



Sunday, June 12, 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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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, June 12, 2022 ~ *The Holy Trinity*

Prelude:

Holy, Holy, Holy

John B. Dykes
arr. Harlan Rogers and Smitty Price

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.

"O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" Today we celebrate the holy Trinity. Paul writes that through Jesus we have peace with God, whose love pours into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, giving us lasting hope. We celebrate the gracious One-in-Three, eternal Three-in-One, as we worship in community; as we share water and word, bread and wine; and as we bring God's love and hope to our neighbors.

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:



Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!

ELW 413

(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.

Hymn of Praise:

Refrain: All

Stanzas 1. All

2. Group I – seated on the right side (organ)

3. Group II – seated on the left side (Good Shepherd window)

4. All

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

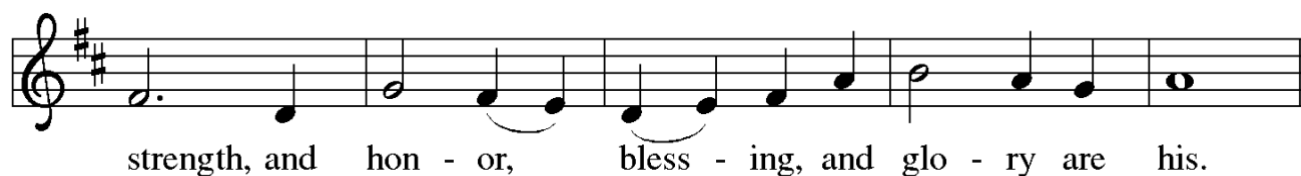
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

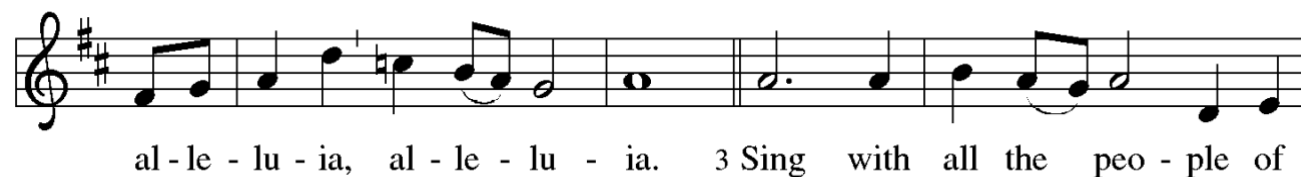
Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and



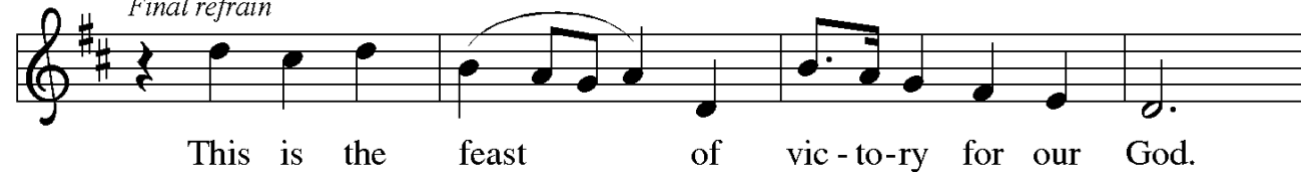
Refrain



Refrain



Final refrain



Prayer of the Day:

Let us pray. Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Moment

Reading: Romans 5:1-5

Paul describes the life of faith with reference to God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Even now, we have peace with God through Jesus, and our hope for the future is grounded in the love of God that we experience through Christ's Holy Spirit.

¹Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 16:12-15

Jesus' ongoing presence with the disciples will be made known through the coming Spirit who will guide them and communicate to them Jesus' will and glory.

