

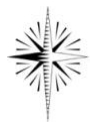


I've been  
meaning  
to ask....

what do you need?

*Sunday, October 10, 2021*





# BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*The Rev. Abigail Zang Hoffman and The Rev. Amy Walter-Peterson, co-Pastors*

## 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 10, 2021 ~ 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude:

Abide with Me

setting by Emma Lou Diemer

Largo

Antonio Vivaldi

from Concerto in B<sup>b</sup> major, op. 4, no. 1

*I've been meaning to ask...what do you need? In the midst of Job's afflictions, three of his friends promptly leave their homes and come to him. They tear their garments, weep loudly, and sit with him for seven days, saying nothing. Their response is the ministry of presence, of true solidarity, of seeing his excruciating pain and joining him there.*

### SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Gathering Hymn:

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

ELW #632

(Stanza 6, descant and organ part by John Scott)

Stanza 1 / all in unison

Stanza 2 / all

Stanza 3 / choir only

Stanza 4 / choir only

Stanza 5 / all

Stanza 6 / all in unison

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

Rachael Parlett

*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: Job 2:11-13

A reading from Job.

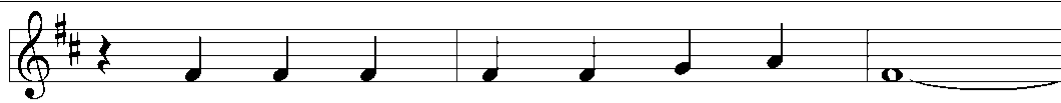
<sup>11</sup>Now when Job's three friends heard of all these troubles that had come upon him, each of them set out from his home — Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite. They met together to go and console and comfort him. <sup>12</sup>When they saw him from a distance, they did not recognize him, and they raised their voices and wept aloud; they tore their robes and threw dust in the air upon their heads. <sup>13</sup>They sat with him on the ground seven days and seven nights, and no one spoke a word to him, for they saw that his suffering was very great.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon





1 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.  
 2 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.  
 4 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.



Where there is ha - tred, let me bring your love;  
 Where there's de - spair in life, let me bring hope;  
 It is in par - don - ing that we are par - doned,



where there is in - ju - ry, your par - don, Lord;  
 where there is dark - ness, . . . . . on - ly light;  
 in giv - ing of our - selves that we re -



and where there's doubt, true faith in you.  
 and where there's sad - ness, ev - er joy.



3 O Mas - ter, grant that I may nev - er seek so



much to be con - soled as to con - sole, to be



un - der - stood as to un - der - stand, to be



loved as to love with all my soul.

*D.C. (stanza 4) al coda*



ceive, and in dy - ing that we're born to e - ter - nal life.

Text: Sebastian Temple

Music: PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS, Sebastian Temple

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Confession and Forgiveness:

How many of you have ever had a bad day and found someone offering you unsolicited advice?

How many of you have ever had a bad week and had someone rush in with dozens of suggestions for how you might fix things, as if you hadn't thought of that before?

We have all been there, and we have all done that. It is part of our humanity. Our scripture reminds us today that often in the face of hurt, what people really need is not a list of advice or solutions, but the simple presence of love.

So let us pray to God today, acknowledging that we are works in progress, and that relationships always come with mistakes and confession.

Let us pray: Gracious God, sometimes life feels like cooking with flour—it looks like it should be easy, but we always make a mess. This is particularly true when it comes to our relationships. We so desperately long to say the right thing, to be the right thing, to find the right solution, that we overstep the line.

**Forgive us for assuming the place you fill.**

**Forgive us for imagining that we, in all our humanity, could possibly fix all the hurt in this world.**

Instead, give us the grace and the strength to stand by our loved ones in their moments of need to witness their hurt without trying to fix it.

**You are God. We are not. Teach us how to be a friend.**

Teach us how to ask, “What do you need?”

**Teach us how to point to you.**

Gratefully we pray. **Amen.**

Family of faith, no matter how many times you have spoken without listening, assumed without knowing, offered without asking, or rushed without waiting—you are + forgiven. God knows your desire and your intent.

God knows when we try and miss the mark, and God surrounds us in grace. So hear and believe the good news of the gospel: Every day is a new day for love.

**We are claimed. We are forgiven. We are invited into relationship.**

**Thanks be to God for growth and grace that know no end. Amen.**

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 Lord, we pray for those in our community in need of support and friendship. So often we are alone with ourselves and no one but you are aware of it. Please Lord, come to us, show us the way out. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

#2 God of family, we pray for families of all configurations, draw us to each other for the life-giving spirit you serve to us through them. Bring us all strength. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We give thanks that you see us and know our needs. Today we pray for these members and friends of Bethlehem and their families: Baily & Mike (Connor & Merrin), Russ & Susan, Glenda & Mark, Bob & Judy, Brad & Debbie. 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:*

- Doug (father of Beth) who died on 10/1
- Ed (uncle of Ruth) who died on 9/25

*We pray for those in need of healing, especially:*

- Chick recovering at home after a recent hospitalization
- Kitty (friend of Linda) who broke her leg while visiting family in the Rochester area
- Eva (granddaughter of Kathy)
- Donna as she recuperates from knee replacement 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
- 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.**

Lord of all, we pray for peace. 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:  
 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.*

