



Sunday, March 20, 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)



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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.

Worship Leaders at BLC

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. **Each Sunday you're invited to visit the table in the Narthex and put your name next to the role you want and grab the corresponding bulletin.**

Want to learn more about a specific worship role or sign-up for a pre-scheduled role? Fill out the survey on the table in the narthex and place it in the basket. We will follow up with you.

Sunday, March 20, 2022 ~ Third Sunday in Lent
Anniversary Sunday

Prelude:

Sonata for Organ No. 4 in E Minor, BWV 528
II. Andante

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

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 Lent, we are using a familiar liturgical setting (#1 from the Lutheran Book of Worship published in 1978) including parts that date back at least to the Common Service Book (published in 1917 and used at the founding of BLC). Our offertory each week, "Create in Me" is from this hymnal but likely familiar to your ears today as it is also found in our current hymnal (ELW). Today's worship also features a number of hymns that are listed as "BLC Favorites" – those hymns BLC worshipers counted among your favorites when asked in spring of 2020.

The warnings are plentiful and blunt on the third Sunday in Lent. Cut it out or get cut down! The warnings are accompanied by God's invitation to attentiveness: "Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live." The landowner's ultimatum is forestalled by the gardener's readiness to till the ground one more year. That is good news for all of us. Thanks be to God!

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Confession and Forgiveness:

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

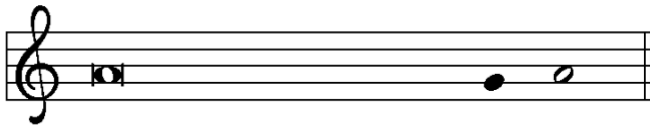
Most merciful God,
we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.
Amen

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen

Gathering Hymn:	Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer	ELW 618
choral descant by John Scott		

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.

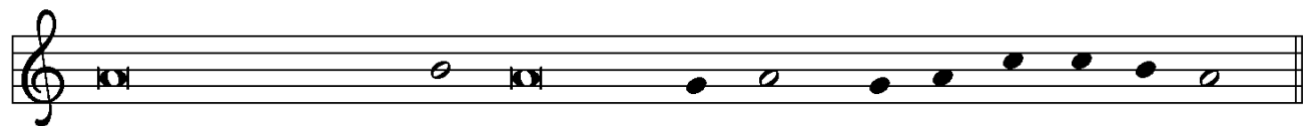
Kyrie:



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



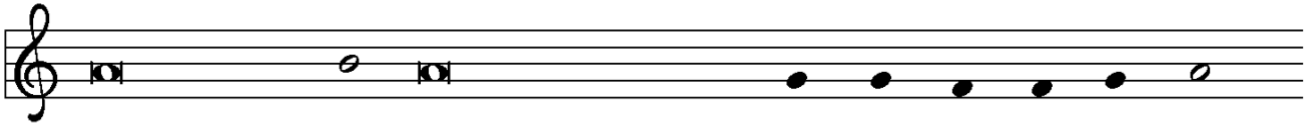
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

Prayer of the Day:

Let us pray. Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Moment

Patty Chaffee

Reading: Isaiah 55:1-9

To those who have experienced long years in exile, the return to their homeland is a celebration of abundant life. God calls them into an everlasting covenant of love. Those who return to God will enjoy new life and forgiveness, because God's ways are not our ways

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

⁶Seek the Lord while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;

⁷let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.

⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:



Refrain: Leader

Refrain: All

Proper Verse: Leader

*Jesus began to proclaim, Repent,
for the kingdom of heaven has come near.*

Refrain: All

The gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

Asked about current tragic events, Jesus turns a lesson about whether suffering is deserved into a hard call to obedience. He then tells a parable that holds out hope that the timeline for ultimate judgment will be tempered by patience.

¹At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.²[Jesus] asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?”³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

⁶Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ ⁸He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

assisted by The Folk Group (Rich Towsley, director)

Stanza 1 & Refrain: Ensemble

Stanzas 2, 3, 4 & Refrain each time: All

Living Waters

Words and Music by Keith Getty,
Kristyn Getty and Ed Cash

1. Are you thir-sty? Are you emp-ty? Come and drink these liv-ing
2. Christ is call-ing, find re-fresh-ing At the cross of liv-ing
3. Spir-it mov-ing, mer-cy wash-ing; Heal-ing in these liv-ing
4. Are you thir-sty? Are you emp-ty? Come and drink these liv-ing

wa-ters. Tired and brok-en, peace un-spo-ken,
wa-ters. Lay your life down, All the old gone,
wa-ters. Lead your child-ren to the shore-line,
wa-ters. Love, for-give-ness, vast and bound-less,

1. Rest be-side these liv-ing wa-ters. 2. 3. 4. wa-ters. There's a
Rise up in these liv-ing wa-ters.
Life is in these liv-ing wa-ters.
Christ, He is our liv-ing wa-ters.

riv-er that flows with mer-cy and love, Bring-ing
joy to the ci-tty of our God; There our hope is se-cure, do not
last time to TAG
fear an-y-more, Praise the Lord of liv-ing wa-ters.

