



*Sunday, January 23, 2022*

*“Your roots will grow down into God’s love and keep you strong. And may you have the power to understand, as all God’s people should, how wide, how long and how deep his love is.”*

*Ephesians 3:17b-18 (NLT)*





# 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.

## **We Need YOU... to serve on the Worship Team!**

As Lutheran Christians, **we believe that worship is not a passive experience**, watching and listening to the Pastor. **Worship is the work of the people – that’s what liturgy means!** We all have a job to do in 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. It also takes many people to support the work of worship, both serving publicly and behind-the-scenes. **That’s why we need you!**

### **Worship Roles Needed TODAY**

Visit the table in the Narthex and put your name next to the role you want (so we know the role is filled by you!) and grab the corresponding bulletin.

Thank 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! If you’d like to help serve communion as well, snag that role too!*

**Glass Washer:** *Washes communion glasses either immediately following worship or after Faith Formation for All. 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 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 Assistant:** *Sit in the congregation and come forward at the time of communion 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 Reader:** *From your seat, speak the highlighted petition as part of the intercessory prayers on behalf of the congregation.*

## Worship Roles Scheduled for Future Weeks

### *Interested in Serving?*

*Sign up on the insert or at the table in the Narthex and the Contact Person will follow up with you soon!*

**Altar Guild:** *Helps prepare altar (set up for communion, change paraments, etc.) for weekly and special occasion worship. Contact: Sandy Goehle*

**Bread Guild:** *Provides fresh bread (homemade or purchased!) for communion.*

**Wine Guild:** *Provides wine for communion. Make sure the bread/wine is dropped off at church by Saturday! Contact: Julie Owen*

**Assisting Minister:** *Assists in leading worship from the chancel by reading the lessons, writing/preparing and leading the intercessory prayers and other portions of the liturgy and serving communion. Contact: Jim Berner*

**Hospitality Team:** Contact: Matt Beutel & Beth Schoenfeld

**Usher:** *Team of 2-3 people who arrive early to open the church building, ensure entrances are open and clear, attend to safety protocols, and help with flow of people during worship (including communion).*

**Greeter:** *Arrives around 8:30 to offer a warm welcome to those who come for worship and helps people get acquainted with the building and worship needs (bulletins, restrooms, elevator, etc.) Another great opportunity for a household to serve together!*

**Children's Sermon:** *Prepare and deliver message based on weekly lessons/theme, geared towards preschool and early school aged children.*

*Consultation with Pastors is available and encouraged! Contact: Pastors or Beth Schoenfeld*

**Special Music:** *Individuals and ensembles are regularly scheduled to provide music for worship, including Chancel Choir, Folk Group, Bell Choir, Children's Choir, and more. (If you have a musical talent to share, we want to know about it!) Contact: Raelynn Clare*

**Livestream Team:** *Operates camera/computer and ensures the livestream feed happens each week. Contact: Mike Joyce*

**Sunday, January 23, 2022 ~ Third Sunday after Epiphany**  
**Anniversary Sunday**


Prelude:

Lord Be Glorified

*BE GLORIFIED*

Bob Kilpatrick

setting: Emma Lou Diemer

 *Each anniversary Sunday celebration is an opportunity to remember the ways that our worship is rooted in the past, even as we are growing together and sharing in faith today. For the season after Epiphany, we are using the baptismal font from BLC's original worship space, remembering the ways that baptism connects us with our brothers and sisters in the faith over the years.*

*Today's worship features a number of hymns that are listed as "BLC Favorites" – those hymns BLC worshipers counted among our favorites when asked in spring of 2020. Our offertory (and one of those favorite hymns!) comes from the Common Service Book of the Lutheran Church (noted as the CSB in today's bulletin), which was first published in 1917. The liturgy and hymns of the CSB supported BLC at our founding! You'll likely recognize the selections as they are still found in our hymnody today.*

*Each year, on the Sunday after Epiphany (January 6) we affirm our baptism, celebrating that God has chosen us as beloved children. Each week throughout the season after Epiphany, we are focusing on the responsibilities entrusted to us – as individuals and a community – in response to God's love for us at baptism. (Review these promises in the hymnal on page 228!) Today, we reflect on what it looks like to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed.*

*God's glory is revealed in the reading of scripture. The unity of the church is one reflection of God's glory. Most gloriously, the promises of God are fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Gather round. Listen up. Glimpse the glory of God.*

**SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Confession and Forgiveness:

We gather in the name of the triune God ✠ and return to our foundation—to words of love, starting with love for ourselves.

