



Sunday, May 22, 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, May 22, 2022 ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter

Prelude:

I Know that My Redeemer Lives

DUKE STREET
attr. John C. Hatton
arr. Sandra Eithun

The Chancel Bells (Raelynn Clare, director)

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 of Easter, we are returning to a familiar liturgical setting (#1 from the Lutheran Book of Worship published in 1978). This setting continues to shape our faith today and remains as setting 3 in our current ELW hymnal. 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.

Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter. Paul has a vision about what to do. Jesus provides visions of peace that surpasses human understanding and power beyond human imagination.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Call to Worship:

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

Jesus Christ is Lord.

Over powers and principalities, over all who determine, control, govern or finance the affairs of humankind,

Jesus Christ is Lord.

Of the poor, of the broken, of the sinned against and the sinner,

Jesus Christ is Lord.

Above the Church, beyond our most excellent theologies and in the quiet corners of our hearts,

Jesus Christ is Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Amen

Gathering Hymn:



We Praise You, O God

ELW 870

(A favorite hymn of BLC)

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.

Prayer of the Day:

Let us pray. Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Special Music:

Guide Us, Lord

text: Quoting the Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester

music: Mark Patterson

The Children's Choir (Raelynn Clare, director)
Kathy Moragne, piano Julia Finkbeiner, cello

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Moment

Reading: Acts 16:9-15

A vision compels Paul to move his ministry into Greece. There he meets Lydia, an important person in the business community, whose heart has been opened by God to receive the gospel. Her conversion and baptism provide the impetus for the founding of the church at Philippi.

⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district

of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.” And she prevailed upon us.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:



The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 14:23-29

As Jesus talks of returning to the Father, he promises to send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will teach Jesus' followers and remind them of all that Jesus taught. Even more, those in whom God makes a home will experience a peace that overcomes fear.

²³Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the

Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day:



We Pray for Peace

Tune: *FINLANDIA*

(A favorite hymn tune of Rev. Shipman)

assisted by Olivia Finkbeiner, French horn
Kathy Moragne, piano The Chancel Bells

We Pray for Peace

Text: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

We pray for peace, O God of love and justice,
as once again, we face a time of war.

The meek and humble try — amid the crisis —
to love and build, to nurture and restore.

May leaders hear the truth the prophets teach us —
that gifts of peace are well worth struggling for.

We pray for peace, O Christ who calmed the waters —
who stilled the storm, who stilled disciples' fear.

You spoke with love and with amazing power;
be with us now when trouble is so near.

May leaders see the miracle you offer —
that words and deeds can calm the nations here.

We pray for peace, O Spirit here among us;
your love emboldens, judges and restrains.

Take any hate and acts of impulse from us;
make leaders wise, amid competing claims.

May we seek peace, O God of love and justice;
may love and mercy be our highest aims.

The Prayers of the People:

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

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

#1 God of new life, open your church to the unexpected ways your Spirit is at work. Guide congregations in their visioning, partnerships, and planning. Surround us with your peace. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

#2 Shine your light of wisdom and peace among nations. When those in power seek to assert dominance over others, confound their ways and make them yield to your humble authority. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

#3 Uphold the work of ministries and organizations in our communities who assist people experiencing homelessness, citizens returning from prison, and those living at the margins. Accomplish your will through their efforts. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Help Bethlehem grow as a community of hospitality where hurting people find your loving presence and wholeness. We pray especially today for these friends and members of Bethlehem and their families: Helene, Cliff & Linnea, Andrew & Sharon, Brittney, Ethan, Wesley, Bob & Diana, Sue & Tom, Brian, Katie, Kevin, and Tim. We pray especially for the ministries of hospitality in our twinned parish in Shurugwi, Zimbabwe. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Give safe haven to those who seek healing, liberation, or peace.

