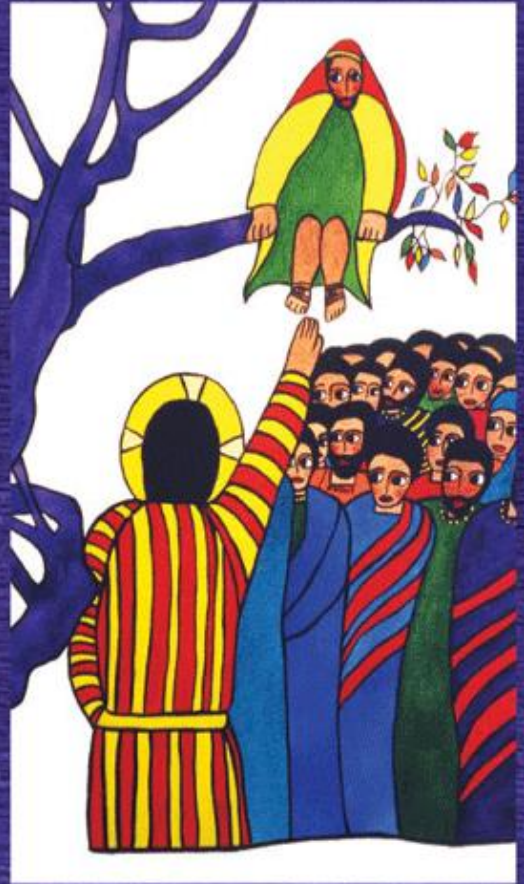


**THE SON OF MAN**  
**CAME TO SEEK OUT**  
**AND TO SAVE THE LOST**

LUKE 19:10



*Sunday, October 30, 2022*  
*Reformation Sunday*





# BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The Rev. Abigail Zang Hoffman and The Rev. Amy Walter-Peterson, co-Pastors

## Sunday, October 30, 2022 ~ *Reformation Sunday*

Prelude:

Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele (Op. 122, No. 5)

Johannes Brahms

(Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness)

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

Johann Sebastian Bach

(from *Cantata BWV 147*)

*“God loves us all, both big and small,” a child’s verse declares. The sins of the world are covered. We are able to stand tall before God our righteous judge because in the person of Jesus “salvation has come to this house”—to our house today. In Christ Jesus God seeks us out to save us.*

### **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. Merciful God, gracious and benevolent, through your Son you invite all the world to a meal of mercy. Grant that we may eagerly follow his call, and bring us with all your saints into your life of justice and joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## SPECIAL MUSIC

Built on the Rock

Ludvig M. Lindeman  
arr. Hart Morris

The Chancel Bells

## 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.*

### READING: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

*This letter attributed to Paul begins with a typical salutation, blessing, and words of praise for what God is accomplishing among the recipients. By remaining faithful and growing spiritually during hardship, the Thessalonian Christians have become witnesses to the glory of God.*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

<sup>2</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>3</sup>We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. <sup>4</sup>Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring.

<sup>11</sup>To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy

of his call and will fulfill by his power every good resolve and work of faith, <sup>12</sup>so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Luke 19:1-10

*Jesus encounters Zacchaeus, a rich man who is also a lost sinner. Moved by Jesus' acceptance of him, Zacchaeus becomes a model of discipleship. In immediate response to being restored to God's people, Zacchaeus ministers to the poor and seeks reconciliation with those whom he has wronged.*

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] entered Jericho and was passing through it. <sup>2</sup>A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. <sup>3</sup>He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. <sup>4</sup>So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. <sup>5</sup>When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." <sup>6</sup>So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. <sup>7</sup>All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." <sup>8</sup>Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." <sup>9</sup>Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup>For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

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 Keep your church steadfast in your word, reforming God. Deepen our faith and increase our love in Jesus' name. Further ecumenical dialogue and partnerships and equip us for unified witness and service in the world. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

#2 Come to the aid of the poor, especially those suffering food and water shortages or loss of homes due to natural disasters. Halt the exploitation of the earth's resources and lead us to seek justice and rescue the oppressed. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

#3 Guide leaders of all nations, almighty God. Heal divisions, build trust, and remove barriers that prevent collaboration and cooperation. Bring neighborhoods, cities, and countries together to work for the common good. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Strengthen and renew the relationships we share with these members and friends of Bethlehem and their families: Jim & Shannon (Grady, Sydney), Joan & Tom, Ron, Peggy & Tom, and Laura (Thomas). Bring new life and growth to the ministry of our twinned parish in Shurugwi, Zimbabwe. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Breathe new life into those struggling in body, mind, or spirit:

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

- Steve, who died on 10/14, following a brief illness

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

- Mary, mother of Beth, as she recovers from surgery
- Lisa, as she recovers from surgery and awaits test results
- 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.**

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](http://blcfairport.org/support-our-ministry).

