

"PEACE! BE STILL!"

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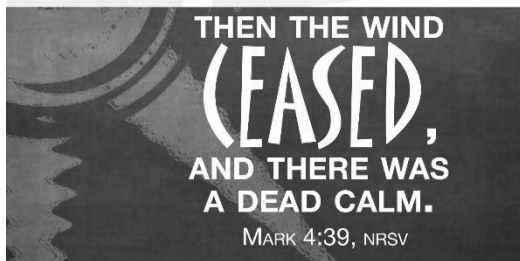
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**Sunday, June 23, 2024  
Fifth Sunday After Pentecost**

**Worship Leader: LouAnn Norsetter**

**Organist: Polly Jeanty**

*If listening from your car, please tune to 101.3 FM*

**\*= Please rise in body or spirit**

**CENTERING BREATH PRAYER:** as you inhale, say the first part of the prayer to yourself, and say the second part as you exhale. Repeat 5x

***Send out your light and your truth, O Lord :: let them lead me***

**RINGING OF THE BELLS**

**CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP #549**

**"As We Gather"**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

**"Be Still My Soul"**

**Polly Jeanty**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP: (based on Psalm 107:1-3)**

As we enter Bethlehem Church, the roofline reminds us of an inverted hull of a ship. In fact, we call the sanctuary the nave, the area where we gather to worship. The nave reminds us of many congregations sailing to new shores in search of religious freedom. Let us call upon the Lord as we sail through uncharted waters:

**L: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;**

**P: for his steadfast love endures forever.**

L: Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,  
P: **those he redeemed from trouble**

L: and gathered in from the lands,  
P: **from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.**

**\*OPENING PRAYER:**

**This morning we will hear the story of Jesus calming the sea. We look upon the lakes of Wisconsin for their recreational pleasure and cooling breezes. Yet we know they can turn into angry tempests as winds kick up waves. We thank you for the blessings and challenges of nearby lakes and rivers. May we protect the gifts of nature that you created. Let us join with you in calming the seas for all people. Amen**

**\*OPENING HYMN #48 all "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"**

**PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE:**

Pastoral Leader: As we gather in worship, let us take this moment to consider our needs for transformation and forgiveness. I invite you to quietly reflect on our need for grace. (time of silent reflection...) Let us pray...

**We come to you, Holy Mother and Father God, in our humanity. We readily admit we have not led perfect lives, far from it. But through Jesus, you have learned our human nature and forgive our shortcomings. We ask forgiveness for those offenses known and especially, those unknown. Share your grace that we may learn awareness and sensitivity for others near and far.**

**With your mercy, we can take heart. In our striving and failing, we continually meet you. We grow in your love, even as we acknowledge our shortcomings. For that, we are grateful.**

**WORDS OF GRACE**

Hear the words of Apostle Paul: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

**For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Tune: Doxology

**Be thou, O God, exalted high, and as thy glory fills the sky  
So let it be on Earth displayed, Till thou art here, as there, obeyed. Amen**

## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

### **Psalm 107:23-25, 28-32**

Some went down to the sea in ships, doing business on the mighty waters;  
they saw the deeds of the LORD, his wondrous works in the deep.

For he commanded and raised the stormy wind, which lifted up the waves of the sea.

Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he brought them out from their distress;  
he made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed.

Then they were glad because they had quiet, and he brought them to their desired haven.

Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.

Let them extol him in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

### **Mark 4:35-41**

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him.

A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?"

He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

## SERMON

“Sailing Beyond the Horizon”

\*HYMN #429 all

“Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me”

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE...THE LORD'S PRAYER

Petitions end with: Plant seeds of your kingdom in our midst, O God.

**May we bear the fruits of new life.**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Pastoral Leader: We are grateful for the gifts that we receive in our lives. We invite you to participate in this opportunity of generosity to continue the mission of God's Love to the world. We are grateful and thankful.

## OFFERTORY

"Stand By Me"

Polly Jeanty

(Jingle Change goes to "Strengthen the Church" (*The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. – ucc.org* )

## \*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #447 v.1 "All Things are Yours"

**All things are Yours: we make that true, when we return our gifts to you,  
And so we give, and so we share, In Christ's strong name expressing care.**

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Please accept our offering as a token of our love for You and your kingdom. We acknowledge we have nothing without you, so our pledges instead represent our devotion. Let our contributions, both financial and service, prompt us to imagine a better world. Give us the courage to actively work on bringing about your kingdom every day of our lives. Amen.**

## \*CLOSING SONG

"Go Now in Peace"

***Go now in peace. Never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.  
Go now in faith. Steadfast strong and true.  
Know he will guide you, in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there, watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. A-men, A-men, A-men.***

## BENEDICTION

In the words of a traditional hymn,

**Jesus Savior, pilot me over life's tempestuous sea;  
Chart and compass ever be; Jesus, Savior, pilot me. Amen.**

## POSTLUDE

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Sunday, July 14 – Come and join us for the outdoor worship/picnic Sunday.**

Bring your lawn chair and wear your old/silly hat. After the service we will be serving broasted chicken. Please sign-up in the fellowship hall with a dish to pass.