We pray for those who mourn the death of loved ones at the Tops Market in Buffalo last Saturday, especially the family and friends of:

- Pearl Young
- Ruth Whitfield
- Andre Mackniel
- Katherine Massey
- Celestine Chaney
- Margus Morrison
- Heyward Patterson
- Aaron Salter Jr
- Roberta Drury
- Geraldine Tally

We pray for those in need of healing, especially:

- Marianne (friend of Dave) who is navigating a health issue
- Erich who is hospitalized following a fall
- Rob (former pastor of Andy) who is recovering from surgery on 5/10
- Those who are caregivers for loved ones
- Those who are ill from Coronavirus and all who care for them

We pray for the wellbeing of first responders who face the aftermath of violence.
We pray for that hate-filled hearts will be changed.

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

Silence for people to offer their prayers

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; 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:
You Do Not Walk Alone

text: Traditional Irish Blessing
music: Elaine Hagenberg

The Chancel Choir (Jim Jefferis, director)

Offertory:

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

ELW 182

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and melodic, with lyrics written below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Offertory Prayer:

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth.

Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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:

The risen Christ dwells with us here.

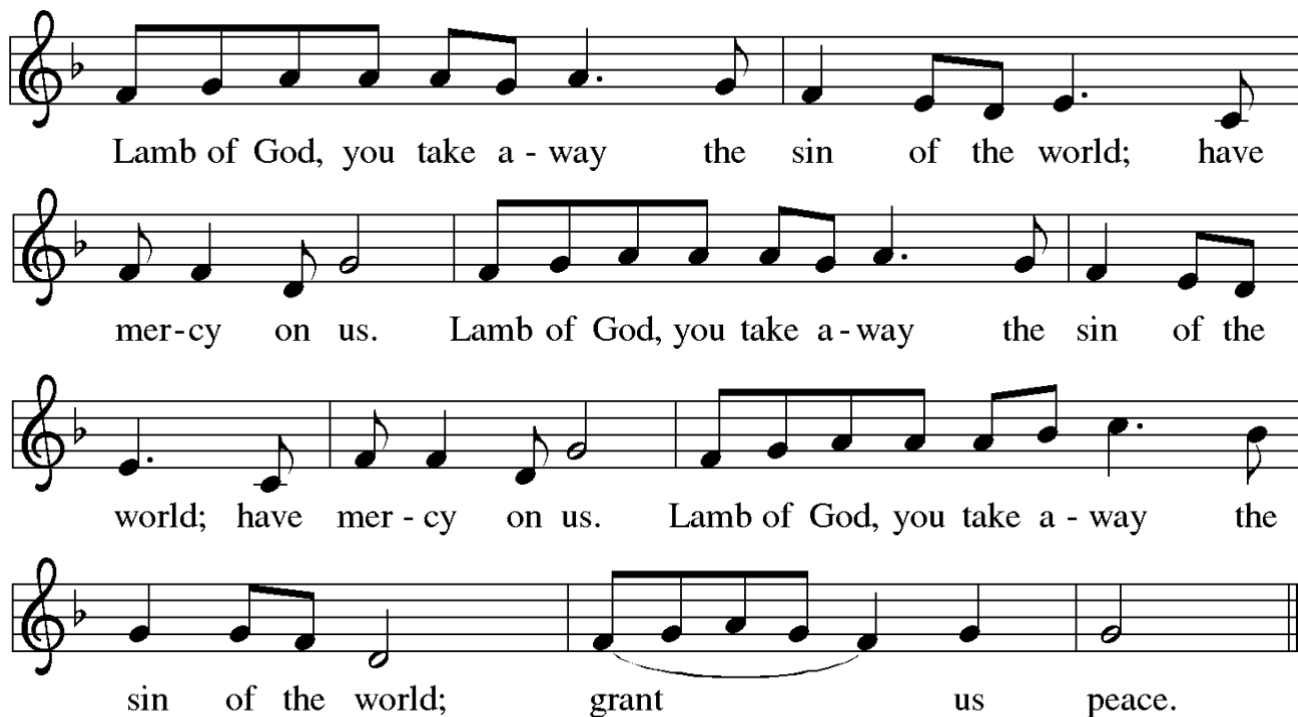
All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

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.

