

Sunday, August 1, 2021 ~

10th Sunday after Pentecost

Apparently not satisfied by Jesus' feeding of thousands, some who were there press him for a sign of his power; perhaps it is daily manna they want. As always in John's gospel when people want a sign, Jesus offers himself. He is the bread come from heaven to give life to the world. He calls us to come to him and believe in him, and through that relationship to know the one who sent him.

Welcome!

We are so glad to have you share in worship at Bethlehem today. If you are visiting, please introduce yourself to one of the Pastors – they would love to greet you personally!

Today's service will be recorded and live-streamed. By participating in this service, you automatically consent to such recordings. Our camera operators take care to focus on worship leaders and not participants, but there may be times you are visible. Please speak with a pastor following worship if you have concerns.

Communicate with us: Share more about who you are, request further information, or leave a prayer request or comment through our website - <https://blcfairport.org/share-in-worship/> - scroll down the page to request or share information.

Children are welcome and encouraged to participate in worship. We have designated space within the sanctuary (underneath the window of Jesus, the Good Shepherd) that is reserved for families who may need additional space for strollers or carriers for children who cannot yet wear masks. We ask you to attend to distancing. If there is a way we can make worship a more hospitable environment for your family, please speak to a pastor or leave a comment through our website (see above).

Hearing assistance: Our sound system is equipped with personal hearing loop devices. Please ask an usher for a loop device.

Holy Communion: All are welcome to share in Christ's meal of forgiveness and grace. Children who do not yet commune are welcome to come forward for a blessing. (If you feel your child is ready to receive or have additional questions, please speak with one of our Pastors.) Please see additional notes about the Sacrament in the service portion of the bulletin.

Our Perrin Street entrance is accessible. Please ask for help if you need assistance.

Please silence your cell phones: As a courtesy to others, we ask that you please silence your cell phones during worship.

Prelude: The Feast Is Ready

(ELW #531)

arr. Aaron David Miller

Gathering Words/Welcome and Announcements
100th Anniversary Presentation

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

At home: create a focal point for worship in your home. A green plant calls to mind the color of the Sundays after Pentecost and serves as a reminder of growth and maturing in our life of faith, a frequent focus of the gospel texts during this season.

In-person: we encourage your participation in spoken and sung liturgy while remaining masked.

Call to Worship:

In the beginning

before time, before people, before the world began, God was.

Here and now

among us, beside us, enlisting the people of earth for the purposes of heaven, God is.

In the future,

when we have turned to dust and all we know has found its fulfilment, God will be.

Not denying the world, but delighting in it, not condemning the world, but redeeming it, through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit,

God was. God is. God will be!

1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"
2 Ser - vants striv - ing for the Lord, proph - ets burn - ing with the word,
3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,

Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - might - y king!"
those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song.
and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;

Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;
Pow'rs of knowl - edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;
from the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:

sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice.
all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"
"Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

Text: Stopford A. Brooke, 1832–1916, alt.

Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750, adapt.

Greeting:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day:

Let us pray. O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Children's Moment

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15**

A food crisis becomes a faith crisis for the Israelites in the wilderness. The hungry people forget God's saving work in the exodus, and they wish for the food they had in Egypt. Nevertheless, God miraculously meets their needs, with manna for bread and quail for meat.

²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

⁴Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not."

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'"¹⁰ And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. ¹¹The Lord spoke to Moses and said, ¹²"I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

¹³In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

The musical score is written for two voices, Soprano and Alto, in a two-part setting. It consists of two systems of staves. Each system has a Soprano staff (treble clef) and an Alto staff (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are 'Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The melody is simple and repetitive, with the Soprano part generally higher than the Alto part. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system continues the same melody.

The gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 6:24-35

Many of the five thousand people Jesus fed in the wilderness continued to follow him throughout the countryside. Jesus challenges them to consider the real nature of their quest.

