



I've been
meaning
to ask...

what do you need?

Sunday, October 17, 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 17, 2021 ~ 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude:

O Gott, du frommer Gott, op. 122, no. 7
(O God, Our Faithful God)

Johannes Brahms

I've been meaning to ask...what do you need? Beaten and imprisoned, Paul writes to Timothy with a simple request: "Come quickly." He lists those who abandoned him, but says, "I hope that God doesn't hold it against them!" In his greatest moment of need, Paul doesn't need revenge, but instead asks for companionship.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Gathering Hymn:

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

ELW #733

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

Marcy Adams

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: 2 Timothy 4:9-18

A reading from Timothy.

⁹Do your best to come to me soon, ¹⁰for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. ¹¹Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. ¹²I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. ¹³When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. ¹⁴Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will pay him back for his deeds. ¹⁵You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message.

¹⁶At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear

it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

ELW #815

Apostles' Creed:

With the whole church, let us 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.**

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 Almighty God, in giving us dominion over things on earth, you made us coworkers in your creation. We thank you for the gift of the colors of Fall. Give us wisdom and reverence to use the resources of nature in ways that future generations may continue to praise you for the bounty of creation.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

#2 God of relationships, we thank you for all the people you have placed in our lives; family, friends, people that support and uplift us every day. Help each of us to be sensitive to the needs of those we interact with each day.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

#3 Sustaining One, for all who volunteer for the vitality of this congregation, we praise you. Strengthen and encourage greeters, ushers, office volunteers, counters, committee and group leaders, teachers, students, evangelists, singers, builders, nurturers, and all who serve with generous hearts. 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: Bill & Jeanine, Jessica, Julia, Michael, Peter, Nick & Sharon, Karl, Margaret & Rolf. 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 lift up prayers of thanksgiving for:

- Taylor & Laura, who were married 10/9
- Kailee who is working as an Occupational Therapist in Jacksonville, NC

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:

- Jerry who has been diagnosed with acute Leukemia and will begin in-patient treatment at RGH
- Sue who is recovering from an emergency appendectomy
- Chick recovering at home after a recent hospitalization
- Kitty (friend of Linda) who broke her leg while visiting family in the Rochester area
- 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:

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.



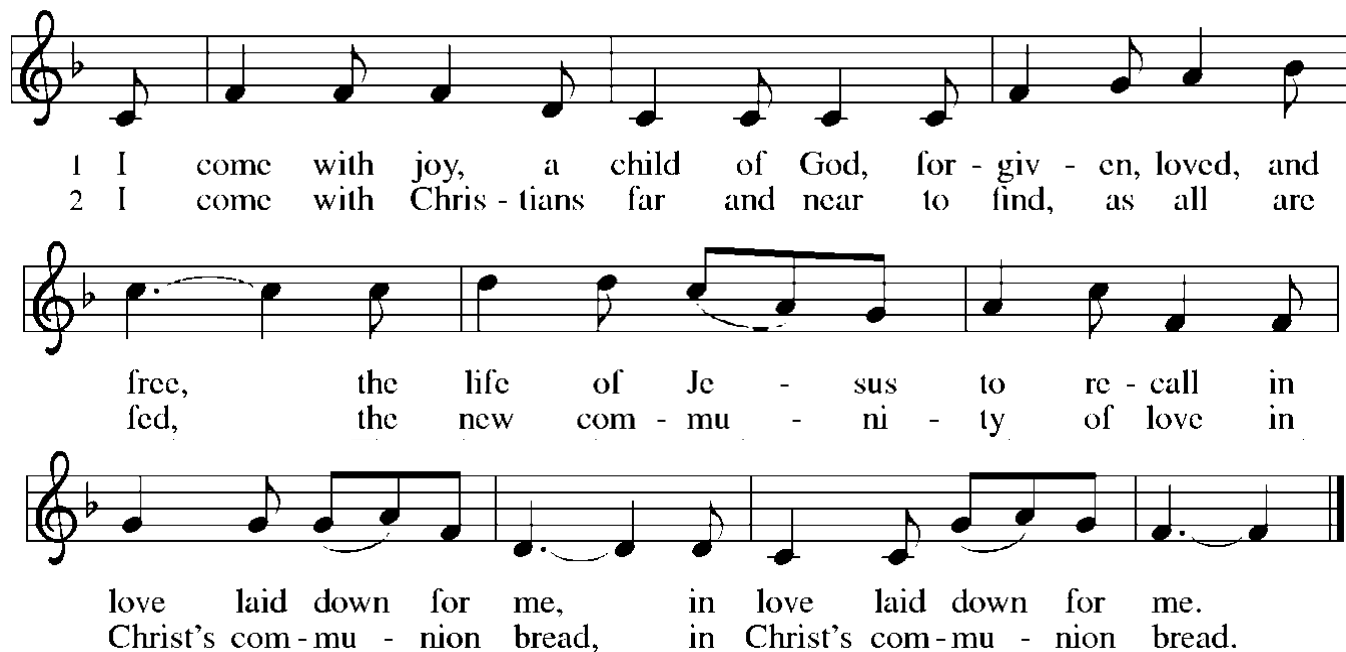
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giving page. For recurring gifts, download the *Tithe.ly* app. Checks may also be mailed to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 48 Perrin Street, Fairport, NY 14450. Those worshipping in person may leave their offerings in the basket in the narthex.

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

Offering of Music: Christ Hath a Garden Arr. Gerald Near
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.

You gather us in and hold us close.
You come quickly to our side and sit with us in the pain.
With this bread and wine
Draw us together into a community of love. 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:

God Extends an Invitation <i>(sing three times)</i>			ELW #486
1. <i>In English</i>	2. <i>In Spanish (if you know the language)</i>	3. <i>In English</i>	
<i>or/ sing on a neutral syllable "loo"</i>			
Day by Day			ELW #790

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>Canticle of the Turning</i> <i>Led by The Folk Group</i>	ELW #723
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Dismissal:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

FOUNDATION

Tune: Early American

Setting: Wilbur Held

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 (10/17):

- 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 17 – October 24

(Last updated on 10/13/21 at 12 noon, visit <https://blcfairport.org/event-directory/> for updates)

Sunday, 10/17

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

Monday, 10/18

Tuesday, 10/19

6:30 pm BSA Troop 2019
Meeting

Wednesday, 10/20

9:30 am Bible Study –
Hybrid (In-person or
[Join](#) via Zoom –
ID 943 3691 2942)
1:00 pm Men's Lunch at
Penfield Wegmans
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, 10/21

6:30 pm Council ([Join](#) via
Zoom – ID 881 6978)
7:00 pm BLC Quilters

Friday, 10/22

Pastor's Sabbath
2:30 pm Dulcimer Group
Rehearsal

Saturday, 10/23

Sunday, 10/24

8:55 am Worship with
Communion (in-person
and livestream)
10:00 am Fellowship
10:15 am Faith
Formation for All
11:00 am Annual
Meeting
Forum (in-person or
[Join](#) via Zoom – ID 819
4278 7801)

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

Unlearning Hands

I used to always ask,
“How can I help?” but
maybe I can’t help.

Maybe these hands are too small. Maybe the boat will sink
anyway. Maybe your heart has been broken and grief has moved
in, making itself at home in your life.

Maybe what you need from me is not a solution
or a plan
or a fix-it strategy,

but something else, something more.

I’m learning to unlearn my desire to fix.
I am learning to unlearn centering myself

in the story of your pain.

When I asked before, “How can I help?”
What I really meant to say was, “What do you need?”

What do *you* need?

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