



Worship Service – 9:30  
April 5, 2020

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

## PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

*Come, Lord Jesus! Enter into my heart today. With shouts of joy the people greeted you as you entered the city where you would suffer and die. My lips sing praises to your name. During this time of worship give me the zeal to be a faithful disciple, who will not waver in my devotion to you, the Lord we serve.  
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 ([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 on the card, notified of the prayer offered on their behalf.

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

**ALTAR FLOWERS** The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Don Telles in memory of Jan Telles.

**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 Harbor of Grace Lutheran Church of Mount Pleasant, 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

LAY READER – Jim Whitman

WORSHIP LEADERS – Liisa Whitman, Chloe Smith

SOUND SYSTEM – Dave Holderread

PROJECTION – Jon Holderread

VIDEOGRAPHY – Paul Schmidt

# 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, Rhoda Hunter, Kurt Kollmeyer, Marilyn Kostrzewski, Michael Mahoney, Linda McClellan, Nancy Miesner, Yvonne Nelson, Tharin Palmer, Chris Ransom, Bob Robbins, Carol Roush, Audrey Skidmore, Don Spencley, Ken Teter, Peggy Teter, 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

**TODAY IS FOOD BANK SUNDAY** Feeding our community has never been more important as we live through the Covid-19 pandemic and the Governor's stay-at-home order. 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.

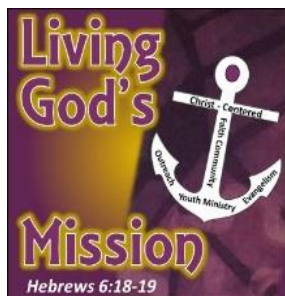
**VIRTUAL EASTER PRAYER VIGIL** Due to our gathering restrictions, a virtual prayer vigil is being planned for Holy Saturday, April 11th, from noon until midnight. If you are interested in praying from home or being a host from home, please call the church office or email Tracy at [bethlehemlansing@gmail.com](mailto:bethlehemlansing@gmail.com). All pray-ers and hosts will be given information to accomplish this BELC tradition. Submit prayer requests by calling the church office at 517-428-3225, emailing to [bethlehemlansing@gmail.com](mailto:bethlehemlansing@gmail.com) or click [HERE](#) to submit through the BELC website.

**EASTER PLANTS** Altar Guild is taking orders for plants to adorn the Altar on Easter; daffodils, lilies and tulips. The price for plants is \$8 and payment must accompany your order. Checks should be made payable to Kris Burow and if paying with cash, please have the exact amount. You can mail your order to Kris Burow or stop in the church office and give your order to Tracy. Please specify if they are; "In Memory Of", "To the Glory of God", or "In Honor Of". You may take your plants home the week after Easter Sunday.

**THE BELCW RETREAT** Our 28<sup>th</sup> annual retreat has been **cancelled for this year**. Thank you for your understanding. If you have any questions contact Laura Taylor Halbakken or Joanna Taylor Alvera.

**RUMMAGE SALE** The church rummage sale has been postponed to a later date yet to be determined.

## **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:*

### **Being Christ-Centered**

**Goal:** Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church will be a Christ-centered, joyful community of believers who embrace the seven Marks of Discipleship. We will do this by:

- Following biblical teachings
- Connecting Christ's story to our stories
- Continued learning and growth of spiritual life
- Striving to live as God would have us live
- Giving life to the Marks of Discipleship
- Serving selflessly, with humility and gratitude

### **ATTENDANCE AND GIVING**

Worship Attendance: 130 people viewed 3/29 service on Facebook Live

Go to BELC Worship and join the group

Lenten Devotion Attendance: 95 people viewed 4/1 devotion on Facebook Live

Go to BELC Worship and join the group

***Needed through March 31 to meet 2020 Budget: \$98,002.97***

***Received through March 31 to meet 2020 Budget: \$73,642.05***

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP** As we journey with Jesus through the events of Holy Week may we be challenged and inspired by his faithfulness to God's mission and by his love for each one of us. Thank you for your prayers and ongoing support of God's mission.

**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.

# THIS WEEK AT BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, April 4	9:30a	Worship
<i>Palm Sunday</i>		Facebook Live Stream
TUESDAY	9:30a	Staff Meeting
THURSDAY	7:30p	Maundy Thursday
FRIDAY	7:30p	Good Friday
SATURDAY	12:00p	Easter Prayer Vigil
SUNDAY, April 12	9:30a	Worship Facebook Live Stream
<i>Easter Sunday</i>		



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## 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**

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