



*Sunday, October 20, 2024*  
*22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*



BETHLEHEM  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## **PRELUDE**

The Lord's My Shepherd

(Chorale Prelude on EVAN)

William H. Havergal

setting, Robert J. Powell

Entrée

Clément Loret

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Today's gospel starts with disciples obsessing over who will be closest to Jesus, leading to Jesus teaching his followers about God's take on importance and power. Here Jesus makes it explicit that the reversal of values in God's community is a direct challenge to the values of the dominant culture, where wielding power over others is what makes you great. When we pray "your kingdom come" we are praying for an end to tyranny and oppression. We pray this gathered around the cross, a sign of great shame transformed to be the sign of great honor and service.*

## **GATHERING**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. Amen.

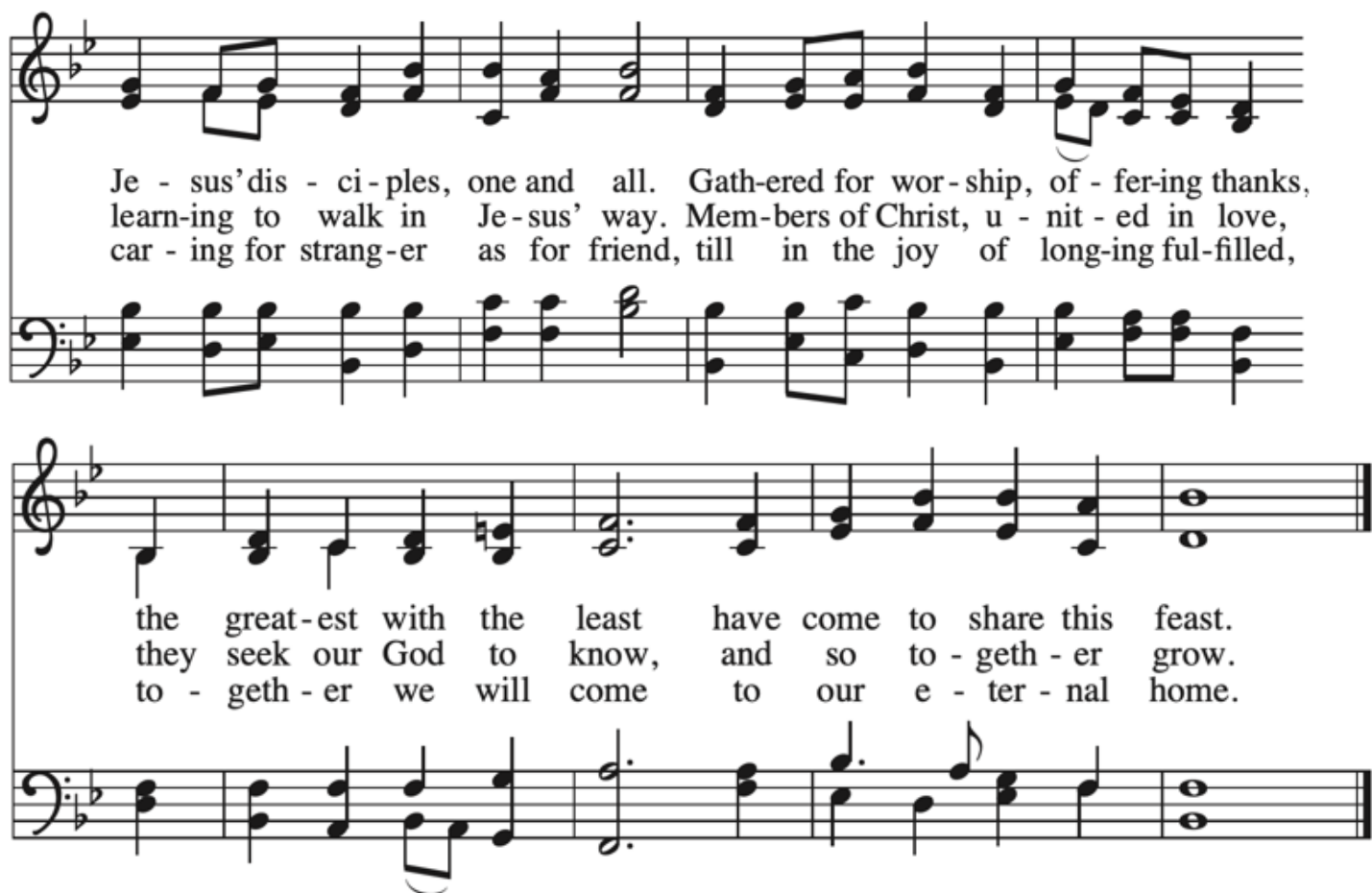
GATHERING HYMN

Making Their Way

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1 Mak-ing their way down through the a-ges, sin-ners and saints have  
2 Mak-ing their way all the world o-ver, Chris-tians as-sem-ble  
3 Mak-ing our way sea-son by sea-son, pil-grims, we jour-ney

heard God's call: wealth-y and poor, pow-er-ful, low-ly,  
on this day, hear-ing the Word, shar-ing the Ban-quet,  
till life's end, trav-el-ing light, shar-ing the rich-es,



Je - sus' dis - ci - ples, one and all. Gath-ered for wor - ship, of - fer-ing thanks,  
 learn-ing to walk in Je - sus' way. Mem-bers of Christ, u - nit - ed in love,  
 car - ing for strang-er as for friend, till in the joy of long-ing ful-filled,

the great-est with the least have come to share this feast.  
 they seek our God to know, and so to - geth - er grow.  
 to - geth - er we will come to our e - ter - nal home.

## 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.**

## SPECIAL MUSIC

Largo

from Symphony No. 9 in E Minor, op. 95, B. 178

Antonin Dvorak

arr. Jackie Armstrong

Duet: dulcimer and guitar

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **HEARING GOD’S WORD**

### **PRESENTATION OF BIBLES**

#### **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: Job 38:1-7**

*At the end of the book of Job, after Job and his companions have argued about the cause of the great suffering Job endures, God finally speaks. These verses begin that speech, which is a grand vision of creation, describing God’s ordering of the cosmos and inviting Job to marvel at its beauty.*

The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

<sup>2</sup>“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