²⁴When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were [beside the sea,] they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” ²⁶Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” ²⁸Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” ²⁹Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” ³⁰So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” ³²Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” ³⁴They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

³⁵Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day:

O Bread of Life from Heaven

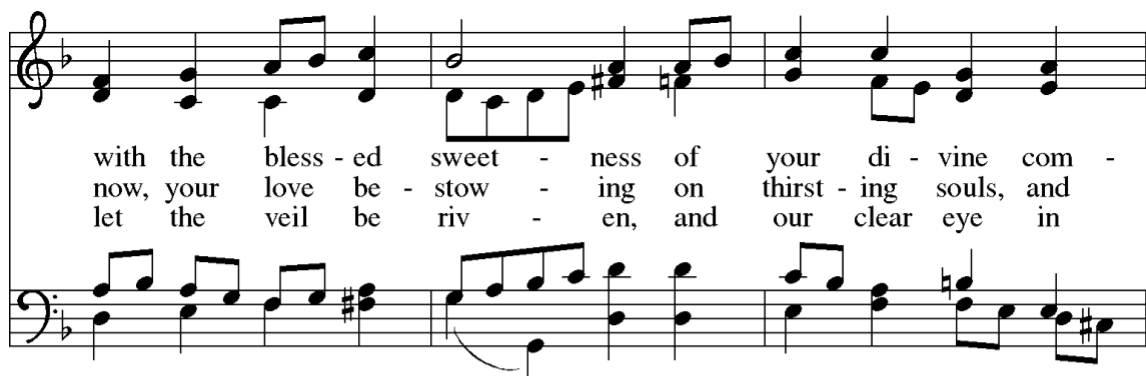
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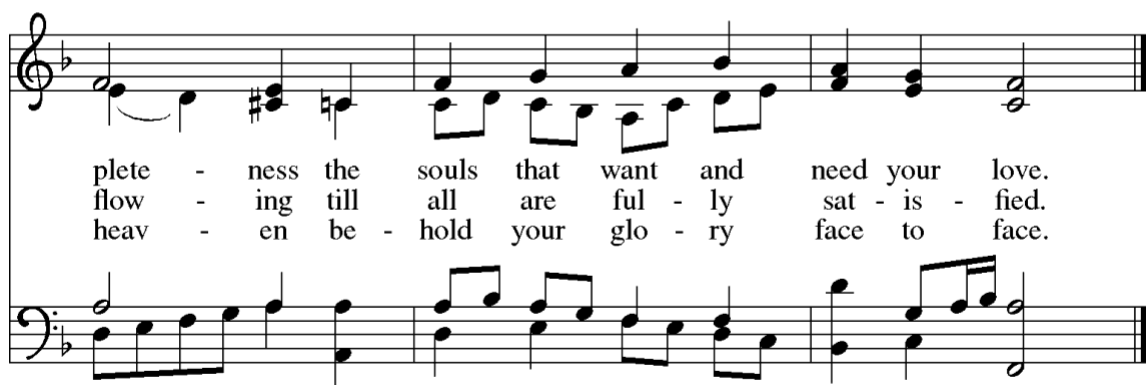
1 O bread of life from heav - en, O food to pil - grims
 2 O fount of grace re - deem - ing, O riv - er ev - er
 3 We love you, Je - sus, ten - der, in all your hid - den



giv - en, O man - na from a - bove: feed
 stream - ing from Je - sus' wound - ed side: come
 splen - dor with - in these means of grace. Oh,



with the bless - ed sweet - ness of your di - vine com -
 now, your love be - stow - ing on thirst - ing souls, and
 let the veil be riv - en, and our clear eye in



plete - ness the souls that want and need your love.
 flow - ing till all are ful - ly sat - is - fied.
 heav - en be - hold your glo - ry face to face.

Response to the Word:

Blessed are they whose way is blameless,
Who follow the teaching of the Lord!

United with believers across space and time, we confess our faith.

**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.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,
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.

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.
Amen.

