

# *Welcome home!* **BAY VIEW** **LUTHERAN CHURCH** ELCA



July 25, 2021  
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost  
8:00 & 10:30 AM

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP: JESUS BROUGHT US HOME**

written by Thom Shuman, and posted on **Lectionary Liturgies**.

<http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca/>

The foolish say, 'there is no God.'  
We come, trusting in Jesus,  
the face, the voice, the presence of the God who loves us.  
The scoffers of our age ask, 'why do you seek after God?'  
We come, in this time,  
because God's grace has spilled over in our lives.  
The hopeless around us think, 'no one cares about me.'  
We come, in this time, to this place,  
because Jesus has found us and brought us home.

### **OPENING PRAYER: SHARING**

written by Rev. Karla Miller, and posted on **A Place for Prayer**.

<http://revgalprayerpals.blogspot.ca/>

Dear God,  
Remind me to share whatever is in my basket today.  
You will do the rest. Amen.

### **CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

written by Bruce Prewer, and posted on **Bruce Prewer's Home Page**.

<http://www.bruceprewer.com/DocC/C62sun32.htm>

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Most Holy God,  
we confess to you and to each other  
that we are rarely just in all our ways,  
and far from being kind in all our doings.  
What we want to be and what we actually are,  
are two different things.  
Our lives are a miss-mash of astuteness and stupidity,

of moral strength and cowardice,  
of kindness and meanness,  
of openness and cunning,  
of sincere love for you yet also of conniving self-interest.  
We need both your justice and your kindness  
to convict us of our sins,  
to forgive and cleanse us,  
and to save us from the power of evil in the days that lie ahead.  
We need your mercy to wipe away shame and disabling regrets,  
your light to give us our bearings,  
and your friendship to delight with us in our happiness  
and to comfort us in our sorrows.  
Please grant to us, loving God,  
the grace of a new beginning  
and the joy of an enlarged love for you.  
Give us a passion for all your loving ways.  
Through Christ Jesus our Brother and Redeemer.

## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Sisters and brothers, Holy Scripture says:  
“The Lord is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
The Lord is good to all and his mercy is over all his works.”  
In the name of the living God,  
through the grace of Christ Jesus the Son,  
and with the authority of the Spirit,  
I declare to you the forgiveness of sins  
and the life that is eternal!

**We will extol you, our God and Saviour,  
and glorify your name forever and ever!  
Every day we will praise you,  
and glorify your name forever and ever.**

**8:00-GATHERING SONG:** *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*  
(*THE SOLID ROCK*) (ELW 596)

- 1 My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;

no merit of my own I claim,  
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*Refrain*

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
all other ground is sinking sand,  
all other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils his lovely face,  
I rest on his unchanging grace;  
in ev'ry high and stormy gale  
my anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

3 His oath, his covenant, his blood  
sustain me in the raging flood;  
when all supports are washed away,  
he then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*

4 When he shall come with trumpet sound,  
oh, may I then in him be found,  
clothed in his righteousness alone,  
redeemed to stand before the throne! *Refrain*

Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt.

**10:30-GATHERING SONG:** *Thy Word*

Chorus

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path  
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path

Verse 1

When I feel afraid  
And I think I've lost my way  
Still You're there right beside me  
Nothing will I fear  
As long as You are near  
Please be near me to the end

## Verse 2

I will not forget  
Your love for me and yet  
My heart forever is wandering  
Jesus be my guide  
And hold me to Your side  
I will love You to the end

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Gracious God,

**you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## FIRST READING: 2 Kings 4:42-44

A reading from 2 Kings.

<sup>42</sup>A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] 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." <sup>43</sup>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.'" <sup>44</sup>He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 145:10-18

<sup>10</sup>All your works shall praise you, O LORD,  
and your faithful ones shall bless you.

<sup>11</sup>**They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom  
and speak of your power,**

<sup>12</sup>that all people may know of your power  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

<sup>13</sup>**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion  
endures throughout all ages.**

**You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all  
your works.**

<sup>14</sup>The Lord upholds all those who fall  
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

<sup>15</sup>**The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,  
and you give them their food in due season.**

<sup>16</sup>You open wide your hand  
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

<sup>17</sup>**You are righteous in all your ways  
and loving in all your works.**

<sup>18</sup>You are near to all who call upon you,  
to all who call upon you faithfully.

## SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:14-21

A reading from Ephesians.

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. <sup>16</sup>I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, <sup>17</sup>and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. <sup>18</sup>I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup>and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup>Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine,

<sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL: John 6:1-21**

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup>A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. <sup>3</sup>Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. <sup>4</sup>Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. <sup>5</sup>When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" <sup>6</sup>He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. <sup>7</sup>Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." <sup>8</sup>One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup>"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." <sup>13</sup>So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. <sup>14</sup>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."

