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Worship Service – 10:00  
May 22, 2022

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** The Altar flowers given to the glory of God by BELC in celebration of all the May birthdays.

**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 Faith Lutheran Church in Okemos, Michigan, Rev. Ellen Schoepf.

**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 – 72 in-person and 45 people viewed the 5/15/22 Live worship.

<b><i>Income received through March 31, 2022</i></b>	<b><i>\$76,167.21</i></b>
<b><i>Expenses through March 31, 2022</i></b>	<b><i>\$88,452.49</i></b>
	<b><i>(\$12,285.49)*</i></b>

*\*This includes an annual insurance bill of \$8,501.50. Taking only \$2,125.38 of this bill for the first quarter, our balance is (\$5,909.37)*

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

ORGANIST & HANDBELL DIRECTOR – James Schippers  
CHOIR DIRECTOR – Sue Nelson  
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP DIRECTOR – Laurey Wyble  
ASSISTING MINISTER – Bob Meeker  
LAY READER – Sandy Rollis  
ACOLYTE – Amaya Fernandez  
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS – Dorothy Martin, Joe Shreffler  
GREETERS – Dick & Sandy Rollis  
USHERS – Bob Christiansen, Joe Shreffler, David Snider  
ALTAR GUILD – Cheryl & Joe Shreffler  
A/V PRODUCTION – David Holderread, Jon Holderread, Kevin Meeker, Kevin Peckham, Paul Schmidt, David Westover

## PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

*Gracious God the story of your love is so amazing, so divine. Your message gives us hope, faith and courage. Bless our worship today so that we might go forth from here to be the instruments of peace, grace and love in our community and world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 [pastorjohnburow@gmail.com](mailto:pastorjohnburow@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.

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

*John Ransom* in McLaren Hospital, Lansing

**Those at home:** *Mary Ann Allen, John Bartel, Virginia Bauman*

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

*Marilyn Bass-Huyser, 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, Emily Viele, 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, 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

**OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY** We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Amy Hunter, daughter of Rhoda Hunter, who died Saturday, May 14, 2022. May God comfort those who mourn with the promise of eternal life for all those who trust and believe in Jesus Christ.

### **STEWARDSHIP PONDERING**

*The earth has yielded its harvest. God blesses us—our God blesses us!*

*Let God continue to bless us; let the far ends of the earth honor him.*

*~ Psalm 67:6-7*

**BIBLES FOR GRADUATES** In the social hall you will find Bibles on a table for you to sign for each of our graduates: **Ava Meeker, Justyn Prowdley, Madelyn Smith.** Please sign your name and write a note in the Bibles to encourage them in their faith. Maybe even list your favorite Bible verses. The bibles will be presented to them on Sunday, June 12, at the 10:00 service of worship.

**Lansing SAVE** Next Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup> is our fifth Sunday offering for Lansing SAVE. There are now 164 children in our group of students from BELC and the Baker Neighborhood. To give electronically – click on the “Online Giving” link on our website.

**JUNE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** We will meet after our worship service **on Sunday, June 5.** All are asked to stay and attend. We will be voting to elect officers to the Boards. This is the time to discuss and bring up anything that concerns the congregation and the church.

"In advance of the Congregational Meeting on June 5, please prayerfully consider offering your time and abilities to serve on one of the church Boards. As it is said " God's work, Our hands". Opportunities are available, with various terms of commitment. If you would like additional information, please contact a Board or Council member; or leave a call back request with Tracy at the office. Our Boards provide direction, based on input from all of us, to facilitate all aspects of our congregational life and service. Please pause to consider how you can contribute and thanks!"

**PENTECOST SUNDAY** On June 5, 2022, we will celebrate Pentecost. We are asking everyone to wear RED that Sunday. Pentecost Sunday is when we celebrate the giving of the Holy Spirit. This event, known as the birthday of the church, was the impetus for the disciples to begin to take the gospel to all the world! To symbolize the giving of the Spirit, we are asking everyone to wear red on Pentecost, as we acknowledge the Holy Spirit who inspires our worship and our faith, and gives us the power, week by week, to proclaim the kingdom of God.

**RED GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST!** The sign-up sheets for Red Geraniums to be used for Bethlehem's Pentecost Worship on June 5<sup>th</sup>, are on the table in the Lobby. The 10" potted geraniums are \$17 each. Payment will need to be made by May 27<sup>th</sup> and checks should be made out to Kris Burow. Thank you to those who wish to sponsor the spring plants for Bethlehem!

