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

Worship Service – 9:30  
June 6, 2021

## PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

*Loving God, by your Spirit, fill us with holy joy in this time of worship, that we may be able to offer you something far brighter than duty and much more lively than religious solemnity. Let us worship you with love and love you with our worship. This we pray through Christ Jesus our ever living inspiration. 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 by Candy Barnes in honor of her Mother-in-law, Pat Barnes 103<sup>rd</sup> birthday.

**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 Grace Lutheran Church in East Tawas Michigan, Rev. Max Miller.

**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

CHILDREN'S SERMON – Pastor Matt Smith

ASSISTING MINISTER – Don Telles

ALTAR GUILD – Kris Burow

ACOLYTE –

USHERS –

SOUND SYSTEM – Dave Holderread, Kevin Peckham, Jon Holderread

## Our Thoughts & Prayers are with...



**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** and with your cards and visits:

*Shelby Waters* in The Willows at Okemos

*John Nelson* in Grandhaven Living Center-Senior Care in Lansing

**Those at home:** *Mary Ann Allen, Virginia Bauman, Mary Brenke  
Tosha Brisbo, Lois Cairns, Marv Cole, Crystal Collins, Ruth Ferguson  
Doug Griffin, Jim Hicks, Rhoda Hunter, Marilyn Bass-Huyser  
Nancy Jackson, Kurt Kollmeyer, Marilyn Kostrzewski  
Michael Mahoney, Linda McClellan, Yvonne Nelson, Sue Nelson  
Tharin Palmer John Ransom, Bob Robbins, Sandy Rollis, Carol Roush  
Audrey Skidmore, Peggy Teter, Cheryl VanPatten, Dorothy Weber  
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. Pray for the Baker Neighborhood Partners  
and Officer Jake Kocan, LPD Community Police Officer and other first  
responders.

**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)

**Tyler Barnes – U.S. Marines** (Candy & Cloyd Barnes' nephew)

**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

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

Please join us today following the service of worship. We will elect members to serve on Council, the seven Boards of the congregation and the Endowment Committee. This is a time to get reports from the pastors and officers of the congregation, and to hear from you as we move forward in this ever-changing Covid world. Please plan on attending this important meeting.

**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 10:30 service of worship on Sunday, June 13. 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 9.

**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.

**RETURNING TO CHURCH** As we return to indoor worship, Sunday Service will be at 9:30 a.m. and continue through the summer unless we must do otherwise.

*The following members have agreed to have their names placed in nomination for election to offices in the congregation at the June 6<sup>th</sup> Congregation meeting:*

**President** (1 yr. term): David Westover

**Treasurer:** Diane Miller – 3yr. term

**Congregation Council:** Marv Halbakken (incumbent) – 2yr. term  
Candy Barnes (incumbent) – 2yr. term  
Open seat – 2yr. term  
Open seat – 1yr. term  
Open seat – 1yr. term

**Buildings & Grounds:** Jack Midgley (incumbent) – 2yr. term  
Matt Marsh (incumbent) – 2yr. term  
Shannon Nobles (incumbent) – 2yr. term  
Josh Woldt – 1yr. of unexpired term

**Congregational Care:**

Open seat – 2yr. term  
Open seat – 2yr. term  
Open seat – 1yr. of unexpired term

**Cong. Life & Activities:** Michelle Smith (incumbent) – 2yr. term  
Rebecca Jordan (incumbent) – 2yr. term  
Open seat – 2yr. term  
Open seat – 1yr. of unexpired term  
Open seat – 1yr. of unexpired term

**Education:** Susan Sterling-Leimenstoll – 2yr. term  
Tiera Woldt – 2yr. term  
Open seat – 2yr. term  
Open seat – 1yr. of unexpired term  
Open seat – 1yr. of unexpired term

**Outreach Ministries:** Lisa Cleveland – 2yr. term  
Open seat – 2yr. term  
Open seat – 2yr. term  
Open seat – 1yr. of unexpired term

**Stewardship & Finance:** Chuck Gaus (incumbent) – 2yr. term  
Mary Bartel (incumbent) – 2yr. term  
Open seat – 2yr. term

**Worship Life:** Bob Meeker (incumbent) – 2yr. term  
Sandy Westover – 2yr. term  
Dorothy Martin – 2yr. term  
Open seat – 1yr. of unexpired term  
Open seat – 1yr. of unexpired term

**Endowment Committee:** Cindy Marsh (incumbent) – 3yr. term  
Jon Meeker (incumbent) – 3yr. term  
Dick Rollis – 2yrs. Of unexpired term

### Thought for The Week

When Abraham Lincoln quoted Jesus from Mark 3:25, saying, “A house divided against itself cannot stand,” he meant that the government cannot endure permanently half slave and half free.

