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Worship Service – 10:00
November 20, 2022

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

On this last Sunday of the church year, Christ the King Sunday, I thank you, Lord, for enabling me to finish another year of grace. I bring the wonderful news of your grace in the ministry of your Son to a fitting climax as I join with others who are here to praise him...the King of Kings. In this hour of worship, help me to praise him with a heart of joy and to realize again his great act of love for me upon the cross. In Jesus' name I pray. 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.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by BELC in honor of our new members.

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, 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 Immanuel Lutheran Church in Suttons Bay, and Rev. Jonathan Reid.

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

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 – Bob Meeker
ACOLYTE – Allie Fernandez
CHILDRENS SERMON – Pastor Matt Smith
LAY READER – Sandra Westover
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS – Ron Miller, Zella Brisbo
GREETERS – David Westover, Sandra Westover
USHERS – Ralph Sergent, Cloyd Barnes
ALTAR GUILD – Dorothy Martin, Candy Barnes
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-Huyser, Nancy Jackson, Michael Mahoney

Linda McClellan, Yvonne Nelson, Tharin Palmer, Carol Roush

Connie Scott, Audrey Skidmore, Betty VanConant, Steve Viele

Emily Viele, 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

NEW MEMBERS Today, Eliot Nutt and David Ware will be received into the fellowship of this Christian congregation by Affirmation of Faith. We welcome them as brothers in Christ and partners with us in the ministry we have as his people.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY Today, after prayerful consideration, we will present our Time and Talent Sheets and *financial* Commitment Forms at the altar after the offering plate has been passed. If you are not able to come forward to present your gifts at the altar, please feel free to place them in the offering plate, knowing that they will still be presented at the altar when the offering is brought forward.

PIE FEST Please sign up to bring a pie for the Pie Fest, and then join us to enjoy those pies on Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 23, following worship at 7:00 PM.

DECK THE HALLS!?" The annual Church Christmas Decorating Party is **Friday, December 2, at 6:30 p.m.** Everyone is invited to help decorate the church for the season of Christmas. Bring along your favorite Christmas treat to share after the work is done.

ADULT FORUM - BEFRIENDING JOHN Today we began our overview of the Gospel of John. We will spend several more Sundays exploring what it means that, 'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God, and all things came into being through him'. We will then spend 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.

POINSETTIAS – November 30 is the deadline for ordering a RED poinsettia to be used for Bethlehem's Christmas Worship. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the Entry Lobby or orders may be submitted to the church office or sent to Kris Burow. The plants are \$12.50 each, with checks payable to Kris Burow. Plants may be taken home after the latest Christmas Eve Worship Service. Thank you for sponsoring plants for Bethlehem's Christmas Worship!

STEWARDS LIVING WITH PURPOSE The theme for this final week in our stewardship emphasis is “Be Generous in Every Way” (2 Corinthians 9:11). One of the important ways that we as God’s people show our thanksgiving to God for who God is and what God has done for us through Jesus is in our giving. Giving expresses our love and gratitude. When we give, we mirror the nature of God. *“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son...”* (John 3:16). Giving to others and to extend God’s Church is evidence of God’s grace in our lives. Giving is a fruit of grace. We give because God first gave to us, and, following God’s example, by God’s grace we make giving to God through our churches a priority. Without God’s grace, we are not able to give of our resources generously. Believers are empowered by the working of the Holy Spirit to give willingly to all people, especially fellow believers who need support (Galatians 6:10). May God help us all to “Be Generous in Every Way.”

LYONS ELEMENTARY CLOTHING COLLECTION GOES UNTIL DECEMBER 4! Thank you to those who have donated clothing for the children at Lyons Elementary School! We are still in collection mode, hoping to deliver even more to them than we did last year! You can put items into the tubs in the church entryway through Sunday, December 4. The school needs boots (sizes 13 and sizes 1-3), snow pants (sizes 5-12), waterproof gloves or mittens, and underwear for both boys and girls (sizes 4t-12). This is a great opportunity to make a difference in the life of a child in our nearby community!

