

**Third Sunday after
Pentecost
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
June 9, 2024
Sunday 10:00 a.m.**



Welcome to All! We are glad that you are able to worship with us today. **Please fill out a connection card in the pews if you like.** During the service, we will sit or stand in reverence to our Lord. Please do what is physically comfortable and reverent for you. For those who are unable to receive Communion near the altar and wish to have the Pastor administer it at your seat, please obtain a red and white card from one of the ushers and hold it up at Communion time to alert the Pastor. If you or a little one would like to receive a blessing instead of Holy Communion, we invite you to come forward and cross your arms at the time of Communion. Please feel free to introduce yourself to our Pastor and fill out one of the Visitor cards available at our Welcome Table in the Gathering Place.

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Bell Ringing/Welcome/Announcements

Prelude

GATHERING

Confession and Forgiveness

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

C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

WL: 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.

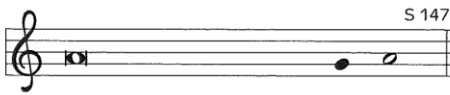
WL: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **C: Amen**

Gathering Hymn *God of Grace and God of Glory* **ELW #705**

Greeting

A: 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



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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.



Lord, have mer - cy.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
 you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,
 in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

Prayer of the Day

A: The Lord be with you. C: **And also with you.**

A: Let us pray together... C: **All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Children's Message

Peggy Burns, SAM

WORD

First Lesson

Genesis 3:8-15

Immediately after Adam and Eve eat the forbidden fruit, they hide from God. Neither takes responsibility for their sin, instead blaming each other, the snake, and even God. The curse on the snake was understood as a messianic prophecy by the early church, who associated Eve's "offspring" with Christ.

8 Adam and Eve heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.⁹ But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?"¹⁰ He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself."¹¹ He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?"¹² The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate."¹³ Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate."¹⁴ The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.¹⁵ I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

L: The Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

1 Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord;
2 O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.
 3 If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand?
4 Yet with you is forgiveness, in order that you may be feared.
 5 I wait for you, O Lord; my soul waits; in your word is my hope.
6 My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning, more than those who keep watch for the morning.
 7 O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is steadfast love; with the Lord there is plenteous redemption.
8 For the Lord shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1

Life in the present is transitory and cannot compare with the eternal home God has prepared for us. So we do not despair no matter what life might bring because we know that as God raised Jesus from the dead, God promises to bring us into eternal life.

13 Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—“I believed, and so I spoke”—we also believe, and so we speak, 14 because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. 15 Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. 16 So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. 17 For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, 18 because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. 5:1 For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

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.

In response to charges that he is possessed, Jesus wonders aloud how anyone who is demon-possessed can cast out demons. Those who do the will of God are possessed by the Holy Spirit, siblings of Christ.

C: ...Glory to you, O Lord...

Jesus went home; 20 and the crowd came together again, so that Jesus and the disciples could not even eat. 21 When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." 22 And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." 23 And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? 24 If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. 25 And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. 26 And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. 27 But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. 28 "Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; 29 but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"—30 for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit." 31 Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. 32 A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." 33 And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" 34 And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers!" 35 Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

WL: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Peggy Burns, SAM

Hymn of the Day

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

ELW #504

Apostle's 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.

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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 Intercession: response after each petition: **“receive our prayer.”** (*Before prayer*) A: We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world... (*Conclusion*) P: Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ. **C: Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

WL: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

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.

The 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.

SENDING

Blessing

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

Sending Song *God Be with You Till We Meet Again* **ELW #536**

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **C: Thanks be to God.**



Bethlehem June 9, 2024
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

6/9—Niki Hengartner

6/11—Danielle Rice

6/14—Bob Hammond

6/9—Barbara Wright

6/12—Gary Ancinec

6/15—BJ Christensen

6/10—Barb Hammond

6/13—Barbara Graf

6/15—Becky Price

6/11—Kristen Rivard

6/14—Dorene Boyd

6/16—Grayson Vincke

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.

Worship Servants for June 9

Worship Leader—Peggy Burns

Assisting Minister—Barbara Wright

Lector—Barbara Graf

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

Today's altar flowers are donated: by Butch Waisanen in Memory of Jan Waisanen

Hospitality—Leonard / Barbara Graf

A/V—Paul Ton / Acker Family

Cookies/Coffee— VOLUNTEER / Mary Ann Tanis

Welcome Table— VOLUNTEER

Bell Ringer— Tim Goebel

Front Door Monitors— Gary Ancinec

Altar Guild— NO COMMUNION

Tech Support—Julia Acker

Counters—Forest Bowling / Jim Monroe

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.

