



Worship Service – 9:30
August 23, 2020

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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.

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 Zion 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 – Nancy Holderread

CHILDRENS SERMON – Liisa Whitman

CANTOR – Caitlin McDougall

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Holy God, as we move through the ordinary days of our lives, we carry with us an assurance of the hope and the conviction you give us in Christ Jesus. As we worship, help us cling tightly to the faith you have given us. Remind us that we are loved with a love that will not let us go. In the name of Jesus, we 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.

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
Marv Cole, 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, Gloria Robbins, 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

CELEBRATE OUR CONFIRMAND & NEW MEMBER

Next Sunday will we celebrate our Confirmand Amaya Fernandez
and welcome our new member Sharon Westover. Please join us as
we celebrate them.

Lansing SAVE Our next 5th Sunday offering is next Sunday August 30.
There are now 145 children in our group of students from BELC and the
Baker Neighborhood. To give electronically – click on the “Online
Giving” link on our website.

DRIVE-IN WORSHIP This worship continues to bless participants
with fellowship, community, and sacrament. We have two more
Saturday worships scheduled for the remainder of August at 4:30 p.m.
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 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.

“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).

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: 153 people viewed the 8/16 worship service, 99 on Facebook Live and 54 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 Paul in Romans 12 indicates that our experience of God's mercy both challenges and shapes our goals, values, perspectives, behaviors, and relationships. May our worship, serving and giving continue to be transformed by the renewing of our minds.

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, Aug. 23 9:30a Worship Facebook Live Stream
TUESDAY 9:30a Staff Meeting Zoom
SATURDAY 4:30p Worship in the Church Parking Lot
SUNDAY, Aug. 30 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

But
who do
YOU
say
that
I
am?

Matthew 16:15

