

Ecumenical Community Worship Service Worship in the Park

Lakeside Park, Bayport, MN
July 3, 2022 ♦ 9:30am



Bethlehem Lutheran Church
490 N. Fourth Street, Bayport



People's Congregational Church
309 3rs St. MN, Bayport

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Holy is the Lord

Bridge of Harmony

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Pastor Bonnie Lomen
Pastor Clare Gromoll**

✠ GATHERING PRAYER

✠ OPENING SONG

Morning Has Broken



1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing;
2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en,
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing,



black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.
like the first dew - fall on the first grass.
born of the one light E - den saw play!



Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry morn - ing,



Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

YOUTH MESSAGE

FIRST READING (*please read responsively*)

Psalm 30

L ¹I praise you, O God, because you have raised me up and kept my enemies from gloating over me.

C ²I cried to you for help, my God, and you healed me.

- L** ³You brought me back from the realm of the dead, God, you spared me from going down into the Pit.
- C** ⁴Sing to God, you who love God! Praise God’s holy name!
- L** ⁵God’s anger is fleeting, but God’s favor endures forever. There may be tears during the night, but joy comes in the morning.
- C** ⁶When I presumed I was secure, I boasted, “I will never be defeated!”
- L** ⁷When I stood in your favor, God, I stood as firm as a mountain. But then you hid yourself from me and I was filled with terror.
- C** ⁸So I called to you, God, I pleaded for your help.
- C** ⁹What good will come from my destruction from my going to the grave? Does dust praise you? Can the dead proclaim your unfailing goodness?
- C** ¹⁰Hear me, O God, and be merciful! Hear me, God! !"
- C** ¹¹Then you changed my despair into a dance-----you stripped me of my death shroud and clothed me with joy,
- C** ¹² That is why my heart sings to you, that’s why I can’t keep silent---God, you are my God and I will thank you forever.

SECOND READING

2 Kings 5:1-14

Now Naaman, was commander of the army of the ruler of Aram, He was a great officer and highly esteemed. It was at Naaman’s hand that God gave a victory to Aram. He was a mighty Warrior: And he had leprosy.

On one of their raids the Arameans captured a young woman who was an Israelite. She served Naaman’s wife. One day she said to her mistress, “If only Naaman should see the prophet who is in Samaria. He would cure Naaman’s leprosy.” Naaman went to the ruler and told him what the Israelite woman said. “By all means, go,” the ruler replies. I will send a letter to the ruler of Israel. “So Naaman left taking ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold and ten sets of clothing. The letter that he took to the ruler of Israel read, “With this letter I am sending my attendant Naaman to you so that you may cure him of leprosy.”

As soon as the ruler of Israel read the letter, he tore his robes, and said, “Am I God? Can I kill and bring back to life? Why does this fellow send someone to me to be cured of his leprosy? See how he is trying to pick a fight with me!”

When Elisha the prophet of God learned that the ruler of Israel tore his robes, he sent a message to the ruler, “Why did you tear your robes? Have Naaman come to me and he will learn that there is a prophet in Israel.” So Naaman went with his horses and chariots, and stopped at the door of Elisha’s house. ¹⁰Elisha sent a messenger to say to the warrior, “Go, wash yourself seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be restored and you will be cleansed.”

But Naaman went away, angry, and said “I thought that he would surely come out to me, and stand there before me, calling on the name of God and wave his hand over the spot and cure me of my leprosy. Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than any of the waters of Israel? Couldn’t I wash in them and be cleansed? So he turned and went away in a rage. Naaman’s attendants went to him saying, “Sir, if the prophet had told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it?. How much more then, when he tells you, ‘Wash and be cleansed?’” So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the prophet of God told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a youth.

MESSAGE *If You Can Imagine Healing, How Will You Pursue It?* **Pastor Clare**

✠HYMN *Shall We Gather at the River*



1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
 we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
 grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
 soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Following each petition: **L** We pray in hope. **C** Hear our prayer.

SENDING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

MUSIC DURING OFFERING

Hope of the Nations

Bridge of Harmony

B. Doerksen

OFFERING PRAYER

P O God,

We receive all good things from your hand. Accept these gifts as a small token of the grace given to us. Bless these gifts and our lives to bring hope and healing to those in need. Our time, talents and gifts are yours, given in the name of your Son Jesus Christ.

C AMEN

POEM

The Hill We Climb

Amanda Gorman

PRAYER

CLOSING SONG

Heal Our Land

M. Card

1. For - give, oh — Lord, and heal our land,
and give us eyes to seek Your face, and hearts to un - der -
-stand; That You a - lone make all things new,
and the _bless - ings of the land we love, are real - ly gifts from
You. If My peo - ple will hum - bly pray, and
seek My face, and turn a - way from all their wick-ed ways; — Then I will —



2. Unite our hearts in one accord
 And make us hungry for Your peace and burdened for the poor
 And grant us hope that we might see
 The future for the land we love our life our liberty

Refrain

**If My people will humbly pray and seek My face and turn away
 From all their wicked ways
 Then I will hear them and move My hand
 And freely then will I forgive and I will heal their land**

**If My people will humbly pray and seek My face and turn away
 From all Then I will hear them and move My hand
 And freely then will I forgive and I will heal their land
 And I will heal their land**

CLOSING BLESSING

POSTLUDE

All Things are Possible

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- All are welcome to linger for fellowship and treats, generously provided by the Bayport Community Action League (BCAL)
- Many thanks to all who made this service possible. You are appreciated!
- Today's loose offerings will go to Valley Outreach. If you prefer to offer a check, please write it to PCC with memo "Valley Outreach". Their mission: "We help people move their lives forward through basic needs services and personalized support." A check written out to PCC or BLC (with memo "for PCC" or "for BLC") and cash in clearly marked envelopes will go to the designated church.



Bethlehem Lutheran Church

All are Welcome! “In partnership with God, Each Other, and the World.”

Worship on Sundays at 9:00am in our Sanctuary or join us on Zoom

If you wish to receive a weekly Zoom link for worship, please email

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People's Congregational Church

“An inclusive community, celebrating God’s unconditional love through

engaging worship and faithful service.”

Worship on Sundays at 9:30am

Clare Gromoll, *Pastor*; **Michael Bjork**, *Choir Director*; **Sharon Neuenfeldt**, *Worship Accompanist*; **Kimberly Jackson**, *Communications Coordinator*; **Lisa Culbertson**, *Childcare Provider*

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