



Worship Service – 9:30
May 10, 2020

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

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Gracious God the story of your love is so amazing, so divine. Your message gives us hope, faith and courage. Bless our worship today so that we might go forth from here to be the instruments of your grace and love in our community and world, through Jesus Christ 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 that 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

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 Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church in Plainwell Michigan and for the Sierra Pacific Synod in Sacramento California.

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

CANTOR – Caitlin McDougall

Our Thoughts & Prayers are with...



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS and with your cards and visits:

Janenne Grinnell in Ingham Co. Medical Care Facility

Shelby Waters in The Willows at Okemos

Those at home: *Mary Ann Allen, Virginia Bauman, Mary Brenke, Crystal Collins, Ernie Hassell, Nancy Holderread, Rhoda Hunter, Carol Kinney, Kurt Kollmeyer, Marilyn Kostrzewski, Michael Mahoney, Linda McClellan, Yvonne Nelson, Tharin Palmer, Chris Ransom, Bob Robbins, Carol Roush, Audrey Skidmore, Don Spencley, Cheryl VanPatten, Ron Wescott*

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)

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

TO ALL OF OUR MOTHERS Happy Mother's Day to:

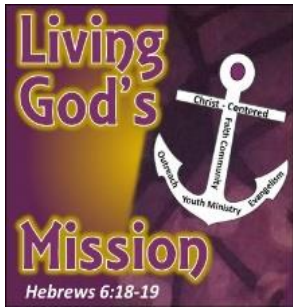
- ♥ All the Moms who birthed and raised us. We love you.
- ♥ All the Moms who fostered and adopted us. We love you.
- ♥ All the Moms who are no longer with us. We love you.
- ♥ All the Moms whose babies are in heaven. We love you.
- ♥ All the women whose hearts' desire is to be a Mother. We love you.
- ♥ All the sisters, aunts, grandmothers and friends who stepped in and became our Mom. We love you.

Peace be with you on this special day. We truly love and cherish you.

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).

COVID-19 RESPONSE FUND The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) provides ministry to its members, to those who are hurting and searching for peace, and to those in need. To continue this important work, the church needs your help. With congregations and ministries across the country, and a network of companion churches and partners in over 70 countries around the world, we anticipate this crisis will affect us all. In the United States, unemployment has soared. We see rising demands on our food pantries, homeless shelters and social services. Around the world, millions of people living in poverty are facing this pandemic without reliable access to sanitation and health care. Now is a time when we need one another. Now is a time to live and act as faithful people of God. You can help by supporting Bethlehem Lutheran and making a gift to the ELCA's **COVID-19 Response Fund**. Your donation will provide funds to the ministries of the ELCA most in need and best positioned to help. This includes our congregations as well as local and church wide ministries capable of reaching and assisting those in need. Click [HERE](#) to give directly to the ELCA Covid-19 Response Fund.

LIVING GOD'S MISSION



Our theme for the 2020 program year is "Living God's Mission." We will be exploring each of the five areas in our Mission Plan; focusing on the stated objectives in each area. We will also emphasize how our Purpose Statement and Guiding Principles tie in, as well as the faith practices that are our Marks of Discipleship. And we will even fit in some of the Building Blocks for A Lifetime of Stewardship along the way! This week; our area of emphasis in our Mission Plan is:

Caring for our faith community

Goal: At Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church, we will invite, accept, and support all people, as we build attentive, respectful relationships. We will do this by:

- Welcoming, accepting, and encouraging all people to participate in our faith community
- Attending to the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of all
- Strengthening relationships among all in our faith community
- Equipping all in our faith community to live out the Marks of Discipleship

ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

Worship Attendance: 211 people viewed the 5/3 worship service,
163 on Facebook Live and 48 on You Tube

Needed through May 3 to meet 2020 Budget: \$135,696.42

Received through May 8 to meet 2020 Budget: \$110,709.61

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP

In my Father's dwelling there are many places - Jesus of Nazareth Using the ancient image of the Trinity as a vibrant dance of mutual love, Jesus may be saying in today's Gospel reading that we each have a unique place in the dance, even right now as we participate in worship and in living God's mission. Thank you for your continued serving and giving. May you dance with joy to the Spirit's music of love.

TABS, CANS & BOTTLES The BELCW is collecting tabs from aluminum beverage cans to help raise money for the Ronald McDonald House. Also, the Luther League is collecting returnable cans and plastic bottles. Please save these items at home and bring into the church when we're finally back together. Thank you for your support of these two ministries.



FREE ENERGY SAVER KITS The BWL is offering FREE Energy Saver Kits, by mail, that include efficient LED bulbs and nightlights! All BWL residential electric customers are eligible whether they live in a house or apartment. Request your free kit today by calling 800-573-3503 or visiting lbwl.com/hometownhelp. This is a limited-time offer.

SMALL BUSINESSES Bethlehem has been fortunate to have local greenhouses, Smith Floral and Greenhouse on Mt. Hope in Lansing and Christians Greenhouse in Haslett and Williamston, provide beautiful flowers for our weekly worship and seasonal celebrations. As you plan your summer gardens, please consider these and all small, local businesses during this challenging economic time in our country.

THIS WEEK AT BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, May 10 9:30a Worship Facebook Live Stream

Happy Mother's Day

TUESDAY 9:30a Staff Meeting

SUNDAY, May 17 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!*

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*Do not
let your
HEART
be troubled.*

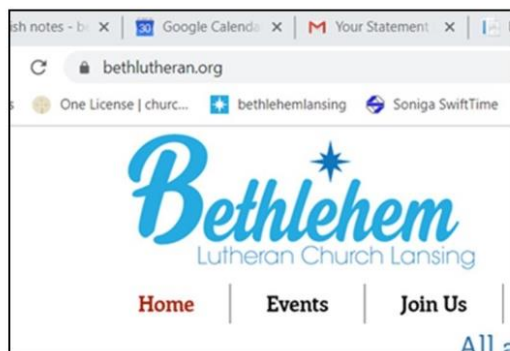
John 14:1

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HOW TO CREATE AN ONLINE GIVING ACCOUNT

You need an email address and your checking/savings account routing and account numbers or your credit card number.

1. Go to bethlutheran.com



2. Click on the Online Giving link-bottom left.



3.

This will transfer you to the Online Giving page. Click on "Create Profile" on the upper right.



4. Enter and confirm your email address.

5. Create your profile.

6. Add your transaction.

7. Enter your offering.

8. Enter your checking, savings or credit or debit card information. NOTE: Using a credit or debit card will add extra transaction fees.

9. Click process...and you're done! Thank you!