The Prayers of the People:

*In the silences of our prayer you are encouraged to remember those
whose needs are known to us listed below.*

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Brief silence

You call your church to be the body of Christ. Awaken all the baptized to the gifts you provide for carrying out the work of ministry. Where the church is divided, knit us together and restore the unity of the faith. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

You draw near to those who cry out for help. Feed those who are hungry, reassure those who are despairing, and accompany those who are imprisoned. Rain down the true bread from heaven that gives life to the world. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

You receive all who come seeking a sign of grace. Make this congregation a place of hospitality for those accustomed to rejection. To those who have felt excluded here or elsewhere, prepare us to welcome them in the name of Christ. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

O God, the strength of the weak and comforter of sufferers; mercifully hear our prayers, and grant to your servants the help of your power, that their sickness may be turned into health and sorrow into joy.

We pray for those who are grieving, especially the family and friends of:

- Darrell Kilburn who died on 7/26
- Helen Scott (sister of Pr. Richard Hembrock) who died on 7/24
- Kenneth Scott (brother-in-law of Pr. Richard Hembrock) who died on 7/23

We pray with thanksgiving for:

- Grace Lindahl and Norm Isaacson, married on 7/24

We pray for those in need of healing, especially:

- Willard (father of Kay) who has been diagnosed with cancer and entered hospice care
- Carrie who is recovering from surgery following a cancer diagnosis
- Joan (first wife of Bob) who is recovering from a fall
- Erin (daughter of Kathy & Joe) as she recovers from spinal surgery on 7/29
- Anne as she recovers from a bike accident
- Daniel (son of Susan & Dick) as he recovers from brain surgery
- Ray (friend of Dave) who is experiencing health issues
- Sandra (sister of Jan) as she begins chemotherapy
- Bill (brother of Bob) who is rehabilitating following a fall and awaiting test results

- Jim who is in rehabilitation care
- Those who are involved with the ongoing work of caregiving for loved ones
- Those who are infected with or recovering from Coronavirus, and their caregivers

. . . and those we name aloud or silently before you.

Silence

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We pray today for these sisters and brothers in Christ: David & Marsha, Sandy, Cathy, Martha, Christin & Tom, Jenna, and Zoe. And we pray for our sisters and brothers in our twinned parish in Shurugwi, Zimbabwe. Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.
Amen.

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Greet those with whom you worship physically with a sign of peace. At home, extend the peace of Christ through the comments section or text to those who are at a distance.

Offering

Our worship is complete when we bring all of our resources to receive God's blessing and fulfill God's purpose. We celebrate the opportunity to share our abundance – of compassion, of time, and of material resources. If you would like to make a one-time gift electronically, scan the QR (quick response) code on the right and you'll be brought to BLC's mobile giving page. For recurring gifts, download the Tithe.ly app. Checks may also be mailed to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 48 Perrin Street, Fairport, NY 14450. Those worshipping in person may leave their offerings in the basket in the narthex.



Whatever form your offering takes, we give thanks to God for you and your generosity.

Offering of Music:
 Song of Hope

Preston Fuerbacher, piano

Catherine Rollin



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 the dreams of all; u -
 nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
 pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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Offertory Prayer:

Let us pray. God of mercy and grace,

the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things that we may come to the help of all in need, though Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.

Words of Institution:

In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Gracious God, out of your great love, you sent Jesus to be our bread.
Lord, give us this bread always.
By your Spirit, fill us and this meal with your presence,
and strengthen us to be your body in the world. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer:
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen

Invitation to Communion:
Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come and be fed!
Thanks be to God.

Distribution of Communion:

Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. All are welcome to share in Christ's meal of forgiveness and grace. Children who do not yet commune are welcome to come forward for a blessing. (If you feel your child is ready to receive or have additional questions, please contact one of the Pastors.) Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available; please indicate your need to the pastor or communion assistant. You may lower your mask as you receive communion. If you worship through the Livestream and wish to receive communion, please reach out to one of the pastors.