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!

Stewards Living with Purpose Week 4: “Be Generous in Every Way”

WHEN WE GIVE, WE REFLECT THE HEART OF GOD.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life” (John 3:16).



ATTENDANCE

Worship Attendance: 125 – 91 in-person and 34 people viewed the 11/13/22 Live worship.

REVITALIZATION LISTENING SESSIONS Signup sheets are in the social hall for our Revitalization Listening Team sessions on:

- Sunday, November 20 11:15 AM-12:45 PM
- Tuesday, November 29 4:30-6:00 PM
- Tuesday, December 6 (if necessary) 4:30-6:00 PM

THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP THANKSGIVING EVE

GREETERS – Bob & Connie Meeker

LAY READER – Laura Halbakken

ACOLYTE – Faith Halbakken

USHERS – Don Telles, Don Cairns

COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Mary Bartel, Bob Meeker

THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP NOVEMBER 27

GREETERS – Dorothy Martin, Candy Barnes

LAY READER – Susan Mahoney

ACOLYTE – David Fernandez

USHERS – Bob Christiansen, Joe Shreffler, David Snider

COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Candy Barnes, Don Telles

THIS WEEK AT BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, Nov. 20 8:45a Sunday School (Lower Social Hall)
Commitment Sunday 9:00a Adult Forum (Library)
Christ The King 10:00a Worship – Holy Communion
Worship (YouTube)
11:15a Revitalization Listening Session

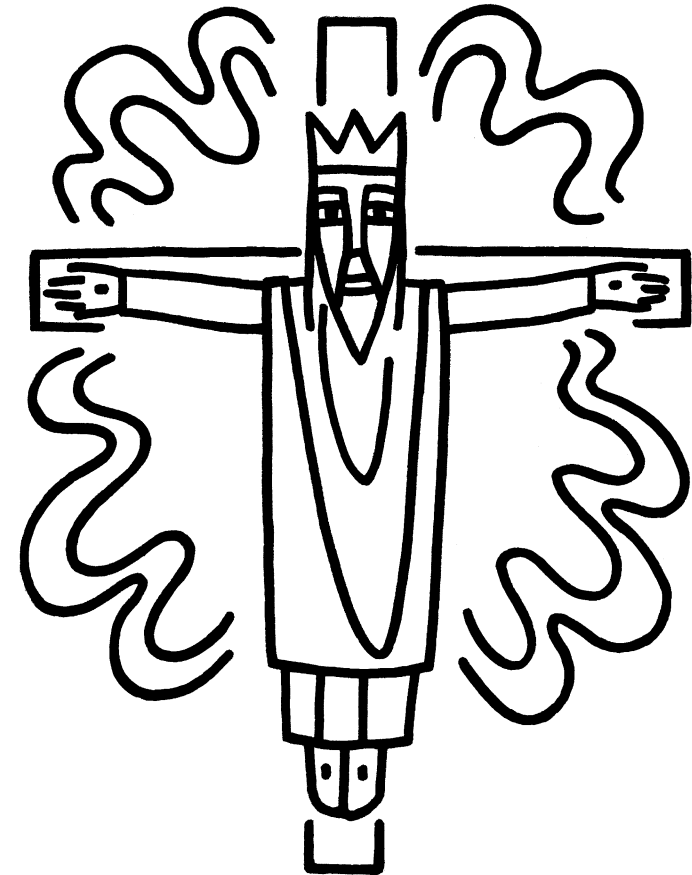
TUESDAY
8:00a Family Growth Center
9:30a Staff Meeting
6:30p Bell Choir
7:30p Senior Choir

WEDNESDAY
8:00a Family Growth Center
7:00p Thanksgiving Eve Service
THANKSGIVING DAY

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Worship (YouTube)

Christ the King

Sunday



Commitment Sunday
Reception of New Members

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

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