

*Sunday, July 3, 2022*  
*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*





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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!

**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.

**Leading worship today...Visit the table in the Narthex** and put your name next to the role you will fill in today's worship and pick up the corresponding bulletin. Want to learn more about what roles are needed in worship 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.

**Children are welcome and encouraged** to participate in worship – including worship leadership roles like acolyting and assisting with communion! 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).

**Holy Communion:** All are welcome to share in Christ's meal of forgiveness and grace. Those who do not yet commune are welcome to come forward for a blessing. If you or your child is ready to receive or have additional questions, please speak with one of our pastors.

**Hearing assistance:** Our sound system is equipped with personal hearing loop devices. Please ask a member of the Hospitality Team for a loop device.

**Our Perrin Street entrance is accessible.** Please ask for help if you need assistance operating the lift.

**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.

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Prelude:

Prelude in E-flat Major, Op.41, No. 1

Félix-Alexandre Guilmant

Michael Koncilja, guest organist

*God is the source of our nourishment. Jesus' invitation to "take and eat . . . take and drink" is a repeated one. In holy communion, in the word read and proclaimed, in the assembly of the people of God, the dominion of God has come near. Rejoice! Your name is written in heaven.*

**GATHERING**

GATHERING HYMN	For the Beauty of the Earth	ELW 879
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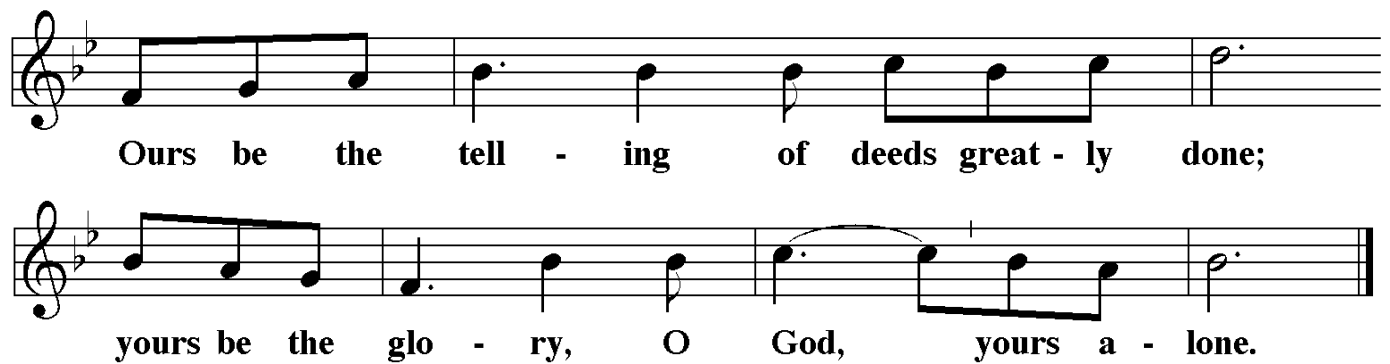
GREETING

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

Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.  
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;  
ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.



### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

### HEARING GOD'S WORD

#### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

READING: Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16

*In the close of his letter to the Galatians, Paul encourages them to live as people made right with God through faith in Jesus Christ. Here Paul offers practical advice about how believers exercise common concern for one other in "the family of faith."*

[<sup>1</sup>My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. <sup>2</sup>Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup>For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. <sup>4</sup>All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. <sup>5</sup>For all must carry their own loads.

<sup>6</sup>Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.]

<sup>7</sup>Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. <sup>8</sup>If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. <sup>9</sup>So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup>So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

<sup>11</sup>See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! <sup>12</sup>It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. <sup>13</sup>Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. <sup>14</sup>May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. <sup>15</sup>For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! <sup>16</sup>As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



**Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!**



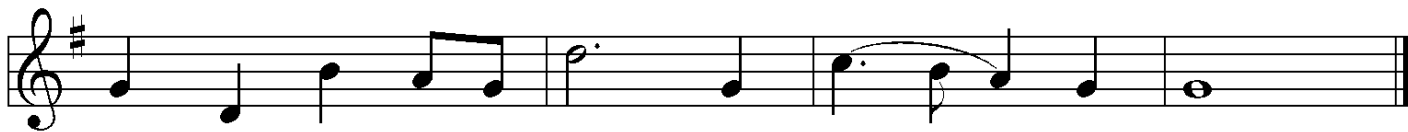
**Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all praise to you!**



**Our hearts burn with - in us while you o - pen to us the Scrip - tures.**



**Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!**



**Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all praise to you!**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

*Jesus commissions harvesters and laborers to go where he would go and do what he would do. Risking hardship and danger in exchange for the experience of great joy, they offer peace and healing as signs that the reign of God is near.*

<sup>1</sup>After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. <sup>2</sup>He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup>Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup>Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup>Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’ <sup>6</sup>And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup>Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. <sup>8</sup>Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup>cure the sick who are there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ <sup>10</sup>But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup>‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.’”

<sup>16</sup>“Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.”

