



Worship Service – 9:30  
June 7, 2020

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

## PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

*God, my heavenly Father, you have created me and all that exists, help me to appreciate and care for this whole world. God, the Son, by coming into this world and laying down your life you have brought salvation to the world; help me to accept and share your gift of salvation. O God, the Holy Spirit, by your presence and power in my life you have given me faith; help me to worship you and praise you with my whole heart and with all that I do in my life. 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](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

**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 Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Portage 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

CANTOR – Caitlin McDougall

# 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, Carol Kinney  
Kurt Kollmeyer, Marilyn Kostrzewski, Michael Mahoney  
Linda McClellan, Margaret Nelson, Yvonne Nelson, Tharin Palmer  
Chris Ransom, Bob Robbins, Carol Roush, Jim Schalkhauser  
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

**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.

**THIS YEAR'S GRADUATES** Our Graduates will be recognized at the 9:30 service of worship on Sunday, June 14. Names of graduates connected with Bethlehem and the schools and colleges from which they are graduating should be given to the church by Wednesday, June 10.

**BIBLES FOR GRADUATES** Now is the time when the congregation would normally be asked to begin signing Bibles for each of our high school graduates: **Kyra Pohl** and **Jeffrey Quinn**. This year we invite you to send an email ([bethlehemlansing@gmail.com](mailto:bethlehemlansing@gmail.com)) and write a note to encourage them in their faith. Maybe even list your favorite Bible verses. The emails will be compiled into sheets of paper, printed, and placed in the Bibles. Please send your messages no later than Wednesday, June 10. The bibles will be presented to them virtually on Sunday, June 14, at the 9:30 service of worship, and then delivered to their porches.

**TOP TEN FAVORITE HYMNS** Do you have a favorite hymn? Do you wonder if it is in the Top Ten Favorite Hymns? Through Sunday, June 21, you will be able to cast your vote. We will sing the Top Ten Hymns beginning on Sunday, June 28 and ending on Sunday, August 30 with the "Number One Most Favorite Hymn". Listen to see if yours is among them. Please vote by emailing Tracy at [bethlehemlansing@gmail.com](mailto:bethlehemlansing@gmail.com)

### **THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION**

The Congregational Council has voted to extend the terms of all officers holding current office. More information will be shared.

**ONLINE GIVING** Just a note; 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 see the steps included on the last page of the Parish Notes.

**MID-MICHIGAN FLOODING** The North/West Lower Michigan Synod has six congregations in the affected area. All of the rostered leaders and church buildings are safe. The congregations are assisting their communities in a variety of ways including providing shelter and food assistance.

The North/West Lower Michigan Synod is in contact with the ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response and our synod's Lutheran Disaster Response Coordinator, Rev. David Sprang, Assistant to the Bishop and Director for Evangelical Mission, is working with Bishop Craig A. Satterlee to assess needs and provide assistance. We are focused on providing assistance with immediate needs as well as long term recovery efforts.

Right now, the best way to provide assistance is to donate to the North/West Lower Michigan Synod Disaster Relief Fund. **All funds will be used for direct support of affected residents.** More information can be found on the Mitten Synod website. You may donate through the website or send your offering through BELC. Note that it is for the Mid-Michigan Flood.

**“TEMPLE” TALKS** As our streaming of services continues for the foreseeable future we want as many people 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)).

## **ATTENDANCE AND GIVING**

Worship Attendance: 128 people viewed the 5/31 worship service, 115 on Facebook Live and 13 on the BELC Website

***Needed through May 31 to meet 2020 Budget: \$165,851.18***

***Received through June 5 to meet 2020 Budget: \$130,478.29***

## **THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP**

*“...but some doubted.” Matthew 28:17b*

What Grace that even those disciples unsure of their faith and commitment were authorized by Jesus for God's life giving mission. Thank you, for both your whole-hearted and half-hearted giving.

