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

Worship Service – 10:00
July 31, 2022

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

You, Holy Friend, just you. You are the ground of our believing, the spring in our hoping, and the joy in our loving. You are the reason why we are here and the purpose that will later take us on our journey. Help us to make the most of this time, reaching deeply and rising high in bountiful worship. Through Jesus, our guide and Savior. 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 John a message at pastorjohn@bethlutheran.org 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.

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 St. James Lutheran Church in Rogers City 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.

THOSE WHO SERVE IN OUR WORSHIP

ORGANIST & HANDBELL DIRECTOR – James Schippers
CHOIR DIRECTOR – Sue Nelson
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP DIRECTOR – Laurey Wyble
ASSISTING MINISTER – Crystal Collins
LAY READER – Tim Nelson
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS – Susan Mahoney, Liisa Whitman
GREETERS – Connie & Bob Meeker
USHERS – Jim Whitman, David Snider, Bob Christiansen
ALTAR GUILD – Karren Reish, Eliot Nutt
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: *Mary Ann Allen, John Bartel, Virginia Bauman
Tosha Brisbo, Lois Cairns, Crystal Collins, Gina DeWitt, Doug Griffin
Emma Hicks, Marilyn Bass-Huysen, Nancy Jackson, Carole Kienke
Marilyn Kostrzewski, Michael Mahoney, Linda McClellan
Yvonne Nelson, Andrea Norman, 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.*

SEMINARY STUDENT Jason Mills, from BELC, has graduated from
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 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

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).

LUKE OUTLINED ON YOUTUBE Since most of our Sunday Gospel
readings through November will be from Luke, it is worthwhile to
invest 16-18 minutes on a delightful, clear overview. Just go to
YouTube and search “Overview: Luke 1-9” or click here:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XIb_dCIxZr0. Part two will follow
or can be viewed another time.

THE BELCW RUMMAGE SALE IS BACK – SEPT. 28-30 The sale
is back with a few changes, so please read carefully. We will need
volunteers to help, without them there will be no sale. Sign-up sheets
will be available in the Fellowship Hall. We must have enough
volunteers signed up by September 14. Also, if COVID numbers rise we
might have to cancel. This year we will not be accepting computers,
printers and components, or televisions, VCR's, and speakers. You may
begin to drop off rummage no earlier than Friday, 9AM, September 23.
Do not put rummage on stage. (The reason for this is in case we need to
cancel the sale.) The last day to drop off is Tuesday, September 27.
When dropping off items please put your rummage out on the tables –
all tables will be labeled. If you have any questions, you can contact any
of the Rummage Sale Committee – Kelly Carpenter, Candy Barnes,
Joanna Alvera, Laura Halbakken, Sue Leimenstoll, Peggy Teter, or
Sandy Rollis.

BISHOP'S MESSAGE Bishop Elizabeth Eaton has issued a pastoral
message on the Supreme Court's ruling on Roe v Wade. She
summarizes the ELCA's position on this contentious and difficult issue.
You can read it by entering “Bishop Eaton on Roe v Wade” in your
search engine or click here: <https://www.elca.org/News-and-Events/8158>.

SIGN UP FOR SUNDAY SNACKS On the table in the narthex is a sign-up sheet for those wishing to provide after service snacks throughout the summer.

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!

STEWARDSHIP PONDERING

What might it mean for you to be "rich toward God?" Please take some time this week to ponder this question. May our prayerful reflection have a blessed impact on our serving and giving.

SABBATICAL THANK YOU! Thank you for providing me with a dedicated time for study and prayer to enrich the ministry here at Bethlehem. This time has been even more rewarding and energizing than I hoped it would be. My areas of focus were Prayer, Health and Wellness, and Church Revitalization. A report on all these areas will be included in future newsletters with electronic and print copies available. Stay tuned!



PRAYER WARRIORS Are you feeling called to serve as our lead prayer warrior for Bethlehem or to serve as a prayer warrior on the team? Please speak with Pastor Matt after you have taken time to pray over this calling God is placing in your life.

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

If Jesus is reluctant to be a judge over others (Luke 12:14), then how much more reluctant should we be to judge others. Jesus did not judge us in this life but reconciled and received us through his crucifixion.

*Rev. Craig A. Satterlee, Ph.D., Bishop
North/West Lower Michigan Synod*

ATTENDANCE

Worship Attendance: 128 – 54 in-person and 74 people viewed the 7/24/22 Live worship.

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.

THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

GREETERS – Ralph & Margaret Sergent

LAY READER – Dorothy Martin

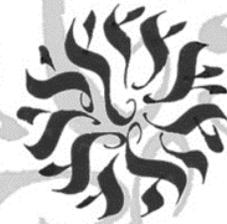
USHERS – Susan Mahoney, Jim Koessel

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS – Mel White, Dorothy Martin

THIS WEEK AT BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, July 31	10:00a	Worship – Holy Communion
		Worship (YouTube)
MONDAY	6:30p	BELCW Board Meeting
TUESDAY	8:00a	Family Growth Center
	9:30a	Staff Meeting
	5:00p	Board of Worship Life
WEDNESDAY	8:00a	Family Growth Center
THURSDAY	8:00a	Family Growth Center
SATURDAY	9:30a	F.A.B. Meets
SUNDAY, August 7	10:00a	Worship – Holy Communion
		Worship (YouTube)

Beware!
Keep yourself
from covetousness



Your life is not defined by

*the abundance of
your possessions*

Luke 12:15

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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