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Worship Service – 10:00
October 30, 2022

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God.

TAKING FAITH HOME Find a copy on Facebook in the BELC Worship Group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/belcworship/>).

PORTALS OF PRAYER October - December 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 Spruce Lutheran Church in Spruce Michigan, Rev. Leslie Nye.

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.**



PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

God of history, of the past, we celebrate today the lives of men and women everywhere who followed you and sought to reform your church. God of history, of the present, we thank you for your spirit that works among us today. God of history, of the future, inspire your whole church; inspire us to be ever sensitive to your calling and to the needs of those around us. May we each be willing, for your sake and the sake of your church, to reform our very lives. 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.

THOSE WHO SERVE IN OUR WORSHIP

PASTORS – Rev. Matthew A. Smith, Rev. John W. Burow
ORGANIST & HANDBELL DIRECTOR – James Schippers
CHOIR DIRECTOR – Sue Nelson
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP DIRECTOR – Laurey Wyble
ASSISTING MINISTER – Crystal Collins
CHILDRENS SERMON – Pastor Matthew A. Smith
LAY READER – Rich Rollis
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS – Ralph & Margaret Sergent
GREETERS – Sue & Bob Christiansen
USHERS – Jim Whitman, Don Romain
ALTAR GUILD – Candy Barnes, Dorothy Martin
A/V PRODUCTION – David Holderread, Jon Holderread, Kevin Meeker, Kevin Peckham, Paul Schmidt, David Westover

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

Rhoda Hunter in Prestige Way on Keller Road in Holt

Pat Lebsack in The Willows, East Lansing

Those at home: *John Bartel, Virginia Bauman, Tosha Brisbo*

Crystal Collins, Joann Dyer, Doug Griffin, Emma Hicks

Marilyn Bass-Huysen, Nancy Jackson, Michael Mahoney

Linda McClellan, Yvonne Nelson, Tharin Palmer, Carol Roush

Connie Scott, Audrey Skidmore, Betty VanConant

Cheryl VanPatten, 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.

MISSION PARTNERS Pray for the people and ministry at Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. Pray for the Baker Neighborhood Partners and our LPD Community Police Officer.

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)

PARISH NOTES

WE COMMEMORATE THE FESTIVAL OF REFORMATION

Luther's hymn, "A Mighty Fortress is our God", is traditionally sung on this day. The official day of the Reformation is on October 31. The fact that Reformation Day coincides with Halloween may not be mere coincidence. Halloween, being the Eve of All Saints' Day, might have been an entirely appropriate day for Luther to post his 95 Theses against indulgences; since the castle church would be open on All Saints' Day, specifically for people to view a large collection of relics. The viewing of these relics was said to promise a reduction in time in purgatory, similar to that of the purchase of an indulgence. Dr. Luther may have been shrewd in his choice of that day to post his Theses. Today, we no longer emphasize the differences between the Lutheran Church and the Roman Catholic Church, however, we do seek to consider how reform is necessary in our individual lives and in the life of the Church.

ADULT FORUM - BEFRIENDING LUKE: We will continue our overview of the Gospel of Luke. This presents an opportunity to join in the journey as we have two Sundays on Luke; two on John's Gospel, then a Sunday or two on wrap-up. This seems a small investment to enrich a lifetime relationship with the Spirit inspired witnesses to Jesus of Nazareth, Lord and Savior.

Lansing SAVE Today is our 5th Sunday offering. There are now 116 children in our group of students, 7 from BELC and 109 from the Baker Neighborhood. 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).

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY On All Saints' Sunday, November 6, we will remember the great cloud of witnesses that have gone before us in the faith and lift up those who have been baptized into the body of Christ. In the past 12 months, if you are grieving the loss of a friend or family member, call the church office by Wednesday. We would like to remember them by including their name during the November 6 worship service.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING On Sunday, November 13 after our service of worship we will meet as a congregation to discuss changes to our Food Pantry and the future of our Mission home.

CHARGE November 4-6, 7 of our 9 Confirmation students will be headed to the Great Wolf Lodge in Traverse City, along with Pastor Matt, Michelle Smith, and Ralph Sargent, for our Charge Gathering for Youth Grades 6-12. Please pray for Kylee, Faith, Zellah, Abigail, David, Adreanna, and Annabel along with their leaders. *Pastor Matt will be returning on Saturday so that he can lead our All Saints' Remembrance on Sunday.*

STEWARDS LIVING WITH PURPOSE This is the second week of our stewardship emphasis **Stewards Living with Purpose**. The theme for this week is “*Be My Witnesses*.” Just before Jesus ascended into heaven, He told His apostles, “*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth*” (Acts 1:8). For the three years prior to His ascension, Jesus had been preparing His apostles for the purpose of carrying on His mission. The apostles had seen Jesus perform amazing miracles and witnessed His death and resurrection. It would be their mission to tell those near and far about His love, grace, and mercy. Although we are not eyewitnesses as were the apostles, we have received the Holy Spirit Who empowers us to place our trust in Jesus. We have been given the ability and the responsibility to tell all people about the salvation that we receive through Him.