<sup>15</sup>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.

<sup>16</sup>When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, <sup>17</sup>got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now

dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. <sup>18</sup>The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. <sup>19</sup>When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. <sup>20</sup>But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." <sup>21</sup>Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **10:30 CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **10:30 PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**SERMON:** Pastor Jeff Greathouse

## **8:00-HYMN OF THE DAY:** *We Walk by Faith* (ELW 635)

- 1 We walk by faith and not by sight;  
with gracious words draw near,  
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke:  
"My peace be with you here."
- 2 We may not touch your hands and side,  
nor follow where you trod;  
but in your promise we rejoice,  
and cry, "My Lord and God!"
- 3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;  
and may our faith abound  
to call on you when you are near  
and seek where you are found:
- 4 For you, O resurrected Lord,  
are found in means divine:

beneath the water and the word,  
beneath the bread and wine.

- 5 And when our life of faith is done,  
in realms of clearer light  
we may behold you as you are,  
with full and endless sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.

### **10:30-HYMN OF THE DAY: *I Saw the Light***

#### Verse 1

I wandered so aimless life filled with sin  
I wouldn't let my dear Savior in  
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night  
Praise the Lord I saw the light

#### Chorus

I saw the light I saw the light  
No more in darkness no more in night  
(And) now I'm so happy no sorrow in sight  
Praise the Lord I saw the light

#### Verse 2

Just like a blind man I wandered along  
Worries and fears I claimed for my own  
Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight  
Praise the Lord I saw the light

#### Verse 3

I was a fool to wander and stray  
Straight is the gate and narrow the way  
Now I have traded the wrong for the right  
Praise the Lord I saw the light

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## CREED

**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.**

## PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

*Gracious God of abundance, you feed the hungry from your hand and visit us in our storms: Hear your people as we pray for the whole world, saying: May we know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that we may be filled with all the fullness of God.*

Give to your church, O God, the power to comprehend the breadth and length and height and depth of the love of Christ, that your power at work within us may accomplish abundantly far more than we can ask or imagine.

**May we know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,  
so that we may be filled with all the fullness of God.**

Let our leaders and all in authority bow their knees before the Father from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name, that they may use their power justly, feed the hungry and

share your abundance with all your children.

**May we know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,  
so that we may be filled with all the fullness of God.**

Receiving the gifts from our children and from the poor in our community, and from their generosity create a plentitude which will satisfy the true needs of every person.

**May we know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,  
so that we may be filled with all the fullness of God.**

In every place of hunger, bring food, O God; in every place of poverty, bring abundance; in every place of terror, bring comfort and security.

**May we know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,  
so that we may be filled with all the fullness of God.**

Come to us in our stormy darkness and comfort us in our fears; with your generous touch, heal those for whom we pray, especially.....**Paul** (Jacobson), **Donovan** (Antholt), **Vicki** (Wittenberg), **Mimi** (Zinngrabe), **Janet** (Mickelson), **Deanne & Chris** (Schafer), **Kevin & Cathy** (Clark), **Steven** (Leek), **Dan** (Coyhis), **Sasha** (Hill), **Fred & Darlene** (Kirch), **Sandy** (Scott-Cota), **David** (Slamka), **Rusty** (Feld), **Shelby** (Swiggum), **Kayla** (Fleury), **Rich** (Mickelson), **Carl** (Scholz), **Tysha** (Osborne), **Dale** (Lyndahl), **Beth** (Jacobson), **Lois** (Mickelson), **Ken** (Kostka), **Michael** (Cassity), **Verna** (Anderson), **Karen** (Johnson), **Sue** (Strong), **Larry** (Uecker).

Hear our thankfulness for the abundance of your grace, & especially to those close to our heart.....

You gather up the lives of all your children, receive into your fullness those who have died, especially **Margi** Larsen.

**May we know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,  
so that we may be filled with all the fullness of God.**

*Your people look to you for nurture and healing, O Father: Fill our hungry lives with the abundance of your Spirit, that we may be fruitful disciples of the one whose compassion reaches across all boundaries, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.*

## 8:00-PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## OFFERING

**8:00-MUSIC DURING OFFERING:** Janet Anderson

**10:30-MUSIC DURING OFFERING:** *I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me*  
(ELW 860)

- 1 I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.  
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.  
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me,  
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.
- 2 Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.  
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.  
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me,  
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.
- 3 When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.  
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.  
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me,  
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

Text: African American spiritual

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## OFFERING PRAYER: ENOUGH FOR ALL

