

Ask the Lord
of the harvest to
send out laborers

MATTHEW 9:38



Sunday, June 18, 2023
3rd Sunday after Pentecost



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PRELUDE
Cantilène

Gabriel Pierné

Susan DePasquale, guest organist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jesus sends out the disciples as laborers into the harvest. In baptism we too are anointed for ministry, sharing God's compassion with our needy world. From the Lord's table we go forth to proclaim the good news, to heal the sick, and to share our bread with the hungry.

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 is kept for reflection.

Have mercy, O God,

against you, you alone, we have sinned. In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin and take away our guilt. Create in us a new heart and give us a steadfast spirit. Do not cast us away, but fill us with your Holy Spirit and restore your joy within us. Amen.

As tender as parent to child, so deep is God's compassion for you. As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for you. As far as east is from west, so far God removes your sin from you, renewing your life through Jesus Christ.

Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.

Blessed be God forever.

GATHERING HYMN

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

ELW 883

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.
Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;
yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

READING: Romans 5:1-8

We are no longer God's enemies but have peace with God because we were brought into a right relationship with God through Christ's death.

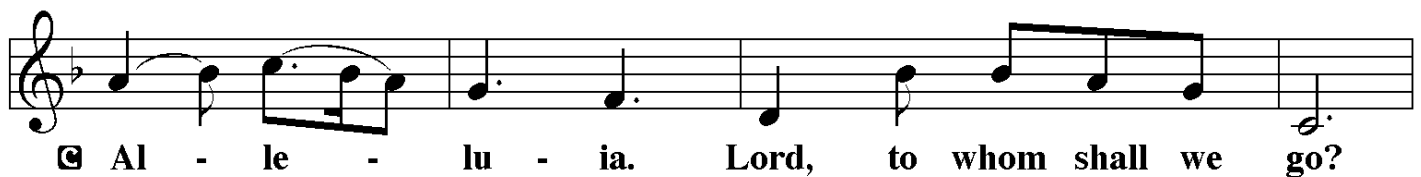
¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces 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.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 9:35—10:8 [9-23]

The mission of Jesus' followers is to continue the mission of Jesus himself. Here, he instructs his first disciples as to how they might proclaim the gospel through their words and deeds.

³⁵Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

^{10:1}Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ²These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' ⁸Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. [⁹Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, ¹⁰no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. ¹¹Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. ¹²As you enter the house, greet it. ¹³If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

¹⁶"See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. ¹⁷Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; ¹⁸and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. ¹⁹When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; ²⁰for

it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. ²¹Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; ²²and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.”]

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

In Christ Called to Baptize

ELW 575

APOSTLES' CREED

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 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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need..

A brief silence.

#1 For the earth and all its creatures, we pray. Equip farmers, farm workers, and all who labor on the land to produce a harvest. Nourish crops with ample rainfall and abundant sunshine. Restore lands ruined by pollution or misuse. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

#2 For those who suffer, we pray. Accompany those who feel helpless, alone, or abandoned. Embrace any who long for successful treatment for mental illness or freedom from addiction. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

#3 For fathers and father figures, we pray. Console all who long to be fathers, children estranged from their fathers, anyone grieving the death of a father, and fathers who have lost a child. Draw near to all for whom this day stirs up difficult emotions. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Through the death and resurrection of Jesus, you make all things new. Strengthen and renew the relationships we share with these members and friends of Bethlehem and their families: Sara & Ryan (Aderyn & Ivy), Andy & Ruth, Chris & Nancy. Bring new life and growth to the ministry of our sisters and brothers in our twinned parish in Shurugwi, Zimbabwe. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Breathe your abundance into all people.

We lift up prayers of thanksgiving for:

- Our high school seniors who will be graduating this year: Catherine H., Antonio J., Daniel M., Andrew R., Abigail S., Ben T., Meghan W., and Annika W.
- The safe birth of Ezra Lewis, grandson of Lori S, born June 1

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

- Jim M., friend of Jerry and Toni Thompson, who died on 6/2
- Kevin P., friend of the family of Chris & Lisa M., who died on 6/5
- Deborah P., mother of Marianne H., who died on 6/8

We pray for those in need of healing, especially:

- Tom S. who is being treated for an infection.
- Dan, friend of Jan and Howard S., who is recovering from a serious car accident.
- Morey R. who is recovering from a recent hospitalization in his new home.

Hear these prayers we raise to you in our hearts or on our voice.

Silence for individual prayer.

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ.
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

Jeden Morgen geht die Sonne auf
(*The sun rises every morning*)

German folksong

Volker Hausin, baritone

OFFERTORY



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 fed with the bread of life.



Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we



of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,



Lord, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us 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.

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

God, you open wide your hands
And feed all creation with your goodness.