[Jesus said,] ¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

100
YEARS

Hymn of the Day:

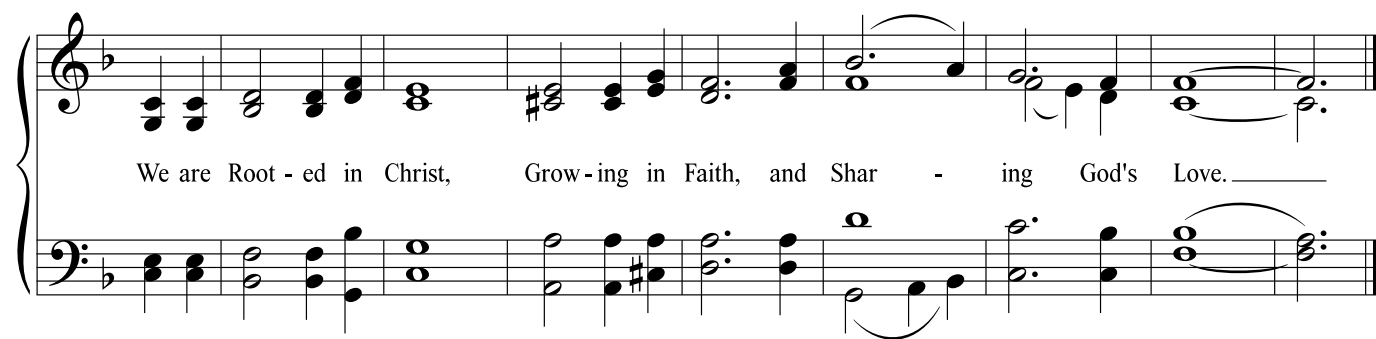
Rooted in Christ

A Hymn on the 100th Anniversary of Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Words and Music: Jim Jefferis

1. One hund - red years of Lov - ing, and grace from God a - bove,
2. One hun - dred years of grow - ing and stu - dy - ing God's word.
3. We strive to be in - clu - sive, to bring the strang - er near.
4. Our hi - sto - ry's im - por - tant. It shows from whence we came.
5. Il - lu - min - ate the fu - ture. Un - ite us all in love.

Root - ed in God's right - eous - ness, we're saved — by God's love.
Gos - pel shar - ing is our goal and tell - ing what we've heard.
Car - ing, gen - tle, kind and warm. It's from our hearts so dear.
Liv - ing for a God - ly plan should be our fu - ture aim.
Love we find a - mong us now was sent from God a - bove.



The Prayers of the People:

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

United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

A brief silence.

#1 One God, giver of life, you established peace through your Son and gave your church the hope of sharing in your glory. Enliven us by your Spirit to speak and act in love for the sake of the world. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

#2 Creator of all, you rejoice in creation and have given humankind responsibility for the works of your hands. Instill in everyone your Spirit of care for the earth, especially in areas threatened by ecological devastation. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

#3 Loving Redeemer, you delight in the human race. Move the hearts of world leaders to seek wisdom, speak truth, and care for all endangered by poverty, prejudice, or violence. Further the work of international collaboration and peacemaking. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Holy Three, you are community and you create community. Build up ministries that support those who are isolated or lonely. Give endurance as we nurture vital relationships in our congregation and beyond. This week, we pray especially for these friends and members of Bethlehem and their families: Annette & David (Charlotte, Julia & Olivia), Cathy & Mark, Jim, Chick & Kathy, Carolyn & Steven. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Abiding Comforter, you call out to all who live. Restore severed relationships and protect children who lack trustworthy caregivers. Grant hope to those who are experiencing fear, pain, or grief. We pray especially:

We lift up prayers of thanksgiving for:

- Our graduating seniors: Grace, Julia, Jillian, Peter, Anna, Andrew & Luke

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

- Olive (mother of Jackie) who died on 6/7
- Dick (dear friend of Ron) who died on 5/29

We pray especially for those serving in the military, especially:

- Luke, who leaves with his National Guard platoon on 6/16 for three months of training before heading a 9 month tour

We pray for those in need of healing, especially:

- 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

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Holy God, we remember your saints for their strong faith and witness, even unto death, especially the Emanuel Nine, whom we commemorate this week. Console grieving families. Stir up in us the resolve to end the sin of white supremacy and pursue the courageous path of justice. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping.
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:

Rooted and Growing

Words by Kathleen Forney

inspired by Ephesians 3:17-18

Music by Jim Jefferis

Chancel Choir (Jim Jefferis, director)

Offertory:

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

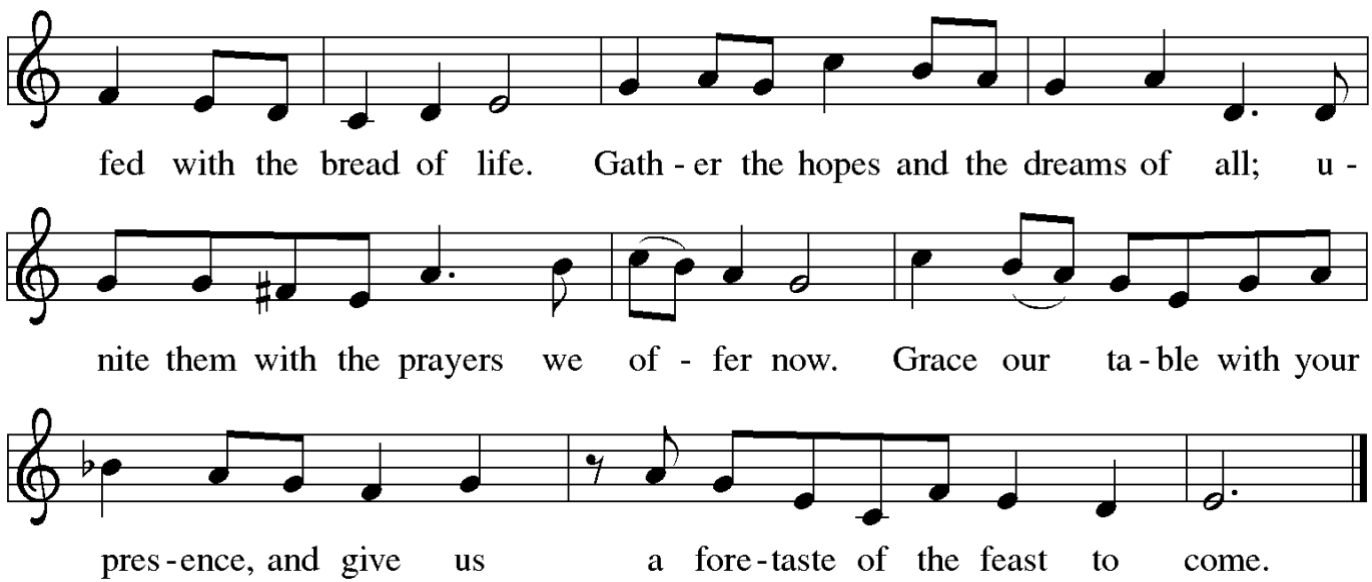
ELW 182



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



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.