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wa-ters. There our hope is se-cure, do not
fear an-y-more, Praise the Lord of liv-ing wa-ters.

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The Prayers of the People:

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

Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

#1 Praise God for the wonders of creation and the signs of hope, life, and renewal that emerge with Spring. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

#2 Renewing God. In this Lenten season we each need the opportunity, to clear our eyes of the glaze of indifference and apathy. Help us get our minds off distractions, obsessions and self-pity so that we don't feel helpless. Help us to re-orient our head and heart so that we may fill them with life-affirming activities and thoughts.
Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

#3 All Powerful God, grant us the gift of understanding. Help us to understand the feelings of others, the worries of others, the goals of others. At the same time, help us to understand our actions and reactions. Widen our vision beyond our own small world, to embrace with knowledge and love the worlds of others. Bless us with acceptance and love, that is tempered by you, who are all things to all people.
Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We give thanks that in Baptism you form us into community. Today, we pray for these members and friends of Bethlehem and their families: Karen & Tom, Leslie & Mark (Avery, James & Tyler), Bob & Cathy, Bill and Gunnar. We also pray for our sisters and brothers in our twinned parish in Shurugwi, Zimbabwe.
Merciful God,
receive 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:

- Michael Fonte (brother-in-law of Ron Meier) who died on 3/4

We pray for those in need of healing, especially:

- Kathy who is dealing with ongoing health concerns
- Chris who has entered in-home hospice
- Julie (family friend of Kim) who is undergoing chemotherapy
- Rev. Rob (former pastor and friend of Andy)
- Those who are caregivers for loved ones
- Those who are ill from Coronavirus and all who care for them

Hear also these prayers we raise to you in our hearts or on our voice...

Silence for people to offer their prayers

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

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:
Give Me Jesus

Afro-American spiritual
arr. L. L. Fleming

The Chancel Choir (Jim Jefferis, director)

Offertory:	Create in Me a Clean Heart
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Or H. R. K. From FREYLINGHAUSEN.

The musical score is written for a choir in 3/2 time, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of five systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are: 'Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God; and re-new a right spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from Thy pres-ence; and take not Thy Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of Thy sal-va-tion; and up-hold me with Thy free Spir-it.' The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and bar lines.

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God; and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from Thy pres-ence;
and take not Thy Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store un-to me the
joy of Thy sal-va-tion; and up-hold me with Thy free Spir-it.

Offertory Prayer:

Let us pray. Gracious God,

we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our 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.

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:

Here is food and drink for the journey. Take and be filled.

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.

Hymn sung during communion:



Nearer My God to Thee

CSB 407

(This hymn is a BLC favorite)
Music on the following page

The Christian Life

407

SECOND TUNE

BETHANY. 6 4, 6 4, 6 6 4

LOWELL MASON, 1856



1. Near - er, my God, to Thee, Near - er to Thee; E'en though it be a cross
2. Though, like a wan-der-er, The sun gone down, Dark-ness be o - ver me,
3. Then let my way ap-pear Steps un-to heaven; All that Thou send-est me



That rais-eth me, Still, all my song shall be, Near - er, my God, to Thee,
My rest - a stone, Yet in my dreams I'd be Near - er, my God, to Thee,
In mer-cy given; An - gels to beck-on me Near - er, my God, to Thee,



Near - er, my God, to Thee, Near - er to Thee! A - men.



4 Then with my waking thoughts,
Bright with Thy praise,
Out of my stony griefs
Bethel I'll raise;
So by my woes to be
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee!

5 Or, if on joyful wing
Cleaving the sky,
Sun, moon, and stars forgot,
Upward I fly;
Still, all my song shall be,
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee!

