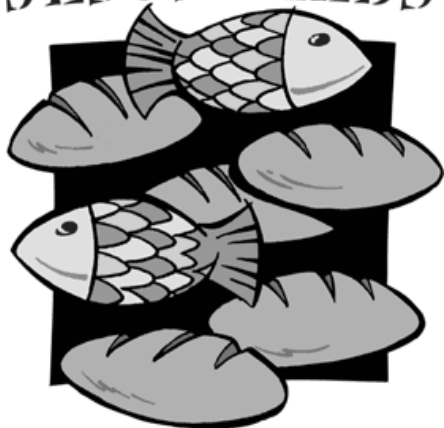


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**Sunday, July 28, 2024
Tenth Sunday After Pentecost**

Worship Leader: Lou Ann Norsetter

Organist: Kathy Bowe

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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

God is my shield :: He saves the upright in heart

RINGING OF THE BELLS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP #549

"As We Gather"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Inspired by Psalm: 145:10-18)**

One: We call upon the Holy One, who is near to us. We testify to your power to make your kingdom known among creation.

Many: All your works shall give thanks to you, Holy One, and all your faithful shall bless you.

One: We speak of the glory of your miraculous acts, your abiding presence, and your abundant love.

Many: All your works shall give thanks to you, Holy One, and all your faithful shall bless you.

One: With justice and grace, with hope and mercy, with abundance and discernment, you sustain those in need, you uphold those who have been broken, and you satisfy those who seek a better way.

Many: All your works shall give thanks to you, Holy One, and all your faithful shall bless you.

*OPENING PRAYER:

Great and Mighty God, we seek your presence among us. We strain to hear your voice as it so often gets drowned out by the noise of the world. We pause to consider your works, your word, and your way. Speak to us now in spirit and in truth. Open your hand and our hearts that we may join in this moment of holy encounter. Forge us as a community committed to follow the path Jesus has marked for us. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN: #60 vs. 1-2-4 “When Morning Gilds the Skies”

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE:

Creator God, we confess that we fail to recognize the bounty around us. We are not satisfied; we never have enough. We consider what we have received and what we have generated, and label is too little rather than sufficient. We need to cultivate our imagination and our faith to observe abundance and opportunity rather than scarcity and deficiency. Help us to comprehend that, in your kingdom, the fragments you gather are more than enough for flourishing. (time of silent reflection...)

WORDS OF GRACE

Beloved, you are enough. God’s grace, strength, love, and hope meet you with sufficiency. **Through the Holy One’s sustaining power, we can gather the fragments that make our lives beautiful and God’s kingdom real in the world.**

*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

2 Kings 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, ‘Give it to the people and let them eat.’ But his servant said, ‘How can I set this before a

hundred people?’ So he repeated, ‘Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, “They shall eat and have some left.” ’ He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

Psalm 145:10-18

- ¹⁰ All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your faithful shall bless you.
- ¹¹ **They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,
and tell of your power,**
- ¹² to make known to all people your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
- ¹³ **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.**

The Lord is faithful in all his words,
and gracious in all his deeds.

- ¹⁴ **The Lord upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.**
- ¹⁵ The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.
- ¹⁶ **You open your hand,
satisfying the desire of every living thing.**
- ¹⁷ The Lord is just in all his ways,
and kind in all his doings.
- ¹⁸ **The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.**

John 6:1-21

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, ‘Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?’ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, ‘Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.’ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, ‘There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?’ Jesus said, ‘Make the people sit down.’ Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and

when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.'

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

SERMON

"Up Sizing Jesus"

LouAnn Norsetter

*HYMN #62

"You are My All in All"

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

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

Leader: Generosity encourages us to consider what we have to share beyond our own use. May we exhibit the generosity of the young person found in the gospel narrative that shared their lunch when Philip surveyed the crowd of thousands. The miracle starts with that act of sharing and faith.

OFFERTORY (Jingle Change goes to the Bethlehem Ladies to help support their many service projects throughout the year.)