We pray together, Holy God,  
**In Christ Jesus, you lean down and enter our world with your boundless love. But we are quick to forget. We forget that in the beginning we were made good. We doubt that we could possibly be enough. We hustle for our self-worth and wear ourselves out aiming for perfection. We deflect words of praise. We hide behind shiny first impressions. Forgive us. Trusting our worth is the hardest job. Open our ears as you open our hearts, so that we might rest on the foundation of goodness you have laid for us through your Son. Gratefully we pray, amen.**

Family of faith, no matter how old we get, God continues to say to us: “You are loved; you are forgiven.” That is the foundation of our lives. That is the truth upon which we build our home. So breathe deeply. There is grace and peace here. Join me in proclaiming this good news:

**We are loved. We are + forgiven. We are claimed. This is our foundation. Thanks be to God. Amen.**



Gathering Hymn:

*O Brother Man*

SBH 539

This hymn is a BLC favorite!

*(music on the following page)*

WELWYN. 11 10, 11 10.

ALFRED SCOTT-GATTY, 1847-1918

*With movement*

1. O broth - er man, fold to thy heart thy broth - er!  
2. Fol - low with rev - erent steps the great ex - am - ple

Where pit - y dwells, the peace of God is there;  
Of him whose ho - ly work was do - ing good;

To wor - ship right - ly is to love each oth - er,  
So shall the wide earth seem our Fa - ther's tem - ple,

Each smile a hymn, each kind - ly deed a prayer.  
Each lov - ing life a psalm of grat - i - tude.

3 Then shall all shackles fall; the stormy clangor  
Of wild war-music o'er the earth shall cease;  
Love shall tread out the baleful fire of anger,  
And in its ashes plant the tree of peace.

John Greenleaf Whittier, 1807-92



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.**

Gloria (*assisted by the BLC Percussion Ensemble*):



*;*Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!  
Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!



*;*Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!  
Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!



*Y*en la tie - rra paz pa-ra\_a-que-llos que\_a-ma\_el Se - ñor.  
And on earth . . . peace to God's peo-ple. Glo - ry to God.



*Y*en la tie - rra paz pa-ra\_a-que-llos que\_a-ma\_el Se - ñor.  
And on earth . . peace to God's peo-ple. Glo - ry to God.

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Prayer of the Day:

Let us pray. Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

Children's Moment

Marcy Adams

## **Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a**

*The apostle and pastor Paul uses the metaphor of the human body to describe how intimately connected we are in the church. For this struggling congregation in Corinth, Paul delivers a vital message of unity that is a mark of the church today.*

<sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

<sup>14</sup>Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup>If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup>And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup>If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup>But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup>If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup>As it is, there are many members, yet one body. <sup>21</sup>The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” <sup>22</sup>On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup>and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; <sup>24</sup>whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, <sup>25</sup>that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup>If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

<sup>27</sup>Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup>And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup>Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup>Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31a</sup>But strive for the greater gifts.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation:

*A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!*  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!*  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya,*  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

*a - le - lu - ya! A - le - lu - ya!*  
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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The gospel according to Luke.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **Gospel: Luke 4:14-21**

*Near the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, he visits his hometown of Nazareth. In the words of Isaiah, he states and claims his identity, purpose, and mission.*

<sup>14</sup>Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup>He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

<sup>16</sup>When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup>and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

<sup>18</sup>“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
 because he has anointed me  
 to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
 and recovery of sight to the blind,  
 to let the oppressed go free,

<sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”

<sup>20</sup>And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup>Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: <i>Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)</i> ELW 798
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ST 1 / All

ST 2 / Solo

ST 3 / All

ST 4 / Solo

ST 5 / All

Anna Jefferis and Julia Finkbeiner, sopranos

The Prayers of the People:

*Our prayers are always offered on behalf of the whole community.*

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

*A brief silence.*

#1 You reveal yourself to us in the reading of scripture. Fulfill your word through the faithful witness of your church. Send us out to bring your liberating good news to all people. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

#2 You desire that there be no dissension among us. Where we are divided in our society, nation, or world, come quickly to reunite us into one body. Ease conflict, dispel violence, and bring an end to war. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

#3 Anoint with your Spirit all who seek your favor. Grant provision and justice for people living in poverty, people living with disability, those living with pain, and those living under oppression. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Build up the body of Christ in this place. Bless the variety of ministries in this congregation. Empower us to freely welcome and deeply value each person who enters into worship and ministry among us, including those we pray for today Colleen & Fred (Corine & Evan), Connie & Tom, Mary, Jackie, and Bob & Phyllis. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Heal those who are sick, soothe those who are anxious, comfort those who mourn.

*Silence*

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

- Aulikki (aunt of Marja) who died on 1/18
- Elenore who died on 1/14

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

- Kim & Doug (cousins of Chris) who are very ill with Covid & pneumonia
- Donna as she anticipates knee replacement surgery on 1/25
- Sherry, who broke her shoulder in a fall and is at home recuperating
- Chick, who is recovering after a recent hospitalization
- 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

*For those who serve or work away from home, especially:*

- TJ, Suzanne, Natalie, Bethany and Trace, who are stationed in Kazakhstan with the US military, where there is significant political unrest right now. Suzanne grew up at BLC and is the daughter of Howard and Jan.