Offering inspired by the story of the loaves and fishes  
From the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand  
website. <http://www.presbyterian.org.nz/>

On my own  
what I have to give  
doesn't amount to much  
in the light of all you have given to me

and in the face of so much need.  
Put together as a congregation,  
what we offer you here in love  
becomes more,  
not simply added together,  
but somehow multiplied in its usefulness.  
We ask you to bless our gifts  
and with the addition of your blessing,  
just as it was with the loaves and fishes,  
there is enough for all.  
Amen

## **DIALOGUE**

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.**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

## LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.  
Come!

## COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

**8:00-HYMN DURING COMMUNION:** *When Peace like a River  
(It Is Well with My Soul)* (ELW 785)

1 When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
when sorrows like sea billows roll,  
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
it is well, it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*

It is well (it is well)  
with my soul, (with my soul,)

it is well, it is well with my soul.

- 2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
let this blest assurance control,  
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
and has shed his own blood for my soul. *Refrain*
- 3 He lives--oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;  
my sin, not in part, but the whole,  
is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more.  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! *Refrain*
- 4 Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight,  
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;  
even so it is well with my soul. *Refrain*

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888

### **10:30-HYMN DURING COMMUNION: *Jesus Take All of Me***

#### Verse 1

Just as I am without one plea  
But that Thy blood was shed for me  
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee  
O Lamb of God I come I come

#### Verse 2

Just as I am though toss'd about  
With all my conflict all my doubt  
Fightings and fears within without  
O Lamb of God I come I come

#### Chorus

Jesus take all of me  
I run to You I run to You  
I lay ev'rything at Your feet  
Let my life be Yours

#### Verse 3

Just as I am Thou wilt receive  
Wilt welcome pardon cleanse relieve

Because Thy promises I believe  
O Lamb of God I come I come

Verse 4

Just as I am Thy love unknown  
Has broken ev'ry barrier down  
Now to be Thine yes Thine alone  
O Lamb of God I come I come

Ending

Let my life be Yours  
Let my life be Yours

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## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Jesus, Bread of life,  
we have received from your table  
more than we could ever ask.  
As you have nourished us in this meal,  
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.  
In your name we pray.  
**Amen.**

## **SENDING BLESSING: BASED ON 2ND READING**

a benediction from Ephesians 3:16-21, adapted from Eugene Peterson's *The Message*.

[Re-worship.blogspot.com](http://Re-worship.blogspot.com) / Year B, Proper 12

I ask God to strengthen you by the power of the Spirit—  
not a brute strength but a glorious inner strength—  
that Christ will live in you as you open the door and invite him in.

And I ask God that  
with both feet planted firmly on love  
you'll be able to take in with all Christians

the extravagant dimensions of Christ's love.

Reach out and experience the breadth!

Test its length!

Plumb the depths!

Rise to the heights!

Live full lives—full in the fullness of God.

God can do anything, you know—

far more than you could ever imagine or guess

or request in your wildest dreams!

Not by pushing us around

but by working within us,

through the power of God's Spirit.

All glory to the God of Creation!

All glory to the Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ!

And all glory to the Spirit of God, at work among us and within us!

Go in the love of God!

**Amen.**

**8:00-SENDING SONG:** *God Be with You Till We Meet Again* (ELW 536)

- 1 God be with you till we meet again;  
by good counsels guide, uphold you,  
with a shepherd's care enfold you;  
God be with you till we meet again.

*Refrain*

Till we meet, (till we meet,)  
till we meet, (till we meet again,)  
till we meet at Jesus' feet; (till we meet,)  
till we meet, (till we meet,)  
till we meet, (till we meet again.)  
God be with you till we meet again.

- 2 God be with you till we meet again;  
holy wings securely hide you,

daily manna still provide you;  
God be with you till we meet again. *Refrain*

- 3 God be with you till we meet again;  
when life's perils thick confound you,  
put unfailing arms around you;  
God be with you till we meet again. *Refrain*

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828-1904, alt.

### **10:30 SENDING SONG:** *Go Make a Difference*

Chorus

Go make a difference  
We can make a difference  
Go make a difference in the world  
Go make a difference  
We can make a difference  
Go make a difference in the world

Verse 1

We are the salt of the earth  
Called to let the people see  
The love of God in you and me  
We are the light of the world  
Not to be hidden but be seen  
Go make a difference in the world

Verse 2

We are the hands of Christ  
Reaching out to those in need  
The face of God for all to see  
We are the spirit of hope  
We are the voice of peace  
Go make a difference in the world

Verse 3

So let your love shine on  
Let it shine for all to see  
Go make a difference in the world  
And the Spirit of Christ

Will be with us as we go  
Go make a difference in the world

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**Thanks be to God.**

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