OFFERING OF MUSIC  
Verleih' uns Frieden  
(Grant Us Peace)

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy  
ed. Robert Schueman

The Chancel Choir

**German Text:**

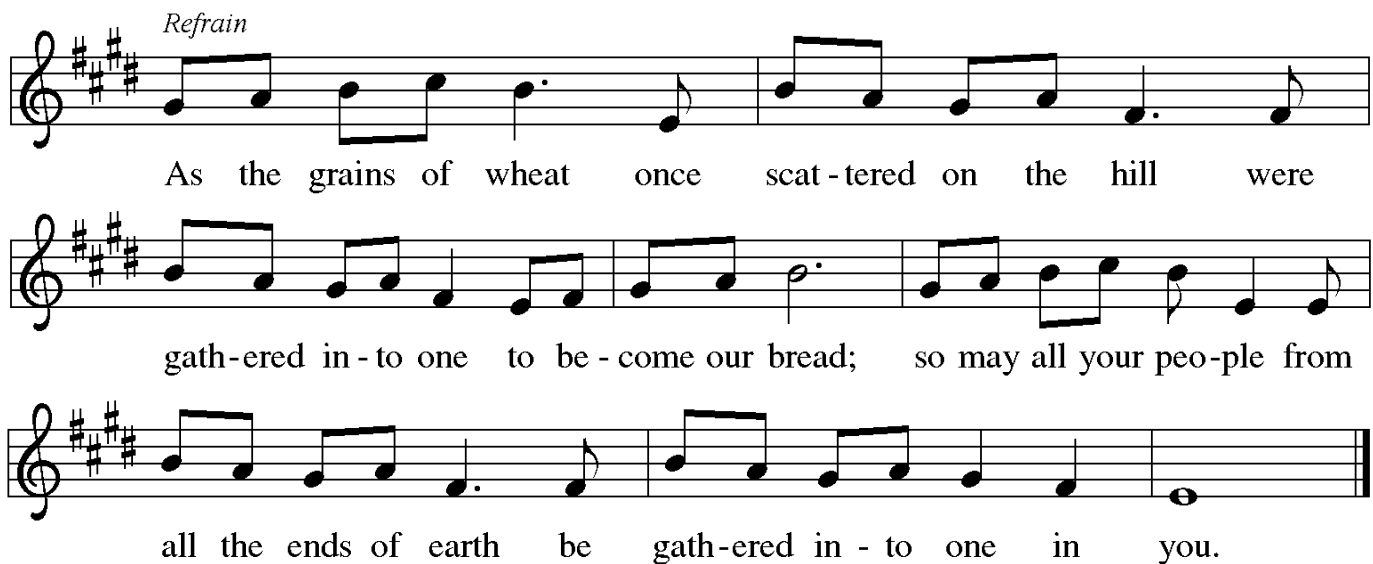
Verleih uns Frieden gnädiglich,  
Herr Gott, zu unsern Zeiten.  
Es ist doch ja kein anderer nicht,  
der für uns könnte streiten,  
denn du, unser Gott, alleine.

**Translation:**

Mercifully grant us peace,  
Lord God, in our times.  
For there is no other  
Who could fight for us  
But you alone, our God.

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 grace,

**by the power of the Holy Spirit, you have knit us together to be the body of Christ for the world. You have entrusted us to carry on the mission and ministry of our Lord, Jesus Christ and you have gifted us with the resources to do so. Use us and what we have gathered to *Build Lasting Community that follows Jesus*, so that the world might know your love. 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 HYMN

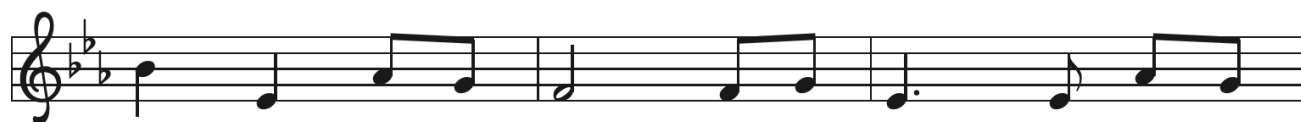
Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

ACS 966

## Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the  
 2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a  
 3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in  
 4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us



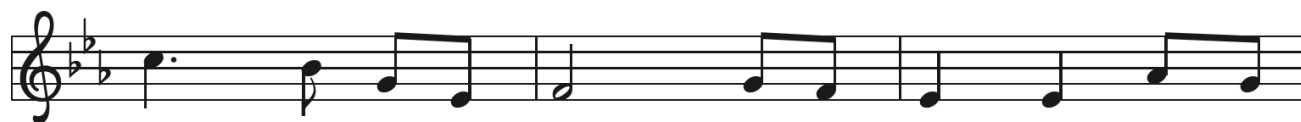
Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from  
 qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you  
 faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the  
 in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions



heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.  
 gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.  
 a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"  
 hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.



By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your



wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your



peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007

Music: JOYOUS LIGHT, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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COMMUNION HYMN

For by Grace You Have Been Saved

ELW 598

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

Now Thank We All Our God

ELW 840

*assisted by Richard DePasquale, trumpet*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

(from *Cantata BWV 79*)

*NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT*

Johann Sebastian Bach

arr. Virgil Fox

## **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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:pastor.hoffman@blcfairport.org) or [pastor.amy@blcfairport.org](mailto:pastor.amy@blcfairport.org)

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## **Holy Hospitality**

In the gospel today, Zacchaeus joyfully welcomes Jesus into his home, where Jesus prompts a changed heart and mind in his host and proclaims salvation. All this reveals an undercurrent of hospitality and welcome that propels much of the narrative of the Bible. As in other instances of practiced hospitality, something important changes. Salvation is revealed in Zacchaeus's changed heart and mind, and perhaps even in the changed perception of the crowds who witness Jesus accompanying Zacchaeus to his home. And the salvation that is visited upon Zacchaeus's home will reach out into his neighborhood and community through his generosity and compassionate living.

In our worship today, we welcome the risen Christ to join us, and we invoke the name of God as we gather. God welcomes us around the communion table and through this holy hospitality feeds us with Christ, so that transformative salvation may follow us home and wherever we go.