Week One (10/23): “Do All to the Glory of God” (1 Corinthians 10:31)

Week Two (10/30): “Be My Witnesses” (Acts 1:8)

Week Three (11/13): “Serve One Another” (Galatians 5:13)

Week Four (11/20): “Be Generous in Every Way” (2 Corinthians 9:11)

LYONS ELEMENTARY CLOTHING COLLECTION IS

UNDERWAY! Have you noticed the tubs that are in the church entryway next to the stairs going down? We are ready to start collecting boots, snow pants, waterproof gloves, and underwear for nearby children in need at Lyons Elementary School! Check out the sign by the tubs to see what sizes the students need. If you would like to donate, just drop your item(s) in the tub. Clothing will be removed to make room for more, but it will all be delivered. Last year the school distributed everything we donated, and they are looking forward to our continued ministry toward keeping children warm and dry.

THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKET VOLUNTEERS The Board of Outreach is recruiting volunteers to help prepare the food baskets, pick up perishable food items, make reminder phone calls, and deliver to families who can't pick-up. We will distribute baskets Saturday morning, November 19th. A sign-up sheet is in the lobby for those who would like to help. Thank you for supporting this Bethlehem ministry!

Stewards Living with Purpose

Week 1: “Be My Witnesses”

**JESUS WANTS US TO WITNESS
HERE, THERE, AND EVERYWHERE.**

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth” (Acts 1:8).



ATTENDANCE

Worship Attendance: 119 – 70 in-person and 49 people viewed the 10/23/22 Live worship.

T.N.T. *Thursday Night Thriller*, our confirmation program for 6-8th grade students happens on Thursday with 9 students. We are looking forward to a great year of learning (Old and New Testament this year) and service!

WORSHIP FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS The 2022 Flower Chart is posted in the Lobby. If you would like to sponsor Altar Flowers for a Sunday, sign your name on that date with notes for the bulletin announcement. Please sign up at least one month in advance of the date requested. The arrangements are \$35 and may be taken home after the Sunday worship service. Thank you to all who sponsor Altar Flowers!

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS! Set your clocks back an hour on Sunday, November 6 at 2:00 a.m.

NEXT SUNDAY 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.

BELCW THANKOFFERING SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 13

Please bring your offerings you have been saving to church. You can bring it in the containers you use or write a check, made payable to BELCW. Or you can mail your donation to Peggy Teter at 6044 W. Beard Rd, Perry, MI 48872. Thank you.

THIS WEEK AT BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, Oct. 23 8:45a Sunday School (in person)
Reformation Sunday 9:00a Adult Forum
10:00a Worship – Holy Communion
Worship (YouTube)

TUESDAY 8:00a Family Growth Center
9:30a Staff Meeting
5:00p Board of Worship Life
7:30p Senior Choir

WEDNESDAY 8:00a Family Growth Center

THURSDAY 8:00a Family Growth Center
6:15p T.N.T.

SATURDAY 9:30a F.A.B.

SUNDAY, Nov. 6 8:45a Sunday School (in person)
All Saints Sunday 9:00a Adult Forum
10:00a Worship – Holy Communion
Worship (YouTube)

THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

GREETERS – need greeters
LAY READER – Joe Shreffler
ACOLYTE – need an Acolyte
USHERS – Otto Kern, Susan Mahoney
COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Dorothy Martin

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

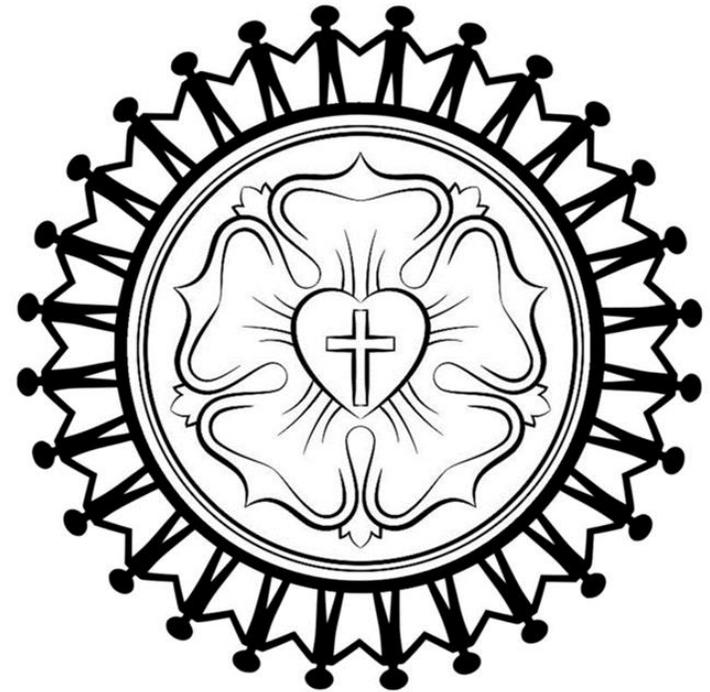
SERVE all people

...and where I fall short of his expectations,

Jesus always offers me his love and forgiveness!

POWER Gifts

Reformation Sunday



Reforming As One