



Worship Service – 9:30 & 11:00
October 11, 2020

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PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Gracious and loving God, thank you for bringing us together to worship you. We have come from a week of confusion and muddled schedules. We have come to be renewed and filled with your spirit so that we might go out into a new week energized to be your servants in our community and world. Help us to center our thoughts on you, the source of love and our salvation, this day and always. 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 Carole Kienke in memory of Ronald Kienke.

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 October - December 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 Immanuel Lutheran Church in Suttons Bay Michigan.

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 – Don Telles

CHILDRENS SERMON – Pastor Matt Smith

SOUND SYSTEM – Dave Holderread, Kevin Peckham

Jon Holderread

Our Thoughts & Prayers are with...



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS and with your cards and visits:

*Ruth Ferguson & Shelby Waters in The Willows at Okemos
Rhoda Hunter in Holt Senior Care and Rehab Center*

Those at home: *Mary Ann Allen, Virginia Bauman, Mary Brenke
Marv Cole, Crystal Collins, Doug Griffin, Ernie Hassell, Jim Hicks
Carole Kienke, Kurt Kollmeyer, Marilyn Kostrzewski
Michael Mahoney, Linda McClellan, Teri Meeker, John Nelson
Yvonne Nelson, Tharin Palmer, John 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

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).

SUNDAY SCHOOL We have begun our Sunday School Classes via
Zoom. Teachers have received email addresses and will be inviting your
child to a Zoom classroom each week between now and November.
Classes will begin each Sunday morning at 8:45 and go to
approximately 9:15.

SUNDAY OUTDOOR WORSHIP Today will be our last Outdoor
Worship. Join us on Facebook at BELC Worship at 9:30 for our online
service of Worship. More information about worship will be coming.

WEAR RED ON REFORMATION SUNDAY! Red is a liturgical
color reserved for special days (Pentecost, etc.), and for Martyrs' Days.
Reformation Sunday, October 25, is one of those special days. The
focus of Reformation Sunday is not on Martin Luther, but rather on
justification by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. That is the heritage
of the Reformation, which is the heart of the Bible and the Church. So
even if you are home watching via face book or YouTube, wear red!

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY On All Saints Sunday, November 1, we will
remember the great cloud of witnesses that have gone before us in the
faith and lift up those who have been baptized into the body of Christ. If
you have a friend or family member who has been baptized, or if you
are grieving the loss of a friend or family member, call the church office
by Sunday, October 27th. We would like to honor them by name during
the November 1st worship service.

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

BOOK STUDY The book for our Racial Justice book study via Zoom is *So you want to talk about race* by Ijeoma Oluo (Seal Press, 2019). It is written in a conversational style that will help us answer the difficult questions as we continue to develop our antiracist selves. We will look at questions such as, ‘What is Racism?’, ‘Is police brutality really about race?’, ‘What is the school-to-prison pipeline?’, ‘Why can’t I say the ‘N’ word?’, and much, much more (including planning for practical steps that we can all take). The study started Wednesday, September 16 at 6:30 pm. Please email me if you would like to join the study at pastormattsmith@gmail.com so that you can be included in the Zoom invite on Wednesdays. We are planning on two more weeks to finish up this book and will announce the next selection very soon.

“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 and my faith made in my life?
- Why do I belong at Bethlehem?

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).

NEW/USED ORGAN! If you read your newsletter, you got a look at the new organ. It is a beautiful instrument, and James can really bring out the best in it! We are awaiting the estimate from Fowler Hebert, an Eaton Rapids company who will help us plan the installation to make the best use of the organ as well as the speakers that came with it. When we have determined which speakers will be used, they will need to be painted before the installation. Stand by for more information and updates.

ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

Worship Attendance: 134 people viewed the 10/4 worship service, 102 on Facebook Live and 32 on YouTube. Outdoor Worship was cancelled.

Operating income through August 31, 2020 \$286,470.22

Operating expense received through August 31, 2020 \$218,981.43

SHORTFALL \$19,979.67 (numbers will be updated monthly)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP In the Philippians passage for this morning we are invited to lives of joy, gratitude, and trust, consistently attending to what is good, beautiful, honest, excellent, and holy. Imagine a faith community in which this way of living is largely true of many of the people, much of the time. Are you adding a measure of delight, praise and thankfulness among your family, friends, and community? This too is faithful stewardship.

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR NOVEMBER Thank you to all who sponsor the Altar Flowers for the Bethlehem Worship Services. If anyone is interested in sponsoring flowers this year, there are openings for the last four Sundays in November. Please contact Kris Burow by October 20th if you would like to be a sponsor. You may text (517-599-7685) or e-mail (2bakrisjohn@gmail.com).

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE Lutheran Disaster Response brings God’s hope, healing, and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, we stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need.

- [U.S. Wildfires](#)
- [Hurricane Response](#)
- [U.S. Severe Storms](#)
- [Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)
- [U.S. Tornadoes](#)
- [U.S. Flooding](#)
- [South Sudan Relief](#)
- [Middle East and Europe Refugee Crisis](#)
- [AMMPARO: Protecting Migrant Minors](#)

THIS WEEK AT BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, Oct. 11	8:45a	Sunday School Zoom
	9:30a	Worship Facebook Live Stream
	11:00a	Last Outdoor Worship
MONDAY	6:30P	Stewardship & Finance Meeting Zoom
TUESDAY	9:30a	Staff Meeting Zoom
	6:15p	T.N.T. Zoom Class
WEDNESDAY	6:30p	“So you want to talk about race” Zoom Bible Study
	6:30p	Board of Building & Grounds Zoom
THURSDAY	6:30p	Congregation Council Meeting Zoom
SUNDAY, Oct. 18	8:45a	Sunday School Zoom
	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

that your
LOVE
may abound
more
and more

Philippians 4:9

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