**TRANSMISSION: HOW THE GOSPEL SPREAD** Come journey with us as we explore “Transmission: How the Gospel Spread”. Join us for this five-session class on Zoom on Wednesday evenings in July at 6:30 p.m., beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>. We will explore questions including:

- How was God’s message transmitted before Jesus, in his time, and in the early church?
- What made transmission difficult (or easier)?
- How is the Gospel transmitted today, and what is our role in how the Gospel spreads?
- And many more...

Email Pastor Matt at [pastormattsmith@gmail.com](mailto:pastormattsmith@gmail.com) to register for the class. The Zoom link will be emailed to you 15 minutes prior to each class session. If you cannot participate in person, all of the sessions will be available the next day at <https://bethlutheran.org> and on our YouTube channel (<https://bit.ly/3c4Hu2A>), and be sure to SUBSCRIBE to our page for notifications when new classes and other videos are posted.

**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, June 7 9:30a Worship Facebook Live Stream  
*The Holy Trinity*  
TUESDAY 9:30a Staff Meeting  
THURSDAY 1:00p Baker Neighborhood Partner  
Zoom Mtg.  
SUNDAY, June 14 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!*

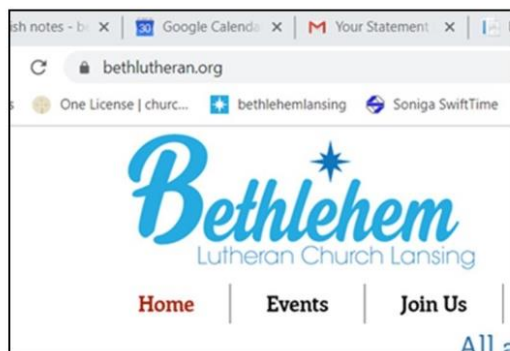
**POWER Gifts**



# 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.

The "Create Profile" form has a blue header. It asks the user to "Enter a valid email address below. This will be used as your User ID." It includes two input fields: "Email Address:" and "Confirm Email Address:". A "Continue" button is at the bottom.

## 5. Create your profile.

The "Profile" form has a blue header. It lists several required fields: "First Name: (required)", "Last Name: (required)", "Address 1: (required)", "Address 2:", "City: (required)", "State / Zip: (required)", "Phone Number:", "Email Address: (required)", "Confirm Email Address: (required)", "Enter Password: (required)", and "Re-Enter Password: (required)". A "Create Profile" button is at the bottom.

## 6. Add your transaction.

The screen says "Thank you for creating a profile. To add a Donation, click the Add Transaction button." It features two buttons: "Add Transaction" and "Edit Account". Below is a blue banner for "My Scheduled Transactions" which states "You do not have any transactions scheduled." A large red arrow points from the "Add Transaction" button to the next step.

## 7. Enter your offering.

The "Donations" form has a blue header. It is titled "My Support to My Congregation" and lists several offering categories with input fields for amounts: "GENERAL OPERATING:" (0.00), "ENDOWMENT:" (0.00), "FOOD BANK FUND:" (0.00), "MISSION FUND:" (0.00), "OTHER FUND:" (0.00), and "DEBT RETIREMENT:" (0.00). A note says "Specify where you would like your donation to go".

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

The "Donation Information" form has a blue header. It includes fields for "Decade Born (i.e. 1980) (required)", "I agree to share non-personal data with ELCA (About Sharing Data) (required)", "Account:" (a dropdown menu showing "New Account - Checking"), "Routing Number:", "Account Number:", and a cardholder name "Joe Smith 1234 Anystreet Court Anycity, AA 12345 1234".

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

The screen shows a green checkmark and the text "I'm not a robot" next to a reCAPTCHA logo. Below is a "Note: Please review the information you entered carefully. Once you click the Process button, your donation will be processed and this organization will be debited from your account." At the bottom are "Cancel" and "Process" buttons. A large red arrow points from the "Process" button to the next step.