**THIS YEAR'S GRADUATES** We will recognize our graduates from Bethlehem Lutheran Church on June 12, 2022, during our Sunday worship service. Names of graduates connected with Bethlehem and the schools and colleges from which they are graduating should be given to the church office by Wednesday June 1, 2022. Thank you.

**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!

**LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE** They are 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.

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

**The webbing together of God, humans, and all creation in justice, fulfillment, and delight is what the Hebrew prophets call shalom.**

Shalom is a [Hebrew](#) word meaning *peace, harmony, wholeness, completeness, prosperity, welfare and tranquility* and can be used idiomatically to mean both *hello* and *goodbye*.

**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. Please come forward in an orderly fashion to the side on which you are seated and pick up an empty cup from the communion tray if you wish to receive wine. After receiving the bread from the presiding or assisting 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 pre-filled communion wafer and cup.

## **THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY**

**GREETERS** – Bob & Sue Christiansen

**LAY READER** – Jim Whitman

**USHERS** – Jim Whitman, Ben Darling, Dee Bernardi

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS** – Keitha Snider

**THIS WEEK AT BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**SUNDAY, May 22 10:00a**    **Worship – Holy Communion**  
**Worship (YouTube)**

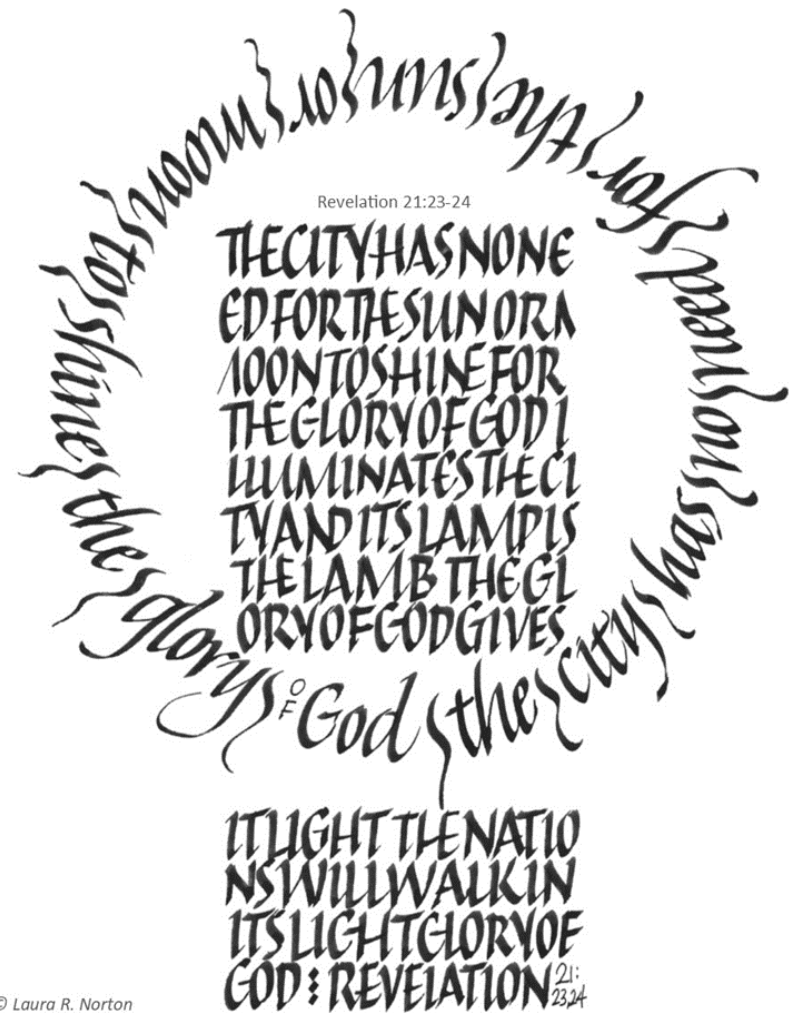
**TUESDAY**                    8:00a    Family Growth Center  
                                      7:00p    Choir Rehearsal

**WEDNESDAY**                8:00a    Family Growth Center

**THURSDAY**                 8:00a    Family Growth Center

**FRIDAY**                      **Church office closed**

**SUNDAY, May 29 10:00a**    **Worship – Holy Communion**  
**Worship (YouTube)**



**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**