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Worship Service – 10:00
March 31, 2024 Easter Sunday

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Almighty and merciful God, during this past week I remembered the suffering and death of Jesus. It was at His cross that I realized the depth of my sin and guilt before you. Today, as I come to the empty tomb, I pray for victory over sin and death in my life. As I experience the power of the resurrection in this service of worship, make me ready to witness to the Risen Christ in the world. This I pray in Jesus' Name. 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 Smith 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 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.

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 April - June 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 Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, Rev. Dana Hendershot.

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 – Don Telles
CHILDRENS SERMON – Pastor Matthew A. Smith
ACOLYTES – Annabel Halbakken, Kylee Nelson
LAY READER – Kris Burow
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS – Peggy Teter, Laurey Wyble
GREETERS – Joe & Cheryl Shreffler
USHERS – Jim Whitman, Don Romain, Dee Bernardi
ALTAR GUILD – ALL TEAMS
A/V PRODUCTION – David Holderread, Jon Holderread, Kevin Meeker, Kevin Peckham, David Westover

Our Thoughts &
Prayers
are with...



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS and with your cards and visits:

John Nelson in Grand Haven Living Center-Senior Care in Lansing
Rhoda Hunter in Prestige Way on Keller Road in Holt
Marilyn Bass-Huysen in Independence Village, Grand Ledge
Betty Strother in Independence Village, East Lansing
Joe & Audrey Skidmore, in Assisted Living, Sedona, AZ
Kurt Kollmeyer, Ingham County Medical Care, Okemos
Cheryl VanPatten, Regency at Grand Ledge Rehabilitation Center

Those at home: *Kaye Alden, John Bartel, Virginia Bauman
Tosha Brisbo, Crystal Collins, Joann Dyer, Keith Ferguson
Emma Hicks, Nancy Jackson, Michael Mahoney, Linda McClellan
Yvonne Nelson, Tharin Palmer, Sandy Rollis, Carol Roush
Connie Scott, Betty VanConant, 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, D.J. Rudd, Interim.

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)
Isaiah Castellanos – U.S. Army (Margo Devine's Great. nephew)
Andrew Devine – U.S. Nat'l Guard (Margo Devine'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)
Dayton Tucker – U.S. Marines (Friend of the Devine family)

THRIVENT MEMBERS You can designate your choice dollars to go to Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Thank you!

PARISH NOTES

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Andrea Norman, niece of Jim & Liisa Whitman, who died March 25. May God comfort those who mourn with the promise of eternal life for all those who trust and believe in Jesus Christ.

Lansing SAVE Today, March 31, is our fifth Sunday offering for LansingSAVE. There are now 192 children in our group of students from BELC and the Baker Neighborhood. To give electronically click on the "Online Giving" link on our website.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS Sunday School classes will not meet today. Classes will resume on Sunday, April 7.

NEXT SUNDAY IS FOOD BANK SUNDAY Canned goods and other non-perishable items and gifts of money can be brought up to the altar during the "Offering of Gifts". Please wait to come forward until instructed by the pastor. This special offering will be used to feed hungry people in our community through the Food Bank center in our church. Food that is donated will be distributed to the community through the Family Growth Resource Center, using our Food Pantry space. 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.

SERVICE OF HEALING Please join us Sunday morning, April 7th, for our Sunday healing service.

HOLD THE DATE Come celebrate our first 75 years, Sunday, April 14th. Our church service will include special music and guest preachers Jim Schalkhauser and Jim Lichtenberger. Following the service, we will gather for a potluck reception in the fellowship hall. The entrée' will be furnished along with your table service. **Please bring either a salad or dessert to share** (Pastor Jim S loves Pie!).

LUTHER LEAGUE CAN/BOTTLE FUNDRAISER FOR THE GATHERING We want your returnable cans and bottles! We are collecting cans and bottles throughout the month of April to help raise funds for our trip to New Orleans. When bringing in cans/bottles, please make sure they are in a closed plastic bag and placed under the stairs in the gym. We appreciate your support!

SPECIAL ADULT FORUM Sunday, April 14th, we will gather at 9:00 a.m. with our honored guests to share memories from the years 1974-1999. Join us in the library as we share gratitude for past blessings.

LIVING LUTHERAN This wonderful magazine is now available in digital form only. You can find it at:
<https://www.livinglutheran.org/edigest-signup/>

STONY LAKE REGISTRATION Elementary, Confirmation and Senior High Camp is Week 4 of the camping season this year (July 7-12). Log on to <http://www.elcalivingwater.com/> and complete your camp registration.

