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God's work. Our hands.

Worship Service – 9:30
April 4, 2021

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Almighty and merciful God, during this past week I remembered the suffering and death of Jesus. It was at His cross that I realized the depth of my sin and guilt before you. Today, as I come to the empty tomb, I pray for victory over sin and death in my life. As I experience the power of the resurrection in this service of worship, make me ready to witness to the Risen Christ in the world. This I pray in Jesus' Name. 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 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 Zion Lutheran Church in Cadillac Michigan, Rev. Scott Torkko.

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 – Chloe Smith

ASSISTING MINISTER – Sue Mahoney

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, Nancy Jackson

Kurt Kollmeyer, Marilyn Kostrzewski, Michael Mahoney

Linda McClellan, Yvonne Nelson, Tharin Palmer, John Ransom

Bob Robbins, Carol Roush, Audrey Skidmore, Don Spencley

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

THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE! Let us rejoice and be glad in it. May the peace and power of the resurrection give you strength for today and hope for all the tomorrows of life!

EASTER PLANTS For anyone who ordered Easter plants to adorn the Altar for Easter service, thank you! The plants will be available for pick up after the Easter Sunday worship service.

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.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP We are working to take steps to get back to in-person worship. We will begin **OUTDOOR** worship in the parking lot on Sunday mornings, starting **May 2, at 10:30 AM (if it is not raining sideways)**. We will still have the entire service produced beforehand and available on Facebook and YouTube.

ONLINE WORSHIP For the sake of freeing up time and resources for God's ongoing mission and ministry through Bethlehem, we are making some changes to the worship experience we share on the third Sunday of the month. Starting January 17, the worship we share on Facebook and YouTube will be a spoken worship experience recorded by Pastor Burow, Bishop Satterlee, or one of his Assistants. It will still be uploaded and shared as usual, and there will be Parish Notes for the week. We pray that you will continue to feel the Spirit's presence in our worshipping.

PORTALS OF PRAYER Booklets April, May and June are available on the Welcome Table in the lobby. Call the church office and Tracy will mail one to you.

MONDAY The church office will be closed on Monday April 5.

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 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).

Thought for the Week

"Sometimes we glide through life, and sometimes we ricochet."

~ Pastor John Burow, Holy Week 2021

ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

Worship Attendance: 169 people viewed the 3/28/21 worship service. 128 on FB and 41 on YouTube.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP

That first Easter God raises Jesus; angels proclaim the wondrous news, and the disciples? They mostly hesitate. May our living into Easter joy burst forth in the face of continued challenges. May God bring new life to our praises, our love for one another, our compassion, and our generosity. The Lord has risen! He has risen indeed!

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.

THIS WEEK AT BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, April 4 9:30a Worship (Facebook & YouTube)

EASTER

MONDAY

Church office closed

TUESDAY

9:30a

Staff Meeting Zoom

SUNDAY, April 11

8:45a

Sunday School Zoom

9:30a

Worship (Facebook & YouTube)

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!*

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EASTER FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

TO THE GLORY OF GOD IN MEMORY OF

Jonathon David Westover given by Sandra and David Westover
Ronald Kienke given by Carole Kienke
Don Martin given by Dorothy Martin
Loved ones given by Cheryl & Joe Shreffler
Our Parents Rusty & Else Schalkhauser, Allan & Lila Emmert
Given by Joni & Jim Schalkhauser
My Mother Ida given by Mary Bartel
Loved ones given by The Ferguson and Snider families
Nadine & Roland Robbins given by Bob & Gloria Robbins
Helen & Arthur Pratt given by Gloria & Bob Robbins
Annamary VanNortwick given by Karren Reish
Linda Reish given by Karren Reish
Mary Alice & John Snider given by The Snider Family

TO THE GLORY OF GOD IN HONOR OF

All who provided for the BELC Worship in these challenging
times given by Sandra & David Westover
Our Grandchildren given by Joe & Cheryl Shreffler
Our Bethlehem Family given by Joe & Cheryl Shreffler
Pa & Grandma (Keith & Ruth Ferguson) given by Amanda, Noah,
Jacob, Jonah, Andrew, Keith & Rose
Jacob & Jonah Schneider given by Grandma & Grandpa Snider
The Viele Family given by Joni & Jim Schalkhauser
John & Darlene Sutherland given by Gloria & Bob Robbins
Carol Pratt given by Gloria & Bob Robbins



TO THE GLORY OF GOD

Given by Kathy Halligan
Given by Susan & Michael Mahoney