Sarah Flower Adams, 1841

Hymn sung during communion:



Just a Closer Walk with Thee

ELW 697

(This hymn is a BLC favorite)

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:

Sending Hymn:

Bless Now, O God, the Journey

ELW 326

Benediction:

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

Dismissal:

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Allegro, Chorale and Fugue in D Minor/D Major Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy
(1809-1847)

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. Today we welcome Sarah Hawbecker to the organ as she offers the Prelude and Postlude. We thank her for participating in our 100th Anniversary celebration and for sharing her musical talent with us. We regret that Pastor Paul Adler is unable to lead worship today as planned due to illness. We look forward to viewing the taped message that he has sent. Their presence, both in person and virtual, reminds us that we are connected to each other and BLC even though we may be separated by time and distance. Read more about Sarah and Pastor Adler in the bulletin and please plan to greet Sarah in the sanctuary following worship.



Sarah Hawbecker

Ms. Hawbecker served as organist and Chancel Choir Director at Bethlehem from 1988 – 1990.

She is an active recitalist, full-time church musician, and winner of numerous competitions. She is a prize winner of both the 1998 and 1996 National Young Artists Competition in Organ Performance. She won first place in the 1988 Undergraduate Organ Competition, Ottumwa, IA, and was a finalist in the 1992 Spivey International Organ Competition. Ms. Hawbecker's performances have been recorded and broadcast on

American Public Media's radio program *Pipedreams*®.

Ms. Hawbecker has a varied organ repertoire and enjoys designing programs tailored to the specific instrument and audience. Whether playing a "traditional" organ program, all-Bach, American composers, Halloween concerts, or interactive concerts for children, her goal is to engage the audience and share her love of the instrument and its music. Also recognized as a specialist with children's choirs, she is frequently asked to lead workshops in the area of church music and children's choir techniques.

She has presented workshops and performed for conventions of the American Guild of Organists and for conferences of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians. Her articles have been published in several professional journals: *The American Organist* (AGO), *CrossAccent* (ALCM), and *The Chorister* (Choristers Guild). She has adjudicated several organ competitions, most notably the semi-final round of the 2008 National Young Artists Competition in Organ Performance.

A native of Illinois, Ms. Hawbecker studied organ and church music with John Ferguson at St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN, where she received the Bachelor of Music, *magna cum laude* with Departmental Distinction, and was elected into Pi Kappa Lambda. She went on to earn the Master of Music in

Organ Performance from the Eastman School of Music, where she studied with Russell Saunders. An active lifetime member of the American Guild of Organists, she served three terms on its National Council and completed two terms on the Board of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians as a regional president.

Ms. Hawbecker is currently Organist and Director of Children's Music at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Atlanta, GA, where she has served since 1996. She is also on the staff of Orgues Létourneau Limitée of St-Hyacinthe, Québec as a project consultant and regional representative on the east coast of the United States. She is on the roster of Concert Artist Cooperative. She and her husband, William Fuller, reside in Atlanta with their teenage son, Jonathan.



She shares that among her favorite memories of her time at BLC are “breakfast with the choir at Friendly’s, all the wonderful, supportive people, and teaching young piano students.”



Rev. Paul Martin Adler

Rev. Paul Adler, a retired Methodist minister, lives with his wife, Laurie, in Columbus, OH where they attend Stonybrook United Methodist Church. They have two children. Son Tim is married to Adriane. Daughter Rachel and husband, Eric Amidon have a daughter, Juliette.

Rev. Adler's connection to BLC is through his father, Rev. Dallas Adler, who served BLC as pastor from 1958 – 1966. In addition, his mother, Marge, was both organist and choir director. The Adlers had five sons – Carl, Gary, Paul, John, and Dean. They were a musical family, often singing together while Marge accompanied on the piano. Gary and John are both deceased.



Rev. Adler graduated from Capital University and Lutheran Theological Seminary, both in Columbus. Upon his marriage to Laurie, they settled in Findlay, OH to be near family. Laurie was a teacher and Rev. Adler worked in the office of a company that manufactured railroad cars. During this time, he served as a part-time pastor in several United Methodist churches in the area.

Rev. Adler has many fond memories of his time at BLC. He shares: "Quite a while ago, my grandmother told me don't get old. At this point, I am not much younger than she was when she told me that. I guess I didn't listen very well."

In spite of my advancing years, I still clearly remember when, in 1958, the Adler family moved to Fairport so my dad, Dallas, could begin serving as pastor at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Eventually, my mom, Marge, played the organ and directed the choirs - from the organ bench. We five boys went along to enjoy the ride. Fairport was a most excellent place to grow up.

Mom and Dad both played woodwind instruments, but when the time came, Mom made sure that we boys played brass instruments. Today, that group has entered into the third generation – some of the great-grandchildren have begun to play with us. They would be so happy.

