



Worship Service – 9:30  
July 5, 2020

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

## PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

*God, teach us how to fully live each day. Fill our hearts with thanksgiving and help us to say more "I love yous." Teach us how to lay our pride aside and say more "I'm sorrys." Lead us into conversations where we can say more "I'm listenings." Breathe your resurrection life into every moment this day and every day. 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.

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in celebration of Keith & Ruth Ferguson's and Keitha & David Snider's wedding anniversaries.

**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 Messiah Lutheran Church in Roscommon MI.

## **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

CHILDRENS SERMON – Pastor Matt Smith

CANTOR – Caitlin McDougall

AUDIO PRODUCTION – Liisa Whitman

# 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, Crystal Collins, Ernie Hassell, Rhoda Hunter, Kurt Kollmeyer, Marilyn Kostrzewski, Michael Mahoney, Linda McClellan, Yvonne Nelson, Tharin Palmer, Chris Ransom, Bob Robbins, Carol Roush, Audrey Skidmore, Don Spencley, Cheryl VanPatten, Matthew White, 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)  
**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 Craig Walker, the son Francis & Ella Walker, who died Wednesday June 17, 2020. May God comfort those who mourn with the promise of eternal life for all those who trust and believe in Jesus Christ.

### **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

We will sing our favorites if allowed by copyright laws. If your favorite is missed, please request it when we resume in person worship service.

**TODAY IS FOOD BANK SUNDAY** Feeding our community has never been more important as we live through the Covid-19 pandemic. 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.

**WAKING UP WHITE** Please join us for a book study on *Waking Up White, and Finding Myself in the Story of Race* by Debby Irving (Elephant Room Press, 2014). The study started on Wednesday, June 17 at 6:30. The idea is not that you would have read the whole book cover to cover, but read one section a week; journaling on the questions that the author puts forth. Each section contains around five short chapters with questions after each. This class is about doing the work of waking up white, Please join us. If you are able to join on Wednesday evenings, please send an email to [pastormattsmith@gmail.com](mailto:pastormattsmith@gmail.com) stating that you would like to be part of the study. Pastor Matt will include you in the Zoom link.

**“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](mailto:pastormattsmith@gmail.com)).

### **Praying the Psalms Together with Jesus**

Jesus, as a faithful Jew, experienced the Psalms as both personal prayer book and hymnal for community worship. Therefore, in our prayer journey through selected Psalms we will follow the suggestion of Dietrich Bonhoeffer that we pray them with Jesus as our companion.

This will be an email class using spiritual listening, and exploring how the psalms might bring us alongside Jesus. We may also choose to experience musical settings of the Psalms or visual interpretations.

To register send an email Pastor John, [pastorjburow@yahoo.com](mailto:pastorjburow@yahoo.com). We will begin the week of Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>.

*“If we want to read and to pray the prayers of the Bible and especially the **Psalms**, therefore, we must not ask first what they have to do with us, but what they have to do with Jesus Christ”...*

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

### **ATTENDANCE AND GIVING**

Worship Attendance: 138 people viewed the 6/28 worship service, 108 on Facebook Live and 30 on the BELC Website

***Needed through June 14 to meet 2020 Budget: \$180,928.56***

***Received through June 19 to meet 2020 Budget: \$141,391.39***

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP** “Take my yoke upon you...” Yes, we are called to serve; to do God’s work in word and deed. But what an astonishing gift that Jesus yokes himself alongside us in mission. Thank you for your faithfulness.

**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 Printable’s page on the BELC website for instructions.

**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. Click [HERE](#) to make your monetary contribution.

## THIS WEEK AT BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, July 5	9:30a	Worship Facebook Live Stream
TUESDAY	9:30a	Staff Meeting
	6:30p	Board of Buildings & Grounds Zoom
WEDNESDAY	6:30p	Waking Up White Zoom
THURSDAY	1:00p	Community Partners Meeting Zoom
FRIDAY	7:00p	N. A.
SUNDAY, July 12	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**