<sup>3</sup>Gird up your loins like a man,  
I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

<sup>4</sup>“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?  
Tell me, if you have understanding.

<sup>5</sup>Who determined its measurements—surely you know!  
Or who stretched the line upon it?

<sup>6</sup>On what were its bases sunk,  
or who laid its cornerstone

<sup>7</sup>when the morning stars sang together  
and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

### GOSPEL: Mark 10:33-45

*On the way to Jerusalem the disciples ask Jesus to grant them seats of honor. Jesus responds by announcing that he and his followers will “rule” through self-giving service.*

<sup>35</sup>James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” <sup>36</sup>And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” <sup>37</sup>And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” <sup>38</sup>But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” <sup>39</sup>They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; <sup>40</sup>but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

<sup>41</sup>When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. <sup>42</sup>So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. <sup>43</sup>But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup>For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

<b>HYMN OF THE DAY</b>	Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak	ELW 676
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## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

p. 235

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?  
**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?  
**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**

## WORDS OF WELCOME FOR NEW MEMBERS

**We welcome you as members of this congregation, inspired and invested in  
the ministry we all share. You are beloved, and your presence here is a gift!  
May God bless these new relationships and our common call as agents of  
God's mercy and the abundance the world needs!**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

#1 We pray for the millions caught in the path of two major hurricanes on our East coast; especially those loved ones we cannot reach due to power and internet disruption. Dear Lord, keep them safe. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

#2 We pray as we approach a major election in our country, for leadership that will take steps to heal the wounds of divisiveness, of racial hatred, of food inequity, of religious intolerance. Dear God, as Jesus taught us, give us the heart and mind to understand and open ourselves to those who do not follow our path. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

