

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 7, 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:

Listen, God is Calling

ELW #513

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: God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Message

Peggy Burns SAM

First Reading: Ezekiel 2:1-5

In 597 BCE, the priest Ezekiel was removed into exile in Babylon. While there, he received a vision of God appearing majestically on a chariot throne. Today's reading recounts God's commissioning of Ezekiel during this vision. The prophet is to speak God's word to a people unwilling to hear.

1 A voice said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. 2 And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. 3 He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. 4 The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord God." 5 Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

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.

Gospel: Mark 6:1-13

At home and abroad, Jesus and his disciples encounter resistance as they seek to proclaim God's word and relieve affliction.

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

1 Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. 2 On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! 3 Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. 4 Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." 5 And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. 6 And he was amazed at their unbelief.

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Then he went about among the villages teaching. 7 He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. 8 He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; 9 but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. 10 He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. 11 If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." 12 So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. 13 They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Peggy Burns, SAM

Song of the Day:

Open Your Ears, O Faithful People

ELW #519

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



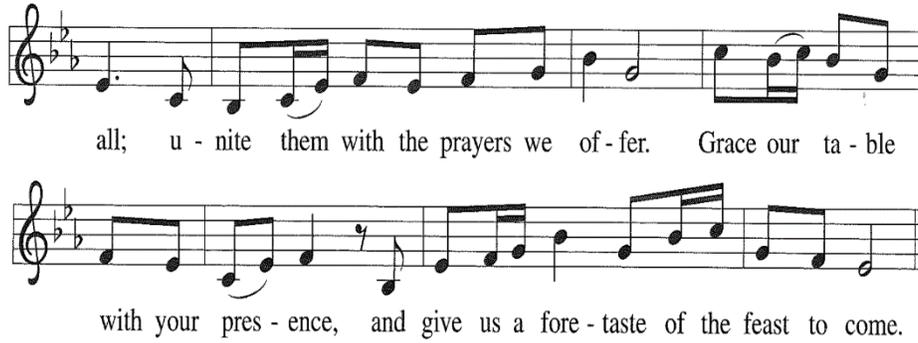
Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



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:

***Let Us Go Now to the Banquet
Spirit of Gentleness***

ELW #523

ELW #396

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:

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth (Sung Twice)

ELW #538

Dismissal

A: Go in peace.

You are the body of Christ.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



Bethlehem July 7, 2024
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

7/7—Michelle Smith

7/8—Carl Lehto

7/8—Judy Block

7/11—Jane Passmore

7/12—Lindsey Mosley

Today we welcome Pr. Ruth Overdier as our Presiding Minister and Peggy Burns as our Preacher

Worship Servants for July 7

Assisting Minister—Barbara Wright

Lector—Pam Reid

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

Today's altar flowers are donated: *by Jane Fred In celebration of Norm's 85th birthday*

Hospitality—Tom Fink / Deb Hissong

A/V—Dale Wentzloff / Jim Hinds / Acker Family

Cookies/Coffee—Linda Hansen / Mary Ann Tanis

Welcome Table—Kathi Ivany

Bell Ringer—Tim Goebel

Front Door Monitors—Gail Goldsmith

Altar Guild—Kate Holtfreter / Barbara Oster

Tech Support—Julia Acker

Counters—Laura Hahn / Mike McCarty

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME: Let's go to a Pit Spitter Game. We are planning a church event to go on Sunday July 14th at 5:05 P.M. If you would like to go please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. The cost is \$12 per person. Please write checks to Bethlehem Lutheran Church and note Pit Spitters in the memo line. **Sign up and money must be received by TODAY.** LET'S HAVE SOME FUN!!!

COMMUNION AT THE RAILING: During the July 14th Traditional service, we will have a trial run of receiving Communion at the altar railing. Because of the location of the musicians, just the railing on the East side will be used. You may either kneel or stand, depending on your comfort level. We plan to repeat this trial run at the August Traditional service.

The ELCA Youth Gathering is July 16-20th, 2024 in New Orleans. We are very excited to have a group from Bethlehem that will be traveling to attend this wonderful event! Two adult leaders (Pastor Paul and Tina Dohm) and two youth (Makena Dohm and Owen Mungor) from Bethlehem will be partnering with a group from Mamrelund Lutheran Church in Kent City to make the trip down to New Orleans. They will be leaving on Monday, July 15th, and will return on Sunday, July 21st! Please keep these youth and their adult leaders in your prayers as they prepare to make the journey to attend Gathering!"

Youth Gathering Send-Off: As you can see above, Pr. Paul, Tina, Makena and Owen will leave BLC on July 15th at 8:00am. You are welcome to join us to give them a prayerful send-off at 7:45 am. Hope to see you there.

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. We will have the class on Mondays at 3:00 in the Fellowship Hall.. The group will meet each Monday through July. 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.

VBS Registration is Open! Kids ages 3-10 are invited to join us for Scuba Vacation Bible School on July 29th - 31st. Activities will include games, crafts, storytime, snacks, and other fun as they learn all about God's love for them! Registration is available online now in your weekly email or on the BLC website. Space is limited, so sign up now!

VBS Volunteers Needed! We are still looking for a few more volunteers for VBS! Do you love being around children and seeing their joy and fun, especially while they learn about God's Word? Do you have a few hours free in the last week of July? Sign up now to volunteer for VBS! Updated sign-up sheets are in the Narthex or in your weekly email, or you can reach out directly to Alanna to sign up or ask questions! Thank you for generously volunteering your time and your heart!

The July issue of the STAR is now available. If you receive the weekly email, your issue should be in with your emails this morning. 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

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!

Parkinson's walk and picnic: We have another community event coming up to support a member of BLC so please mark your calendars for Aug 24 at 10:00 at the Civic Center. There will be a sign-up for shirts in early July on the table in the gathering space. There will be more info coming but just wanted you to reserve that date if possible.

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.

FOR BOOK CLUB MEMBERS: The book club will be taking a break for the months of July and August. Be sure to keep reading and send Cindy any of your suggestions for the fall at cmonroe@chartermi.net. Already requested are *The River We Remember* by William Kent Krueger and *The Women* by Kristin Hannah. We have a hold on the latter at the library, but there are 4 holds ahead of us.

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.

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.

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 7

10:00am—Worship Service (S)

Monday, July 8

1:00pm—Finance Committee

3:00pm—Chair Yoga

Tuesday, July 9

Bulletin articles due today

9:00am—Property Work Group

1:00pm—Friendship Bible Study

6:00pm—Y2A/Christian Ed Meeting

6:30pm—Executive Committee (CR)

Wednesday, July 10

11:30am—Music Rehearsal (S)

Thursday, July 11

9:00am—Baby Pantry Set-up (FH)

10:00am—Baby Pantry (FH)

5:30pm—ACA (FH)

Sunday, July 14

10:00am—Traditional Worship Service (S)