**Open us to receive all that you give us –
Your mercy, your grace, your love, your very self. Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Spirit, we 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

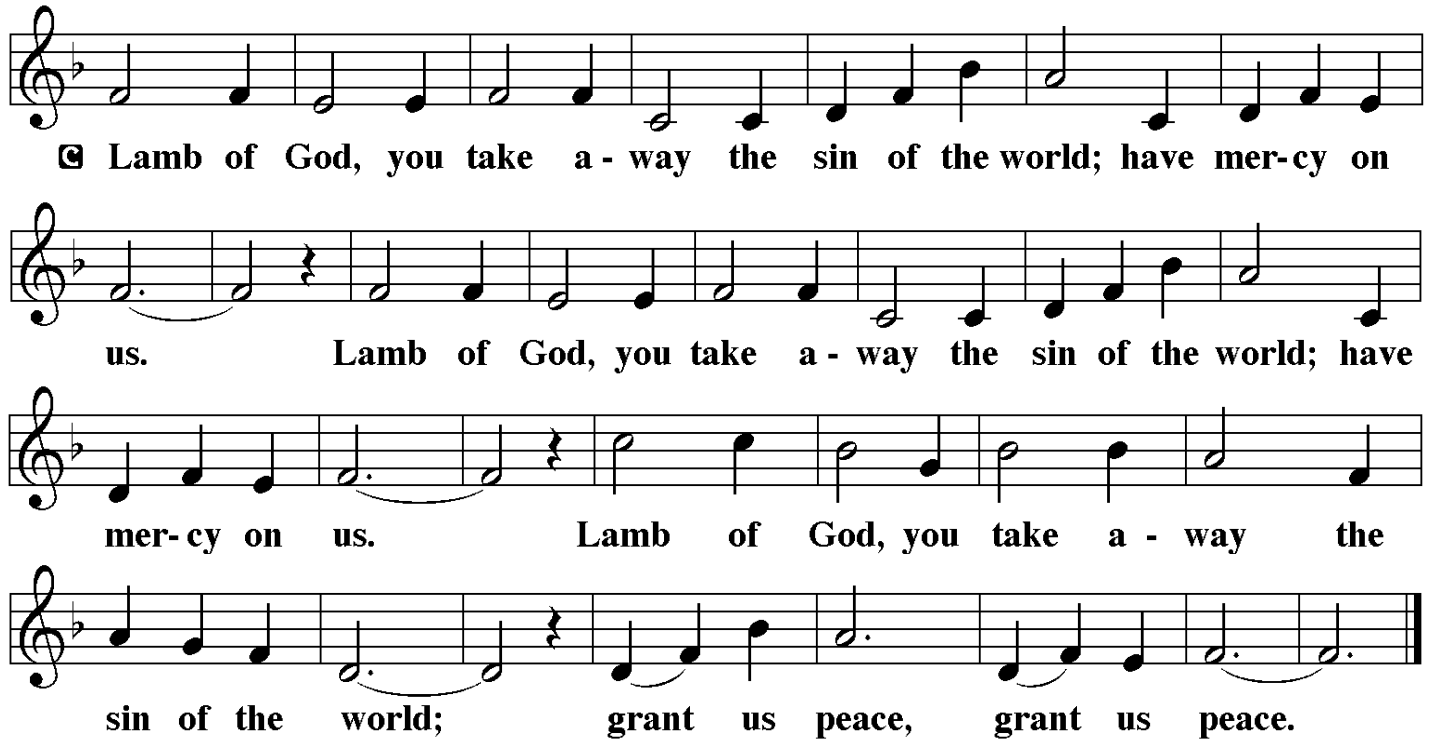
All are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.

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

We Come to the Hungry Feast

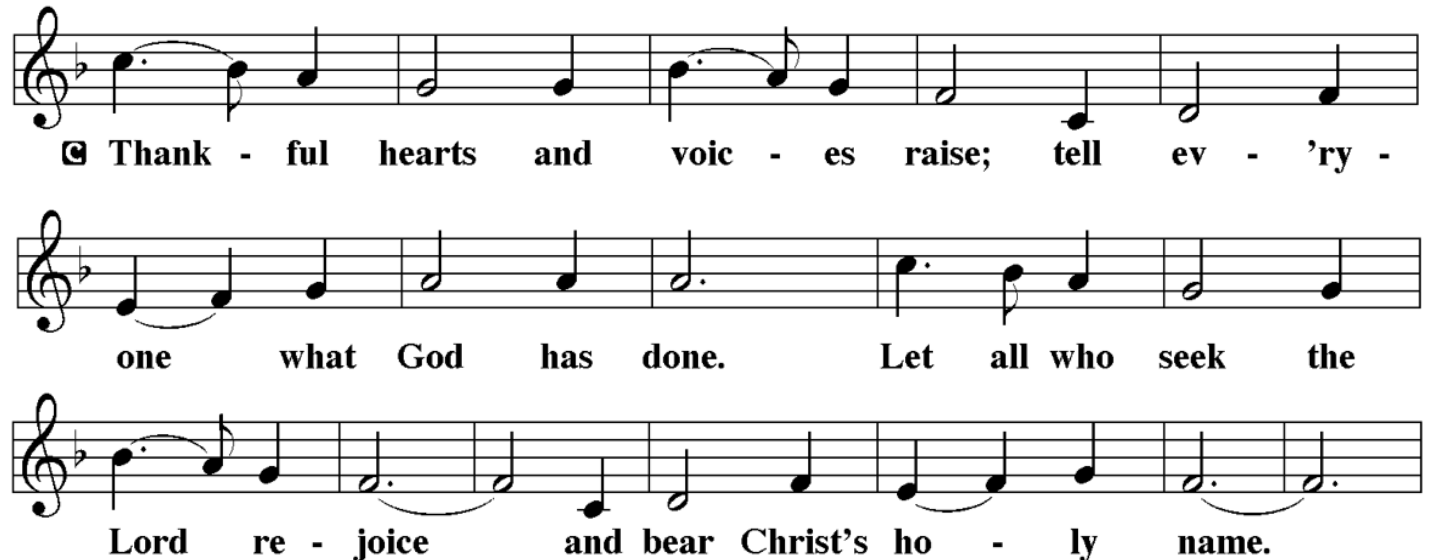
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I Love to Tell the Story

