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**Sunday, July 4, 2021**

**Worship Leader: Rev. Roy Rogers**

**Organist: Polly Jeanty**

### **Bethlehem Safe Indoor Worship Guidelines**

- Everyone 5 years and older will wear a mask (even if you are fully vaccinated)
- Remain 6 feet apart from members outside of your family
- The congregation will refrain from singing (Humming is permitted)
- An offering plate will be available in a central location
- For those who wish to congregate, you are asked to do so outside
- Please stay home if you or a member of your family is not feeling well.
- Scrip will be available for purchase on the first and third Sundays. We ask that when purchasing scrip cards that only one person be at the scrip table at a time.

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (Adapted from Revelation 21:1-4)

**Pastor:** Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

**All:** **And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.**

**Pastor:** And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.

**All:** **He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**Thank you, Lord God, for the opportunity of worship,  
for the freedom to be amongst your family  
meeting together in your house,  
and in the warmth of your embrace.**

**Thank you that in worship we can put aside,  
the uncertainties of this world and rest  
upon the certainties of the Kingdom,  
for your promises are not changeable  
as those of a politician might be,  
but immovable and eternal.**

**Thank you that we can bring to your feet  
all the hurts and fears that trouble us,  
and leave them there,  
knowing that your strength and assurance  
are all that we require.**

**Thank you that as we draw near in worship,  
we are transported from a world of concerns and fears,  
to a place where we can be at peace in your presence,  
find healing, wholeness and refreshment.**

**Thank you Lord God for the opportunity of worship,  
In your name we pray. Amen**

**SONG #516 "I Was There to Hear your Borning Cry" (no singing, please)**

**READING OF SCRIPTURE**

**2 Corinthians 12:1-10**

It is necessary to boast; nothing is to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is

seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given to me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.' So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

SERMON                    "The Third Heaven"

SONG #478                    "I'll Fly Away"                    (no singing, please)

EASTER PEOPLE CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER (RESPONSIVE)

Thank you Lord that you are an impossibility specialist;  
the long winter's grip pried off us finger by finger,  
the whole earth greening under the spring sun.  
You bring new life where there is lifelessness,  
you resurrect hope when we are mired in darkness.

**We are an Easter people!**

Bring Easter to all among us who are grieving;  
your solace that we will see our loved ones again,  
your comfort that you will be with us in the hour of our death.

**We are an Easter people!**

Bring Easter to all among us who are despairing,  
give us light and meaning in our times of suffering,  
and your energy when life is at its lowest ebb.

**We are an Easter people!**

Bring Easter to all among us who are ill in mind or body,  
a healing touch to calm our fears,  
your soothing presence to carry us when we falter.

**We are an Easter people!**

Bring Easter to all who are locked away in jails,

as well as those among us chained by addictions  
and every prison of prejudice.

**We are an Easter people!**

Bring Easter to our neighborhood and our city;  
the stranger welcomed, the hungry fed,  
your kingdom coming here in Kiel, Wisconsin in the United States.

**We are an Easter people!**

Thank you for showing us who we are  
through Jesus Christ our Savior,  
and for transforming us daily through your creative Spirit.

**We are an Easter people  
and "Alleluia" is our song!  
Thanks be to God! Amen!**

#### 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.**

#### THE LORD' SUPPER

UNBOLD: Leader    **BOLD: All**

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#### INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,  
who earnestly repent of their sin and  
seek to live in peace with one another.  
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

#### CONFESSION AND PARDON

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have failed to be an obedient church.  
We have not done your will,**

**we have broken your law,  
we have rebelled against your love,  
we have not loved our neighbors,  
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.  
Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;  
that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!  
**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**  
**Glory to God. Amen.**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, ...we praise your name and join their  
unending hymn.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

Holy are you and blessed is your Son...  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here... with the Holy Spirit in your holy  
church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God now and for ever.

