**Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
Sunday, October 4, 2020**

**pre service**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**Opening hymn*****Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me* Hymn 767 v 1,2**

1 Lord, take my hand

and lead me upon life's way;  
direct, protect, and feed me  
from day to day.  
Without your grace and favor  
I go astray;  
so take my hand, O Savior,  
and lead the way.  
  
2 Lord, when the tempest rages,  
I need not fear;  
for you, the Rock of Ages,  
are always near.  
Close by your side abiding,  
I fear no foe,  
for when your hand is guiding,  
in peace I go.

**Prayer of the Day**

**READING**

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| A reading from Exodus Chapter 12 & 13 | Una lectura de Éxodo capítulo 12 & 13 |
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| The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: 2This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. 3Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. 4If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. 5Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. 6You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. 7They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. 8They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. 9Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. 10You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. 11This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. 12For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. 13The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. | En Egipto el Señor habló con Moisés y Aarón. Les dijo: 2«Este mes será para ustedes el más importante, pues será el primer mes del año. 3Hablen con toda la comunidad de Israel, y díganles que el día décimo de este mes todos ustedes tomarán un cordero[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=exodus+12%3A+1-13&version=NVI#fes-NVI-1820a)] por familia, uno por cada casa. 4Si alguna familia es demasiado pequeña para comerse un cordero entero, deberá compartirlo con sus vecinos más cercanos, teniendo en cuenta el número de personas que sean y las raciones de cordero que se necesiten, según lo que cada persona haya de comer. 5El animal que se escoja puede ser un cordero o un cabrito de un año y sin defecto, 6al que cuidarán hasta el catorce del mes, día en que la comunidad de Israel en pleno lo sacrificará al caer la noche. 7Tomarán luego un poco de sangre y la untarán en los dos postes y en el dintel de la puerta de la casa donde coman el cordero. 8Deberán comer la carne esa misma noche, asada al fuego y acompañada de hierbas amargas y pan sin levadura. 9No deberán comerla cruda ni hervida, sino asada al fuego, junto con la cabeza, las patas y los intestinos. 10Y no deben dejar nada. En caso de que algo quede, lo quemarán al día siguiente. 11Comerán el cordero de este modo: con el manto ceñido a la cintura, con las sandalias puestas, con la vara en la mano, y de prisa. Se trata de la Pascua del Señor.  12»Esa misma noche pasaré por todo Egipto y heriré de muerte a todos los primogénitos, tanto de personas como de animales, y ejecutaré mi sentencia contra todos los dioses de Egipto. Yo soy el Señor. 13La sangre servirá para señalar las casas donde ustedes se encuentren, pues al verla pasaré de largo. Así, cuando hiera yo de muerte a los egipcios, no los tocará a ustedes ninguna plaga destructora. |
| Word of God, word of life.  **Thanks be to God.** | Palabra de Dios, palabra de vida. **Gracias a Dios.** |

**gospel**

*Preacher’s choice*

**Gospel of the Lord**

**Praise to you O Christ.**

**sermon *Pastor Carol***

**Song of the day *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* Hymn 773**

Precious Lord, take my hand

lead me on, let me stand

I am tired, I’m weak, I am worn

Through the storm, through the night

lead me on to the light

Take my hand, precious Lord lead me home

When my way grows drear

precious Lord linger near

when my life is almost gone

hear my cry, hear my call

hold my hand lest I fall

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home

When the darkness appears

and the night draws near

and the day is past and gone

at the river I stand

guide my feet, hold my hand

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home

**Prayers of the people**

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**OFFERING**

**COMMUNION**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

Rezamos el Padre Nuestro, cada uno en su propio idioma; Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**FIRST hOLY cOMMUNION**

Congratulations on the First Holy Communion of Hayden Jernberg, Ezequiel Jimenez, and Anna Nail and last week Emma Taskov.

***COMMUNION SONG How Beautiful* Twila Paris**

How beautiful the hands that served  
the wine and the bread  
and the sons of the earth.  
How beautiful the feet that walked  
the long dusty roads  
and the hills to the cross.  
How beautiful  
how beautiful  
how beautiful is the body of Christ.

How beautiful the heart that bled  
that took all my sin  
and bore it instead.  
How beautiful the tender eyes  
that chose to forgive  
and never despise.  
How beautiful  
how beautiful  
how beautiful is the body of Christ.

**Announcements**

**Tues Service of Meditation and Prayer with Organ music, inside 7pm**

**Thurs 7pm Circulo de Oración con Pr Jose (in spanish) Contact Pr. Jose, or Pr. Carol for his number.**

**Sunday, October 11, 3pm: Ordination of Jose Rodriguez Paez with Bishop Yehiel Curry.** All are encouraged to participate on Zoom for this very special event that will be held at Bethlehem. The ordination will take place outside weather permitting, or inside if not. Since the limit on in person attendance is 50 people, only a few Bethlehem leaders will attend in person. We have to include representatives from New Hope Aurora (Pr. Jose’s other congregation), St. Andrés, West Chicago, where he did his internship, the synod, and of course Pr. Jose’s family and friends. We will need a crew of ushers and parking attendants, call Cindy if available. We will have our regular 10:00 am worship, our last outdoor worship on this day.

**Sunday, October 18th, 10:00 am Indoor Worship with Zoom option**. Bethlehem Council, after a survey of the congregation, gave the go ahead to begin indoor worship on Oct. 18th. We anticipate equal or greater numbers on Zoom. We have plans to involve everyone, and hope even that readers or worship assistants can come from the Zoomers. Thanks to all who are working so hard to make this happen safely. More information to follow.

**Sunday Service 10am**

**Dial 1 312 626 6799 Meeting ID: 947 2112 9583 Password: 058733**

**Monday Meetings**

**Dial 1 312 626 6799 Meeting ID: 817 3102 4901 Passcode: 069537**

**Tuesday Bible Study 10am Also works for any Tues meeting.**

**Dial 1 312 626 6799 Meeting ID: 852 4417 3785 Password: 387195**

**Wed Women’s Study 6pm Also works for any Wed meeting.**

**Dial 1 312 626 6799 Meeting ID: 894 7503 5205, Password: 088632**

**Thursday Meetings**

**Dial 1 312 626 6799 Meeting ID: 952 1009 4147 Passcode: 935958**

**peace**

**BLESSING**

**Sending Song*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*  Hymn 596 v 1,4**

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.**

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**

**Dismissal**Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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