I graduated from Fairport High School fifty-some years ago. As of now, the years that I lived in Fairport add up to about a tenth of my life. And I still have so many fond memories of my years in Bethlehem Church. I am so thankful for being able to grow up in Fairport.”

Rev. Adler highlights some random memories from his time in Fairport and at BLC:

- He attended Fairport schools from 5th through 12th grades.
- His closest friends were from BLC. His best friend was Denny Sharp, who also became a pastor; they served together as acolytes.
- He sang in the choirs.
- He played a brass instrument and sang with his four brothers and his father while his mother accompanied on the piano.
- The high school Sunday School class was very large.
- Luther League was most memorable. He participated in organized activities like bowling and sledding, as well as picnicking and swimming at Canandaigua Lake. He enjoyed Luther League rallies with youth from other American Lutheran Churches in the area and recalls that BLC always had the largest group.
- Catechism instruction was a 2-year program and Confirmation was a very big event.

Happening today (3/20):

100th Anniversary Sunday!

- 8:55 am Worship with Communion (in-person and livestream)
- 10:15 am Faith Formation
 - pre-K to 5th grade gathers in the Sunday School Wing
 - 6th-8th grade gathers in the Confirmation room
- 10:15 am Book Study (Fellowship Hall or Zoom)
- 10:15 am Anniversary Sanctuary conversation with recorded greeting from Rev. Paul Adler and Q&A with Sarah (in-person and livestream)
- 11:15 am Children's Choir (Choir Room)

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Calendar for March 13 – March 20

(Last updated on 3/16/22 at 12 noon, visit <https://blcfairport.org/event-directory/> for updates)

Sunday, 3/20***100th Anniversary Sunday***

8:55 am Worship with
Communion with guest
musician Sarah
Hawbecker (in-person
and livestream)

10:15 am 100th

Anniversary Sanctuary
conversation with
recorded greeting from
Rev. Paul Adler and
Q&A with Sarah
(in-person
and livestream)

10:15 am Adult Book

Study (In-person or [Join](#)
via Zoom -
ID 859 4251 6915)

10:15 am Faith

Formation

11:15 am Children's
Choir

Monday, 3/21

7:00 pm PEM/EMP
Meeting

Tuesday, 3/22***Church Office Closed***

6:15 pm M&SC Meeting
([Join](#) via Zoom -
ID 812 1431 6292)

6:30 pm BSA Troop 2019
Meeting

Wednesday, 3/23

9:30 am Bible Study -
([Join](#) via Zoom -
ID 943 3691 2942)

12:00 pm Pause for Prayer
on Facebook Live

5:45 pm Chancel Bells

6:00 pm Folk Group

6:15 pm Sabbath
Conversation (In-person
or [Join](#) via Zoom -
ID 832 6893 0474)

7:00 pm Holden Evening

Prayer Service (in-person
and livestream)

7:45 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, 3/24

6:00 pm Girl Scout Meeting

Friday, 3/25***Pastor's Sabbath***

2:30 pm Dulcimer
Group Rehearsal

Saturday, 3/26**Sunday, 3/27**

8:55 am Worship with
Communion (in-person
and livestream)

10:15 am Adult Book

Study (In-person or [Join](#)
via Zoom -
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10:15 am Faith

Formation

11:15 am Children's
Choir

Beth will be out of the office on Tuesday, 3/22

Church Office Hours: We continue to hold remote office hours M - 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.

100th Anniversary Reflection by Shiellee Weidner

I have been studying the Bible regularly for about 40 years and have discovered that it really does hold all of the answers to how to live a happy life. For instance, I had spent the early years of my life worrying about things that might happen, but often never DID come to pass. I think that worry is a coping mechanism that I had developed as a child, thinking that if I worried I could somehow protect myself from being forced to deal with a negative situation. As a result of studying God's word, gradually I've learned that worry does not come from God!

Actually, the Bible says that we are to live only in today, that we can't change yesterday because yesterday is gone. Only God knows what tomorrow will bring so we must keep our minds centered on today. Little by little I began to realize that when a problem comes along, the best thing to do is to turn it over to God in prayer!

In the beginning I found that praying like this would give me some relief, but worrying had become such a habit that the negative thoughts would pop right back into my mind over and over again.

God and I spent many years tossing worry back and forth until I learned in a *new way* to really trust our wonderful Lord! I finally learned that God would keep the worry and would only give it back to me with my permission.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4: 6-7