#3 We pray for the magnificent natural world that you have so graciously created for us. Open our eyes and minds to the truth: that it is your creation that sustains us with clean air, clean water, nutrition, beauty, and the ability to live on this planet. Help us to take steps to save this glorious gift. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Gracious God, your Son, Jesus, blessed children and called us to be like them. Help us to better know and care for these children, youth and young adults: Eliana, Elizabeth, Emelia, Elizabeth, and Emerson. We pray for those who receive Bibles today and those beginning Confirmation: Owen, Delaney, Noah, and Owen. Strengthen the connections we share with the ministries we serve, especially the ministry of our twinned parish in Shurugwi, Zimbabwe. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Gracious God, you are near to all who call upon you.

*We give thanks for these new members of Bethlehem:*

- Beth and Phil, Owen and Haley R.
- Andrea and Andy, Otto, Finnegan and Pearl S.
- Carla V.

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

- Mary R, mother of Anne S, who died on 10/11

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

- David O who is currently hospitalized
- Barb K, former member of BLC, who is having heart issues and is scheduled for surgery on 10/18
- Art W, who is recovering following a broken leg
- Karen A, who is having tests done in the hospital
- Ros. S. who is anticipating shoulder surgery on 10/24
- Those impacted by the devastation caused by recent hurricanes, those who grieve as well as those involved in rescue and recovery operations

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

*Silence for individual prayer.*

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

## **SHARING GOD'S MEAL**

### **THE PEACE**

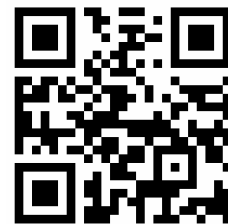
The peace of Christ be with you always.

**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

Thank you for your offerings that support the ongoing ministry that we share. 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) or scan the QR (quick response) code on the right and you'll be brought to BLC's mobile giving page.