MY LENTEN GIFT Offerings using the “My Lenten Gift” envelope in the February newsletter will be given to the Pine Ridge Food Ministry at the Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center.

FLOWER CHART Thank you to all who sponsor the flowers for Bethlehem’s Worship on Sunday Mornings. The beautiful arrangements enhance the worship experience for all. The 2024 Flower Chart is now posted. Many like to commemorate a special person, date or event with altar flowers. If you have a special date in mind, sign up to save that Sunday. The cost for each arrangement is \$40. The flower order is submitted one month at a time so please sign up by the 15th of the month for the flowers to be ordered for the next month. Payment may be made in advance or on the Sunday for which the flowers are ordered. Checks should be made payable to Kris Burow.

COMMUNION CARDS Please fill out a communion card from the pew rack before you come forward to receive communion. Keeping track of who has attended worship will allow us to provide better pastoral care for our members.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live.
~John 14:19

ATTENDANCE

Worship Attendance: 122 in-person, 76 people viewed the 3/24/24 Live worship and the recorded service on YouTube.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS *Go, tell his disciples, especially Peter, that he is going ahead of you into Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you.” Overcome with terror and dread, they fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.* This abrupt, even odd ending to Mark’s Gospel raises the question of how we will respond to the Easter Good News that Christ is risen and goes before us into the world in need of forgiveness, compassion and healing.

THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

GREETERS – Christina Raia and Family

USHERS – Don Cairns, Ralph Sergent

ACOLYTE – Zella Brisbo

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS – Don Telles, Mel White

LAY READER – David Ware

ALTAR GUILD – Susan Mahoney, Linda Telles

THIS WEEK AT BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, Mar. 31	8:30a	Easter Breakfast for Everyone
Easter Sunday	10:00a	Worship – Holy Communion
MONDAY	8:00a	Family Growth Center
	6:30p	BELCW Board Meeting
TUESDAY	8:00a	Family Growth Center
	9:30a	Staff Meeting
	6:30p	Handbell Choir
	7:30p	Senior Choir
WEDNESDAY	8:00a	Family Growth Center
	TBD	Bible Study Leaders Mtg.
THURSDAY	8:00a	Family Growth Center
	6:15p	T.N.T.
FRIDAY	8:00a	Family Growth Center
	7:00p	Narcotics Anonymous
SATURDAY	9:30a	F.A.B. Meets
SUNDAY, Apr. 7	8:45a	Children’s Sunday School
<i>Healing Service</i>	9:00a	Adult Forum
	10:00a	Worship – Holy Communion

