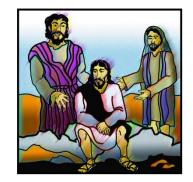
Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

October 20, 2024 – 10am Modern Worship, ELW Setting 10

Prelude Music

Announcements



Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

C: ... have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of \pm Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven. C: Amen.

Gathering Song:

(We will) sing sing sing
And make music with the heavens
We will sing sing sing
Grateful that You hear us
When we shout Your praise
Lift high the name of Jesus

What's not to love about You Heaven and earth adore you Kings and kingdoms bow down Son of God You are the One You are the One we're living for

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When we shout Your praise
Lift high the name of Jesus
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Sing, Sing, Sing

You are the love that frees us You are the light that leads us Like a fire burning Son of God You are the One You are the One we're living for

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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!

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Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray together,

C: Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Message

Pr Paul

First Reading: Isaiah 53:4-12

This reading is from the last of four passages in Isaiah that are often called "servant songs." Christians are probably most familiar with this servant song. In light of Christian faith, the servant's healing ministry and redemptive suffering are understood to be fulfilled in the life and death of Christ.

4 Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. 5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. 7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. 8 By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. 9 They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. 10 Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper. 11 Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. 12 Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God



Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

On the way to Jerusalem the disciples ask Jesus to grant them seats of honor. Jesus responds by announcing that he and his followers will "rule" through self-giving service.

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

35 James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." 36 And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" 37 And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." 38 But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" 39 They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; 40 but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." 41 When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. 42 So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. 43 But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, 44 and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. 45 For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

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

Sermon Pastor Paul Busekist

Song of the Day: Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ ELW #674

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.

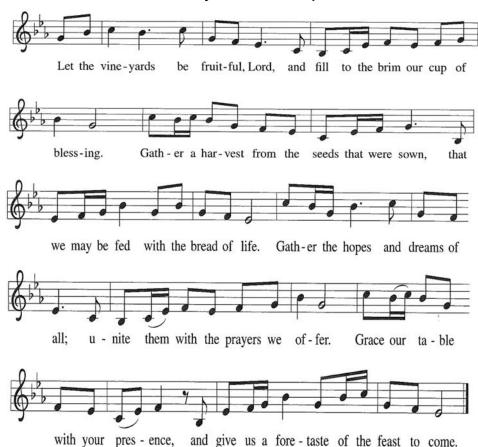
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering / Offering Song:

Zeke Clemons

Offertory:

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful



Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray together.

C: Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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:

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love Around You, O Lord Jesus ELW #708 ELW #468

Final Blessing

P: God all mighty, God most merciful \pm bless you, keep you, and give you peace. **C: Amen.**

Sending Song:

Burn Like a Star

We were born for greater things, we were born to chase Your dreams. Come, my Lord, awaken holy fire.

We are turning from our sin, we are praying once again.

Come, my Lord, awaken holy fire.

We are aching for the real thing; Hearts are open wide.

Burn like a star, light a fire in our hearts. Burn like a star, light a fire in our hearts. Burn like a star, light a fire in our hearts. Burn like a star, light a fire in our hearts.

Send revival; start in us. Set Your holy spark in us. Send us out in resurrection power. History's about to change. we are rising once again. Send us out in resurrection power. We are aching for the real thing; Hearts are open wide.

Burn like a star, light a fire in our hearts. Burn like a star, light a fire in our hearts. Burn like a star, light a fire in our hearts. Burn like a star, light a fire in our hearts. For Your glory, for Your fame, in this darkness, light a flame in us.

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Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

C: Thanks be to God.



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10/20—Mark McPherson 10/23—Isaac Woolcott

10/27—Amanda Wegener 10/27—Gerald Hill

JOIN THE VISION TRAIN: TODAY IS OUR NEXT EVENT!!! "Listening for God in the Congregation" is today's emphasis and we will be guided again by our guest facilitator, Rev. Roger Hardy. If you have not signed up... please do not let that stop you. All are welcome! Please join us... see you after church!

On Sunday, October 20th, at the Visioning meeting we will be having sub sandwiches, salad, chips and beverages. We will also have cake to celebrate Pastor Paul for Pastor Appreciation Month If you are not staying for the Visioning meeting, please come in to the Fellowship Hall for cake and coffee.

Join us next Sunday for Reformation Sunday and Confirmation. This will be a Traditional service.