The Communion:



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



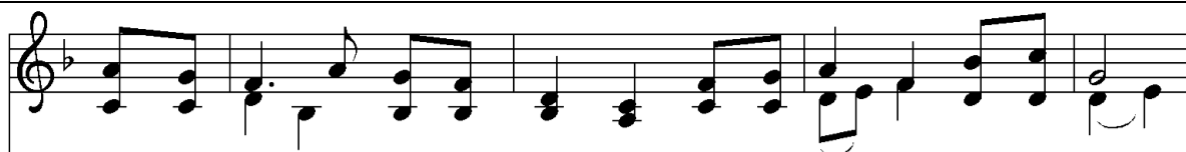
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

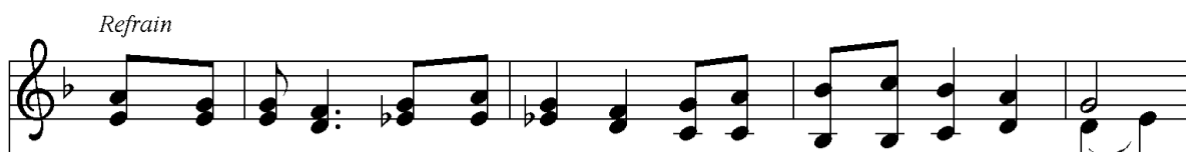


1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.
2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun - ger, wine of peace.
3 Send us now with faith and cour - age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.




For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:
Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis-dom sat - is - fy our deep-est needs.
In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:

Refrain



Christ's own bod-y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er - flow-ing, life out - poured,



giv - en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re-deemed, re - stored.



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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- 1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban-quet come from heav - en?
- 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
- 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim-son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last-ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?
 What hope of ev - er - last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv - en?
 What stream of ev - er - last-ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
 Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
 Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

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Table Blessing:

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

Amen

Benediction:

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

Amen.



1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -
 2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,
 3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -



vo - tion voic - ing: glo - ry be to God on high!
 one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;
 lert and liv - ing in your Spir - it, strong and free.



Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this eu - cha -
 by your blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your bod - y,
 Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in



rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
 firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.
 ev - 'ry na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - l'wers be.

Text: Howard C. A. Gaunt, 1902–1983, alt.

Music: ALLES IST AN GOTTES SEGEN, Johann Löhner, 1645–1705, adapt.

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Dismissal:

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Postlude on “Simple Gifts”

Shaker tune/arr. Wilbur Held

Please plan to join us on Sunday, August 8 at 10 am, as we launch our 100th Anniversary celebration with a joint Outdoor Worship and Reception at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1767 Plank Road, Penfield. Rev. Korey Finstad will be leading our Homecoming service together with our co-pastors, Rev. Amy Walter-Peterson and Rev. Abigail Hoffman. Commemorating Bethlehem's first worship service on August 7, 1921 at the Fairport Town Hall, we will return to our parent Bethlehem Lutheran Church on Plank Road for this joint celebration.

NOTE: This event will be held rain or shine! Please bring your lawn chair. There will be no worship service or livestream in Fairport on August 8.

Calendar for August 1 – August 8

(Last updated on 7/28/21 at 12 noon, visit <https://blcfairport.org/event-directory/> for updates)

Sunday, August 1

9:30 am Worship with
Communion (in-person
and livestream)
11:00 am & 2:00 pm departures
BLC On the Go! Erie Canal
Kayaking/Canoeing hosted by
the Gates & Joyce families

Monday, August 2

7:00 pm 100th Anniversary
Committee Meeting

Tuesday, August 3

Wednesday, August 4

8:00 am Men's Breakfast at the
Landmark Restaurant
9:30 am Bible Study - Hybrid
(In-person or [Join](#) via Zoom –
ID 943 3691 2942)

Thursday, August 5

10:00 am Sunday Morning
Launch Team
([Join](#) or use ID 898 4036 8632)
6:30 pm BLC Officers Meeting
7:00 pm BLC On the Go! Quilting
for Lutheran World Relief

Friday, August 6

Pastor's Sabbath

2:30 pm BLC Dulcimer Group

Saturday, August 7

Sunday, August 8

100th Anniversary Homecoming Worship with Communion at BLC Plank Road

10:00 am Worship (note
location, start time, and in-
person only) with guest Pastor
Korey Finstad. There will be a
reception following worship!

