

*Sunday, October 9, 2022
18th Sunday after Pentecost*



BETHLEHEM
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Prelude:

Aus tiefer Not
(Out of Deep Distress)

Johann Christoph Bach

Amazing Grace

W. Walker
arr. David Cherwien

It's a miracle! Multiple miracles! The waters of holy baptism have healed us. The body and blood of Jesus in holy communion have made us clean. We have died with Christ and been raised with him. For all this we have returned to offer thanks. From this place we are sent on our way rejoicing to share the good news.

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who looks upon us in compassion, forgives our sin, and heals our lives.

Amen

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection

Holy and gracious God,
we confess that we have sinned against you this day. Some of our sin we know - the thoughts and words and deeds of which we are ashamed - but some is known only to you. In the name of Jesus Christ we ask for forgiveness. Deliver and restore us, that we may rest in peace. Amen

By the mercy of God we are united with Jesus Christ, in whom we are forgiven.
Amen

GREETING

Grace and peace to you from God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us all.

And also with you.

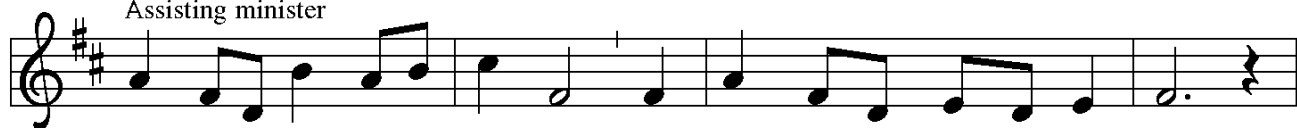
PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.




Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
 you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,
 in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

DISMISSAL TO WORSHIP FOR KIDS

All kids ages 3 through elementary are welcome to a special time of hearing the Word, conversation and activity! Parents can remain in the sanctuary while the kids gather in the room across the hall from the side entrance to the sanctuary. Kids will return during the offering so they can participate in Communion.

PSALM: PSALM 111

¹Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
 in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

²Great are the works of the LORD,
 studied by all who delight in them.

³Full of honor and majesty is his work,
 and his righteousness endures forever.

⁴He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;
 the LORD is gracious and merciful.

⁵He provides food for those who fear him;
 he is ever mindful of his covenant.

⁶He has shown his people the power of his works,
 in giving them the heritage of the nations.

⁷The works of his hands are faithful and just;
 all his precepts are trustworthy.

⁸They are established forever and ever,
 to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

⁹He sent redemption to his people;
 he has commanded his covenant forever.

Holy and awesome is his name.

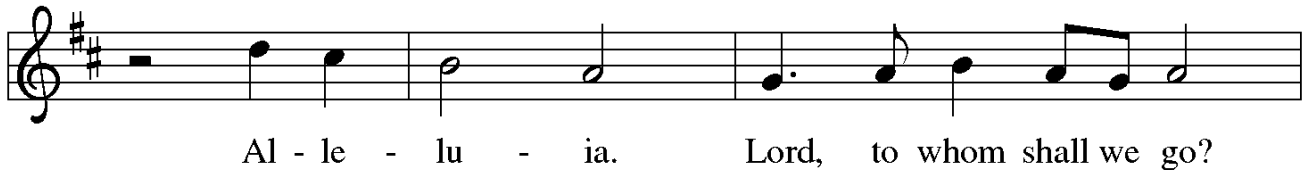
¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.

His praise endures forever.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Luke 17:11-19

Jesus' mission includes making people clean again. Unexpectedly, a Samaritan healed of leprosy becomes a model for those who would praise and worship God and give thanks for God's mercy.

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?" ¹⁸Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

A brief silence.

