



I've been
meaning
to ask...

where does it hurt?

Sunday, October 3, 2021



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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! At this time, we ask all worshipers to wear masks in worship.

Today's service will be recorded and live-streamed. Our camera operators take care to focus on worship leaders and don't regularly film worshipers. In the movement of the service, glimpses of people may occur. Please speak with a pastor 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. 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 an usher or greeter for help if you need assistance operating the lift.

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

Today's Worship Team

We all contribute to worship: lifting our voice in prayer and song, bowing our heads in prayer, opening our ears to hear the Word, and extending our hands to receive the Sacrament. Are you willing to serve in one of these additional roles to contribute to worship this week? Put your name on the sign-up in the narthex and grab the corresponding bulletin so we know the role is filled by you!

Acolyte: *Lights the altar candles during the prelude and extinguishes altar candles during the final hymn, bringing the light of Christ out into the world! May robe and sit on the chancel or sit within the congregation during worship. All ages who can safely handle fire and reach the candles are welcome to serve!*

Glass Washer: *Washes communion glasses either immediately following worship or after Faith Formation for All. Instructions are posted in the sacristy. Many hands make light work so grab a friend to help! (This is also a great opportunity for a household to serve together!)*

Offering: *Sit in the congregation and bring the offering trays from the entrance of the sanctuary forward to the altar during the offertory, giving our congregation's gifts to the glory of God! Pair up with a child if you'd like, so they can have a hands-on role in worship!*

Communion Assistants (2): *Sit in the congregation and come forward at the time of communion (when the congregation begins to sing "Lamb of God") to serve the wine/grape juice for communion. Must be able to hold a tray steady and speak the words, "Blood of Christ shed for you!"*

Intercessory Prayer Readers (3): *From your seat, speak the highlighted petition as part of the intercessory prayers on behalf of the congregation.*

Thank you also to those serving as Assisting Minister, leading the Children's Sermon, providing Special Music, and serving on Altar Guild, Bread Guild, Wine Guild, Hospitality Team (Usher, Greeter and Fellowship Hosts) and Livestream Team! For more information about any of these roles or to sign up to serve, please contact Beth in the church office or one of the Pastors.

Thank you for your participation and your overflowing grace and encouragement to one another as we work together to bring worship to life each week!

Sunday, October 3, 2021 ~ 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude:

Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele, Op. 122, no. 5
(Adorn yourself, O dear soul)

Johannes Brahms

Improvisation on *PERSONENT HODIE*

R. S. Clare

I've been meaning to ask...where does it hurt? Before we can act, we must first acknowledge and believe the pain is real, for bearing witness to each other's pain helps us cultivate compassion. In the dual healing story of the hemorrhaging woman and Jairus' daughter, we acknowledge those who suffer chronically and in isolation.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Gathering Hymn:

God is Here!

ELW #526

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.

Let us pray. Jesus, you asked questions as much as you answered them. You never shied away from conversation. You were always sparking curiosity, opening people's minds, and engaging in the art of connection with everyone around you. As we come to your Word and gather in this company of saints, give us the same curiosity, openness, and connection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Moment

Roger Kolker

Please stand as you are able.

Scripture Song:



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!



Our hearts burn with - in us while you o - pen to us the Scrip - tures.



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!

As part of this worship series, we focus on only one reading from Scripture each week. While the reading does not always come from a Gospel, it is God's holy Word, speaking life and pointing us to the truth.

Reading: Mark 5:21-43

A reading from Mark.

²¹When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. ²²Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." ²⁴So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. ²⁵Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. ²⁶She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the

crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." ²⁹Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" ³¹And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" ³²He looked all around to see who had done it. ³³But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

³⁵While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" ³⁶But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." ³⁷He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. ³⁸When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." ⁴⁰And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" ⁴²And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. ⁴³He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Confession and Forgiveness:

(Voices 1&2 will be identified and read from the congregation)

Pastor: When we gather together we are quick to wave and say hello, to pass the peace, to comment on the weather, to make small talk and show hospitality; but how often do we go below the surface? How often do we sit next to the same people, week after week, oblivious to the things they might be carrying?