*Finally, we lift up prayers of thanksgiving for:*

- The birth of Sloane, daughter of Connor and Erin, and little sister to Marlee. Sloane was born on 1/14/2022 and is the granddaughter of Sandy and Mike.

God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.  
**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:

True Light

words & music: Keith Hampton

The Chancel Choir (Jim Jefferis, director)

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DIX. 7 7, 7 7, 7 7

CONRAD KOCHER, 1836

1. As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing star be-hold;  
3. As they of-fered gifts most rare At that man-ger rude and bare;

As with joy they hailed its light, Lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;  
So may we, with ho-ly joy, Pure, and free from sin's al-loy,

So, most gra-cious God, may we Ev-er-more be led to Thee.  
All our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King. A-men.

*William Chatterton Dix, 1860*

## Offertory Prayer:

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe.

**You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. 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 sent Jesus to love and serve all people.  
**Sustain us with this meal to follow in his footsteps.**

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:

Come to God's table. There is a place for you and enough for all.

**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:



*Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;  
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .*



*ten pie-dad de no - so - tros,                      ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.  
have . . mer-cy up - on us,                      have . . mer - cy up - on us.*



*Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;  
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .*



*ten pie-dad de no - so - tros,                      ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.  
have . . mer-cy up - on us,                      have . . mer - cy up - on us.*



*Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;  
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .*



*da - nos tu paz,                      da - nos tu paz.  
grant us your peace,                      grant us your peace.*

Hymns sung during communion:



*One Bread, One Body*

ELW 496

(This hymn is a BLC favorite!)

*Lord, Be Glorified*

ELW 744

Table Blessing:

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

**Amen**

Post-Communion Prayer:

Let us pray. We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

**WE LEAVE TO SERVE:**



Sending Hymn: O Zion, Haste

CSB 224

*music on the following page*

# Foreign Missions

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ANGELIC SONGS. 11 10, 11 10. With Refrain

JAMES WALCH, 1875

1. O Zi-on, haste, thy mis-sion high ful - fill - ing To tell to all the  
 2. Be - hold, how man - y thousands still are ly - ing Bound in the dark - some  
 3. Pro - claim to ev - 'ry peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion That God, in Whom they

world that God is Light; That He Who made all na-tions is not will - ing  
 pris - on-house of sin, With none to tell them of the Sav-iour's dy - ing,  
 live and move, is Love: Tell how He stooped to save His lost cre - a - tion,

## REFRAIN

One soul should per - ish, lost in shades of night:  
 Or of the life He died for them to win. Pub - lish glad ti - dings,  
 And died on earth that man might live a - bove.

ti - dings of peace; Ti-dings of Je - sus, redemption and re-lease. A-men.

4 Give of thy sons to bear the message glorious;  
 Give of thy wealth to speed them on their way;  
 Pour out thy soul for them in prayer victorious;  
 And haste the coming of the glorious day.

5 He comes again: O Zion, ere thou meet Him,  
 Make known to every heart His saving grace;  
 Let none whom He hath ransomed fail to greet Him,  
 Through thy neglect, unfit to see His face.

Mary Ann Thomson, 1870

Benediction:

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, ✠ bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.  
**Amen.**

Dismissal:

Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Postlude:            *LIGHT*

American Folk Tune  
Setting: Warren Swenson

**Welcome to Pastor Jeff Hedin!** *Pastor Hedin and his wife, Ruth, are active members of BLC, having joined following his retirement from St. Paul's in Pittsford. We are grateful for his participation in our anniversary celebration as he shares the Word with us this morning. We are truly blessed to have two retired pastors - the other being Pastor Dave Gerhardt - as part of our BLC family and are thankful to have the opportunity to acknowledge their gifts and their presence among us. Read more about Pastor Hedin in the bulletin insert.*

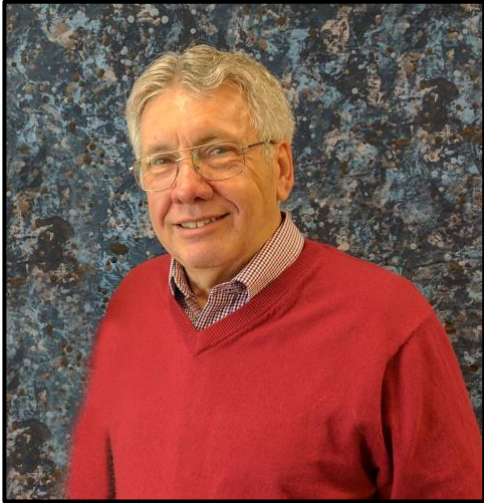
**Thank you** *to all those who participated in worship this Sunday! If you would like to learn more about participating in a worship role, please speak to one of the co-pastors or contact the church office!*

