



Worship Service – 9:30  
August 30, 2020

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## PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

*Lord, it is not easy being forgiving after having been trampled in this hectic world. All about me I see people spinning their wheels in an effort to get nowhere. I see people whose idea of value is a large mortgage and an even larger paycheck. May this hour be a time of respite from the busy world, a time of worship of you, and a time to refurbish myself that I may reenter that world prepared to witness to you. Amen*

## WELCOME

We count it a privilege to receive guests into our worship service. The ministry of Bethlehem Lutheran Church exists to bring glory to God and to serve you. We hope you sense that Jesus is at the heart of all we do.

If you are a guest, and would like more information about our ministries, please send Pastor Matt a message at [pastormattsmith@gmail.com](mailto:pastormattsmith@gmail.com) or call the church office at 482-3225.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Bethlehem Lutheran is a praying church; this is one of our Marks of Discipleship. For prayers that you would like included in Sunday worship, please visit [www.bethlutheran.org](http://www.bethlutheran.org) or click [HERE](#) for a direct link to send a prayer request to Pastor Matt.

Include an address if you'd like the person named in your request notified of the prayer offered on their behalf.

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Bob & Connie Meeker in celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 29<sup>th</sup>.

**ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG CHILDREN** Our Children's Worship Bulletin is available for Download on the BELC Worship Group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/belcworship/>).

**TAKING FAITH HOME** Find a copy on Facebook in the BELC Worship Group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/belcworship/>).

**PORTALS OF PRAYER** July -September booklets are available on the Welcome Table in the lobby. If you would like a copy, call the church office at 482-3225, and we will send you one.

**PRAYER PARTNERS** Each Sunday we pray for a congregation in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod to offer our support and to emphasize the ministry that we share. This week we pray for Faith Lutheran Church in Sidney, Michigan and The Western North Dakota Synod in Bismarck, North Dakota.

## **THOSE WHO SERVE IN OUR WORSHIP**

PASTORS – Rev. Matthew Smith, Rev. John Burow

ORGANIST & HANDBELL DIRECTOR – James Schippers

CHOIR DIRECTOR – Sue Nelson

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP DIRECTOR – Laurey Wyble

ALTAR GUILD – Kris Burow

ASSISTING MINISTER – Crystal Collins

CHILDRENS SERMON – Crystal Collins

CANTOR – Caitlin McDougall

# Our Thoughts & Prayers are with...



## **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** and with your cards and visits:

*Shelby Waters in The Willows at Okemos*

*Ruth Ferguson in Sparrow Hospital*

*Chris Ransom in McLaren Hospital*

**Those at home:** *Mary Ann Allen, Virginia Bauman, Mary Brenke  
Marv Cole, Crystal Collins, Doug Griffin, Ernie Hassell, Rhoda Hunter  
Kurt Kollmeyer, Jeff Kosloski Jr., Marilyn Kostrzewski  
Michael Mahoney, Linda McClellan, Teri Meeker, John Nelson  
Yvonne Nelson, Tharin Palmer, Gloria Robbin, Bob Robbins  
Carol Roush, Audrey Skidmore, Don Spencley, Cheryl VanPatten  
Ron Wescott, Matthew White*

*If you know of a member you would like us to include on this list or remove from this list, please call the church office.*

**SEMINARY STUDENT** Jason Mills, from BELC, is studying at Gettysburg Theological Seminary. Please keep him in your prayers.

**MISSION PARTNERS** Pray for the people and ministry at Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota and the Baker Neighborhood Partners.

**THOSE WHO SERVE** Please pray for those who are on active duty in the United States Military Services:

**Chris Browne – U.S. Air Force** (Member of the Kern family)

**Andrew Devine – U.S. Nat'l Guard** (Margo Devine's nephew)

**Darian Doan – U.S. Army** (Marv & Laura Halbakken's nephew)

**Carson Kosloski – U.S. Marines** (Jeff Kosloski's great nephew)

**Joshua Kosloski – U.S. Army** (Laura Halbakken's cousin)

**Rusty Landry – U.S. Air Nat'l Guard** (Don & Audrey Olson's grandson)

**Christopher Morgan – U.S. Marines** (friend of The Darling family)

**Ben Painter – U.S. Air Force** (Laura Halbakken's cousin)

**Ryan Schiffner – U.S. Air Force** (Rick & Jean Peckham's nephew)

**Jake Sonnenberg – U.S. Army** (Ed & Ellie Sonnenberg's grandson)

**Eric Wheeler – U.S. Army** (Laurey Wyble's cousin)

*If you know of others in the service that you would like to have put on our prayer list, please call the church office.*

## PARISH NOTES

**CONFIRMATION** We celebrate today what the Holy Spirit has done and is doing in the life of one young person in this congregation. Today is her Confirmation, a time when she will publicly confess her Christian faith, affirm the relationship she was given by God in her Baptism, and commit herself to the life and mission of the church. Remember her in your prayers to God, asking that God would keep her strong in her faith in Jesus Christ and that the Holy Spirit would guide her, always.



