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

Worship Service – 10:00  
April 10, 2022 Palm/Passion Sunday

## PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

*Come, Lord Jesus! Enter into my heart today. With shouts of joy the people greeted you as you entered the city where you would suffer and die. My lips sing praises to your name. During this time of worship give me the zeal to be a faithful disciple, who will not waver in my devotion to you, the Lord we serve. 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.

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Don Telles in memory of Jan Telles.

**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 Trinity Lutheran Church in Millersburg Michigan, Rev. Mary Hughes.

**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.

## **ATTENDANCE AND GIVING**

Worship Attendance: 117 – 74 in-person and 43 people viewed the 4/3/22 Live worship.

<b><i>Income received through February 28, 2022</i></b>	<b><i>\$46,947.15</i></b>
<b><i>Expenses through February 28, 2022</i></b>	<b><i>\$59,799.39</i></b>
	<b><i>(\$12,852.24)*</i></b>

*\*This includes an annual insurance bill of \$8,501.50, taking only \$1,416.94 of this bill for January and February our balance is (\$5,767.68)*

## **THOSE WHO SERVE IN OUR WORSHIP**

ORGANIST & HANDBELL DIRECTOR – James Schippers

CHOIR DIRECTOR – Sue Nelson

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP DIRECTOR – Laurey Wyble

ASSISTING MINISTER – Susan Mahoney

LAY READER – Ron Miller

ACOLYTE – David Fernandez

GREETERS – Kelly Carpenter, Carol Kinney

USHERS – Ralph Sergeant

ALTAR GUILD – Kris & John Burow

SOUND SYSTEM – Dave Holderread, David Westover, 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

*Rhoda Hunter* in Prestige Way on Keller Road in Holt

**Those at home:** *Mary Ann Allen, Virginia Bauman, Mary Brenke*

*Tosha Brisbo, Crystal Collins, Doug Griffin, Emma Hicks*

*Amy Hunter, Marilyn Bass-Huyser, Nancy Jackson, Carole Kienke*

*Marilyn Kostrzewski, Michael Mahoney, Linda McClellan*

*Yvonne Nelson, Don Olson, Tharin Palmer, Gloria Robbins*

*Carol Roush, Connie Scott, Audrey Skidmore, Betty VanConant*

*Cheryl VanPatten, Emily Viele, Matthew White, Marian Wilford*

*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 Sam Kandel, 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

**TODAY 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. 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](http://www.tinyurl.com/BELCGiving)).

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

*"Let this mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus... He emptied himself."*  
Paul's exhortation sets us on a path of growing compassion and generosity. Having Jesus in our hearts and lives provides the example, inspiration, motivation and joy for our serving and giving.

### **THE HOLLE SPEAKER SERIES PRESENTS:** **CLIMATE CHURCH, CLIMATE WORLD**

Rev. Jim Antal is the author of this book. He is a public theologian, award-winning activist, and national spokesperson on climate change for the United Church of Christ. This event is free to the public. Due to Covid-19, lunch will **NOT** be served. There will be an hour break for lunch. You may bring your lunch or get lunch at one of the area restaurants. For more information, call Pastor Ellen Schoepf at: 517-974-5570. Or to register go to: <https://bit.ly/HolleSpeakerSeries>

### **MICHIGAN PARKINSON FOUNDATION FUNDRAISING**

**WALK** In lieu of funeral services, Marv Cole's life will be honored by his family during the Michigan Parkinson Foundation's fundraising walk on September 17th in Lansing at the MSU Campus Auditorium Building at 542 Auditorium Road in East Lansing. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. and the walk begins at 10:30 a.m.

### **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

**7:00p - Maundy Thursday Service**

**7:30p - Good Friday Service**

**12:00p - Easter Prayer Vigil (Live Streaming)**

**10:00a - Worship – Holy Communion Worship (YouTube)**

**PLEASE NOTE:** MAUNDY THURSDAY IS AT 7:00 P.M.  
GOOD FRIDAY IS AT 7:30 P.M.

**COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS** These instructions are also in the Worship Bulletin. Communion will be served continuously. Individual cups are still available for use in the pews. We are short one chalice that has been sent for replating, so we will commune one side at a time, until a replacement is found. Please come forward in an orderly fashion and pick up an empty cup from the communion tray if you wish to receive wine. After receiving the bread from the presiding minister (gluten free wafers and fish crackers available on request), then proceed to the side on which you are seated to receive the wine or grape juice. After receiving communion, you may kneel at the altar rail as you wish. Your empty cups may be left in the baskets on the stands as you return. If you would like to receive communion in your pew, but from the pastor rather than a pre-filled cup, just let the ushers know. The Presiding Minister will say the invitation to communion, which will include the words of distribution, “given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” Then you may consume Christ’s body and blood immediately if you have chosen a prefilled communion wafer and cup.

**LENTEN OFFERING – LUTHERAN IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEE SERVICES** LIRS has many roots: Through LIRS we are again taking the lead in supporting and welcoming those who are fleeing. Throughout the Hebrew Scriptures, the people are commanded to offer sanctuary to the alien and stranger, remembering their own history as immigrants and wanderers. To Contribute, please either use the enclosed Lent envelope in this newsletter or write “LIRS” in the memo line of your check. All monies will aid refugees from Ukraine. Thank you.