Worship Servants for October 20

Assisting Minister—Karen Feahr

Lector—Jan Stretlein

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

Today's altar flowers are donated: In Celebration of the upcoming wedding of Alanna Steffunick and Josh Boomer

Hospitality—Jim and Dorene Boyd

A/V—Dale Wentzloff / Barbara Oster / Acker Family Cookies/Coffee—Barb Svalstad / Mary Ann Tanis

Welcome Table— VOLUNTEER

Bell Ringer— Tim Goebel

Front Door Monitors—Jana and Tom Rockne

Altar Guild—Patty Leibenguth / Erin Word

Tech Support—Julia Acker

Counters—Kate Holtfreter / Cindy Cuba

Confirmation Blessing Baskets-From Bethlehem and Feast of Victory Lutheran Churches: For our fall service learning event in Confirmation, youth will assemble personalized Blessing Baskets to deliver to our homebound members around Thanksgiving time. This year we are learning about the Old Testament, and this season specifically, we're learning from the book of Genesis that God blessed Abraham and Sarah, saying "You are blessed to be a blessing." Help us put what we're learning into action. Through All Saints Sunday, November 3, we are collecting monetary donations so that necessary items may be purchased to assemble Blessing Baskets. If you are willing and interested in helping us with this important project, please visit the Welcome Table where there is a basket with envelopes labeled "Blessing Baskets Donations." Place your cash or check donation inside an envelope, then place your sealed envelope in the offering plate or church office for collection. Checks may be made payable to Feast of Victory Lutheran Church with "Blessing Baskets" in the memo line. Baskets will be given to homebound members for both of our churches

AARP Driving Refresher course for Seniors taught by our own member, Gary Ancinec. Have you wondered if you are driving as well as you should? Do you really know all of the rules? Especially with all of these new round-a-bouts? Then this is the course for you. It will be taught 1 to 5 pm on 10/23 and 10/24 in the Fellowship Hall. You need to attend both days to receive the completion certificate. Some insurances will honor that certificate with a reduction in your insurance (You must check individually with your insurance to determine any reduction in premium.) In any case this class should give you comfort knowing that you are doing everything possible to stay safe on the road. Cost is \$20 for AARP for members and \$25 for non-members. You receive a workbook which is yours to keep. There is a sign-up sheet in the gathering space or call Gary at 989 906 2765.

The Worship and Music committee's Pecan Sale. The cases have been ordered and hopefully will be delivered some time in November. We will have a few bags left to sell for those who did not order. As in the past, we truly appreciate the support of Thrivent in this fundraiser.

CHOIR NEWS: Choir rehearsals have resumed on Thursdays at 7:00 – October 31st (tentative), November 7 & 14. More dates are being discussed so look for those in upcoming bulletins. If you are interested in joining the choir, give your contact information to Cindy Monroe or any member of the choir and have them pass it on to our choir director, Tony Bero and he will get in touch with you directly. Or you can simply arrive at choir rehearsal on Thursday and we'll figure out how best to use your talents.

<u>Coffee and Cookies on Sunday</u>: Remember that treats and a drink on Sunday are appreciated by all. The sign-up sheet has many BLANK spaces so 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.

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 – tomorrow night, October 21st. If you have any questions, please contact Peggy Burns at 231 392-6913.

XYZ meets again on Friday, November 8th at 12pm noon. We will have a returning presenter - Victoria Stone from Habitat for Humanity. Victoria will be updating us on all of the incredible things that Habitat has done in the year since she was with us last, and will also be bringing a special guest with her! Hayley, a single mother of two young children, is a soon-to-be homeowner through Habitat. Pastor Paul was able to provide a beautiful blessing for Hayley's ground-breaking ceremony earlier this year, and we are thrilled to have her join us and hear her story - she and her children will hopefully be moving into their new home by the end of the year!

CHAIR YOGA: Chair Yoga continues 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.

<u>Christian Care Giving Visitation:</u> If you currently go visit people, would you please let me know and also if you take communion too. If you would like to be part of this important ministry, please let me know. Peggy Burns 231-392-6913 <u>cobaltblues2003@yahoo.com</u>

Absolutely FREE OTP Readers Theater Comedy production called LICKETY SPLIT will be presented on October 25th at 7:30pm and October 26 & 27 at 2:00pm. A member of our BLC congregation has an important role in this production! Come to OTP's Schmuckle theater for short delightful comedic readings:) Donations only.

