



Worship Service – 9:30
June 21, 2020

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PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

O Lord, Jesus Christ, make us conscious now of your healing mercies. Touch our eyes that we may see you; open our ears that we may hear your voice; enter our hearts that we may know your love. Overshadow our souls and bodies with your presence, so that we may go forth from this time of worship to witness to the world, your great love. 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 by Nancy & Dave Holderread in celebration of their anniversary.

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 July -September 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 – Bob Meeker

CANTOR – Caitlin McDougall

AUDIO PRODUCTION – Liisa Whitman

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, Kurt Kollmeyer, Marilyn Kostrzewski, Michael Mahoney, Linda McClellan, Yvonne Nelson, Tharin Palmer, Chris Ransom, Bob Robbins, Carol Roush, Audrey Skidmore, Don Spencley, Cheryl VanPatten, Matthew White, 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)
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

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Margaret Nelson, mother of John Nelson, who died Monday June 15, 2020 and to the family and friends of Lou Larrison, grandmother of Lisa Cleveland, who died June 17, 2020. May God comfort those who mourn with the promise of eternal life for all those who trust and believe in Jesus Christ.

TO ALL OF OUR FATHERS Happy Father's Day to:

- ♥ All the Dads who raised us. We love you.
- ♥ All the Dads who fostered and adopted us. We love you.
- ♥ All the Dads who are no longer with us. We love you.
- ♥ All the Dads whose babies are in heaven. We love you.
- ♥ All the men whose hearts' desire is to be a Father. We love you.
- ♥ All the brothers, uncles, grandfathers and friends who stepped in and became our Dad. We love you.

Peace be with you on this special day. We truly love and cherish you.

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**. **“IT'S NOT TOO LATE”** 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 24. The bibles will be presented to them virtually and then delivered to their porches.

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. It's not too late to send in your top 3 hymns. 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

“TEMPLE” TALKS As our streaming of services continues for the foreseeable future we want as many people involved in our worship in meaningful ways. **WE WANT TO KNOW YOUR STORIES.** We are asking all our members, young and young-at-heart, to make a video of themselves using their computer or smartphone answering one of the following:

- What does my faith mean to me, and how has Bethlehem been part of that?
- What difference has Bethlehem/my faith made in my life?
- Why do I belong at Bethlehem?
- *Or a question of your choosing...*

These “Temple Talks” will be included in worship at the usual offering time. The video should be no more than five minutes in length. Be sure to state the question that you are answering at the beginning. After you record the video, upload it to an online service like Dropbox, Google Drive, Microsoft OneDrive, and then share it with me (pastormattsmith@gmail.com).

WAKING UP WHITE Please join us for a book study on *Waking Up White, and Finding Myself in the Story of Race* by Debby Irving (Elephant Room Press, 2014). The study started on Wednesday, June 17 at 6:30. The idea is not that you would have read the whole book cover to cover, but read one section a week; journaling on the questions that the author puts forth. Each section contains around five short chapters with questions after each. This class is about doing the work of waking up white, Please join us. If you are able to join on Wednesday evenings, please send an email to pastormattsmith@gmail.com stating that you would like to be part of the study. Pastor Matt will include you in the Zoom link.

ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

Worship Attendance: 157 people viewed the 6/14 worship service, 112 on Facebook Live and 45 on the BELC Website

Needed through June 7 to meet 2020 Budget: \$173,389.87

Received through June 12 to meet 2020 Budget: \$137,098.39

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP In our baptisms we are joined to Jesus' death and resurrection. Our baptisms also authorize us to participate in God's mission. Our worshipping, serving and giving are ways that we are walking with Jesus in newness of life.

CONGRATULATIONS Our very first Parish Administrator, Laurey Wyble, has accepted a full time position with her primary employer. She is stepping away from the P.A. position, and in the interim, Vicki Leighton will fill the P.A. role. When the pandemic eases a permanent replacement may be sought.

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 Printable's page on the BELC website for instructions?

THIS WEEK AT BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, June 21 9:30a Worship Facebook Live Stream

Happy Father's Day

TUESDAY 9:30a Staff Meeting

FRIDAY 7:00p N. A.

SUNDAY, June 28 9:30a Worship Facebook Live Stream

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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