Family of faith, I believe God wants deeper connection for us than that, so listen now to our prayer of confession and then join me in silent prayer following. Let us listen. Let us pray:

Voice 1: I've been meaning to ask...

Voice 2: How are you? What has your year been like? Did you know that I have been thinking of you?

Voice 1: I have been meaning to ask...

Voice 2: Is your mom okay? Did your sister find a job? Did you ever think we'd still be here?

Voice 1: I've been meaning to ask...

Voice 2: Did it get easier? Did the grief subside? Were you ever able to sleep at night?

Voice 1: I've been meaning to ask but I haven't—

Voice 2: Because it's hard. Because I want to say the right thing. Because I'm not sure what you need.

Voice 1: I've been meaning to ask, so I'm sorry for my silence.

Voice 2: Forgive me. Show me where it hurts.

Voice 1: Let's start again.

Voice 2: Family of faith, we could all use some practice in asking where it hurts.

Pastor: Take a moment of silent prayer to think of the people in your world, in your lives, who may need you to reach out and ask. Give their names to God.

Pause for silent prayer.

Trusting that God hears all things, we say together: Amen.

Family of faith, in the journey to love and care for one another, we are bound to make mistakes. Fortunately for us, we worship a God who showed us how to love, and who extends grace to us when we fail to do so for others.

So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

We are seen. We are heard. We are loved.

You are + forgiven. Thanks be to God for this endless grace. Amen.

Receiving New Members (p. 235)

The Prayers of the People:

Our prayers are always offered on behalf of the whole community; our prayers in this service are offered from among the congregation (voices #1-3).

God of connection, listen to the prayers of your people.

A brief silence.

#1 God our teacher, we thank you for the teachings of Jesus that clarify your desire for us to value, respect and accept people of all ages, genders and circumstances. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

#2 God of greatness, we pray that we will greet each day with a sense of awe, gratitude and respect for creation, for the organisms and creatures that inhabit the earth, for our pets, and for humanity in all its diversity and complexity — the handiwork of God entrusted to our care and love. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

#3 Giving God, we thank you for the gift of Jesus Christ — the Son of God, born as one of us and the “exact imprint of God’s very being” who fulfills the promise of God’s love and mercy and assures us of our salvation. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Caring God, we pray for ELCA congregations and our work together through “God’s Work Our Hands,” to serve our neighbor, share the story of Jesus, create vibrant communities of faith and reflect the radiant light of God’s love, grace, justice and caring in the world. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Loving God, we give thanks that you see us and know our needs. Today we pray for these members and friends of Bethlehem and their families: Ruth & Pat, Bill &

Mary, Lil, Ann & Patrick, Liam, Chester. We also pray for our sisters and brothers in our twinned parish in Shurugwi, Zimbabwe. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of compassion, you know our needs better than we ourselves. Hear the prayers that we offer you now.

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

- Ed (uncle of Ruth) who died on 9/25

We pray for those in need of healing, especially:

- Eva (granddaughter of Kathy)
- Donna as she prepares for knee surgery on 10/5
- Larry (friend of Roger) who suffered a stroke
- Lisa who is recovering from a fall
- Adele (sister of Jan) who is recovering from knee replacement surgery on 9/29
- Jim (brother of Phyllis) who has been diagnosed with cancer
- Joanne who fell in her home, broke her shoulder and is recovering from surgery on 9/30
- Tim (husband of Linda) who is recovering from surgery on 9/27
- Don (brother of Kim) who is undergoing chemotherapy for pancreatic cancer
- Meredith (daughter-in-law of Jeff & Ruth) who is experiencing a difficult pregnancy
- Dave who is recovering from surgery on 9/17
- Rose (grandmother of Andrea)
- Jim (father of Hans) who has been diagnosed with leukemia and has transitioned to hospice care
- Erin (daughter of Kathy & Joe) as she continues her recovery from spinal surgery and emergency abdominal surgery
- 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