#1 Merciful God, we give you thanks for your generous goodness that comes to us new every day. Lead us to acknowledge your goodness and mercy each and every day. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

#2 Majestic God, we give you thanks for land and water, seedtime and harvest. Break down boundaries we construct between ourselves and the rest of your creation. Bring renewal and restoration to places affected by pollution and deforestation. Be with those who are displaced due to Hurricanes Fiona and Ian. Be with the relief organizations who are working to help those in need, especially Lutheran Disaster Response and the Red Cross. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

#3 Mighty God, we give you thanks for those in our community, nation, and world who work for justice and peace. Guide those who govern to act on behalf of those marginalized by race, ethnicity, or religion. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Strengthen and renew the relationships we share with these members and friends of Bethlehem and their families: Anna, Alex, Curtis & Kathleen, David & Sandy, and Linda. Bring new life and growth to the ministry of our twinned parish in Shurugwi, Zimbabwe. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Seek out those who are struggling in body, mind or spirit. Provide for those in any need.

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

- Lee, who died on 9/23

We pray for those who serve, especially:

- Thomas, brother of Lisa, and all others impacted by or deployed to assist in recovery efforts following Hurricane Ian

We pray for those in need of healing, especially:

- Lisa, as she prepares for scheduled surgery
- Donna, who is recovering from surgery
- Dylan, who is recovering from surgery
- Those who are caregivers for loved ones
- Those who are ill from Coronavirus and all who care for them

Hear also these concerns we raise in our hearts or on our voice.

Silence for individual prayer.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

SHARING GOD'S MEAL

THE PEACE

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.

OFFERING

Information about supporting Bethlehem's ministry with your offerings is available in the Welcome insert in your pew rack or by visiting blcfairport.org/support-our-ministry.

OFFERING OF MUSIC

Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing!

MARION
Arthur H. Messiter
arr. Anna Laura Page

The Chancel Choir

Choir & Congregation

Yes, on through life's long path, still sing - ing as we go; From
youth to age, by night and day, in glad-ness and in woe. Re -
joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks and sing!

OFFERTORY

Refrain
As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

We pray. God of goodness and growth,
all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring, and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Siblings in Christ, we gather here at God's table of mercy.
At this table, Christ welcomes sinners and eats with us!
When we are lost,
Christ searches for us.
When we are hungry,
Christ feeds us.
When we are lonely,
Christ comes to be our friend.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Lord Jesus, you are resurrection and life.
We give thanks that at your table you fill us with good things and feed us from your abundance.
Pour out your Spirit on us and this feast of love.
Strengthen us to serve you in all we do.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

One in body, one in Spirit, we pray:
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

Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.

Thanks be to God.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Our communion bread is gluten-free, unless noted by the pastor. 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

O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come

ELW 610

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

ELW 808

TABLE BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let

ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - jice and bear the name of Christ.

Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with

shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

LEAVING TO SERVE

BENEDICTION

The holy Three, the holy One increase your hope, strengthen your faith, deepen your love, and + grant you peace.

Amen

SENDING HYMN	Voices Raised to You	ELW 845 sts. 1, 2, 3, 4
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

O Gott, du frommer Gott
(O God, Thou Faithful God)

Johann Ludwig Krebs

BLC Musicians

Raelynn Clare, Music Director and Organist

Dr. Jim Jefferis, Director of The Chancel Choir

Rich Towsley, Director of The Folk Group and BLC Dulcimers

Thank you to all those who participated in worship this Sunday! 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 or speak with a pastor.

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.

What's happening at BLC this week? Visit the Calendar of Events at www.blcfairport.org. Zoom links for virtual meetings are also found there. If you would like to schedule a meeting or event, please email the church office at office@blcfairport.org or visit <https://blcfairport.org/blc-facility-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 or pastor.amy@blcfairport.org

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Blessings and Miracles Abound

Today is a day of unexpected blessings and miracles, signs of how God is active and alive and present in our world and in our lives when we are open and receptive to the possibilities. We hear, read about, and experience healing. Fragile relationships are restored. Hope is experienced in profound ways. Naaman, a commander and mighty warrior, suffers from leprosy, and even though he first denies the cure, Naaman accepts the advice of his servant, and by God's action his skin and its disease is washed clean. Also afflicted with leprosy, ten lepers implore God's mercy and are made clean. But the outsider—the foreigner—is the only one who returns to give thanks. Today many of us encounter other hardships of all sorts, and our reading in 2 Timothy makes the stark point that we all suffer. But our God joins us in our sufferings and in our hardships, making us whole through our spiritual cleansing of baptism and filled with God's Spirit.