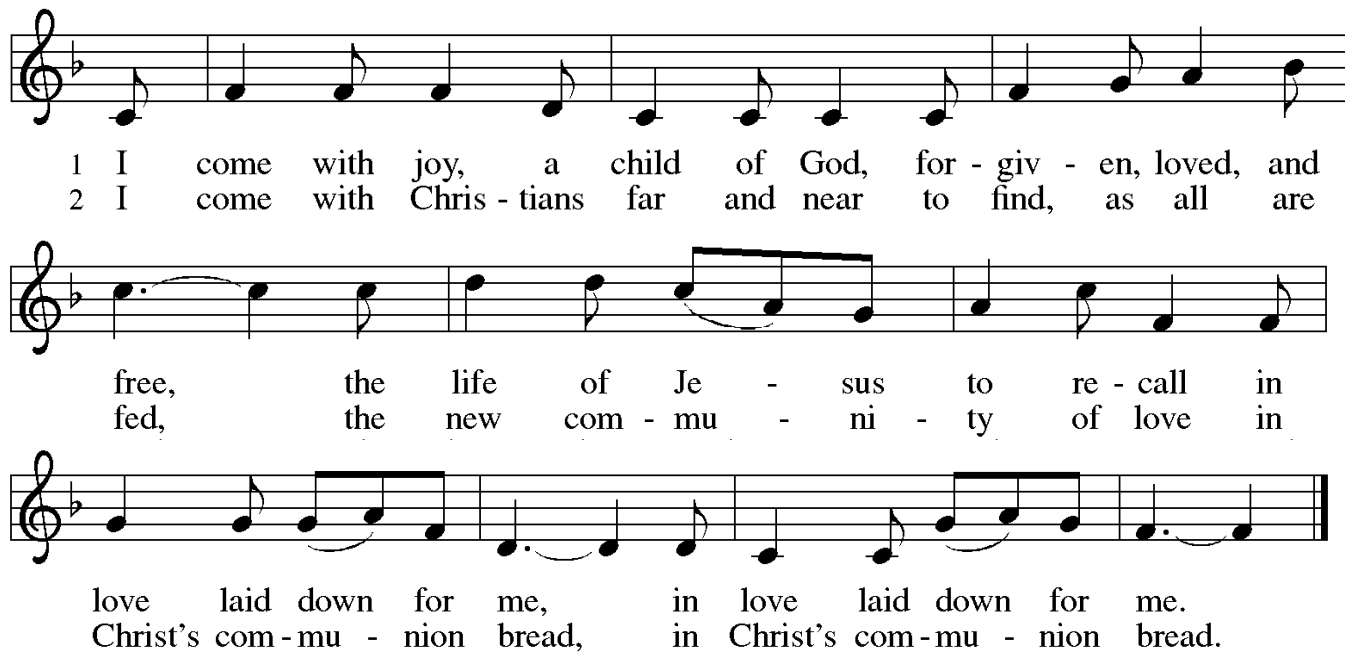
## OFFERING OF MUSIC

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

words, *Prayer of St. Francis*  
music, Sebastian Temple  
arr. Mark Barnard

The Chancel Choir

## OFFERTORY



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and  
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are

free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in  
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in

love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God,  
**source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us  
to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and  
Lord. 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**

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.

**Build us into a lasting community that embodies your love. Strengthen us to serve you in all we do. Amen**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

One in body, one in spirit, we pray as Jesus taught:

**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**

Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, eat and live.

