



Worship Service – 9:30  
March 28, 2021

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

## 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. Matthew Lutheran Church in Bridgeport, Rev. Rheanna Goodrich.

**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 – Liisa Whitman

ASSISTING MINISTER – Nancy Holderread

ALTAR GUILD – Kris Burow

SOUND SYSTEM – Dave Holderread, Kevin Peckham

Jon Holderread

## PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

*O God of love and sacrificial giving, you have called the church through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Through the church, its proclamation, and its ministry, we have been drawn into relationship with you. The power of its message and the love for you and for one another helped us find our way to life in Christ. We praise you for this gift, and we celebrate it in worship this day, 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 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.

# 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

*Michelle Miller*, daughter of Ron and Diane Miller, (Kidney Stones)

**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

**OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY** We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Don Pyle, brother of Lois Cairns, who died March 9, 2021. May God comfort those who mourn with the promise of eternal life for all those who trust and believe in Jesus Christ.

**VIRTUAL EASTER PRAYER VIGIL** Due to our gathering restrictions, a virtual prayer vigil is being planned for Holy Saturday, April 3rd, from noon until midnight. If you are interested in praying from home or being a host from home, please call the church office or email Tracy at [bethlehemlansing@gmail.com](mailto:bethlehemlansing@gmail.com). All pray-ers and hosts will be given information to accomplish this BELC tradition. Submit prayer requests by calling the church office at 517-428-3225, emailing to [bethlehemlansing@gmail.com](mailto:bethlehemlansing@gmail.com) or click [HERE](#) to submit through the BELC website.

## **LUTHERAN HEROES**



4/1 – Maundy Thursday – Humility 7:30 PM

4/2 – Good Friday – Wisdom 7:30 PM

Please join us on Facebook ([facebook.com/groups/belcworship](https://facebook.com/groups/belcworship)) or on YouTube.com (search Bethlehem Lansing) at 7:30 PM.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY** In preparation for our Maundy Thursday virtual worship it is suggested that you read prayerfully both the Gospel, John 13:1-17, 31-35 and Psalm 116. This Psalm is one of the Passover songs quite likely sung by Jesus and the disciples. The entire collection is Psalms 113 - 118. For enriched reflection go to You Tube and type "Psalm 116 Sons of Korah" into the search line. May God bless our journey with Jesus and with one another this challenging Holy Week.

**EASTER PLANTS** If you are interested in sponsoring Easter Plants for Bethlehem's Easter Sunday Worship Service please contact Kris Burow by email at: [2bakrisjohn@gmail.com](mailto:2bakrisjohn@gmail.com). She will let you know of pricing and options for the kind of plants that will be available. The plants would be available for pick up at the church after the Easter Sunday worship service.

**NEXT SUNDAY IS FOOD BANK SUNDAY** Feeding our community has never been more important as we live through the Covid-19 pandemic and the Governor's stay-at-home order. 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.

**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.

**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/](https://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

*Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus  
~ Philippians 2:5*

As we enter into another Holy Week, may the love and faithfulness of Jesus inspire our own works of love and justice.

### **ATTENDANCE AND GIVING**

Worship Attendance: 169 people viewed the 3/21/21 worship service. 115 on FB and 54 on YouTube.

### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP**

The new covenant envisioned in Jeremiah 31:31-34 promises that each of us will have our hearts aligned to God's loving purposes. May our serving and giving reflect this ever-new relationship with God in Christ.

**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.

**OUTDOOR WORSHIP** We will begin worshipping outdoors on Sunday morning as the weather warms. The service will continue as is on Facebook and YouTube. More details to come.

**THIS WEEK AT BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH**

<b>SUNDAY, March 28 8:45a</b>	<b>Sunday School Zoom</b>
<b>PALM SUNDAY 9:30a</b>	<b>Worship (Facebook &amp; YouTube)</b>
<b>TUESDAY 9:30a</b>	<b>Staff Meeting Zoom</b>
<b>THURSDAY 7:30p</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday Worship (Facebook &amp; YouTube)</b>
<b>FRIDAY 7:30p</b>	<b>Good Friday “Tenebrae Service” Worship (Facebook &amp; YouTube)</b>
<b>SATURDAY 12:00p</b>	<b>Easter Prayer Vigil “virtual”</b>
	<b>10:00a Distribution of Easter Food Baskets</b>
<b>SUNDAY, April 4 8:45a</b>	<b>Sunday School Zoom</b>
<b>EASTER SUNDAY 9:30a</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**

# “Hosanna!



is the one who comes  
in the name of  
**the Lord!”**

Mark 11:9