### **The confirmand and her baptismal dates is:**

Amaya Marie Fernandez

November 17, 2013

**NEW MEMBER** Today, Sandra Westover will be received into the fellowship of this Christian congregation by transfer. We welcome her as a sister in Christ and partners with us in the ministry we have as His people.

**Lansing SAVE** Today is our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday offering. There are now 145 children in our group of students, 7 from BELC and 138 from the Baker Neighborhood. Please give electronically by clicking on the "Online Giving" link on our website or mail your contribution to the church or by clicking here: ([www.tinyurl.com/BELCGiving](http://www.tinyurl.com/BELCGiving)).

**DRIVE-IN WORSHIP** This worship continues to bless participants with fellowship, community, and sacrament. We have two more Saturday worships scheduled at 4:30 p.m., before we start the next phase of our coming together. Worship Life, Pastor, and Council continue to explore ways to make worship as inclusive, meaningful, and uplifting as possible. Your suggestions are welcome as we move forward. Please allow us the benefit of your creativity as we move into the regular church calendar.

**SUNDAY WORSHIP** Our recent council meeting resulted in a move toward 'normalcy'. We have decided to start hosting worship in the parking lot on Sunday mornings. As is true with most of our 'returns to normal', this will be a hybrid of safe social distancing, hopefully under a tent, as well as distancing by remaining in your vehicle. Our plan is to distribute pre-packaged communion elements, having those who wish to be outdoors bring chairs, using the FM broadcast for those who wish to stay safely in their cars. The recorded songs will be played, the readings shared, the sermon presented, and Holy Communion observed. We are looking at a September 13<sup>th</sup> start date.

**"TEMPLE" TALKS** As our streaming of services continues for the foreseeable future we want as many people as possible involved in our worship in meaningful ways. **WE WANT TO KNOW YOUR STORIES.** We are asking all our members, young and young-at-heart, to make a video of themselves using their computer or smartphone answering one of the following:

- What does my faith mean to me, and how has Bethlehem been part of that?
- What difference has Bethlehem/my faith made in my life?
- Why do I belong at Bethlehem?
- *Or a question of your choosing...*

These "Temple Talks" will be included in worship at the usual offering time. The video should be no more than five minutes in length. Be sure to state the question that you are answering at the beginning. After you record the video, upload it to an online service like Dropbox, Google Drive, Microsoft OneDrive, and then share it with me ([pastormattsmith@gmail.com](mailto:pastormattsmith@gmail.com)).

Today we will sing our #1 hymn. Thank you for sending in your requests.

**TOP TEN FAVORITE HYMNS**

10. Amazing Grace
9. God Bless our Native Land
8. My Hope is Built on Nothing Less
7. Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow
6. Lord of the Dance
5. I love to Tell the Story
4. What a Friend We Have In Jesus
3. Rock of Ages
2. On Eagles Wings
1. Holy, Holy, Holy



**ATTENDANCE AND GIVING**

Worship Attendance: 205 people viewed the 8/23 worship service, 122 on Facebook Live and 83 on YouTube

***Needed through August 9 to meet 2020 Budget: \$241,238.08***

***Received through August 14 to meet 2020 Budget: \$184,349.65***

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP** This morning in Romans 12:9-21 St. Paul continues to describe some of the ways we can live out our experiences of God's love in Christ. What a gift and delight to witness your kindness, generosity, caring, hospitality, and love at work. Thank you.

**ONLINE GIVING** Did you know that you can contribute via our website and not create an account? Clicking on the online giving link and filling out the donation form is all you need to make an online contribution. If you would like to create an account, go to the Printables page on the BELC website for instructions.

**NEXT SUNDAY IS FOOD BANK SUNDAY** Feeding our community has never been more important as we live through the Covid-19 pandemic and the Governor's stay-at-home order. Although physical donations of canned goods and other non-perishable items are not possible at this time, we can contribute to the Food Pantry through the BELC website. Click [HERE](#) to make your monetary contribution.

## THIS WEEK AT BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, Aug. 30 9:30a Worship Facebook Live Stream  
TUESDAY 9:30a Staff Meeting Zoom  
**SATURDAY 4:30p Worship in the Church Parking Lot**  
SUNDAY, Sept. 6 9:30a Worship Facebook Live Stream

### MARKS OF DISCIPLESHIP

Jesus expects me to...

**PRAY** fervently

**WORSHIP** faithfully

**ENCOURAGE** one another

**READ** the Scriptures daily

**GIVE** freely of the gifts I have received from God

**INVITE** others to know Him

**SERVE** all people

*...and where I fall short of his expectations,  
Jesus always offers me his love and forgiveness!*

**POWER Gifts**

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The S&P 500 edged toward a fresh high Friday and logged a fourth consecutive winning streak of the year.

NFL remains highly optimistic that season will happen, less optimistic fans will be in stands

you are a  
STUMBLING  
BLOCK TO ME  
for you are not  
setting your MIND  
on the things  
of GOD  
but on  
HUMAN  
concerns



ENQUIRER  
EXCLUSIVE DETAILS  
Ben Affleck And Jen Garner's Street Fight!  
Eyes do at it over his partying and family photo ops, sources

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Matthew 16:23