Hear also these prayers we raise to you in our hearts or on our voice. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

With confidence that you hear all our prayers – whether spoken or not – we pray through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

WE SHARE GOD’S MEAL:

The Peace:

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **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:

Be Thou My Vision

Arr. Alice Parker

Chancel Choir

(Director, Jim Jefferis; piano, Phyllis Stock; Organ, Raelynn Clare)

Offertory:

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

free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in

love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

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

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Offertory Prayer:

Let us pray. God of abundance,
you formed us in the dirt, creating us in your image. You gathered us to be your people always. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior 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.

Pour out a double portion of your Spirit on this bread and cup,
So that these ordinary things might tether our hearts to you. 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:

All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.

Thanks be to God!

Distribution of Communion:

Please come forward at the direction of the worship leaders. 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.

Music: *Bread of Life*, Jeremy Young, b. 1948
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Hymns sung during communion:	There is a Balm in Gilead	ELW #614
	Jesus, the Very Thought of You	ELW #754

Table Blessing:

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

Amen

WE LEAVE TO SERVE:

Benediction:

The blessing of God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless ✠ be upon you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Hymn:	<i>Shout for Joy Loud and Long</i>	WOV #793
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Dismissal:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

How Bright These Glorious Spirits Shine

Robert J. Powell

Thank you to all those who participated in worship this Sunday! If you would like to learn more about participating in a worship role, please speak to one of the co-pastors or contact the church office!

Happening today (10/3):

- 8:55 am Worship with weekly communion! (Livestream or In-person!)
- 10:00 am Fellowship (outside)
- 10:15 am Faith Formation for All!
 - 6th-8th grade gathers in the Confirmation room
 - 9th-12th grade gathers in the LYO Room
 - Everyone else gathers in the Fellowship Hall!
- 10:55 am Final Blessing for Everyone (Fellowship Hall)

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Calendar for October 3 – October 10

(Last updated on 9/29/21 at 12 noon, visit <https://blcfairport.org/event-directory/> for updates)

Sunday, 10/3

Welcome New Members

8:55 am Worship with Communion (in-person and livestream)
10:00 am Fellowship
10:15 am Faith Formation for All

Monday, 10/4

Tuesday, 10/5

6:30 pm BSA Troop 2019

Wednesday, 10/6

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)
5:30 pm Pines of Perinton Produce Give Away
6:00 pm Chancel Bells
6:15 pm Folk Group
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, 10/7

6:30 pm BLC Officers
7:00 pm BLC Quilters

Friday, 10/8

Pastor's Sabbath

2:30 pm Dulcimer Group Rehearsal

Saturday, 10/9

9:15 am Property Committee

Sunday, 10/10

8:55 am Worship with Communion (in-person and livestream)
10:00 am Fellowship
10:15 am Faith Formation for All
12:30 pm 2nd Sunday Dinner Ministry (delivery only)

100th Anniversary Photo Sessions: Starting in September, the Anniversary Committee will have slots available for you and your family to update your BLC Photo Directory Photos before and after worship. Please contact GerryAnn Westcott if you'd like to volunteer or Bob Stock to sign up!

Church Office Hours: We continue to hold remote office hours M, W, Th & F from 9 am to 12 noon. 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.

When It Hurts

I can tell that you're hurting.
It's the way your eyes cast down,
the way you shuffle through the house, distractedly bumping into things.
It's the restless sleep and
the quiet space between us which turns us into icebergs.
We float by, silent in the night,
most everything existing
under the surface.

I can tell that you're hurting.
It's the way your prayers were quick
at first, and then—none at all;
your silence challenging God,
daring God to say something to the void. I can tell that you're hurting,
but I don't know what that feels like.

Tell me—
where does it hurt?
I'm not offering to fix the pain, I'm not that powerful.
However, I am offering to see it. Show me your scars,
and I'll show you that
you're not alone.

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