Chair Yoga: Bethlehem Lutheran Church will be having Chair Yoga again. We have a new instructor, Janet Weaver who is a nurse and teaches Chair Yoga independently and at The Village of Bay Ridge and the Traverse Area District Library. There will be a class on Friday June 28th at 11:00 at the main library on Woodmere. These classes are free as the library pays. **We will have the class once or twice per month on Thursdays at 3:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Future dates were not finalized prior to the printing of this bulletin. Check your weekly emails for dates.** The cost will be \$5.00 per class. There is no need to sign up, just attend the class. If there are any questions, contact Gail Goldsmith 231-633-2630.

FOR BOOK CLUB MEMBERS: The book club will discuss *What Alice Forgot* by Liane Moriarty during a **dinner meeting at 5:30 on Tues June 25 at church before taking a summer vacation.** We will chip in money for a pizza dinner. Look for extra copies of the book on the counter below the mailboxes. Just sign your name on the sheet by the corresponding number of your book. If you cannot come to church when it is open please contact Cindy Monroe at cmonroe@chartermi.net and we will make other arrangements such as a book in the wooden STAR box attached to the outdoor mailbox post.

BLC annual meeting: Hope to see as many of you as possible at our meeting on **June 16 (Father's Day).** Send the kids home to get the grill going and join them after you have exercised your right to voice your opinion on church matters.

Parking For Worship on June 30th - Please note that due to the Parking Lot Fundraiser on Sunday, June 30th, ONLY the entrance on Peninsula Drive will be open to enter the parking lot during worship (same entrance you used during the roadwork from March to May!) Say hi to our parking lot volunteers as you make your way in!

Parking Lot Fundraiser Volunteers Needed! We will be holding our annual Parking Lot Fundraiser on Saturday June 29th, Sunday June 30th, and Thursday July 4th. This event is the biggest fundraiser of the year for our youth program, and our kids will be front and center working the fundraiser! While they'll be the stars of the show as they greet people entering the parking lot and accept payments, we also need adult volunteers to help with getting cars parked, and making sure the kids are safe at all times. Alanna or another assigned adult leader will be present at all of the shifts. We need you - Sign Up Now! See you weekly email for details, or reach out to Alanna at alanna.steffunick@bethlehemtc.org

VBS Volunteers Needed! Bethlehem will be partnering with Christ Church to hold VBS Scuba: Diving Into Friendship With Christ on July 29th, 30th, and 31st. Volunteers are what make VBS possible - WE NEED YOU! As we plan our schedule, knowing how many volunteers we have decides how many kids we can welcome into the program! Sign up to volunteer TODAY! Visit the link in your weekly email, or reach out to Alanna directly at alanna.steffunick@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. 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

The June issue of the STAR is now available. The July issue will be emailed to all who have email addresses listed with us. The shut-ins will receive an issue by mail. There will also be a few copies available in on the counter by the mailboxes. 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>.

The July / August / September Christ In Our Home is now available.

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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:

Fri 6/28—Bel Lago Winery 5:00pm Cedar

Fri 7/05—Hotel Indigo 6:00pm

GET A TREAT AND TAKE A SEAT!!! Remember that the final Sunday of each 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!

STAR DELIVERY-WE FOUND A BETTER WAY!! All of us are aware that the price of postage keeps increasing. Since so many of you have returned to church we are returning to an "old" way and starting a "new" way of dispersing the STAR. You can pick-up a copy in church, or if you have reliable e-mail, you will receive an automatic STAR each month without any extra clicking. We know that neither of these ways are possible for some of you so simply contact the office at 947-9880 to request that mail delivery continues. We will change to these new ways at the end of June for the July issue.

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.

Coffee and Cookies on Sunday: Remember that treats and a hot 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!!

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!!!

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, June 9

10:00am—Traditional Worship Service (S)

Monday, June 10

1:00pm—Finance Committee

Tuesday, June 11

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 (CR)

Wednesday, June 12

11:30am—Music Rehearsal (S)

Thursday, June 13

9:00am—Baby Pantry Set-up (FH)

10:00am—Baby Pantry (FH)

1:00pm—Rebecca Anna Circle (Library)

5:30pm—ACA (FH)

Friday/Saturday, June 14 &15

Carpet Cleaning in Building

Sunday, June 16

10:00am—Worship Service (S)

11:15am—Congregational Assembly (S)