### **Happening today (1/23):**

#### ***100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sunday!***

- 8:55 am Worship with Communion with guest Pastor Jeff Hedin (in-person and livestream)
- 10:15 am Opening of the time capsule with John Schmeelk (Sanctuary)
- 10:15 am Faith Formation for pre-K through LYO
  - pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> grade gathers in the Sunday School Wing
  - 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
- 10:55 am Final Blessing for Everyone (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:15 am Children's Choir (Choir Room)

## **Rev. Jeff Hedin**



Born in western NY, Pastor Hedin graduated from Cornell University in 1973 with a degree in Industrial and Labor Relations. After receiving a Master of Divinity degree from Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia in 1977, he was ordained into the ministry. His first call was to Zion Lutheran Church in Clarence Center, NY where he served from 1977-1989. In 1990 he answered a call at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Pittsford where he served until his retirement in 2016.

Pastor Hedin is an avid sports fan, especially of the Buffalo Bills. He serves on the board of Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center. He has a passion for social justice.

Pastor Hedin and his wife, Ruth, married in 1973. They have three adult children and are expecting their seventh grandchild early this year.

## Calendar for January 23 – January 30

(Last updated on 1/19/22 at 12 noon, visit <https://blcfairport.org/event-directory/> for updates)

### Sunday, 1/23

#### *100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

#### *Sunday*

8:55 am Worship with  
Communion with guest  
Pastor Jeff Hedin  
(in-person  
and livestream)  
10:15 am Opening of the  
Time Capsule  
(Presentation led by  
John Schmeelk In-  
person or  
[Join](#) via Zoom –  
ID 859 4251 6915)  
10:15 am Faith  
Formation for All  
11:15 am Children's  
Choir

### Monday, 1/24

7:00 pm Crucial  
Conversation: Christian  
Nationalism – Pre-  
Registration required

### Tuesday, 1/25

2:00 pm Support Group  
for Caregivers  
6:30 pm BSA Troop 2019  
Meeting

### Wednesday, 1/26

9:30 am Bible Study –  
Hybrid (In-person or  
[Join](#) via Zoom –  
ID 943 3691 2942)  
6:00 pm Chancel Bells  
6:15 pm Folk Group  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

### Thursday, 1/27

6:00 pm Girl Scout Troop  
Meeting  
6:30 pm Lent Planning  
Meeting ([Join](#) via Zoom  
– ID 893 2409 3010)

### Friday, 1/28

#### *Pastor's Sabbath*

2:30 pm Dulcimer  
Group Rehearsal

### Saturday, 1/29

3:00 pm BSA Troop 208  
Court of Honor

### Sunday, 1/30

8:55 am Worship with  
Communion (in-person  
and livestream)  
10:15 Quarterly Dialogue  
(In-person or  
[Join](#) via Zoom –  
ID 859 4251 6915)  
10:15 am Faith  
Formation for All  
11:15 am Children's  
Choir

**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:** Submit details at <https://blcfairport.org/blc-facility-request/> for each planned meeting, event and activity at BLC. This allows us to check for availability, reserve the space, and plan accordingly. Please contact the church office to confirm or with any questions following your submission.

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## **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reflection by John Schmeelk**

A century ago there was an expectation of wonderful change and new beginnings. High hopes and excitement filled the nearly 100 members of a new church in Fairport. New birth and growth stimulated this community. Growth however, also meant change and change can be disturbing. Questions arise about the speed and direction of future development.

New communities look for growth in size. More members equal success. Difficulties come from how to organize and accommodate ever increasing numbers. Comfort that came from knowledge of everyone in the group can be lost. New ideas arise, outside conditions change and affect the group, plus original plans and goals are reassessed sometimes creating unease and anxiety.

As individuals we grow in many ways. Abilities are gained, and then often are lost with age. Beliefs are reassessed, affirmed, or cast aside. Talents appear that were unexpected and opportunities often arise from disasters. Learning, adapting, and questioning never seem to end. The search for a comfort zone becomes more attractive. There is a temptation to create and exist within a bubble.

One hundred years ago, the people of BLC Fairport lived under the same conditions. Through their effort as the hands that attempt to do God's work they built a building and a congregation of supporting people. They left a legacy through efforts that included success and failure. The example set for us by those who followed was one of endurance and true growth.

Numbers may be a measure of success but accomplishments, faithfulness to goals and a desire to improve are the true measure. Our founders were no more perfect or imperfect than we are today. Belief that our efforts to improve-grow-as individuals and a church community will always be supported by our loving God. We march on, then with the confidence and hope to continue to grow.