*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

Sustaining God, receive our offerings and magnify them beyond our imagination for the benefit of your kingdom, this ministry, and your creation. Cultivate a heart of generosity within us and enable us to witness the abundance that can be found in the fragments that remain as testimony to your power at work in us. 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

POSTLUDE

**This morning's liturgies were written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl Lindsay and used with permission from ucc.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

August Rummage Sale: The Annual Bethlehem Church Rummage Sale is on.
Your Help is Needed - Volunteer Opportunities:

- Wednesday, August 7: 8:00 am to noon pricing and set up
- Thursday, August 8: 3:00pm to 7 pm Sales Staff
- Friday, August 9: 8:00am to 5:00 pm Sales Staff
- Saturday, August 10, 8:00am to noon Sales Staff
- Saturday, August 10: 12:00 to 1:00pm Clean Up Crew

Please see the signup sheets in the fellowship hall or email to kayerad@hotmail.com or call (920) 894-7229 if you can spare even an hour to help.

Donations Accepted:

If you have items to donate, these can be dropped off in the new garage. If you would like us to pick up your items, do not hesitate to contact members of the Merry Christians. We will be happy to make arrangements. Please no TVs or other electronics.

- The WISE Committee has created an anonymous survey seeking your input. *What do YOU feel are the most pressing needs regarding mental health in our church community, and the wider community?* Please take the time to complete the survey and return to the box in the fellowship hall or the black mailbox outside the front doors of the church. EVERYONE is encouraged to complete their OWN survey!! Including youth!
- LOOKING FOR VBS Volunteers! Held August 13-15 from 9a-12p at St. Marks Church. Pastor Schultz has everything planned. Just looking for additional grown-up bodies to assist with the kids. It's a great opportunity for HS or College students. Anyone need volunteer hours? Let Pastor Randy know.
- 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

- 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
- Come join other Manitowoc Residents to the Stepping On Workshop. Stepping On is an Evidence Based Falls Prevention Program hosted by the ADRC of the Lakeshore that will take place in September, starting September 12th thru October 29th at the Kiel Community Center. A weekly workshop that changes how to prepare “Not to Fall” as you age. Learn from experts and gather knowledge directly related to falls prevention. Sign up today for the workshop, seating is limited. All the ADRC of the Lakeshore at 1-877-416-7083 to RSVP.

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Those in our thoughts and prayers:

Joys:

*Our new members!

Those Grieving:

Those struggling with health issues:

Doris Mae Ninmer	Jeanette Wriedt
Ross Westphalen	Wanda Matzdorf
Brad Westphalen	Chad Jeanty
Art Matzdorf	Jessica Horneck
Nancy Zimmermann	Jim Markelz
Gary Steinhardt	Marie Rietbrock
Mason Kannell	Shari
Heidi Konen	Mary Beth Molitor
Dawson Horneck	Emily (Melissa's cousin)
Darlene Horneck	Tom Lefeber
Rhonda Schroeder	Nancy

Doris Mae is at Willowdale in room 110. She would welcome any cards.

Those unable to worship with us:

Merlin and Doris Mae Ninmer
Helen Henning

**PLEASE WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS WHO JOINED
THE BETHLEHEM FAITH COMMUNITY**

Heidi Konen

Cassie Jeanty

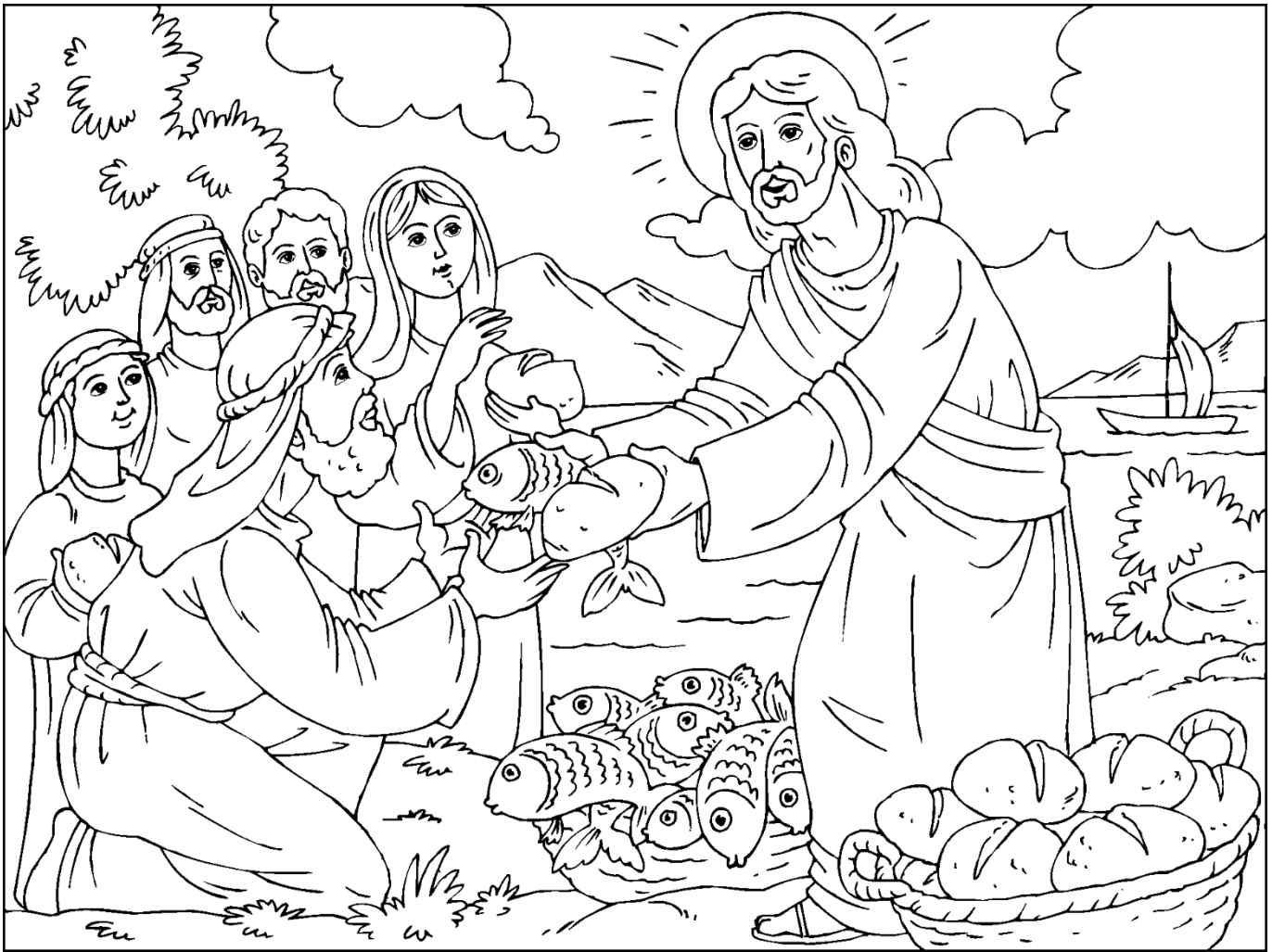
The Hemauer family: Hunter, Chelsea, Beau and Dutton

The Pennell family: Kyle, Brianna and Case

Jerry Wehrmann

The Aschenbach Family: Jeremy, Tammy, Evan, Ethan, Colton, Shelby

WE ARE SO HAPPY TO HAVE THEM! MEMBERS, PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME TAGS SO OUR NEW MEMBERS CAN GET ACQUAINTED WITH YOU.



This Week at Bethlehem:

Today Sunday 7/28: 9:30am Worship

Monday 7/29: ~Happy Birthday Allyson Jeanty, Mandy Voland, and Kendra Muehlbauer!

Tuesday 7/30: ~Happy Anniversary Steven & Jackie Voland!

Wednesday 7/31: ~Happy Birthday Daniel Rugowski!

Thursday 8/1:

Friday 8/2:

Saturday 8/3: ~Happy Birthday Logan Tesch and Jaden Witkowski!

Sunday 8/4: 9:30am Worship w/ Communion; ~Happy Birthday Lillie Brockway!

**August Pantry Items:
Jar of Peanut Butter or Jelly**