*Note: This month's 2nd Sunday
dinner ministry has been
switched to 8/22 to allow for
participation in the Homecoming
service on 8/8!*

Calendar for August 8 – August 15

Sunday, August 8

100th Anniversary Homecoming Worship with Communion at BLC Plank Road

10:00 am Worship (note
location, start time, and in-
person only) with guest Pastor
Korey Finstad. There will be a
reception following worship!
*Note: This month's 2nd Sunday
dinner ministry has been
switched to 8/22 to allow for
participation in the Homecoming
service on 8/8!*

Monday, August 9

Tuesday, August 10

11:00 am Liturgy Planning
Meeting
2:00 pm Support Group for
Caregivers
6:30 pm Re-Opening Team
([Join](#) or use ID 824 6235 3239)

Wednesday, August 11

9:30 am Bible Study - Hybrid
(In-person or [Join](#) via Zoom –
ID 943 3691 2942)
6:00 pm Mission & Social
Concerns Meeting (Hybrid)
(In-person or [Join](#) via Zoom –
ID 812 1431 6292)

Thursday, August 12

Friday, August 13

Pastor's Sabbath

2:30 pm BLC Dulcimer Group

Saturday, August 14

9:15 am Property Committee

Sunday, August 15

9:30 am Worship with
Communion with guest Bishop
John Macholz (in-person
and livestream) There will be a
reception following worship!

**Beth Schoenfeld will be out of the office for planned time away from August 2 – August 6*

Church Office Hours: We continue to hold remote office hours M-F from 9 am to 12 noon. For further assistance or urgent pastoral care needs while Beth is away, or outside of office hours, please call the office and leave a message on the pastoral care line. Our co-Pastor's schedules vary from week to week. Both are available for scheduled appointments.

Zoom Meetings at BLC: The easiest way to join is to use the direct link available in the [Calendar of Events](#) on our website. If you don't see your meeting in the Calendar of Events or have questions, please contact your group leader or the church office for assistance or additional details!

In-Person Meetings at BLC: To help us schedule and plan for our increased facility use requests, we now require scheduling with this simple form (found at <https://blcfairport.org/blc-facility-request/>) for each planned meeting, event and activity at BLC. Please complete the form so that we can check for availability, reserve the space, and plan accordingly. If you have any questions, or do not hear back within 3 business days of submitting a form, please call the church office to check on the status of your request.

From Rumbling Tummies to Living Bread

Today's texts move us from rumbling tummies and flaring tempers to a refocusing on the blessings poured out and the primary benefactor. We see the gifts of God, which come in a variety of ways: physical nourishment, roles and talents lifted up in community, new life given now and into the ages of ages. We find that the gifts are responses to various actions—complaining, building for the future, longing for signs of promise and hope. Yet each of these actions and the gifts mean little if we are not able to see the one who is the giver and to recognize that the gifts are not merely about what we can do to get them or what signs are needed to prove them; rather, it is about trust in God, who is the source of life and living—the one who provides the true bread from heaven. Our role in this story is to tell the history of God's giving, similar to the psalmist. It is to open our eyes to the way the bread of heaven is sustaining us today, physically and spiritually. And as a community living in God's promise, we look to the one God sends to us as *the* bread of life. In many early Hebrew and Greek writings, the stomach was a driving force and a place where hope and faith were lodged. The readings point us to see how a longing for food opens a greater dwelling place for the gifts of faith and promise. From our physical depths we are called to experience a greater spiritual reality.

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