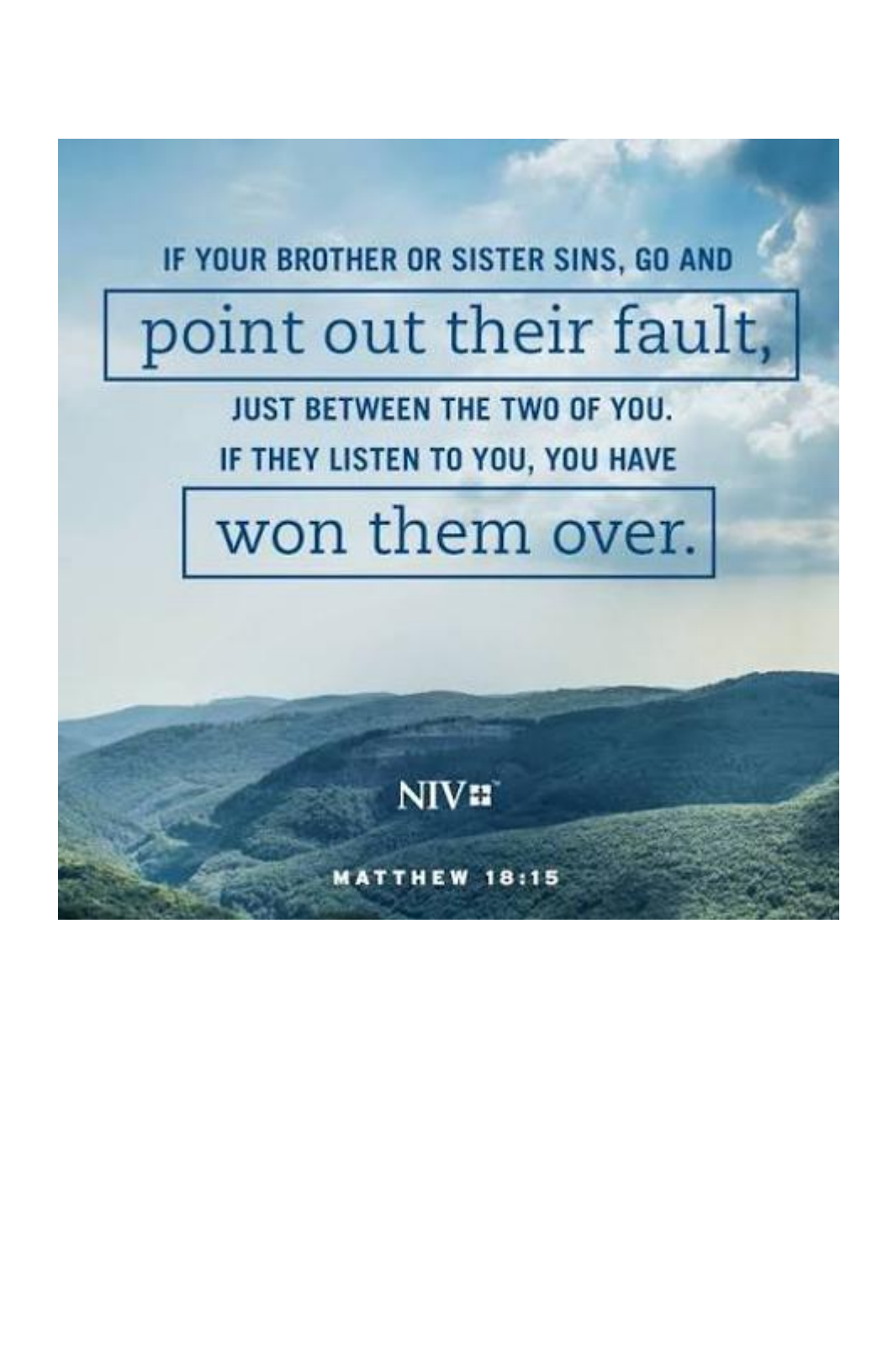




IF YOUR BROTHER OR SISTER SINS, GO AND

point out their fault,

JUST BETWEEN THE TWO OF YOU.

IF THEY LISTEN TO YOU, YOU HAVE

won them over.

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MATTHEW 18:15



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Worship Service – 10:00

September 6, 2026, Fiftieth Sunday after Pentecost

A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Lord, it is not easy being forgiving after having been trampled in this hectic world. All about me I see people spinning their wheels in an effort to get nowhere. I see people whose idea of value is a large mortgage and an even larger paycheck. May this hour be a time of respite from the busy world, a time of worship of you, and a time to refurbish myself that I may reenter that world prepared to witness to you. 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 call the church office at 482-3225.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Bethlehem Lutheran is a praying church; this is one of our Faith Practices/Marks of Discipleship. A white card is provided in the pew rack for requesting petitions of concern or thanksgiving to be included in the prayers of the congregation. Fill out the card and hand it to an usher during the Hymn of the Day. If you would like the person named on the card notified about the prayer offered on their behalf, please include an address on the card.

