



Worship Service – 9:30
August 2, 2020

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**Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America**
God's work. Our hands.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Bountiful God, I have come here this day, believing in your promise to be fed with holy food, so that I will never again hunger or thirst. May it strengthen me in such faithful response that the good bread that is your living word can, in turn, feed others as I meet and minister to others this week. In Jesus' name I pray. 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 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 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.

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 Our Saviour Lutheran Church in Saginaw Michigan.

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 – Don Telles

CHILDRENS SERMON – Chloe Smith

CANTOR – Caitlin McDougall

AUDIO PRODUCTION – Liisa Whitman

Our Thoughts & Prayers are with...



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS and with your cards and visits:
Shelby Waters in The Willows at Okemos

Those at home: *Mary Ann Allen, Virginia Bauman, Mary Brenke
Crystal Collins, Doug Griffin, Ernie Hassell, Rhoda Hunter
Kurt Kollmeyer, Jeff Kosloski Jr., Marilyn Kostrzewski
Michael Mahoney, Linda McClellan, John Nelson, Yvonne Nelson
Tharin Palmer, Chris Ransom, 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

BY HOLY BAPTISM Trevor Keh Smith will be made a child of God
and heir to all His promises. Trevor was born on May 17, 2019. His
parents are Adam Smith and Jennifer Liu and his sponsors are Erica Smith
and Aaron Smith. As brothers and sisters in Christ, we welcome Trevor as
partners with us in the ministry we have as Christ's people.

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



We will sing our favorites if allowed by copyright laws. If your favorite
is missed, please request it when we resume in person worship service.

TODAY IS FOOD BANK SUNDAY Feeding our community has never
been more important as we live through the Covid-19 pandemic. 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.

NEXT SUNDAY IS MISSION SUNDAY Gifts received in a special
mission offering will be given to the Lutheran Lakota Shared Ministry at
the Pine Ridge Retreat Center in South Dakota. Click [HERE](#) to make your
monetary contribution.

“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).

DRIVE-IN WORSHIP We held our first Drive-in Worship last Saturday, August 1st. As of this writing, we are not certain what the results were, but anticipate the outdoor worship experience was a great blessing to those who attended. The plan is to continue the services for the remainder of August and evaluate our next move as things progress. Hopefully you tuned into our Sunday worship and have heard good things about this new worship opportunity.

ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

Worship Attendance: 140 people viewed the 7/26 worship service, 108 on Facebook Live and 32 on YouTube

Needed through July 26 to meet 2020 Budget: \$226,160.70

Received through July 31 to meet 2020 Budget: \$169,727.87

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP *Lord, you are good to all and your compassion is over all your works. - Psalm 145:9*
God of Abundance, may our lives reflect your goodness, compassion and generosity. Bless our serving and giving. Amen.

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS Thank you to those who have sponsored Altar Flowers for the Sunday BELC worship services. The beautiful floral arrangements enhance the worship experience for all. For those willing to sponsor floral arrangements please email or text Kris Burow at 517-599-7685 or 2bakrisjohn@gmail.com. Please include the date requested and if there is a special occasion (birthday, anniversary etc.) The floral arrangements are \$35 and payment is made to Kris Burow.

THIS WEEK AT BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, August 2 9:30a Worship Facebook Live Stream
TUESDAY 9:30a Staff Meeting
WEDNESDAY 6:30p Waking Up White Zoom
SATURDAY 4:30p Worship in the Church Parking Lot
SUNDAY, August 9 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

"Come, everyone who
thirsts, to the

WATERS

Yes, come, buy wine and milk without money and
without price.

Listen diligently to me, and eat that which is good,
and let your soul delight itself in richness."

From Isaiah 55:1-2