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God's work. Our hands.

Worship Service – 9:30
April 11, 2021

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Come, Lord Jesus, come into our midst. We await you, filled with the fears and anxieties of life; anxious about our employment, fearful of our health, anxious about our family, fearful about things we see happening in our nation and our world. May we see your hands and side, may we hear again your words of peace, may we know the joy of your presence with us. Come, Lord Jesus, come and be with us in this time of worship. 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 by Mary Jakubiak in memory of her husband, Paul Jakubiak.

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 April - June 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 Peace Lutheran Church in Charlotte Michigan, Rev. Neil Brady.

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.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON – Pastor Matt Smith

ASSISTING MINISTER – Don Telles

ALTAR GUILD – Kris Burow

SOUND SYSTEM – Dave Holderread, Kevin Peckham
Jon Holderread

Our Thoughts & Prayers are with...



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS and with your cards and visits:

Shelby Waters in The Willows at Okemos

John Nelson in Grandhaven Living Center-Senior Care in Lansing

Those at home: *Mary Ann Allen, Virginia Bauman, Mary Brenke*

Lois Cairns, Marv Cole, Crystal Collins, Ruth Ferguson

Doug Griffin, Jim Hicks, Rhoda Hunter, Nancy Jackson

Kurt Kollmeyer, Marilyn Kostrzewski, Michael Mahoney

Linda McClellan, Yvonne Nelson, Tharin Palmer, John Ransom

Bob Robbins, Carol Roush, Audrey Skidmore, Don Spencley

Cheryl VanPatten, Dorothy Weber, 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. Pray for the Baker Neighborhood Partners and Officer Jake Kocan, LPD Community Police Officer and other first responders.

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)

Tyler Barnes – U.S. Marines (Candy & Cloyd Barnes' nephew)

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

TODAY 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. 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.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP We are working to take steps to get back to in-person worship. We will begin **OUTDOOR** worship in the parking lot on Sunday mornings, starting **May 2, at 10:30 AM (if it is not raining sideways)**. We will still have the entire service produced beforehand and available on Facebook and YouTube.

ONLINE WORSHIP For the sake of freeing up time and resources for God's ongoing mission and ministry through Bethlehem, we are making some changes to the worship experience we share on the third Sunday of the month. Starting January 17, the worship we share on Facebook and YouTube will be a spoken worship experience recorded by Pastor Burow, Bishop Satterlee, or one of his Assistants. It will still be uploaded and shared as usual, and there will be Parish Notes for the week. We pray that you will continue to feel the Spirit's presence in our worshipping.

PORTALS OF PRAYER Booklets April, May and June are available on the Welcome Table in the lobby. Call the church office and Tracy will mail one to you.

RETURNING TO CHURCH Considering the recent acceleration of cases, following DHHS guidelines, Council will consider the possibility of small groups meeting when the test positivity rate drops below 5% for 14 consecutive days and the rate of transmission is below 1 for those same days in Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham counties. To follow these numbers, visit covidactnow.org/us/mi/.

Council is monitoring these numbers daily, and our pandemic response and Reopening Plan is revisited at every council meeting. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Matt (881-9890), Council Chair, Susan Mahoney (944-1068) or Congregational President, Jim Whitman (927-0114).

BEING A PART OF WORSHIP If you would like to contribute to worship with a vocal solo or instrumental piece, please contact Sue Nelson at 517-896-3565.

ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

Worship Attendance: 212 people viewed the 4/4/21 Easter worship service. 145 on FB and 67 on YouTube.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP

God is light and in him is no darkness at all.

~ 1 John 5b

The writer goes on to say that we are to live in the light the same way that Jesus is in the light. The sharing of our joys and burdens; our gentle, considerate words; our kindly actions; our generous offerings and our faithful worship are all signs that we are living in the light of the Risen Christ.

THIS WEEK AT BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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| SUNDAY, April 11 | 8:45a | Sunday School zoom |
| | 9:30a | Worship (Facebook & YouTube) |
| MONDAY | 6:30p | Bd. Stewardship & Finance mtg. zoom |
| TUESDAY | 9:30a | Staff Meeting zoom |
| | 6:15p | T.N.T. zoom |
| WEDNESDAY | 6:30p | Bd. Buildings & Grounds mtg. zoom |
| THURSDAY | 6:30p | Congregation Council mtg. zoom |
| SUNDAY, April 18 | 8:45a | Sunday School zoom |
| | 9:30a | Worship (Facebook & YouTube) |

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!*

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As the
Father
has sent
Me,
I am
Sending
you.
John 20:21