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,

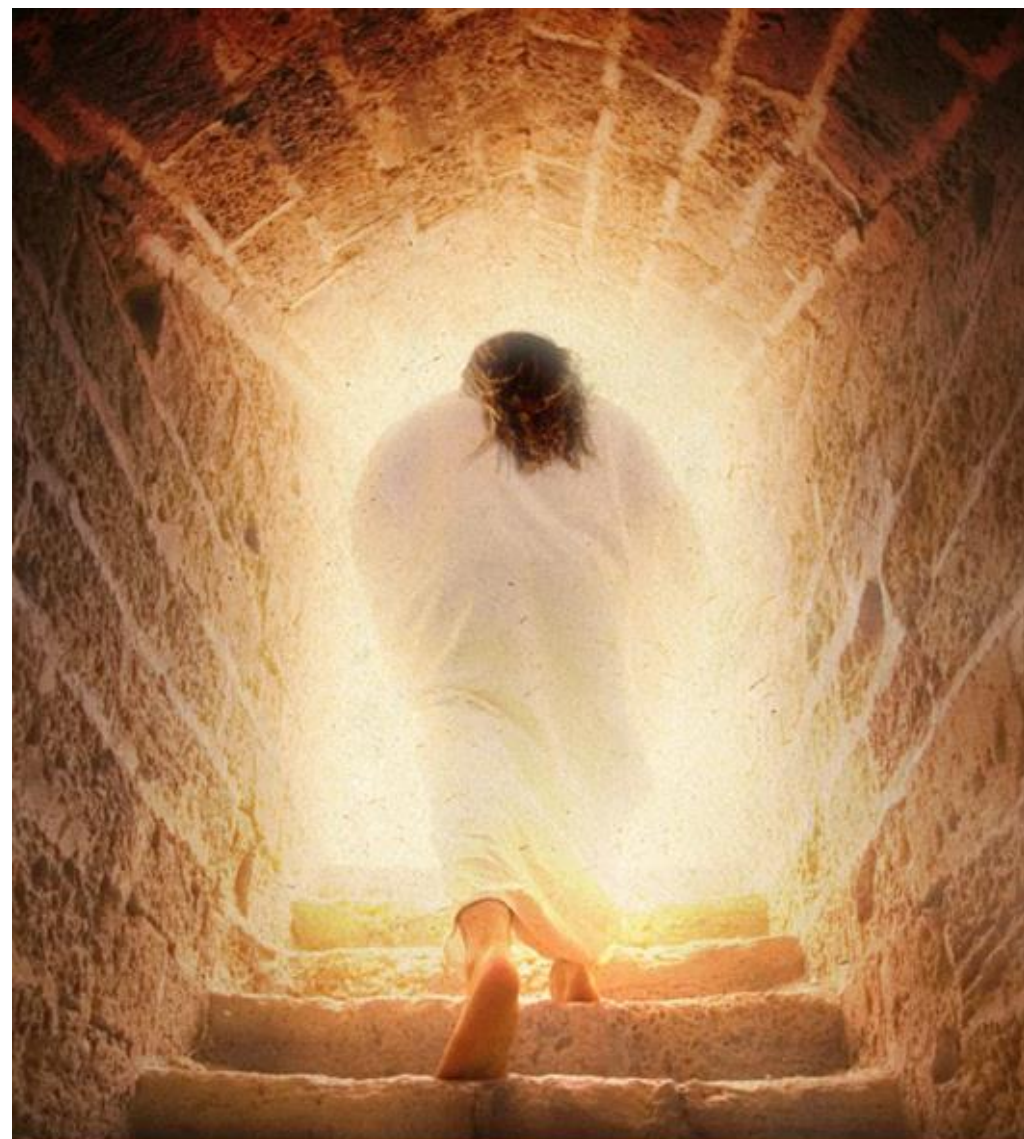
INVITE others to know God,

SERVE all people,

and, where I fall short of his expectations,

Jesus always offers me his love and forgiveness!

POWER Gifts



ENCOUNTERS
WITH THE RISEN CHRIST



EASTER FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

TO THE GLORY OF GOD IN MEMORY OF

All Volunteers, given by Sandra Westover & David Westover
Our Parents, Dave & Nancy Holderread
Our Parents, given by Rick & Jean Peckham
Loved Ones given by Jon Wilford
Our parents given by Ken & Peggy Teter
Ellen Jo White, given by Mel White
Johnathan D. Westover, give by Sandr & David Westover
Ruth Ferguson, given by Keith Ferguson & Family
Donald Martin given by Dorothy Martin
Al & Trudy Dase, given by Tim & Sue Nelson
Pastor & Mrs. Arnold Nelson, given by Tim & Sue Nelson
Ginnie Garatina, given by Connie & Bob Meeker
Ida White, my mother, given by Mary Bartel
Doug & Brenda Griffin, given by Kevin & Ashley Peckham
Family members who are waiting for us, given by Ralph &
Maragaret Sergent
Art & Helen Pratt, given by Gloria & Rob Robbins
Roland & Nadine Robbins, given by Gloria Robbins
Carol Pratt, given by Gloria Robbins
John & Darlene Sutherland, given by Gloria Robbins
Dick & Ginny Gaus, given by Chuck Gaus
Debbie Taylor, given by Connie & Bob Meeker
Mary Alice & John Snider given by The Snider &
Schneider Families
Loved Ones given by The Ferguson & Snider Families
Mrda Wareham & Gladys Westover, given by Sandra &
David Westover

TO THE GLORY OF GOD

Given by Matt & Cindy Marsh
Given by Donna Tenhave

TO THE GLORY OF GOD IN HONOR OF

My daughter, Natalie, and Grandchildren Wyatt & Everleigh,
given by Tracy Baker
Our Children & Grandchildren given by Keitha & David Snider
Our family, given by Ralph & Margaret Sergent
Great Pa Keith Ferguson, given by Amanda, Noah,
Jacob, Jonah, Andrew, Keith, Rose, Bill, Elodie & Hudson
Mel White, given by Mary Bartel
Michael, given by Susan Mahoney
Our Children & Grandchildren given by Rick & Jean Peckham
Our Children & Grandsons given by Kris & John Burow
Steven Cairns Family, given by Don & Lois Cairns
Daniel Cairns Family, given by Don & Lois Cairns
Jack & Sandy Midgley given by Matt & Cindy Marsh