Hymns sung during communion:

The Peace of the Lord

ELW 646

My Life Flows on in Endless Song

ELW 763

st. 1, 2, 4

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:

Blessing of Quilts

Sending Hymn:	Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing	ELW 389
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Benediction:

May the risen Christ amaze us, open us to receive new life, and send us to share all that we have seen and heard with the blessing of God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Dismissal:

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Processional

Craig A. Penfield

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 are very pleased to welcome Rev. Wayne Shipman as our guest pastor. Pastor Wayne, a former member of BLC, is familiar to many of us. Following a long career with Eastman Kodak, he entered the ministry and was ordained in 2020. Pastor Wayne has traveled to Fairport from Idaho where he is currently serving a dual call at both Emanuel Lutheran Church in Blackfoot and Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Pocatello. We are grateful for his participation in our 100th Anniversary celebration and his worship leadership this morning, as we remember the many ways we are connected BLC and to each other. Read more about Pastor Wayne in today's bulletin and please plan to greet him at an informal Q&A session in the sanctuary following worship. Welcome back, Pastor Wayne!

Happening today (5/22):

100th Anniversary Sunday!

- 8:55 am Worship with Communion (in- person and livestream)
- 10:15 am 100th Anniversary Q&A and conversation with guests (in-person and livestream)
- 10:15 am Faith Formation
 - pre-K to 5th grade gathers in the Sunday School Wing
- 10:15 am Listening Session for households with children living at home (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:15 am Children's Choir
- 6:00 pm Listening Session for Confirmation and LYO-aged youth (LYO Room)

Let the Vineyards be Fruitful: Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980. Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923.

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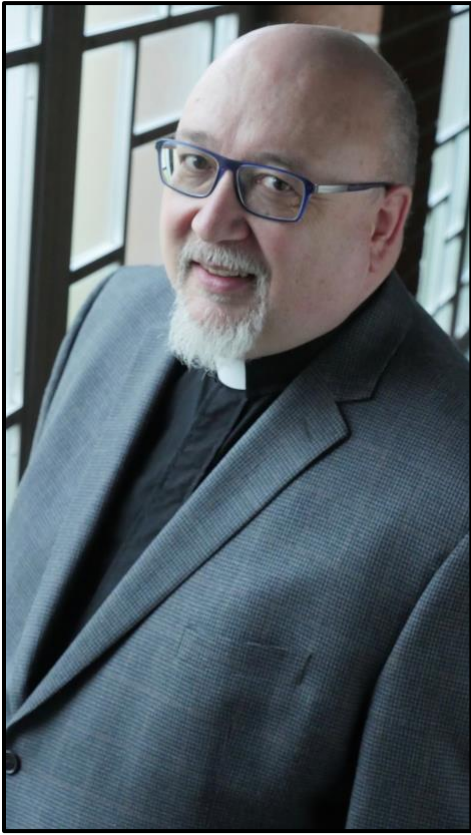
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Rev. Wayne R. Shipman



Pastor Shipman was born in Jersey City, NJ, the oldest of four children of Gertrude and Russell Shipman. He lived his early years in Whippany, NJ. As a young man he became interested in photography and graphic arts, taking pictures and studying printing for three years in high school.

Pastor Shipman graduated from Rochester Institute of Technology in 1979. He married Janet Cahill in October 1985 and began a long career in the area of graphic arts. Soon after their marriage, they moved to Derry, NH, where they began their family. It was then that he joined a Kodak subsidiary in Massachusetts to become a technical specialist in electronic color separation systems.

Most of his career at Eastman Kodak was involved in technical color, professional digital photography, and field service, and ended with an extended time teaching field engineers to install and maintain laser platesetters for the offset and flexographic printing processes. He was able to travel worldwide and often visited churches when he was 'stranded' in a distant city for a work weekend.

Pastor Shipman's parents were founding members of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, an LCA congregation, in Parsippany, NJ, where he learned about church and Jesus by setting up the plywood altar and pulpit, helping his mom with altar guild, and becoming an acolyte. Moving to a different congregation to take confirmation classes, he became more involved, becoming an usher and lector. One summer he was given the opportunity to lead a few Morning Prayer services when the pastor was on vacation.