ELW 661

TABLE BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



☐ Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -
one what God has done. Let all who seek the
Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.

Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and
 lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks-
 giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

LEAVING TO SERVE

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

BENEDICTION

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in † Christ Jesus.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN	Rise Up, O Saints of God!	ELW 669
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Old Hundredth

tune, Louis Bourgeois
 setting, Piet Post

BLC's Graduating High School Seniors



Antonio Alberto Jorge

Parents: Tony and Jennifer Jorge, sister: Sofia

Fairport High School

Activities: Band/saxophone; baseball, swimming, lifeguard

After graduation: Union College studying Political

Science

“A favorite memory from BLC is being confirmed by my grandfather.”



Daniel Thomas Meetze

Parents: Lisa and Chris Meetze, sister: Rachel

Penfield High School

Activities: Boy Scouts (likely have Eagle by the end of June!), PHS Robotics team, PHS Nordic Skiing team, upright bass in PHS orchestra, guitar lessons, part time job at YMCA during school year and at The Y's Camp Eastside as counselor during summers.

After graduation: St John Fisher University, History Major with teaching certification (HS social studies teacher)

"Some of my favorite memories of my time at BLC have to be the lock-ins and overnights. Hanging out with other kids, talking with everyone about God and life in general, playing games all night, and getting closer to God. These were always events I loved doing!"



Andrew Justin Runke

Parents: Justin and Kelly Runke, siblings: Allison and Aaron Runke

Fairport High School

Activities: Varsity Swim team and Fairport Area Swim Team, baseball, Boy Scouts (Eagle Scout candidate) Works at Bill Gray's and for Fairport Little League

After graduation: Attending University of Tennessee and majoring in Sports Management with possible double major in a business field. He hopes to continue swimming at the club level.

“My favorite memory of my time at BLC was the lock-ins. I really enjoyed getting to know people better and playing games like sardines, while also learning more about our faith.”



Abigail Schaeber

Parents: Sara and Todd Schaeber, sister: Emerson

Fairport Hight School

Activities: Soccer, babysitting, spending time with friends

After graduation: Attending Loyola University Maryland to study Biology

“BLC has provided me with the stability and guidance that I have needed to achieve my goals. It has also given me the chance to find God’s wisdom and apply it to my time in Fairport and in high school, as well as my future aspirations.”



Meghan Mourette Wholley

Parents: Lisa and Brendan Wholley, sister: Elizabeth, the DeVoesick family (Uncle Jeff, Aunt Letitia, cousins Evy and Emmett)

Fairport High School

Activities: enjoy playing field hockey in Fairport High School along with club field hockey, traveled to Spain with other Spanish-speaking students and teachers (including Mrs. Schaeber :-), enjoy traveling, spending time with family, especially my sister/best friend, Elizabeth, family gatherings in Martha's Vineyard, time at Waneta Lake w/family and working as a hostess/waitress at the Underpass restaurant

Plans following graduation: Attending Duquesne to study Psychology with plans to complete a semester abroad in Rome.

“My favorite memories at BLC are hosting coffee hours with my sister since we were young kids, w/mom/dad, with my family especially Emmett and Evy, attending Christmas Eve candlelight services with my cousins (Evy, Emmett, Uncle Jeff, Aunt Letitia, my immediate family), lock ins, retreats and making great memories and new friends while attending LCLC camp.”

Other graduating high school seniors include Catherine Holahan, Ben Teasdale, and Annika Widrick.

*“May the questions you ask
and the possibilities you find
be bread for your life’s journey
and a gift to those who need to be reminded
of the power that comes from being uncovered.”
Meta Herrick Carlson*

God be with you graduates as you begin your new adventures!

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 Susie DePasquale for serving as our guest musician today while Raelynn is away.

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? Talk with Mark Finke or one of the pastors following worship or contact Mark directly at volunteersupport@blcfairport.org.

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/>

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Overview

In today's gospel reading, Jesus speaks of the church's mission with images drawn from daily life. The harvest is already plentiful, he says, but laborers are needed for work in the fields of daily life. What are we to do? We are to do what our worship invites us to do: let our conversation be shaped by the good news, extend Christ's peace wherever we find ourselves, and share our bread with the hungry.

