



As we prepare for worship this weekend, consider reading this week's lessons along with this reflection to ground yourself in the Word. This reflection comes from sundaysandseasons.com and is also printed on the back of the worship bulletin.

What Does This Mean?

"What does this mean?" the devout ask (Acts 2:12). For those gathered in that house, the event meant the birth of sudden, surprising, unmerited new life. Filled with the Holy Spirit, they burst from the house with a story to share about God's wonders. But what does this event of Pentecost mean for us, today, many centuries later? God is at work here, now, in the world. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, God is walking alongside as friend, truth-teller, comforter, and guide.

The writer of John's gospel speaks of it in this way: the Advocate, the one whom the Father will send, will teach the disciples everything they need to know. God is not yet finished revealing who God is, and the disciples are not yet finished learning. Through the Spirit of truth, the disciples will do the work of Jesus, and his life will continue through them.

In holy baptism, the Spirit rests on the heads of young and old alike. Filled with the Holy Spirit, the baptized have an old, old story to tell of Jesus and his love—and a new, new story of how God is birthing sudden, surprising, and unmerited new life all around us, every day. God is at work, here, now in the world through the lives of everyday Christians. Jesus' work continues through the lives of all the baptized. We discover meaning from this Pentecost story today, not only for our own sake but for the sake of the world that so hungers for this life.

ARE YOU READY FOR WORSHIP?

Sunday at 8:55 am Worship with Communion

1. [Facebook Live](#)
2. [Watch On YouTube](#) – Subscribe to our channel
3. [Livestream on the website](#)



Worship the Living God

Lessons for Sunday, 6/5

Acts 2:1-21; John 14:8-17 [25-27]

Lessons for Sunday, 6/12

Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

★ **Worship:** Our worship time each week is on Sunday at 8:55 am (both in-person and livestream). Visit [Share in Worship](#) for information on how to participate in the livestream. On Sunday, **June 5**, we celebrate the festival of Pentecost and our Companion Synod relationship with the Lutheran churches in Zimbabwe and Zambia. We also welcome a (virtual) guest as Bishop Craig Satterlee proclaims the Word among us!

★ *Don't forget to look for this **star icon (★)** to easily identify the newest information each week*



Take *The Word from Bethlehem Lutheran Church* with you! Listen to Sunday's gospel and sermon wherever you are during the week. Watch for *Living the Word* –additional weekly episodes beginning after Memorial Day, when we'll interview members and friends of Bethlehem about what *living the Word* looks like in their life. (If there's someone you'd like to hear from, please let us know!)

The Word from Bethlehem Lutheran Church is a great way to reflect on a sermon a second time (we hear people like to do that sometimes!), to ground yourself if you were away on Sunday morning, or this summer, to learn about others connected to the Bethlehem community! Visit <https://blcfairport.org/the-word/> to listen, or subscribe on Spotify, Google Podcasts, Amazon or Apple Podcasts. If you need help subscribing, please reach out to one of the pastors.

Altar Flowers: The red geraniums that decorate our sanctuary this week for Pentecost were given in honor and memory of loved ones (see details in the bulletin on Sunday). Do you enjoy seeing flowers on the altar? Flowers may be donated to memorialize or celebrate a special event or person. *Contact the church office to place your order!*

100th Anniversary News

100 YEARS

June, the closing month of our 100th Anniversary celebration, offers something special for everyone. On June 5, we are pleased to have Bishop Craig Satterlee join us via taped message as he reads the gospel and delivers the sermon. Ordained in 1987, he was our first Associate Pastor, serving from 1987–1990. Since September 2013 he has presided as Bishop of the North/West Lower Michigan Synod of the ELCA. We welcome Bishop Satterlee's participation in today's worship, and encourage you to read more about him in this week's bulletin.

Next Sunday, June 12, Rev. Julie Bergdahl (Associate Pastor 1991-1994) will be our guest pastor. Bethlehem was her first call after receiving her Master of Divinity from Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, PA. She is now retired and living in Quakertown, PA. An informal Meet & Greet with Pastor Bergdahl will be held in the sanctuary after worship, providing an opportunity for further conversation.

Sunday, June 19 at 10 am, our annual BLC Outdoor Worship & Picnic will be held at Perinton's Center Park. Always a fun event, the Anniversary Committee has upped the entertainment factor with the addition of a bounce house, magician, and balloon guy, all offered after worship. Note the special start time. There will be no in-person worship at Bethlehem nor livestream worship on this day. Family and friends are welcome!

