the baby pantry especially have appreciated the cleaning supplies. NO matter what you bring your generosity is so appreciated.

Building and Office Hours are: 9:00am – 2:30pm, Monday – Thursday.

Offerings: Even though the offering plates are passed during the service, you may use the vase in the back of the Sanctuary if you prefer not to touch the offering plate.

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 Thursday. This is a change for the summer months

Alanna Steffunick/Ministry Coordinator works 9:00am-2:30pm – in the office on Tuesday and Thursday and from home on Wednesday

Taking a break for the summer: Wednesday Bible and Book Studies along with Sunday School, Adult Education, XYZ, our Third Thursday services and Tuesday morning Quilters will all pause for the summer. These activities will return in September.

Are you grieving something from a death or something else? It could be any kind of loss, and it hurts. We have a place for you here at Bethlehem on the 3rd Monday of the month from 6:00 to 7:00 in the library. If you have any questions please contact Peggy Burns at 231 392-6913.

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

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 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.

LOST AND FOUND: If you lose something in the church building, please check our new 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.

A big thank you to all who have turned in Olesons' slips. On April 8th, we received a check from Olesons for \$206.60. Olesons' slips never expire. Please continue to turn in your Olesons receipts to Bethlehem. Thanks so much!!!

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, July 28

10:00am—Worship Service (S)

Monday, July 29

9:00am—VBS

3:00pm—Chair Yoga

Tuesday, July 30

Bulletin articles due today

9:00am—Property Work Group

9:00am—VBS

Wednesday, July 31

9:00am—VBS

11:30am—Music Rehearsal (S)

Thursday, August 1

5:30pm—ACA (FH)

Sunday, August 4

10:00am—Worship Service (S)

11:15am—Worship and Music (CR)



Support those who have been diagnosed with Parkinson's!

Saturday, August 24th

Check your weekly email or bulletin for more details!