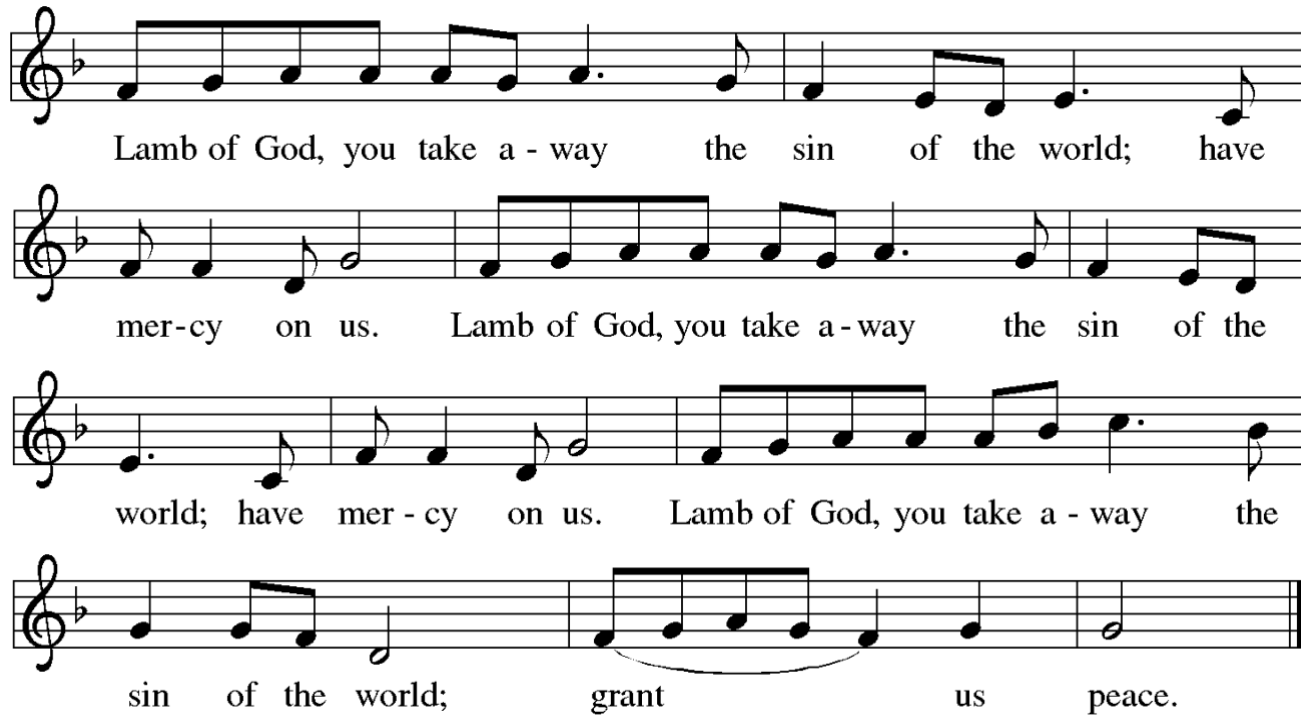
All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

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.

Hymn sung during communion:

My Lord of Light

ELW 832

Hymn sung during communion:



Here I Am, Lord

ELW 574

(A favorite hymn of Rev. Bergdahl and BLC)

Table Blessing:

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

Amen

Recognition of Graduating Seniors & Presentation of Scholarship from BLC

WE LEAVE TO SERVE:

Sending Hymn:

Come, Join the Dance of Trinity

ELW 412

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:

ALLEIN GOTT IN DER HÖH

(All Glory Be to God on High)

Friedrich Wilhelm Zachow

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.

We are pleased to welcome Rev. Julie Bergdahl as our visiting pastor this morning. Pastor Bergdahl served as Associate Pastor from 1991 - 1994, filling in for Pastor Garner during his 4-month sabbatical. She has recently retired from ministry and traveled from Quakertown, PA to lead us in worship. We are grateful for her participation in our 100th Anniversary celebration. Her presence reminds us of the many ways we are connected to BLC and to each other, spanning both time and distance. Read more about Pastor Bergdahl in today's bulletin and please plan to greet her at an informal Q&A session in the sanctuary following worship. Welcome back, Pastor Bergdahl!

We also look forward to receiving video greetings from Dr. Kathy Elwood, who served as Director of the Chancel Choir from 1992-2003. While we wish we could welcome her in person, we are grateful for the connection virtually!

Happening today (6/12):

100th Anniversary Sunday!

- 8:55 am Worship with Communion (in- person and livestream)
- 10:15 am 100th Anniversary Q&A and conversation with guest (in-person and livestream)

Do you look for a hard copy of the STAR each week? If you don't have access to email or need news from BLC in print form, be sure to contact the church office. Starting June 26, a printed STAR will not be available on Sunday morning. We will continue to print the news that goes in the weekly STAR email and mail it to those who cannot access it electronically. Let the church office know if you need to be on that mailing list!

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Thank you to our anniversary guests!