Following worship on June 26, a BLC Scavenger Hunt will be the final anniversary event. Designed to appeal to all ages and stages, inter-generational teams (5-8 members) will be given a question sheet and assignment to track down clues in the church before returning to the narthex station. There will even be prizes. Look for more details as the date draws closer.

Need a free souvenir DVD with all of our Anniversary Highlights from the past year? They will be available in September but orders must be placed by the end of June. We will only make the number of DVDs requested. To access the order form, click on the link <https://blcfairport.org/100th-anniversary-dvd>. You can also order on the BLC website at blcfairport.org. Click on 100th Anniversary in the top right corner of the page, then select the button labeled ORDER DVD. If you have any questions, contact Donna Berner at 585-314-5732.

Grow in Faith and Discipleship

Devotional resources: The July-September editions of Portals of Prayer and Christ in our home are available in the sanctuary and narthex. We also usually have extra copies of Spark Family Magazine and the Living Lutheran Magazine available at the welcome table in the narthex. If you have questions about any of these resources, please contact the church office!

Midweek Bible Study: As Christians, as Lutherans, we are lifelong learners. We continue our study of King David as found in the Books of Samuel. This summer, we plan to look at the Book of Proverbs. Feel free to attend as your schedule allows (in the Fellowship Hall or virtually on Zoom using the 'join now' button in the [Calendar of Events](#)). Contact Kathy Moragne at kathymoragne@gmail.com for more information.



Live Our Faith in Daily Life

★ **June 11 Planting Day at BLC:** We could use your assistance from 9 am to 11 am on Saturday, June 11 as we plant the bulbs and geraniums and transplant some perennials at BLC. Join Sue Towsley & the property committee – many hands make light work! The Garden Coordinator role remains vacant at this time. If you'd be willing to coordinate the gardening tasks (or be a part of a team who works collaboratively to do so) throughout the year or are available to assist with weeding and watering throughout the summer season, please let a pastor or the church office know!

Senior Recognition is Sunday June 12th: Join us in celebrating the accomplishments and future endeavors of our BLC seniors! Keep an eye out for a slide show at the beginning of worship Sunday June 12th as we highlight the class of 2022. Seniors and parents please send your senior bio information as well as a picture to feature in our slide show to Sherry Cook by June 5th.

BLC Confirmation and LYO Camping Trip July 15th – 17th: Do you love camping, opportunities to serve others, and in are 6th – 12th grade? We have the perfect summer event for you! BLC LYO is getting together for a camping trip the weekend of July 15th – 17th. This is a hybrid event for confirmation and LYO students. **Confirmation students are invited to join the LYO Saturday July 16th for a full day of outdoor fun, services, and an evening campfire.** Adult volunteers are needed and welcome! Please email Bethany Trippi at Bethany.trippi@blcfairport.org for registration details and questions.



Care for One Another

★ **Thank you!** Dear members of Bethlehem, What a wonderful surprise to receive the anniversary blanket and prayer square. They are good reminders of the wonderful people at Bethlehem. Thank you for the opportunity to return & share in the anniversary celebration. God's peace and love to you in the years ahead! ~ Pastor Jane Nicholson

A Support Group for caregivers: If you are caregiving for a loved one (elderly parent, spouse, relative or anyone dear to you), feel free to join us! We meet on alternating Tuesdays at 2 pm in person in the Fellowship Hall (with masks) or in the church courtyard if the weather is nice! The upcoming dates are **June 7 & June 21**. The participants share with and learn from each other; this is not a lecture or class! If you have ANY questions, or you would like to join but are unable to meet in person, please contact Pastor Hoffman.

Card Ministry: This ministry shares fellowship and prayer via "snail mail" cards to BLC members and friends. Can you send a card on a birthday and holidays? What a wonderful intergenerational activity to create and send cards as a family! You'll receive a list of names, addresses and birth dates. Monthly reminders provided! Let Donna Berner know if you can share our love and prayers. (donnaberner@yahoo.com, 585-314-5732.) Thanks for your consideration!

★ **Fellowship Coffee:** Hooray! Hooray! Coffee Hour will resume after our Anniversary Year celebration! The celebration concludes with our outdoor worship at Center Park and picnic on June 19. Fellowship Coffee resumes Sunday, June 26. If you can help with setting up one Sunday this summer, please send an email to gerryannwestcott@gmail.com.