We will also be collecting a bag of candy and/or a package of cookies to donate to Immanuel's food pantry. Donations will be open thru August 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be a basket in the entrance.

- To those who are reading my ordination paper: THANK YOU! Feel free to write any comments right on the document or on a separate sheet. We could also meet in person if you like. I would like to receive feedback by July 1 if possible. PS – the topics of the paper are the topics that are required by the association. Thanks, again! – Pastor Randy
- Next Sunday, June 30, we will be having a “New Member Sunday.” New members will meet at 8:30am and then we will “receive” new members during worship at 9:30. Coffee hour and fellowship to follow! Please attend! Also, please let Pastor Randy know if you would like to join our church!
- Sunday school families received information regarding Vacation Bible School @ St. Mark's UCC on August 13-15 from 9a-12. Transportation to St. Marks will be available. Please let Pastor Randy or Kathy Bowe know if your child will attend.

### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS** -See flyers in fellowship hall for more details

- Wednesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> – St. Peter's UCC Picnic in the Park – Food served 4p-8p – Patriotic concert at 7pm by Kiel Municipal Band
- Sat. July 20<sup>th</sup> – 10a-2p – Clements Farewell Party (Long term Mission trip to Africa). Christian Life Church, 300 Rustic Rd., Plymouth
- Sun. July 21 – St. Marks/James Polka and Potluck – 1424 Spring Lake Rd. – 11a Outdoor service, 12p Potluck, 12:30p dancing – see flyer

- Friday, Aug. 2 – Faith and Family Night @ Timber Rattlers – see flyer
- August 16-17 – Gospel Music Fest – Hilbert Civic Park – Flyer posted and copies available in the Fellowship Hall

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**Those in our thoughts and prayers:**

**Joys:**

\*The birth of Sebastian Daniel Richard Rugowski (Parents: McKenna & Daniel, Grandparents: Tom & Marie Mueller)

\*The birth of Charly Ann Deignan

**Those struggling with health issues:**

Doris Mae Ninmer

Will Mathes

Nancy Henschel

Art Matzdorf

Nancy Zimmermann

Gary Steinhardt

Mason Kannell

Heidi Konen

Dawson Horneck

Darlene Horneck

Tom Lefeber

Ross Westphalen

Brad Westphalen

Wanda Matzdorf

Chad Jeanty

Jessica Horneck

Jim Markelz

Marie Rietbrock

Heather

Mary Beth Molitor

Emily (Melissa's cousin)

**Those unable to worship with us:**

Merlin and Doris Mae Ninmer

Helen Henning

Thank you to everyone who contributed funds for the roof project at the parsonage. The total cost was \$9460 and we raised \$5950 from members and church organization. If you haven't donated yet, but want to, it's not too late! Make your check out to "Bethlehem Maintenance Fund." Thanks for your continued support!

## **Congrats to our 2024 Graduates**

**Allyson Jeanty**, Marian University - Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Psychology

**Ryan Jeanty**, Lakeshore Technical College - Associate Degree - Electro mechanical Automation Technology

**Greg Schultz**, Kiel High School - Attending Lakeshore Technical College in the fall for Autobody Technician



### **This Week at Bethlehem:**

**Today Sunday 6/23:** 9:30am Worship; ~Happy Anniversary Lee & Nicole Watson!

**Monday 6/24:**

**Tuesday 6/25:** ~Happy Birthday McKenna Rugowski and Trent Hanson!!

**Wednesday 6/26:** ~Happy Birthday Jerry Wehrmann!

**Thursday 6/27:** 8:30am BUCC at Immanuel Food Pantry; ~Happy Birthday Warren Fidlin and Kayla Hanson! Happy Anniversary Brad & Maria Hoban!

**Friday 6/28:**

**Saturday 6/29:**

**Sunday 6/30:** 8:30am New Member Meeting; 9:30am Worship followed by Coffee Hour

**June Pantry Items: Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Deodorant or Lotion**