Rev. Julie B. Bergdahl

Pastor Bergdahl served BLC as Associate Pastor from 1991–1994, where her focus was on youth, education, missions, and evangelism. In addition, she filled in for Pastor Kent Garner during the time of his 4-month sabbatical.

Pastor Bergdahl received her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology with Academic Distinction from the University of Virginia in 1986, and Master of Divinity from Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia in 1991, where she was the recipient of the Rev. Dr. Paul J. Hoh Award for Academic Excellence and Potential for Ministry. She also took part in the Post-Graduate Program at The Bowen Center for the Study of the Family, Washington, DC from 2011-2014, earning a Certificate of Attendance.

After leaving BLC, Pastor Bergdahl was called to the position of Pastor/Mission Developer at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Sturbridge, MA where she served until 2000. She then accepted a call to Redeemer Lutheran Church in Plattsburg, NY, serving until 2007, before moving to St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Sellersville, PA. She is recently retired and lives in Quakertown, PA

Pastor Bergdahl's professional work includes: Princeton Family Center for Education, NJ, Faculty and Board Member; Presenter, Family Systems for Clergy; and Presenter for new Pastors and Interim Pastors in the Southeastern PA Synod. Her work for the Southeastern PA Synod also includes serving on Bishop's Convocation Planning Team, Candidacy Committee, Synod Listening Panel, and Stewardship Team. Upper Bucks Conference responsibilities involve Executive Committee Member, convenor of the Upper Bucks Rostered

Leaders Gatherings and organizer of large-scale Meal Packing Events and Puerto Rico refugee assistance efforts.

Pastor Bergdahl's personal interests include genealogy and family history, following the US Women's National Soccer Team, Snoopy, running/working out, and community gardening.

Pastor Bergdahl shares some of her favorite memories of her time at BLC:

"These are things that make me smile...

1. I had a great time with the choir, especially the year the Bills played the Redskins in the Super Bowl and the choir was in maroon gowns with gold stoles (Redskin colors). Growing up in the Washington DC area, I commented with appreciation on the choir's choice of colors that Sunday. I was told I started a movement to get new choir robes!

2. Opening a really big box at Bible Study on my 30th birthday and pulling out a huge teddy bear that I had to drive home in my car that night. As he took up the entire passenger seat, I prayed I wouldn't get pulled over on the way home.

3. I still have some of the dishes from the "kitchen shower" held for me on my second Sunday at BLC. I was brand new and just had rented an apartment! That will be 30 years ago at the time I visit with you.

4. I still do 'bag skits' once in a while, thanks to Jim Berner and the 4 - 6 grade sleepover crew!

5. My first month at BLC, I attended the National Youth Gathering in Dallas, TX with our youth. They didn't know what to call me and didn't want to shout 'Pastor Bergdahl' while walking the streets of Dallas. They nicknamed me 'PB' and gave me a peanut butter lollipop they had bought. The name still sticks today, but I no longer have the lollipop!

6. I still have the chime clock given to me on my last Sunday at BLC. It tolls every hour and makes me think of Bethlehem."

Dr. Kathy Elwood



Dr. Elwood, a second-generation Californian, was born and raised in Orange, CA. She attended UC Irvine, where she earned her Bachelor of Arts in Piano Performance and an elementary-level teaching certificate. She taught elementary vocal and instrumental music in northern California for several years, and served as the children's music director at First Baptist Church of Richmond, CA. With her husband Kerry, she lived in western Europe for 8 months, doing research in libraries across the continent.

Dr. Elwood then moved to Montreal, Quebec, Canada, where she taught both voice and piano lessons, acted as accompanist for the People's Church of Montreal choir, and was the vocal soloist for "The Church Hour," a local radio Sunday morning program. This was followed by a move to Vancouver, British Columbia, where she was an adjunct professor at Trinity Western College, teaching music history and theory, and accompanying the college choirs, as well as the chancel choir of the Evangelical Free Church of Langley. During this time she was blessed with three daughters – Kristy, Kelly, and Kimberly.