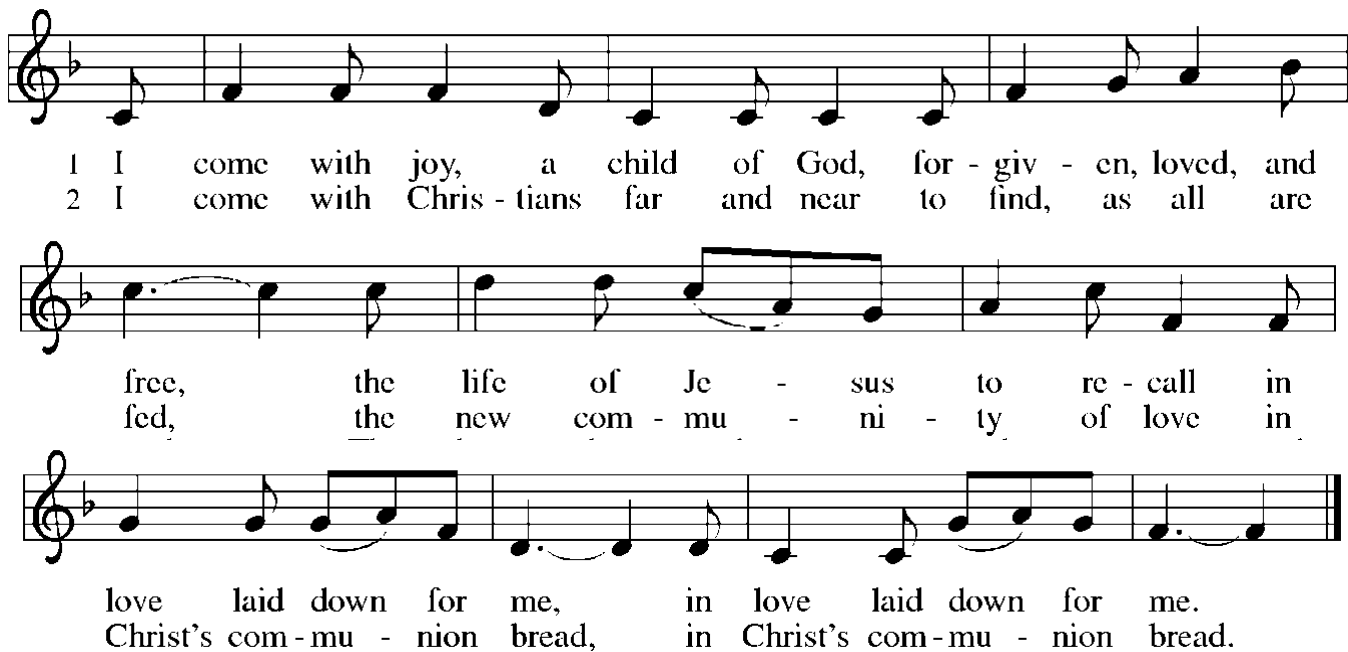
Offering of Music:

Seek Ye First

Arr. Karen Lafferty

*Chancel Choir (Director, Jim Jefferis)*

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.

Wherever there is pain, wherever there is hurt,  
**You show up.**  
Be with us in this meal.  
**Remind us that we are never alone. 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  
Music © 1995 Augsburg Fortress.

Hymns sung during communion:	Abide with Me	ELW #629
	Eat This Bread	ELW #472

### 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:

*Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer*

ELW #618

Dismissal:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Postlude:

Sortie

Léon Boëllmann

**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 (10/10):**

- 8:55 am Worship with weekly communion! (Livestream or In-person!)
- 10:00 am Fellowship (outside)
- 10:15 am Faith Formation for All!
  - 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade gathers in the Confirmation room
  - 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade gathers in the LYO Room
  - Everyone else gathers in the Fellowship Hall!
- 10:55 am Final Blessing for Everyone (Fellowship Hall)
- 12:30 pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Dinner Ministry

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## Calendar for October 10 – October 17

(Last updated on 10/6/21 at 12 noon, visit <https://blcfairport.org/event-directory/> for updates)

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday  
Dinner Ministry  
(delivery only)

### Monday, 10/11

1:00 pm Ruth Circle  
7:00 pm Q&A Session  
for BLC Investment in  
Ministries Fund ([Join](#)  
via Zoom –  
ID 826 6539 9842)

### Tuesday, 10/12

6:30 pm BSA Troop 2019  
Court of Honor  
(Sanctuary)  
7:00 pm Ladies' Night  
Out (Fellowship Hall)

### Wednesday, 10/13

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  
6:30 pm M&SC  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

### Thursday, 10/14

6:00 pm Girl Scout Troop

### Friday, 10/15

#### *Pastor's Sabbath*

2:30 pm Dulcimer Group  
Rehearsal

### Saturday, 10/16

1:00 pm BLC Amazing  
Race

### Sunday, 10/17

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

**100<sup>th</sup> 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.

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# Here if You Need Me

I got the call and almost  
rushed right over.  
I wanted to hold your hand and  
tell you it would be okay.  
I wanted to start a meal train.  
I wanted to bring casseroles and flowers and hope of better days.  
I wanted to take my heart  
out of my chest  
and put it in yours  
so that the ache might fade.  
I wanted to speak, and fight,  
with the person in charge.  
I wanted to get justice,  
I wanted to make it fair.  
I wanted to start a campaign.  
I wanted to rewind time,  
to easy, better days.

There is so much that I want to do, but it's not about me.  
It's about you.  
So tell me—

what do *you* need? I am here.  
I am listening.

*Prayer by Rev. Sarah Are / A Sanctified Art LLC / [sanctifiedart.org](http://sanctifiedart.org)*