Serve Our Neighbor

The M&SC Committee explores social and justice issues and has conversations within the committee to understand our individual and world view. Our collective goal is a congregation actively engaged in our local and world communities by being allies, advocates and activists (AAA) with our mission partners. ***New members or visitors to the M&SC committee, ideas about new ministries, and different views and paradigms for engaging in mission are welcome and encouraged.*** We will meet virtually on Wednesday, **June 15** at 6:15 pm. You can join through on BLC's [calendar of events](#). Please reach out to Julie Owen at jowen@heritagechristianservices.org with interests or questions.

★ **Second Sunday Dinner Ministry:** BLC delivers (we have not returned to onsite meals) around 50 hot meals on the second Sunday to those in need in our community. The next BLC date is Sunday, **June 12**. Other local churches provide meals on the other Sundays. For more information about this ministry and how to get involved, please contact David Gerhardt (dgerha4616@aol.com) who coordinates the kitchen efforts or Toni Thompson (thompsonjandt@yahoo.com) who schedules the drivers & deliveries.

Get your veggies on! Moll Farms and BLC will again team up to provide fresh fruit and veggies for residents of the Pines on Wednesday evenings beginning late June. How can you be part of this exciting ministry?

- Plant some extra vegetable in your garden and share the wealth as they grow and produce
- Stop by to help unload the van at the Pines on Wednesday evenings and chat with residents who come to pick up produce (beginning end of June usually around 5:30pm)
- Purchase a Bounty Basket for yourself and share with a neighbor or bring some of it to the Pines on a Wed evening! Moll Farms delivers every other week to Fairport [Bounty Basket Subscription Sign Up: 2022 Summer/Fall Season – Mollfarms](#)

The Mission Focus for the season of Easter is World Hunger! Hungering for more information?

- Visit <https://blcfairport.org/world-hunger-appeal/> to view and print monthly calendars with links to recipes. There are also copies available in the Narthex, or you can contact the church office to have one mailed!
- Be a Hunger Activist! Sign up now at [M&SC: BLC Hunger Activists \(signupgenius.com\)](#) to claim your week! Be sure to scroll to the bottom of the page to submit. Hunger Activists provide and deliver 20 of one item to the Pines of Perinton Mini Food Cupboard sometime during the week. Due to active BLC involvement last year, there are three slots for each week. The Mini Food Cupboard is on the road that circles around the apartments and is located by the maintenance shed. Enter from either Route 250 or Whitney Rd.

Questions? Contact Beth Walker at rbowsend@rochester.rr.com



Council News

★ **Godspeed and Farewell to Beth Schoenfeld**, who has served as our Office Manager and Ministry Support Coordinator since 2014. We are so grateful for her service! While we are sad to see her move on from this role, we wish her all the best on her new adventure in a full-time position at RIT. Her last day in the office is June 17. Stop by or drop a note to wish her well and mark your calendar to join us in **thanking Beth during worship on June 26!**

May Council Highlights -

A Special Congregational Meeting was held on May 15th. The congregation approved modifications to the Constitution's Bylaws to allow for the creation of the Investment in Ministries Fund. The congregation affirmed Council's recommendation to move \$25,000 from the Memorial Fund to the IMF.

The BLC Council met on May 19th. Highlights from this month are:

- Council established the IMF Committee and appointed its members.
- 2021 Audit Committee has been established and results will be shared once available.
- The Scholarship Committee made a recommendation to Council for this year's awards, which Council approved. Senior Recognition Sunday will be June 12th.
- Council had a thoughtful conversation on how we deal with stress as individuals and communities.
- [Click Here](#) for a letter on Building Lasting Community from the Quarterly Mailer.
- Council received and regretfully accepted Mike Higgins' resignation from Council. We thank Mike for his years of service on Council.

The Council will next meet on June 16th at 6:30 pm. BLC Council members are: Brian Edwards, Aderyn Gantner, Andy Gates, Margie Gaul, Glenda Lockard, Lisa Meetze, Lisa Rosenbauer, Liana Thibault, Toni Thompson.