Dr. Elwood then moved to Norman, Oklahoma, where she taught elementary school music and accompanied the Norman Community Choral Society.

Returning to southern California with her three daughters, Dr. Elwood earned a Master of Music in Choral Conducting at UC Irvine, as well as a Doctor of Musical Arts (Conducting and Church Music) and a PhD in Music History at the University of Southern California. She was an adjunct professor at UC Irvine, conducting choirs and teaching music theory and music history, as well as a teaching assistant at USC in ethnic music. Dr. Elwood accepted the position of Director of Choral Activities at the University of Rochester in 1992. In the fall of the same year, she became the Choral Director at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, where she served until 2003. Shortly thereafter, she met and married Mike Elwood, a widower, and the two of them undertook the task of raising five teenagers.

Under the leadership of Pastor Kent Garner, the music program blossomed. In addition to the Chancel Choir, organist and accompanist, Susan DePasquale, created and directed two children's choirs. Gayle Ehlers donated the funds to purchase a set of hand bells in memory of Ted Ehlers. It was at this time that Dr. Elwood established and conducted both the adult and children's hand bell choirs.



The Chancel Choir grew to over 50 members and began outreach efforts, performing concerts both at the church and in the greater Rochester community to help raise money for various causes. "Journeys with Jesus," musical programs taken out into senior living facilities to present to the residents, was a big part of this outreach. In order to fund these ministry opportunities, the music groups recorded and sold CDs.

With the incredible talent, experience, and direction of Bob and Phyllis Stock, the Chancel Choir also reached out to the Fairport community, offering performances of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* in both 1998 and 2003. The shows were scheduled for Friday and Saturday evenings across two weekends, but demand for the free tickets was so great that for the second run the dress rehearsals were opened for people to attend.

The decline in health of Dr. Elwood's mother precipitated a move back to California in 2003. For several years Kathy directed the Seventh Day Adventist Choir of Garden Grove and also established the musical/dramatic outreach group, the Trinity Players, at Trinity Episcopal Church in Orange. She has since retired from choral conducting, but continues to direct the Trinity Players.

Calendar for June 12 – June 19

(Last updated on 6/8/22 at 12 noon, visit <https://blcfairport.org/event-directory/> for updates)

Sunday, 6/12

100th Anniversary Sunday

Senior Recognition 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)
Student recitals

Monday, 6/13

5:30 pm Communication
Strategy Meeting

Tuesday, 6/14

Wednesday, 6/15

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, 6/16

6:30 pm Church Council
(in-person or [Join](#) via
Zoom –
ID 818 7910 2136)

Friday, 6/17

Pastor's Sabbath

Saturday, 6/18

Student Recital

Sunday, 6/19

*Note change of time &
location for worship!
In-person only,
no livestream this week*

10:00 am Outdoor
Worship at
Center Park
11:00 am Picnic and
entertainment to
follow Worship

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.

Drawn into Relationship, Guided into Truth

The doctrine of the Trinity invites us to consider how a God constituted by relationship—the Father with the Son, the Son with the Spirit, the Spirit with the Father—draws us into that relationship with God and one another. Gradually or suddenly, through the work of the Spirit, we come to know our belonging to the Father and to Christ's body.

In such loving relationships, truth is discovered. But people cannot bear the truth all at once, so discipleship and faith formation are gradual processes of listening for the Spirit's voice. Christian practices such as worship, learning, and service are occasions for people of all ages to be "guided into truth." Such practices are rooted in baptism, in which God draws us into a lifelong relationship in which we grow into truth and love over time—guided by the Spirit, accompanied by Jesus, and having peace with the Father.

In Romans, we hear the truth of how love originates and grows in us: Poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, God's love gives us a hope that will never disappoint. Christian community offers the delightful opportunity to experience one's own growth in hope, faith, and love, and to witness others' growth as they too are drawn more deeply into relationship with the triune God. Trinity Sunday offers the delightful opportunity to celebrate that growth.