If you would like your concern prayed for every day this week, please fill out a blue card, place it in the basket in our prayer corner, or hand it to an usher to bring forward.

Silencing cell phones and handheld devices and keeping conversation to a minimum during worship is appreciated.

PARISH NOTES

HAPPY LABOR DAY

ROOTBEER FLOATS Join us after the worship service today for rootbeer floats! Hope to see you!

TODAY IS FOOD BANK SUNDAY This special offering will be used to feed hungry people in our community. Monetary gifts will support the Greater Lansing Food Bank and our Mobile Food Distribution. If you are worshipping with us electronically, click [HERE](#) to make your monetary contribution.

RALLY SUNDAY AND THE CHURCH PICNIC



The official start of the new Sunday School year is next **Sunday, September 13th. We will have our church picnic after the worship service.** There will be a potluck, then we will have games for all ages. Please join us in the church lower level for games, and more. **Our first day for class-crafts and fun will be September 20th at 8:45 a.m.** We are looking forward to another great year of Sunday School! **For the potluck, please bring enough for your family, a dish to pass and your tableware. More information will be coming soon.**

BELCW GENERAL MEETING AND POTLUCK ATTENTION ALL WOMEN! All women of Bethlehem Lutheran Church are invited to attend the General Meeting and Potluck! Join your friends for a yummy potluck, **Monday, September 21, at 6:30 p.m.** You don't have to be part of a Circle to attend!!!! Please bring: your own table service, a dish to pass and your September Gather magazine, if you have one.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY We will meet on **Thursdays at 3:30 in the library.** The sessions are intended to last for an hour, but it's not unusual to run overtime. However no one seems to mind. No tests, no required homework, no attendance taken, no obligations, just men together, seeking answers and understanding as we travel along through scripture. Questions? Contact Jack Midgley.

GRIDS FOR SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER The GRIDS for September and October have been emailed to Those Serving in Worship. There are copies on the table in the Social Hall if you would like a hard copy.

PORTAL OF PRAYER The October – December Portals of Prayer are on the Welcome Table for you to pick up.

WORSHIP LIFE The committee has a vacancy for a one-year term. Please contact Tim Nelson or the church office if you are interested.

HANDBELL DIRECTOR The church is looking for a director for the Handbell Choir. If you or someone you know might be interested, please let Tim Nelson or Susan Mahoney know.

SUNDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY All are welcome for Sunday Night Bible Study on the First and Third Sundays of every month at 7:00 pm. We will meet in the library. Our focus will be on the readings for that Sunday, and the sermon reflection questions... And whatever else might be on our minds. Please join us when you can!

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.

WEDDING COMMITTEE Assistants needed! We are looking for ladies who would like to help with our weddings. We need ladies who are committed to assist during rehearsal time for a couple of hours and to assist during the wedding for several hours. Two or three assistants help with a wedding a few times a year. Thank you for your consideration in joining our Wedding Committee! For questions, see Audrey Olson or Sue Christiansen.

KIDS ACTIVITY NIGHT We need donations for our Baker/Donora Kids Night. Snack foods, drinks, games, anything would help. If you have time on a Wednesday evening, come join us! This is an opportunity to connect with our neighborhood children and make a difference in their lives! We thank you all for donating to this important ministry! **Thank you!** If you have any questions about donations or donating your time, please speak to Eliot Nutt or Shannon Nobles.

KIDS ACTIVITY NIGHT
Wednesday night, along with the Baker/Donora neighborhood Association, we are welcoming children and families for food, fun, and fellowship. Please join us!



Thought for the Week

We are inclined to 'forgive' sins in advance of repentance rather than have to confront the guilty parties. ~ Douglas Hare

"In contrast to the attitudes of the prevailing culture ('If somebody hassles you, forget them. It's their problem, not yours'), relationships are of precious and enduring value in the church. When a relationship is broken, it is worth going back over and over to work toward reconciliation." ~ Thomas Long

ATTENDANCE Worship Attendance: 08/30/26, 46 in-person, with 32 views on YouTube with an average viewing duration of 24:07, 61 peak concurrent viewers for the live worship and the recorded service.

STEWARDSHIP NUGGET One of the greatest treasures given to Christ's Church is the forgiveness that comes from God and that flows among us as followers of Jesus. We, as Church, are authorized and empowered for reconciliation. Are we being good stewards of this awesome treasure?

THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

GUEST PASTOR – Pastor John Burow

ASSISTING MINISTER – Don Telles

GREETERS – Cloyd & Candy Barnes

USHERS – Ralph Sargent

ACOLYTE – Sabrina Prowdley

LAY READER – Bob Meeker

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS – Sherry Bass-Pohl, Vicki Schreur

ALTAR GUILD – Kris & John Burow, Faith Halbakken

Our Thoughts &
Prayers
are with...



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS and with your cards and visits:

*Marilyn Bass-Huyser, Independence Village, Grand Ledge
Larry & Virginia Bauman, 5214 Evergreen Ridge Dr. Cincinnati, OH
John Nelson, Grand Haven Living Center-Senior Care in Lansing
Betty Strother, Independence Village, East Lansing
Joe Skidmore, 475 Jacks Canyon Road, Apt. 229, Sedona, AZ
Julie Clark, Burcham Hills Residential, East Lansing*

Those at home: *Kaye Alden, John Bartel, Tosha Brisbo, Ron Clark
Crystal Collins, Keith Ferguson, Tom Finn, Carl Gallagher
Nancy Jackson, Mary Jakubiak, Michael Mahoney, Linda McClellan
Mark Nelson, Don Olson, Tharin Palmer, Bob & Gloria Robbins
Sandy Rollis, Connie Scott, Dana Stevens, Ken Teter
Betty VanConant, Cheryl VanPatten*

If you, as a member, would like to be included on this list or removed from it, please call the church office.

MISSION PARTNERS Pray for the people and ministry at Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. Pray for the Baker/Donora Neighborhood Association.

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)
Isaiah Castellanos – U.S. Army (Margo Devine's great nephew)
Andrew Devine – U.S. National Guard (Margo Devine's nephew)
Anthony Erb – U.S. Army (family of Mary Jakubiak)
Carson Kosloski – U.S. Marines (Jeff Kosloski's great nephew)
Joshua Kosloski – U.S. Army (Laura Halbakken's cousin)
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)
Nicholas "Leo" Snow – U.S. Navy (cousin of Ferguson & Snider families)
Dayton Tucker – U.S. Marines (Friend of the Devine family)

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Mary Jakubiak, in memory of her husband Paul Jakubiak.

PORTALS OF PRAYER July - September 2026 booklets are available on the Welcome Table in the lobby. If you would like a copy, call the church office, 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 Lutheran Church in Wyoming, Michigan, Rev. Rob Schmidt.

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 do to make an online contribution. If you would like to create an account, go to the 'Printables' page on the BELC website for instructions. **Scan this QR Code by putting your cell phone camera up to the code and follow the link to give electronically to Bethlehem.**



THOSE WHO SERVE IN OUR WORSHIP

GUEST PASTOR – Rev. John W. Burow

ORGANIST – James Schippers

CHOIR DIRECTOR – Sue Nelson

PRAISE TEAM COORDINATORS – Debbie Simmons, Laura Halbakken

ASSISTING MINISTER – Nancy Holderread

GREETERS – Ralph & Margaret Sergent

USHERS – Cloyd Barnes, Don Cairns

LAY READER – Susan Mahoney

ACOLYTE – Adreanna Fernandez

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS – Tim Nelson, Kylee Neslon

ALTAR GUILD – Bob & Sue Christiansen

A/V PRODUCTION – David Holderread, Jon Holderread, Kevin Meeker, Kevin Peckham, Marvin White, David Westover

THIS WEEK AT BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, Sept. 6	10:00a	Worship – Holy Communion
<i>Foodbank Sunday</i>		<i>Rootbeer floats after Worship</i>
<i>Pastor John Burow</i>	7:00p	Sunday Night Bible Study
MONDAY		HAPPY LABOR DAY
		<i>church office closed</i>
TUESDAY	5:30p	Board of Worship Life
	6:30p	Handbell Choir
	7:30p	Senior Choir
WEDNESDAY	9:00a	Quilting Day
	10:00a	Capital Area Baby Café
	1:00p	Mobile Food Pantry
	5:30p	Kids Night
	6:30p	Board of Buildings & Grounds
THURSDAY	3:30p	Men's Bible Study – Library
	5:00p	Capital Area Baby Café
FRIDAY	7:00p	N.A. meets
SATURDAY	9:30a	F.A.B. meets
SUNDAY, Sept. 13		RALLY SUNDAY
<i>Mission Sunday</i>	10:00a	Worship – Holy Communion
<i>Pastor John Burow</i>	11:30a	CHURCH PICNIC

***Baptismal Blessings* for the life of faith**

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

- ✝ *to live among God's faithful people,*
- ✝ *to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,*
- ✝ *to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,*
- ✝ *to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,*
- ✝ and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.¹

¹*Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Affirmation of Baptism, Page 237.*