



Worship Service – 9:30  
January 24, 2021

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

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Peggy & Ken Teter in celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**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** January - March 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 St. Paul Lutheran Church in Au Gres Michigan and their Supply Pastors and Eastern North Dakota Synod in Fargo North Dakota, Bishop Tessa Moon Leiseth.

**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

ALTAR GUILD – Kris Burow

ASSISTING MINISTER – Susan Mahoney

CHILDREN'S SERMON – Pastor Matt Smith

SOUND SYSTEM – Dave Holderread, Kevin Peckham  
Jon Holderread

## PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

*Lord, we come to you as people who live in a dark world.  
We live in a world that is torn apart by hate, crime, war, and  
envy. Dear Lord, protect us from all evil. Help us to be light  
bearers in a dark world. Give us the courage to speak out  
against injustice, to be a people of love instead of hate, to  
invite people into a full relationship with you, our Savior, our  
Lord. 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.

# 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, Kurt Kollmeyer, Marilyn Kostrzewski, Michael Mahoney, Linda McClellan, Yvonne Nelson Tharin Palmer, John Ransom, Gloria Robbins, Bob Robbins, Carol Roush, Jeanne Smith, 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

**OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY** We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Marlene Gasperson, Mother of Laurey Wyble and Wendy Lamphier, who died January 17, 2021. May God comfort those who mourn with the promise of eternal life for all those who trust and believe in Jesus Christ.

**Lansing SAVE** Our next 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday offering is January 31. There are now 156 children in our group of students from BELC and the Baker Neighborhood. To give electronically – click on the “Online Giving” link on our website.

**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.

**2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES** Our new offering envelopes have been mailed out. If you have any questions, please call Tracy in the church office.

**GIVING STATEMENTS** The 2020 end of year giving statements will be mailed soon. If you have any questions, please call the church office.

**ALTAR FLOWERS FOR 2021!** If you would like to sponsor flowers for 2021 please contact Tracy at the church office or Kris Burow ([2bakrisjohn@gmail.com](mailto:2bakrisjohn@gmail.com)). Please provide the date requested and information to include in the Sunday Bulletin announcement. Flowers are ordered the 20th of the month for the following month. The 2021 Flower Chart is posted in the hallway and you may also sign up on the chart. Thank you to all who sponsor the Altar Flowers for the Bethlehem Worship Services.

**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/](https://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: 117 people viewed the 1/17/21 worship service, 117 on YouTube.

***Operating expense through December 31, 2020 \$392,011.88***

***Operating income received through December 27, 2020 \$292,884.77***

### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP**

Through God's power even Jonah's reluctant preaching turned an entire city to repentance. Thus, our hope is nourished that God will bless our compassion and generosity, such as it is, in ways beyond our knowing.

*Glory to the God who is able to do far more than we could ask or imagine by his power at work in us.* - Ephesians 3:20

**THIS WEEK AT BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH**

<b>SUNDAY, Jan. 24</b>	<b>9:45a</b>	<b>Sunday School Zoom</b>
	<b>9:30a</b>	<b>Worship Facebook Live Stream</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>9:30a</b>	<b>Staff Meeting Zoom</b>
	<b>6:15p</b>	<b>T.N.T. Confirmation Class Zoom</b>
<b>SUNDAY, Jan. 31</b>	<b>9:45a</b>	<b>Sunday School Zoom</b>
	<b>9:30a</b>	<b>Worship Facebook Live Stream</b>

**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**

