



Worship Service – 9:30
May 24, 2020

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

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Gracious God, since my faith is increased and strengthened by your Word, grant that my heart may be set free from worldly things. May I, and all who are gathered here this morning hear and understand your Word, that we may be filled with your love and sincerely live according to your gracious will, through Jesus 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 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 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

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 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 – Susan Mahoney

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, Audrey Skidmore, Don Spencley, Cheryl VanPatten, 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)

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 Harlan Lamb, father of Mike Lamb, grandfather of Sarah Hipps, who died Tuesday, May 19, 2020. May God comfort those who mourn with the promise of eternal life for all those who trust and believe in Jesus Christ.

PENTECOST SUNDAY Wear red on May 31 to our Facebook live feed worship service! Pentecost Sunday is when 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! To symbolize the giving of the Spirit, we are asking everyone to wear red on Pentecost, as we acknowledge the Holy Spirit who inspires our worship and our faith, and gives us the power, week by week, to proclaim the kingdom of God.

Lansing SAVE Our next 5th Sunday offering is May 31. There are now 137 children in our group of students from BELC and the Baker Neighborhood. To give electronically – click on the “Online Giving” link on our website.

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.

THIS YEAR'S GRADUATES 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) 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.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be postponed until we can all be together. The Congregation Council is considering a resolution to extend the terms of all who are in current offices, if willing. More information will be shared once a decision has been made.

ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

Worship Attendance: 190 people viewed the 5/17 worship service,
131 on Facebook Live and 59 on You Tube

Needed through May 17 to meet 2020 Budget: \$150,773.80

Received through May 22 to meet 2020 Budget: \$118,947.61

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP

This Sunday after Ascension Day reminds us that the Risen Lord expects us to carry on God's mission as we witness to God's grace and seek to make disciples. Thank you for letting Christ's light shine through your serving and giving.

FLOWERS FOR PENTECOST We will not be purchasing red geraniums this year.

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

THIS WEEK AT BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, May 24 9:30a Worship Facebook Live Stream
MONDAY Memorial Day, Church office closed
TUESDAY 9:30a Staff Meeting
SUNDAY, May 31 9:30a Worship Facebook Live Stream
Pentecost Sunday

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

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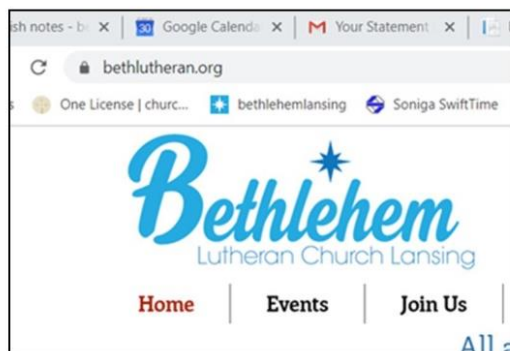
**“...so that
they may be
one...”**

John 17:11, NRSV

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.

A screenshot of the 'Create Profile' form. It has a blue header with the title 'Create Profile'. Below the header, it says 'Enter a valid email address below. This will be used as your User ID.' There are two input fields: 'Email Address:' and 'Confirm Email Address:'. Below the fields is a 'Continue' button.

5. Create your profile.

A screenshot of the 'Profile' form. It has a blue header with the title 'Profile'. Below the header, there are several input fields with red text indicating 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)'. There are checkboxes next to each field. At the bottom is a 'Create Profile' button.

6. Add your transaction.

A screenshot of the 'Thank you for creating a profile' page. It has a blue header with the title 'Thank you for creating a profile. To add a Donation'. Below the header are two buttons: 'Add Transaction' and 'Edit Account'. Below these buttons is a blue button labeled 'My Scheduled Transactions'. Below that, it says 'You do not have any transactions scheduled.' A large red arrow points from the 'Add Transaction' button to the 'My Scheduled Transactions' button.

7. Enter your offering.

A screenshot of the 'Donations' form. It has a blue header with the title 'Donations'. Below the header, it says 'My Support to My Congregation'. There are several input fields with red text indicating required fields: '-GENERAL OPERATING:', '-ENDOWMENT:', '-FOOD BANK FUND:', '-MISSION FUND:', '-OTHER FUND:', and '-DEBT RETIREMENT:'. Each field has a value of '0.00'. Below the fields is a text box for '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.

A screenshot of the 'Donation Information' form. It has a blue header with the title 'Donation Information'. Below the header, there are several input fields with red text indicating required fields: 'Decade Born (i.e. 1980) (required)', 'I agree to share non-personal data with ELCA (About Sharing Data) (required)', 'Account:', 'Routing Number:', and 'Account Number:'. There is a dropdown menu for 'Account' with 'New Account - Checking' selected. Below the fields is a text box for 'Joe Smith 1234 Anystreet Court Anycity, AA 12345 1234'.

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

A screenshot of the 'I'm not a robot' reCAPTCHA form. It has a green checkmark and the text 'I'm not a robot'. There is a reCAPTCHA logo and a link for 'Privacy - Terms'. Below the logo, it says '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.' There are two buttons: 'Cancel' and 'Process'. A large red arrow points from the 'Process' button to the 'Note' text.