Synod Assembly: Sunday, June 5 & Monday, June 6 - The focus of the 2022 Synod Assembly is "Cultivating a G.R.A.C.E. Mindset: Generous Love" For full details, visit the Synod Assembly page of the Upstate New York Synod website: <https://upstatenysynod.org/synod-assembly-2022>

You Are Invited - Legacy Presentation THIS SUNDAY, June 5

What plans do you have for your legacy? What do you want to leave to your family? What do you want to give to your church? What is the best way to give to ministries you love? Our church has a resource available for you as you explore these questions. Ryan Ebner, Gift Planner from the ELCA Foundation serves our congregation and our Synod. Ryan wants to help families explore their passions to create a charitable estate plan that leaves a legacy including an inheritance for family as well as supporting the ministries and charities that mean the most to you. **Ryan will be in attendance for our worship services on Sunday, June 5.** He will give a brief Temple Talk prior to worship and be giving a brief informative workshop after service. Come prepared with your questions and to schedule a no obligation, confidential appointment. You may begin discussion with Ryan at any time. Contact Ryan at 814-823-3285 or e-mail at ryan.ebner@elca.org

We Ask Your Prayers:

We pray for those whose thanks or needs are known to us.

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

- Dick Coon (dear friend of Ron Meier) who died on 5/29
- Mary Hedin (mother of Jeff Hedin) who died on 5/26
- Those who mourn the death of loved ones at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas on 5/24

We pray for those in need of healing, especially:

- Heinz (friend of Linda Montalbano) who has started chemotherapy following a cancer diagnosis
- Those who are caregivers for loved ones
- Those who are ill from Coronavirus and all who care for them

★ **We Pray for Each Other** – Each Sunday in worship we give thanks and offer prayers for those in our community whose celebrations or needs are known to us. Requests for prayers are shared in our monthly prayer listing as well, with updates available the first Sunday of each month. If you have a prayer request or an update of an existing prayer need for yourself, a family member, or friend, you can easily submit them digitally via the “pew card” at <https://blcfairport.org/share-in-worship/>. Alternately they can be shared by contacting the church office or a pastor.

*Click here to view and print the [June long-term prayer listing](#) – or pick up a hard copy in the Narthex.
You may also contact the church office for a copy!*

Community News

Labyrinth Walks: All are welcome to join us for Summer Labyrinth Walks. These are short (20- to 30-minute) walks in a circular pattern that allow us to quietly focus on mindfulness and meditation. Those of us with religious faith also focus on prayer. If you are new to labyrinth walks, it's easy to learn. We will explain how we do it. **Summer Tuesdays — June 7 & 21, July 12 & 26, August 9 & 23 — at 12:00 noon;** After each walk, we'll have time to reflect and share our spiritual experiences with each other. Please feel free to bring a picnic lunch for that time of fellowship. There are some benches here, but consider bringing a lawn chair if it's convenient for you. For more information, contact the office. *The Trinity Labyrinth is always open to the public. Anyone is welcome to come any time to walk, meditate, and enjoy.* Visit <https://trinity-greeceney.org/event-list/> for more information.

Announcements for the STAR should be submitted through the office by Wednesday morning at 9 am. Visit www.blcfairport.org and to sign up for reminders and special announcements (including the STAR!)



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Calendar for June 5 – June 12

(Last updated on 6/1/22 at 12 noon, visit <https://blcfairport.org/event-directory/> for updates)

Sunday, 6/5

100th Anniversary Sunday

Pentecost Sunday

Companion Synod Sunday

Synod Assembly

(6/5 & 6/6)

8:55 am Worship with

Communion with video
message from guest:

Bishop Craig Satterlee
(in- person and
livestream)

10:15 am Legacy

Presentation with Ryan
Ebner

Monday, 6/6

Tuesday, 6/7

2:00 pm Support Group for
Caregivers

6:30 pm BSA Troop 2019
Meeting

6:30 pm Re-Opening Team
Meeting ([Join](#) via Zoom –
ID 896 1838 7934)

Wednesday, 6/8

9:30 am Bible Study –
(in-person or

[Join](#) via Zoom –
ID 943 3691 2942)

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

Thursday, 6/9

6:00 pm Girl Scout Troop
Meeting

Friday, 6/10

Pastor's Sabbath

Saturday, 6/11

9:15 am Property
Committee

Sunday, 6/12

100th Anniversary Sunday

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

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

11:45 am 2nd Sunday
Dinner Ministry
(delivery only)

Pastor Amy will be on vacation May 30 – June 11.

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.