Hello Bethlehem Safe Harbor Supporters! Mark your calendars! 2025 is coming... and Bethlehem will be preparing meals and hosting Safe Harbor guests on Saturday, 25 January; Sunday, 26 January; Tuesday 28 January at the Safe Harbor building on a. Our proven Kitchen Teams led by Cindy Monroe, B.J. Christensen, and Tina Dohm are assembling and tweaking their award-winning recipes. Zeke Clemons is again going to lend his guitar and voice one night and is seeking talent to cover our other nights... We will once again be seeking "treat" support from the congregation at large... and delivering warm food and warm wishes to all Safe Harbor guests. This is community outreach. This is heeding Christ's command to serve our neighbors. This is needed and appreciated. Safe Harbor is always looking for and appreciative of new support. As we consider our vision here at Bethlehem, maybe another group of would like to raise their hands and consider cooking for an additional night? It's never too late. Please contact me with any questions. Tom Rockne Bethlehem Safe Harbor Coordinator M.231.631.0040

Food pantry news: As the weather becomes cooler, it will be important for us to stock the food pantry with items that will not be damaged if they freeze. Keep in mind we are placing personal care items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, hygiene products, and hand warmers in the pantry. Please continue to donate throughout the winter months. Remember you can apply for a Thrivent grant to help us keep the pantry stocked. Mark and I recently applied for a grant and it took only 5 minutes to complete. Within 20 minutes we were approved and a week later we received the funds. It is a quick and simple process. If you receive a grant and don't like to shop, I will gladly do it for you. "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me". Matthew 25:40 In God's peace, Kathie Bair

Wednesday Bible Studies:

The Adult Bible Study will meet from 9:30am—11:30am with the topic of the Book of Romans
The Zoom Bible Study will meet from 1:30pm—3:00pm with the Book of Job. If you prefer to meet with Pr
Paul and others in the Youth Room, you are welcome to join us.

You are Invited to Sunday Morning Adult Education: it is that time again, time to power up our learning and sharing of Scripture. Adult Education has resumed as of this morning. We will meet in the Youth Room from 9:15 to 9:45 each Sunday to discuss the lessons for the day. This is a relaxed venue, with inquisitive sharing, practical application, and an opportunity to get better acquainted with your brothers and sisters in Christ! We hope you will join... All Are Welcome!!!!

Building and Office Hours are: 9:00am - 2:30pm, Monday - Thursday. Office Phone #: 231-947-9880

The October issue of the STAR is now available. If you receive the weekly email, your October issue was emailed on October 1st. 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.

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!

<u>Volunteers for Watching the Front Door During Worship</u>: 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 Jan Stretlien

<u>PROTECT OUR CARPET</u>: 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!!

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 10/23 & 10/30—The Pub, Traverse City 7:00pm

<u>Offerings:</u> 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 Wednesday.

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

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
- <u>Prayers read from the altar</u>: Please call Administrative Assistant in the church office 231-947-9880 or admin@bethlehemtc.org

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. Your donations are very much appreciated.

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.

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

<u>Name tags</u>: 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 August 29th, we received a check from Olesons for \$190.86 for a year-to-date total of \$397.46. Olesons' slips never expire. Please continue to turn in your Olesons receipts to Bethlehem. Thanks so much!!! Also, the area for the Oleson receipts is in the lower cabinets below the mailboxes (under the A-B-Cs...). The cabinet door is marked with the receptacle inside. Unfortunately, we are no longer collecting the receipts from Family Fair.

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, October 20

9:15am—Sunday School 9:15am—Adult Education (YR) 10:00am—Worship Service (S) 11:30am—VISION Congregational Forum #2 (FH)

Monday, October 21

10:00am—Sustaining Endowment 3:00pm—Chair Yoga (FH) 6:00pm—Grief Group (Library)

Tuesday, October 22

Bulletin articles due today 9:00am—Property Work Group 9:00am—LWR Quilters (FH)

Wednesday, October 23

9:30am—Adult Bible Study (Library) 11:30am—Music Rehearsal (S) 1:00pm—AARP Driver Safety (FH)

Thursday, October 24

1:00pm—AARP Driver Safety (FH) 5:30pm—ACA (FH)

Friday, October 25
STAR articles due today

Saturday, October 26

9:30am-2:00pm—Youth Discipleship Retreat (YR)

Sunday, October 27

9:15am—Sunday School 9:15am—Adult Education (YR) 10:00am—Confirmation (S) 10:00am—Traditional Worship Service (S)



