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Evangelical Lutheran
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God's work. Our hands.

Worship Service – 9:30
May 16, 2021

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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 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

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 Christ United Church in DeWitt Michigan, Rev. Terry Williamson.

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

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*

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, Tharin Palmer

John Ransom, Bob Robbins, Sandy Rollis, Carol Roush

Audrey Skidmore, 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

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY!

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Lauren Rosenthal, daughter of Jeff Rosenthal, who died April 30, 2021. May God comfort those who mourn with the promise of eternal life for all those who trust and believe in Jesus Christ.

TODAY 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. Please give electronically by clicking on the "Online Giving" link on our website or mail your contribution to the church or by clicking here: (www.tinyurl.com/BELCGiving).

OUTDOOR WORSHIP We continue our **OUTDOOR** worship in the parking lot at 10:30 a.m. Sunday mornings, (**if it is not raining sideways**). We will still have the entire service produced beforehand and available on Facebook and YouTube. We are working to take steps to get back to in-person worship.

GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST Once again BELC will be ordering **Red** Geraniums for the Pentecost Worship Service on May 23rd. The Geraniums (10-inch pots) will be ordered from Christians Greenhouse and will be **\$15** each. Please email or text Kris Burow by May 15th if you would like to order geraniums (email: 2bakrisjohn@gmail.com). Payment may be taken to the church office or sent directly to Kris at: 13155 Starwood Lane, Dewitt, MI 48820. Checks should be made out to Kris Burow and payment will need to arrive by May 18th. Thank you to those who enjoy sponsoring flowers for the BELC Worship!

RETURNING TO CHURCH Considering the recent acceleration of cases, following DHHS guidelines, Council will consider the possibility of small groups meeting when the test positivity rate drops below 5% for 14 consecutive days and the rate of transmission is below 1 for those same days in Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham counties. To follow these numbers, visit covidactnow.org/us/mi/.

Council is monitoring these numbers daily, and our pandemic response and Reopening Plan is revisited at every council meeting. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Matt (881-9890), Council Chair, Susan Mahoney (944-1068) or Congregational President, Jim Whitman (927-0114).

BEING A PART OF WORSHIP If you would like to contribute to worship with a vocal solo or instrumental piece, please contact Sue Nelson at 517-896-3565.

Thought for the Week

*I learned more about Christianity from my mother than
all the theologians in England.*

~ John Wesley

ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

Worship Attendance: 201 – 75 in-person and 126 people viewed the 5/2/21 worship service, 98 on FB and 28 on YouTube.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Abide in my love.

~ John 15:9

An aspect of abiding in Jesus is the choices we make in sharing all that has been entrusted to us: time, relationships, blessings, abilities, resources, and faith itself.

THIS WEEK AT BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, May 9	8:45a	Sunday School zoom
<i>Mother's Day</i>	9:30a	Worship (Facebook & YouTube)
	10:30a	Outdoor Worship (church parking lot)
MONDAY	6:30	Bd of Stewardship & Finance (zoom)
TUESDAY	9:30a	Staff Meeting zoom
	6:15p	T.N.T. zoom
WEDNESDAY	9:00a	Quilting Day
	6:30p	Bd. Buildings & Grounds (zoom)
SUNDAY, May 16	8:45a	Sunday School zoom
<i>Teacher</i>	9:30a	Worship (Facebook & YouTube)
<i>appreciation</i>	10:30a	Outdoor Worship (church parking lot)

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

**"This is my
commandment,**



**that you love
one another as
I have loved you."**

John 15:12