**DISCOVERING DISCIPLESHIP AT BETHLEHEM** Would you like to know more about God’s Mission and Ministry here at Bethlehem? Would you like to know more about what ‘Discipleship’ means for us at Bethlehem? The class typically meets on a Saturday with 2 hours in the morning, lunch with some of our members, and then another hour or so in the afternoon. We are gathering names now and encourage you to worship and participate as much as possible in God’s ministry. The next course will be held in late July/early August. Several of you have been contacted, and if you are interested in this course that will begin your journey at Bethlehem, please call the church office at 517-482-3225.

**LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE** They is accompanying our companion churches in Ukraine, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia, as well as such ecumenical partners as the Lutheran World Federation and Church World Service, in their humanitarian responses to the crisis. These partners provide refugees with immediate support and supplies such as food, blankets, water, and hygiene kits. Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton has joined other religious leaders from Europe and around the globe in issuing an interfaith call for peace in the region. Your gifts will support Ukrainians and others. Gifts to “Eastern Europe Crisis Response” will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by the crisis in Ukraine and neighboring countries. Our prayers abound for the loss and devastation experienced in Ukraine and Eastern Europe.

**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!

**THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY**  
**APRIL 17, EASTER**

LAY READER – Sandra Westover

ACOLYTE – Madelyn Smith

GREETERS – David Westover, Sandra Westover

USHERS – Don Cairns, Don Telles

**THIS WEEK AT BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH**

<b>SUNDAY, April 10 10:00a</b>	<b>Worship – Holy Communion</b>
<i>Palm Sunday</i>	<b>Worship (YouTube)</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>	6:30p Harmony Circle
	6:30p Board of Stewardship & Finance
<b>TUESDAY</b>	8:00a Family Growth Center
	9:30a Staff Meeting zoom
	5:00p Board of Outreach
	6:30p Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:30p Choir Rehearsal
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	8:00a Family Growth Center
	9:00a Quilting Day
	6:30p Board of Buildings & Grounds
<b>THURSDAY</b>	8:00a Family Growth Center
	<b>7:00p Maundy Thursday Service</b>
	<b>7:30p Good Friday Service</b>
<b>SATURDAY 12:00P</b>	<b>Easter Prayer Vigil (Live Stream)</b>
<b>SUNDAY, April 17 10:00a</b>	<b>Worship – Holy Communion</b>
<i>Easter Sunday</i>	<b>Worship (YouTube)</b>

**MARKS OF DISCIPLESHIP**

Jesus expects me to...

**PRAY** fervently

**WORSHIP** faithfully

**ENCOURAGE** one another

**READ** the Scriptures daily

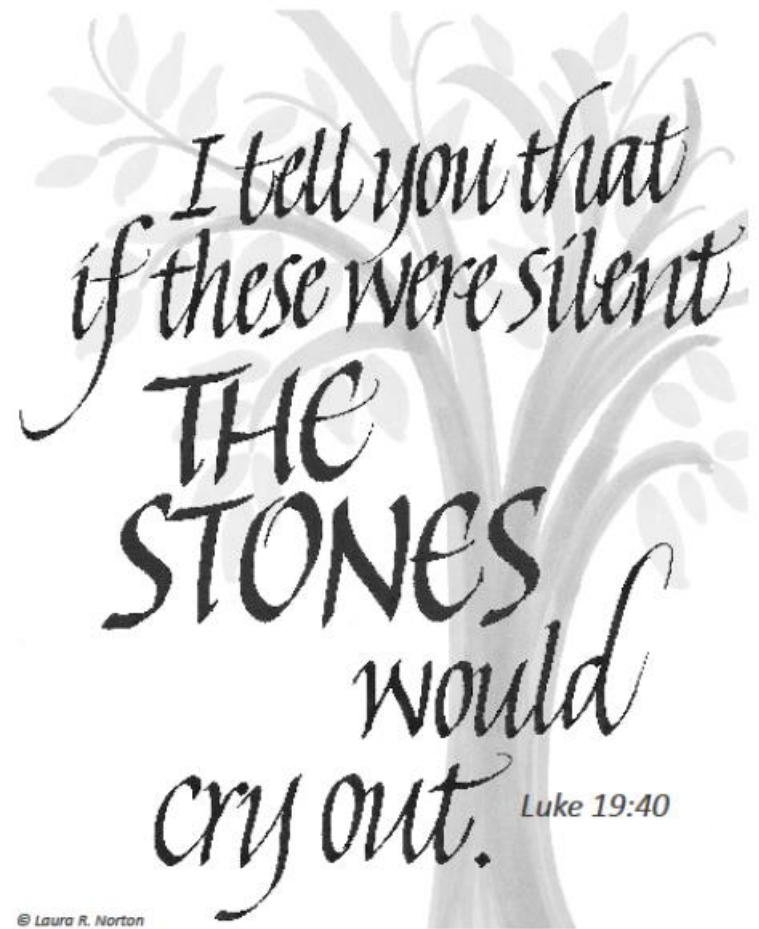
**GIVE** freely of the gifts I have received from God

**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**



*I tell you that  
if these were silent  
**THE  
STONES**  
would  
cry out.* Luke 19:40

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