*How can you be part of healing the division  
in our country today?*

### ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

Worship Attendance: 172 – 75 in-person and 98 people viewed the 5/30/21 worship service online, 78 on FB and 20 on YouTube.

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP

Today's Gospel reading (Mark 3:20-35) highlights the ongoing conflict between Jesus and Satan. We too have a role to play in this struggle. A struggle which is “...not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.” - Ephesians 6:4

What an immense privilege that our generosity; our acts of kindness and hospitality, our care of one another and our witness in words and actions are blessed by the Spirit to have an impact in this cosmic struggle.

**THIS WEEK AT BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH**

<b>SUNDAY, June 6</b>	<b>9:30a</b>	<b>Worship – Holy Communion</b> <b>Worship (Facebook &amp; YouTube)</b>
	<b>10:30a</b>	<b>Congregational Meeting</b> <i>Please plan on attending</i>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>9:30a</b>	Staff Meeting zoom
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>9:00a</b>	Quilting Day
	<b>6:30p</b>	Board of Buildings & Grounds
<b>SUNDAY, June 13</b>	<b>9:30a</b>	<b>Worship – Holy Communion</b> <b>Worship (Facebook &amp; YouTube)</b>

**MARKS OF DISCIPLESHIP**

Jesus expects me to...

**PRAY** fervently

**WORSHIP** faithfully

**ENCOURAGE** one another

**READ** the Scriptures daily

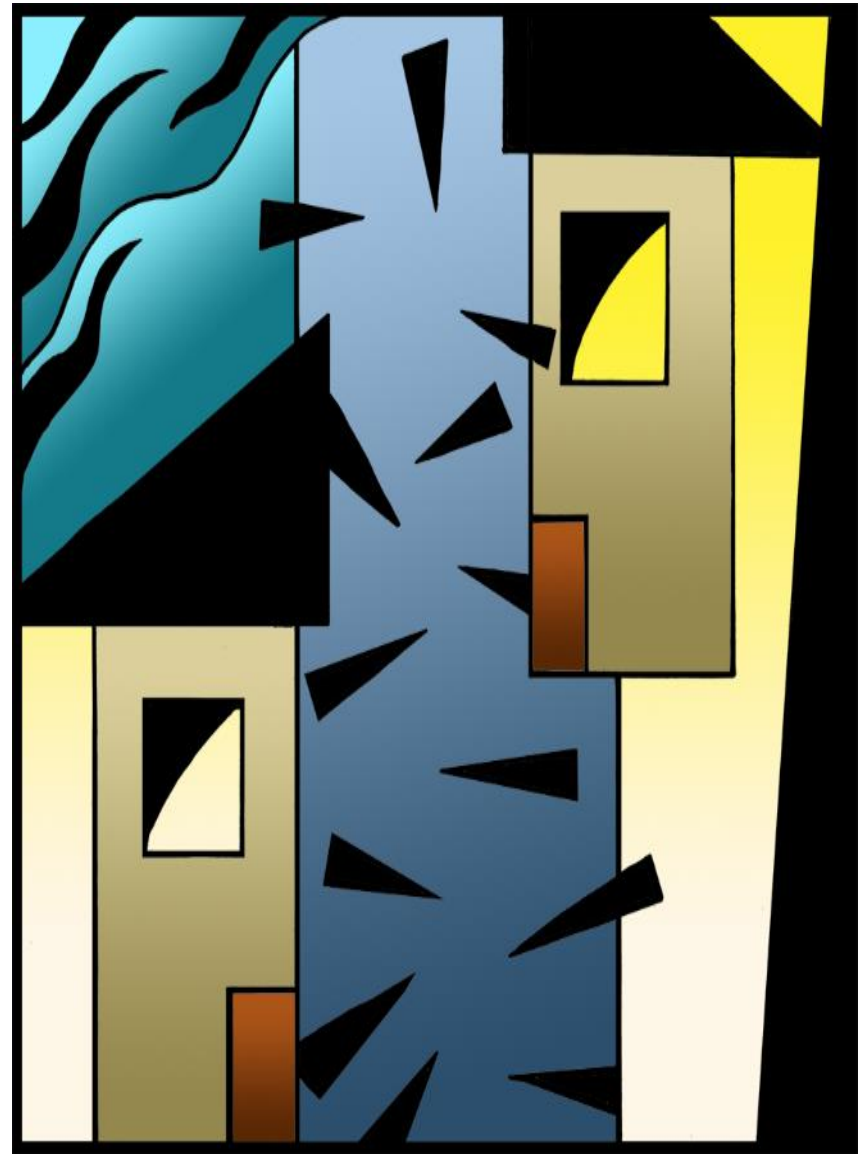
**GIVE** freely of the gifts I have received from God

**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**



*And if a house is divided against itself,  
that house will not be able to stand.*

*~ Mark 3:25*