**Thanks be to God!**

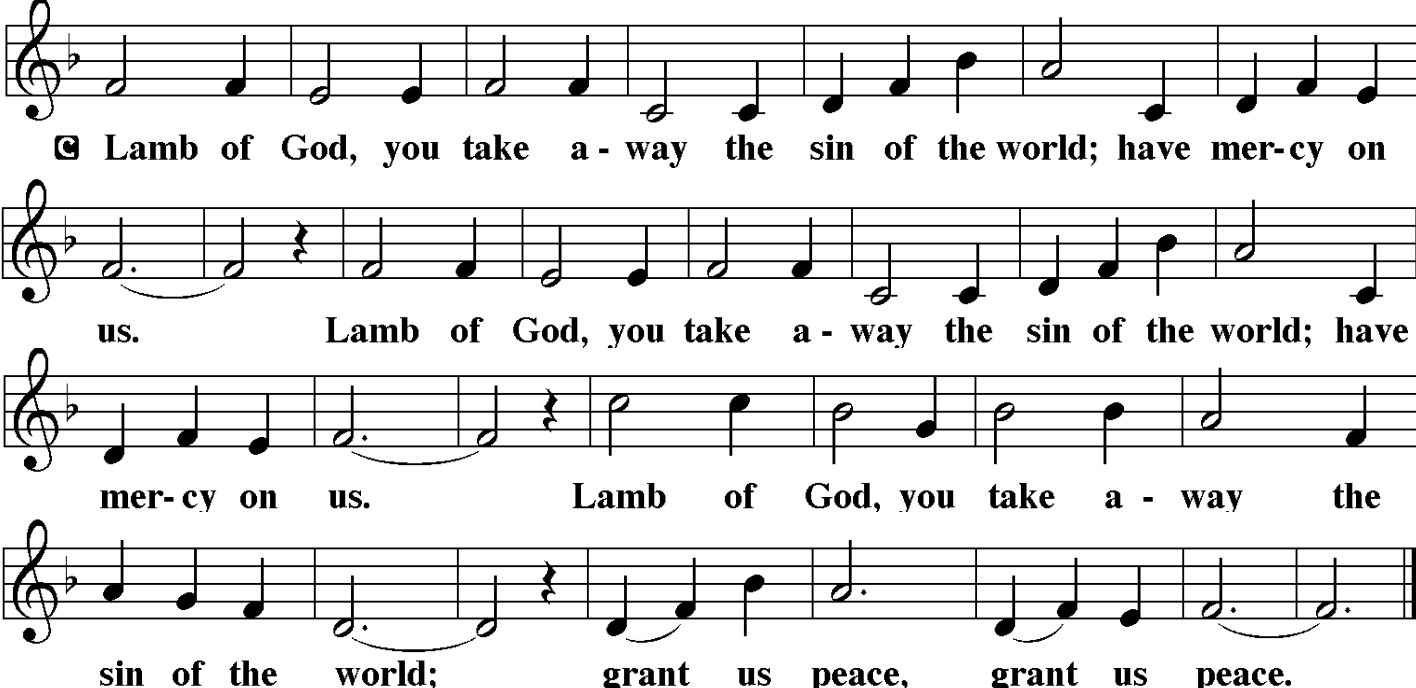
## JOY – JESUS, OTHERS, YOU

*Once a month, kids in Grades 3-5 are invited to come forward first for communion and then leave worship for a special activity time until 10:15 am. During this time they will work on a project together and use the Faith 5 practices (Share, Read, Talk, Pray, Bless). The next gathering will be on November 17<sup>th</sup>.*

## 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.*

## 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

Now the Silence

ELW 460

O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

ELW 658

## 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 - jice 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**

### **BENEDICTION**

The blessing of God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless ☩ be upon you now and forever.

**Amen.**

<b>SENDING HYMN</b>	You Servants of God	ELW 825
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### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing  
(NETTLETON)

Early American  
setting, Diane Bish

## **BLC Pastors**

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

## **BLC Musicians**

Raelynn Clare, Music Director and Organist

Chrisanne Gates, Chancel Choir Director

Rich Towsley, Director of The Folk Group and BLC Dulcimers

Additional musical leadership provided by:

James Berner, guitar

Rich Towsley, dulcimer

**Thank you** to Jane Morale for serving as director of the Chancel Choir today.

**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 one of the pastors following worship or send an email to [volunteersupport@blcfairport.org](mailto:volunteersupport@blcfairport.org) and we'll follow up!

**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:** 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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### **BLC Music Groups Rehearsals**

Children's Choir- Sundays at 10:15am  
Chancel Bells- Wednesdays at 6pm  
Folk Group- Wednesdays at 6:15pm  
Chancel Choir- Wednesdays at 7:30pm  
Dulcimers- Fridays at 3pm



### ***BLC Quilters***

*1st & 3rd Thurs each  
month: Cut, Sort, Sew  
5th Thurs: Quilt Tying  
7 PM*

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## **PLEASE NOTE**



**BLC's Annual Meeting will be Sunday October 27, at 10:15 AM  
(immediately following the Sunday service). Please plan on attending!**

## Welcome to Bethlehem!



**The Rupp Family** – Beth and Phil, Owen (6<sup>th</sup> grade) and Haley (3<sup>rd</sup> grade). The Rupp family connected with Bethlehem through Beth's parents, Ruth and Jeff Hedin.



**The Sauer Family** – Andrea, Andy, Otto (6<sup>th</sup> Grade), Finnegan (4<sup>th</sup> Grade) and Pearl (1<sup>st</sup> Grade) and their goats! The Sauer family were previously members at Trinity Lutheran Church, Fort Collins, CO.



**Carla Vossler** came to BLC with an interest in outreach and mission and serves on the Mission and Social Concerns Team at BLC

## **Sharing in Your Glory: Success or Service?**

“Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” Like James and John, we too are quick to assume that following Christ leads to success, power, and glory. Like James and John we ask for what we know and think we want—and we know that this world rewards success, power, and glory with even more of the same, and we want it! Yet Jesus turns our lust for success, power, and glory on its head: “Whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all.” This servant leadership that finds power in self-giving is to be a hallmark of Christian community. For this servant-leadership is both modeled on and empowered by the living Jesus himself. His greatness is exactly in his humility, his strength is in his weakness, and his whole life is given a ransom for our sake. Indeed, Isaiah reminds us that “The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous.” Those who end up sitting at his right and left hand in his glory will not be the privileged and powerful, or even the disciples, who shrink back from sharing in his cup of suffering. Those at his right and left hand will be condemned criminals, crucified alongside him as he offers himself as a ransom for many. Likewise, those who will be great among us will be servants, finding Christ’s strength in their weakness and giving of themselves fully, following their Lord through failure, weakness, and shame into true and eternal glory.