<sup>17</sup>The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!” <sup>18</sup>He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. <sup>19</sup>See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. <sup>20</sup>Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

**We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic Church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen**

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

*Silence for reflection.*

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way.**

**Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the**

**table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other**

**side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to**

**love our neighbors. Amen.**

Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights

in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are

forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

**Amen.**



The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Share the peace in a way that cares for friend and neighbor.*

*If you worship virtually, share the peace through the comments section or text.*

**\*\*Please remain standing.\*\***

## 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 Lord of the harvest, you send your church into the world to proclaim Christ's new creation to all. Renew the church as it carries out your mission of peace and healing. We pray for missionaries who accompany your people. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

#2 You guard the nations; let no leaders exalt themselves, but lift up the most vulnerable and work for the good of all. Send your Spirit to eradicate classism and inequity, violence and war, poverty and hunger. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

#3 You desire abundant life for all. As we celebrate Independence Day, instill in us gratitude, generosity, and persistence in working toward freedom for all people. We thank those who came before us, those in our midst, and those in active duty who would serve bravely and selflessly in military service so that we might enjoy the freedoms and liberty you want for us. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks that you see us and know our needs. Today we pray for these members and friends of Bethlehem and their families: Cathy, Martha, Christin & Tom, Jenna, Zoe, Alexander, Becky & Kevin, Jillian, and Don & Sandy. We also pray for our sisters and brothers in our twinned parish in Shurugwi, Zimbabwe. God of grace, **hear 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:*

- Heidi (friend of Jeff and Ruth) who died on 6/15
- Ricki who died on 6/21
- Anthony, grandfather of Eric (Liana's fiancé), who died on 6/24

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

- Joe and Susan, as Joe faces health issues
- Kathy, who is receiving treatment for macular degeneration
- Nick, friend of Liana who is under observation in the hospital following surgery
- Those who are caregivers for loved ones
- Those who are ill from Coronavirus and all who care for them

We also remember those we lift before you, silently and aloud...

*Silence for individual prayer.*

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.**

## SHARING GOD'S MEAL

### OFFERING

*We give to God all that God has first given us – ourselves, our time and our possessions. If you would like to support the ministry of BLC with your offering, scan the QR code on the right and you'll be brought to BLC's mobile giving page through Tithe.ly. Those worshipping in person may leave their offering in the basket in the narthex.*



### OFFERING OF MUSIC

Jesus Loves Me!

*JESUS LOVES ME*  
William B. Bradbury

Olivia Koncilja and Michael Koncilja, ukuleles

### OFFERTORY



In grat - i - tude and hum - ble trust we bring our best to - day to  
serve your cause and share your love with all a - long life's way. O\_\_  
God, who gave your - self to\_\_ us in Je - sus Christ your Son, teach  
us to give our - selves each day un - til life's work is done.

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. God of abundance:

**you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, we pray as you 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

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

**Thanks be to God.**

### DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*All are welcome to share in Christ's meal of forgiveness and grace. Those who do not yet commune are welcome to come forward for a blessing. The bread is gluten-free. Grape juice is available; indicate your need to the communion assistant. 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.

COMMUNION HYMNS		
Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth		ELW 735
Taste and See		ELW 493

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**  
 Let us pray. Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.  
**Amen.**

**LEAVING TO SERVE**

SENDING HYMN	Let Streams of Living Justice	ELW 710
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**BENEDICTION**  
 The God of peace, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.  
**Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**  
 Go in peace. Love your neighbor.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**  
 Variation on *DARWALL'S 148TH* John Darwall  
 setting by George Thalben-Bell

## **Thank you!**

We give thanks for Mike Koncilja who serves as our guest musician this morning!

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**What's happening at BLC this week?** Visit the Calendar of Events at [www.blcfairport.org](http://www.blcfairport.org). Zoom links for virtual meetings are also found there. If you would like to schedule a meeting or event, please visit <https://blcfairport.org/blcfacility-request/>

**Church office hours:** Thank you for your patience during this transition without office support staff. Our co-Pastors are available Sunday-Thursday and on-call for emergencies. Contact them directly to schedule an appointment either by calling (585)223-0634 or emailing [pastor.hoffman@blcfairport.org](mailto:pastor.hoffman@blcfairport.org) or [pastor.amy@blcfairport.org](mailto:pastor.amy@blcfairport.org)

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## Sent with the Seventy

Close your eyes and picture Jesus and his followers together. Most likely people either picture Jesus sitting around with the twelve disciples or standing in the midst of thousands preaching and teaching. Yet in today's gospel Jesus has seventy followers close enough that he trusts them to be sent out in pairs to heal the sick and announce that God has come near. Seventy trusted preachers. Thirty-five pairs of preachers telling the good news of God. So telling the story is clearly not to be limited to the twelve disciples. The good news is meant to be shared far and wide by those who trust Jesus and follow him.

This is a reminder to all of the followers of Jesus of every time and place. Sharing the good news is not just the responsibility of "professionals" like clergy. Sharing the good news is the calling of everyone who follows Jesus. Consider the assignment Jesus gives to the ones he sends. First, they are sent to cure the sick. Second, they proclaim that "the kingdom of God has come near." It has been said that "you don't throw a drowning person a sandwich." Jesus sends the seventy out with not only words of comfort but with acts of grace as well.

God's people are sent out into the world to serve in the name of Jesus each time they gather for worship. In this gospel text we are again reminded that the gospel message is to be shared in more than just words. We share the message by welcoming others, sharing bread with the hungry, and offering compassion to the afflicted. Yet our baptism also reminds us that God has first come near to us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ—a relationship that is like a mother comforting a child. The promise that God is near in Christ compels us to live faithfully and compassionately, wherever our journeys take us.