**Amen.**

### DISTRIBUTION

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

BENEDICTION OF JUDE

POSTLUDE (*Please wait to be dismissed by the ushers. Thank you.*)

## Those in our thoughts and prayers:

### Joys:

### Families who have lost loved ones:

### Those struggling with health issues:

Everett Henning

Warren Fidlin

Mother of Dawn Wirtz

Karl (nephew of Will and Lora)

Mike Mathes

Tom Brickbauer

Macullen Schnell

Jane Markelz

Dale Horneck

Olivia Marie

Jessica Horneck

### Those unable to worship with us: Merlin and Doris Mae Nimmer

### Other concerns:

Those affected by the building collapse in FL.

Division in the U.S.

Racial Justice and equality in our country

Health Care workers

Those who are out of work

Those whose businesses are struggling

People who live where violence and injustice prevails.

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JULY'S JINGLE CHANGE OFFERING SUPPORTS THE BETHELEHEM LADIES AND THEIR SERVICE PROJECTS TO OTHERS.

## **BETHLEHEM ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

### **Plan a visit to our homebound members!**

Merlin and Doris Mae Ninmer are at Field of Dreams in Kiel (286-6189) Call to arrange a visit.

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- On July 5, an open house will be at the Fire House Museum on 3rd Ave. and the Neumeyer Log Cabin and Coffin House located next to the Village Hall on West Main Street in St. Nazianz from 11:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
- ICE CREAM SOCIAL SUPPER – Carryout's Only! Ebenezer UCC, Chilton July 14th 4-6:30pm – Brats, hamburgers, German potato salad, coleslaw, beans, homemade pies and ice cream – Preorders for curbside pickup call Joan Woelfel at 920-418-5457 or Ruth Aebisher at 920-849-9427 Funds raised goes towards Our Church's Wider Mission.
- **OUR LADY OF THE HOLYLAND – ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST (JOHNSBURG) – CHICKEN & TIPS TAKE-OUT DINNER:** Sunday, July 18<sup>TH</sup> served from 11:00AM – 1:00PM. Blanck's chicken and dressing and Jim and Linda's beef tips, potatoes, & corn. \$10 per plate. TAKE-OUT ONLY, no dining in. Pre-orders preferred - call to place your preorder by July 1<sup>st</sup> [Kelly 920-539-6886, or Sharon 920-795-4728]. Only 500 meals will be sold! Cash or check only. Raffle ticket drawing @ 1:30PM. Hope to see you there! N9288 County Road W, Malone (Johnsburg).
- Tickets for the Kiel Area Youth Theater (at the new Performing Arts Center) summer show are on sale for the general public. You can buy online at <https://www.showtix4u.com/event-details/54079> or in-person during rehearsal. The PAC Box Office will be open on June 28, 29, 30, and July 5, 6, and 7 from 5:15 pm to 7:45 pm. Tickets will also be on sale one hour before showtimes. Questions? Contact us at [info@kayt.org](mailto:info@kayt.org) or call Emily Gilbertson, Board Chair, at 920-379-5965.

### **YOUTH VOLLEYBALL**

All games begin at 6:30pm

**July 4 – Bye week – no game**

**July 11- Saron @ BUCC**

**July 18 – BUCC @ St. Marks/St. James**

**July 25 – Immanuel/Bethel @ BUCC**

**August 1 – Tournament (Tentative)**

**Noon @ St. James**



*Come  
to the  
Table*

**This Week at Bethlehem:**

**Today, Sunday 7/4:** 9:30a Worship; *Happy Birthday Doris Rabe! Happy Independence Day!*

**Monday 7/5:**

**Tuesday 7/6:** *Happy Birthday Jason Brockway and Cody Dalka! Happy Anniversary Warren & Diane Fidlin!*

**Wednesday 7/7:** *Happy Anniversary Mark & Dawn Wirtz, and Aaron & Rachel Suttner!*

**Thursday 7/9:**

**Friday 7/9:**

**Saturday 7/10:**

**Sunday 7/11:** 9:30a Worship; *Happy Birthday Brad Hoban!*

**Pantry item: School Supplies**