Pastor Shipman's call story began in college, where he was involved with campus ministry and leadership. The campus chaplain suggested seminary, but he decided that was too much school! Again, after moving his young family to Fairport, NY and beginning a time in the Episcopal church, he

investigated becoming a deacon, but it meant dropping everything and studying full time, which didn't fit into the family plans. In 2012, he returned to the ELCA and Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Fairport.

Feeling a renewed call, Pastor Shipman asked about becoming a deacon in the Lutheran tradition. This began a prayerful exploration and a call to ordination and pastoral ministry. After starting seminary as a Distributed Learning student, he ended his Kodak career in order to be available for the fulltime formation activities of chaplaincy training, internship, and study.

The one-year internship at Grace Lutheran Church in Wenatchee, WA with Pastor James Aalgaard was a defining time and opened up new ideas for where the church and the Holy Spirit might take him. He received a Master of Divinity from United Lutheran Seminary in Philadelphia, PA in 2020. Pastor Shipman was ordained on September 12, 2020 and accepted a dual call to serve at both Emanuel Lutheran Church in Blackfoot, ID and Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Pocatello, ID, both congregations of Northwest Intermountain Synod of the ELCA.

Pastor Shipman's interests are reading, Revolutionary War history, and not surprisingly, church. Never a sports buff, he enjoys a wide range of music but especially jazz and jazz piano. He and Janet have three adult children, all located in different parts of the country. They live in Pocatello and are enjoying all the northwest has to offer.

Calendar for May 22 – May 29

(Last updated on 5/11/22 at 12 noon, visit <https://blcfairport.org/event-directory/> for updates)

Sunday, 5/22

100th Anniversary Sunday

8:55 am Worship with
Communion with guest:
Rev. Wayne Shipman
(in- person and
livestream)

10:15 am 100th
Anniversary Q&A and
conversation with guest
(in-person
and livestream)

10:15 am Faith
Formation for pre-K
through 5th grade only
10:15 am Listening Session
for households with
children living at home
11:00 am Children's Choir
6:00 pm Listening Session
for Confirmation and
LYO-aged youth

Tuesday, 5/24

9:30 am Liturgy Planning
2:00 pm Support Group for
Caregivers
6:30 pm BSA Troop 2019
Meeting

Wednesday, 5/25

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

Thursday, 5/26

6:00 pm Girl Scout Troop
Meeting

Friday, 5/27

Pastor's Sabbath

2:30 pm Dulcimer
Group Rehearsal

Saturday, 5/28

6:00 pm Senior
Vocal Recital

Sunday, 5/29

Confirmation Sunday

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

Monday, 5/23

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.

Our Home-making God

Into the midst of our anxiety and alarm we are offered a vision of a glorious future filled with promise—the promise that God will make a home with us. This is a promise of an ultimate future home—a New Jerusalem!—but also a promise of God’s daily home-making presence in the hearts of all who believe. Paul has a vision of a cry for help from Macedonia, and his beloved church at Philippi is founded in the home and household of Lydia. In Revelation, John, turning from the lake of fire, is carried up in a vision and sees the New Jerusalem coming down, centered on the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. But no longer is there separation from God, weeping, or mourning, but now a restored creation where God and God’s people are at home together. Jesus promises that though he is going away, he will come to his disciples in the power of an advocate, the Holy Spirit, and that both he and the Father will make their home in all who believe. The gathering of the faithful assembly to receive Christ’s word and sacrament is a foretaste of that New Jerusalem, where God will finally and ultimately be at home with us, even as the Holy Trinity makes a home now in the hearts of all who believe. Into the anxieties and uncertainties of our everyday life we are offered both a vision of a glorious future when God will be at home with us and we will be at home with God, and a living foretaste of that same future: “We will come to them and make our home with them. . . . Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you” (John 14:23b, 27a).