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

Worship Service – 9:30  
May 23, 2021

## PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

*Almighty God, through the power of your Holy Spirit  
you enable us to do and be more than we can think or  
imagine. Come now, dwell within our worship, and make us  
strong to do your work and will and so bring you praise and  
glory through Christ our Lord. 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.

**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 St. Paul Lutheran Church in East Lansing Michigan, Rev. Carl Ballard.

**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 – Nancy Holderread

ALTAR GUILD – Kris Burow

ACOLYTE –

USHERS – Joann Kern, Michael Kern, Don Telles, Ralph Sargent

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

**TODAY IS PENTECOST SUNDAY** Today we celebrate the giving of the Holy Spirit. This event, known as the birthday of the church, was the impetus for the disciples to begin to take the gospel to all the world! Without the Holy Spirit, the disciples would have remained in the upper room, afraid and unequipped to share the gospel!

**SCHALKHUSER GOODBYE** After service today we will be saying goodbye to Jim & Joni Schalkhauser as they move to be with their children and grandchildren. There will be a basket available for cards.

**RETURNING TO CHURCH** We are returning to indoor worship. Service will be at 9:30 a.m. starting today and continuing through the summer unless we have to do otherwise.

**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.

**Lansing SAVE** Our next 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday offering is May 30<sup>th</sup>. There are now 156 children in our group of students from BELC and the Baker Neighborhood. To give electronically – click on the “Online Giving” link on our website.

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

We will meet on Sunday, June 6 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.

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>** meeting:

**President:** David Westover

**Secretary:** Sherry Bass-Pohl – 2nd year of 1st Term

**Treasurer:** Diane Miller – 3rd year of unexpired term

**Financial Secretary:** Laurey Wyble - 2nd year of 1st Term

**Congregation Council:** Susan Mahoney – (incumbent) 2nd year of 2nd Term

Marv Halbakken – (incumbent) 2nd year of 1st Term

Candy Barnes – 2nd year of 1st Term

Open seat – 1 yr. of unexpired term

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**Buildings & Grounds:** Jack Midgley – (incumbent) 2 yr. term

Matt Marsh – (incumbent) 2 yr. term

Shannon Nobles - 2nd year of 1st Term

Josh Woldt – 1<sup>st</sup> Term

**Congregational Care:** Ellie Ibarra – 2nd year of 1st Term

Amy Romain - 1st year of 2nd Term

Open seat -

Open seat -

Open seat -

**Cong. Life & Activities:** Michelle Smith – (incumbent) 2nd year of 1st Term

Rebecca Jordan – 2nd year of 1st Term

Open seat – 2 yr. term

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**Education:** Sue Nelson – (incumbent) 2nd year of 3rd Term

Susan Sterling-Leimenstoll – 2nd year of 1st Term

Tiera Woldt – 1<sup>st</sup> Term

Open seat –

Open seat -

**Outreach Ministries:** Christina Raia – (incumbent) 2nd year of 1st Term

Lisa Cleveland –

Open seat –

Open seat –

Open seat –

**Stewardship & Finance:** Chuck Gaus – (incumbent) 2nd year of 2nd Term

Mary Bartel – (incumbent) 2nd year of 1st Term

Open seat –

**Worship Life:** Bob Meeker – 2nd year of 1st Term

Sandy Westover – 1<sup>st</sup> Term

Open seat –

Open seat –

Open seat –

**Endowment Committee:** Don Romain – (incumbent) 2nd year of 1st Term

Kurt Kollmeyer – (incumbent) 2nd year of 2nd Term

Cindy Marsh – 3rd year of 2nd Term

Jon Meeker – 3rd year of 2nd Term

Open seat –

## TO THOSE WHO PURCHASED RED GERANIUMS TO ADORN THE ALTAR FOR PENTECOST

Candy Barnes

Mary Bartel

Kathy Halligan

Carole Kienke

Dorothy Martin

Sandra Westover

David Westover

Larry & Virginia Bauman

Michael & Susan Mahoney

Tim & Sue Nelson

Joe & Cheryl Shreffler

David & Keitha Snider

Ken & Peggy Teter

## ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

Worship Attendance: 179 – 50 in-person and 129 people viewed the 5/16/21 worship service, 95 on FB and 34 on YouTube.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP

*Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness...* ~ Romans 8:26a

Our God of faithful love chooses consistently to work through what the world considers weak and insignificant. May we allow the Spirit to shape our life together, flowing through us to bless those to whom we are sent. We pray this trusting that God can do more than we can ask of even imagine.

**THIS WEEK AT BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH**

<b>SUNDAY, May 23</b>	<b>8:45a</b>	<b>Sunday School zoom</b>
<b><i>Pentecost Sunday</i></b>	<b>9:30a</b>	<b>Worship – Holy Communion</b> <b>Worship (Facebook &amp; YouTube)</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>9:30a</b>	<b>Staff Meeting zoom</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>		<b>Church office closed</b> <b>(Memorial weekend)</b>
<b>SUNDAY, 30</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

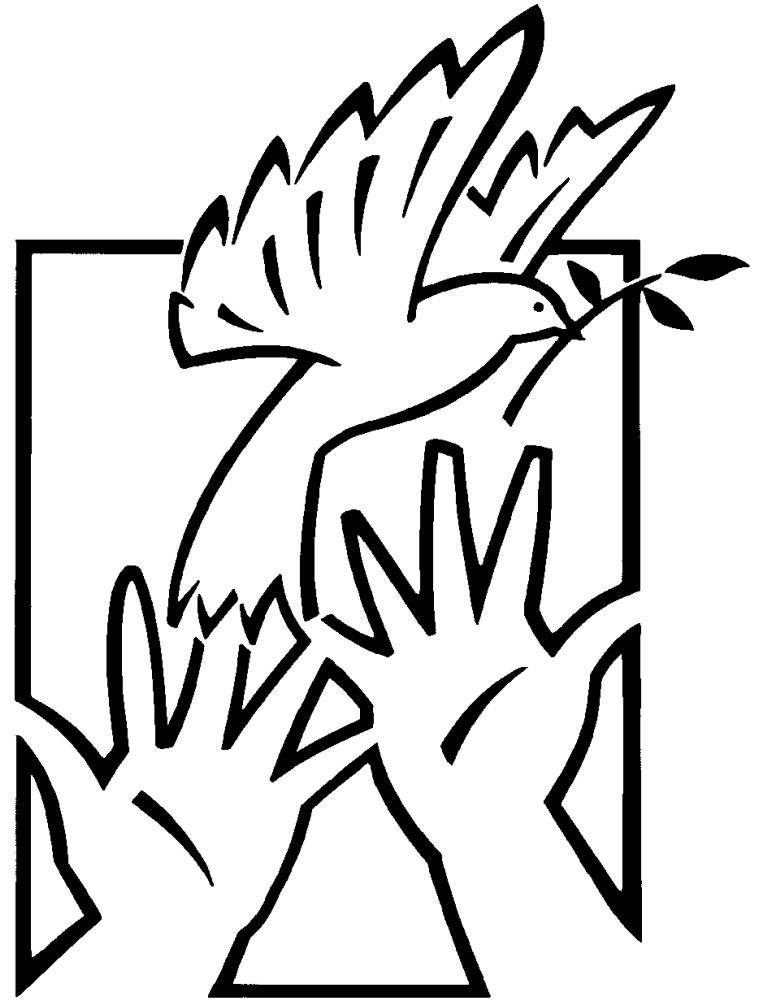
**GIVE** freely of the gifts I have received from God

**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**



*But when ... the Spirit of truth,  
comes, he will guide you into all truth.*

*John 16:13*