

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY OF PENTECOST



# PERSEVERING

WITH THE GREAT CLOUD OF WITNESSES

HEBREWS 12:1

*2020.2021 Annual theme Bethlehem Lutheran, Brainerd*

November 15, 2020

## POINSETTIAS AND LIGHTS

You can honor or memorialize someone special by donating a poinsettia or money to purchase Christmas lights for the parking lot in their name.

Any donations are welcomed and appreciated. Please make checks payable to BELC with "poinsettias/lights" in the memo line. Contact the office with your name and the name of who you are honoring or memorializing at 829-3330 or [office@belcnet.net](mailto:office@belcnet.net).

## Join us for a THANKSGIVING DRIVE-IN SERVICE

*at Bethlehem  
Lutheran Church  
on Wednesday,  
November 25  
at 6:20 pm*

Bethlehem Lutheran Church is collecting monetary donations for

## THANKSGIVING BASKETS

donate to a family in need

*Monetary donations will be accepted through the month of November. Money in excess of what is needed for the baskets will be divided among other hunger-related causes supported by Bethlehem.*

The average cost for a basket for a family of four is \$60.

*Baskets will be distributed on Sunday, November 22. If you can deliver a basket around 9:30 am, please contact the office at 829-3330 or [office@belcnet.net](mailto:office@belcnet.net).*

I will praise your name, O God, in song;  
I will proclaim your greatness with thanksgiving.  
Psalm 69: 30

**The Board of Worship  
and Music is looking  
for people to help  
with Christmas Eve  
drive-in services at  
5:00 and 6:30 pm. If  
you'd like to help,  
please contact the  
office at 829-3330 or  
[office@belcnet.net](mailto:office@belcnet.net) for  
more information.**

## HELP NEEDED



# SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

P. (Pastor) C. (Congregation)

**Come as you are, but please stay in your car! Tune in your radio to 89.5 FM.**

## Prelude

### GATHERING

#### Confession and Forgiveness

P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.  
**C. Amen.**

P. God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C. Amen.**

P. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Pause for reflection and self-examination*

P. Most merciful God,

**C. we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P. in the mercy of almighty God....and of the Holy Spirit. **C. Amen.**

#### Gathering Hymn *Gather Us In* verses 1 and 4.....ELW Hymn #532

**Here in this place the new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away;  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

**Not in the dark of building confining, not in some heaven, light years away—  
here in this place the new light is shining, now is the kingdom, and now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

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## Greeting

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C. And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## WORD

**Reading** .....1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11

P. The word of the Lord.      **C. Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 90: 1-8, 12** *Read Responsively*

- 1 Lord, you have been our refuge  
    **from one generation to another.**
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born,  
    **from age to age you are God.**
- 3 You turn us back to the dust and say,  
    **"Turn back, O children of earth."**
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past  
    **and like a watch in the night;**
- 5 you sweep them away like a dream,  
    **they fade away suddenly like the grass;**
- 6 in the morning it is green and flourishes;  
    **in the evening it is dried up and withered.**
- 7 For we are consumed by your anger;  
    **we are afraid because of your wrath.**
- 8 Our iniquities you have set before you,  
    **and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**
- 12 So teach us to number our days  
    **that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.**

**Musical Offering** *Grace Like Rain* by Todd Agnew, Chris Collins, Edwin Othello Excell and John Newton.....Worship Team

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P. The holy gospel according to ...      **C. Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel** .....Matthew 25 14-30

P. The gospel of the Lord.      **C. Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Hymn of the Day** *When Peace like a River* verses 1 and 4.....ELW Hymn #785

**When peace like a river attendeth thy way, when sorrows like sea billows roll,  
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.**

**Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend; even so it is well with my soul.  
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.**

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## **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Sharing of the Peace and Announcements**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## **Words of Institution**

## **Prayer after Communion**

**A. O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord. C. Amen.**

# SENDING

## Blessing

P. Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. God, the creator, Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love. **C. Amen.**

## Dismissal

P. Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

**Receive communion kits as you leave. Commune in your car.**

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Special thanks to Jerry, Jon and Todd for running sound, Turner for livestreaming on Facebook, Scott for uploading the video to our website, and our ushers. Thank you to Nancy Albertson for playing today. Thank you to Worship Team for the musical offering. Please continue to mail in your weekly offerings, go to our website at [www.belcnet.net](http://www.belcnet.net) and give online, or sign up for direct deposit. **Thank you** to all who have already done so. Please continue to give generously as you are able.



We are looking for some PACKING volunteers.  
Please contact Shawn Hansen  
Call (218)232-3528 or Email [shawn@outreachprogramBLA.org](mailto:shawn@outreachprogramBLA.org)  
\*\*See dates and guidelines below

### Guidelines:

\*Must be at least 15 years of age & under 70 years of age to volunteer  
\*Must wear a mask or neck gator at all times (face shields are not appropriate) NO exceptions – If you cannot wear a mask or gator; please do not volunteer  
\*Must understand that you will NOT be 6 ft apart from other volunteers  
\*We will limit the # of people to NO more than 22 (our packaging room is big)  
\*You must be in good health and able to answer our health questionnaire prior to entering building  
\*You must not have any Covid 19 symptoms on date you are scheduled to volunteer  
\*If you've been COVID positive, must be clear for 14 days prior to your volunteer date  
\*Do not volunteer if you are in close contact with those at most risk for Covid such as living with elderly parents, grandparents, or have someone in your household/bubble that has vulnerabilities to Covid 19  
\*\*GUIDELINES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND WILL BE ENFORCED  
\*\*\*We are doing our best to be a Covid free facility – we are diligent in our cleaning and sanitizing procedures. Our mission is to provide 7 nutritious meal products to local area food shelves, shelters, community meal programs, schools, etc. We are trying to balance volunteer needs with our demand for meals. We take the safety of our volunteers serious, and also recognize the need for humanitarian food aide.

### Dates available:

Tues – Nov 17 <sup>th</sup> : 5:15 pm – 7 pm	Sun – Nov 29 <sup>th</sup> : 3:45 pm – 6 pm
Sat – Nov 21 <sup>st</sup> : 8:45 am – 11 am	Thurs – Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup> : 5 pm – 7:45 pm
Tues – Nov 24 <sup>th</sup> : 5:15 pm – 7 pm	Tues – Dec 8 <sup>th</sup> : 5:15 pm – 7 pm



### Sundays at 8:45 am

11/15: the Meyer family, Jackie Nornes  
11/22: Pam Stock, Al Gardner, Ben Reimers  
11/29: Meyer family, Greg Anderson

### Sundays at 10:30 am

11/15: Mary and Scott Parsons, Carla and Scott Stall  
11/22: Mike and Wendy Gindorff, Sue Skinner, Joe Lindholm  
11/29: Clayton Lang, Pam Stock, Al Gardner, Sue Skinner

### Wednesdays at 6:20 pm

11/18: Pam Stock and Al Gardner  
11/25: Hennessey and Lindholm families



A Pop-Up Pantry is a traveling food shelf that delivers nutritious food directly to families in need.

It is our priority to increase access to fresh, healthy food in every community throughout north central Minnesota.

**Partners:**  
Essentia Health

Additional services will be available after you pick up your food.

Crow Wing County financial workers will be there to answer your questions.



## **Pop-Up Pantry** FREE FOOD FOR ANYONE IN NEED

**Date:** November 23, 2020

**Time:** 1:00pm – 2:30pm or until food is gone

**Location:** Central Lakes College  
501 W. College Dr.  
Brainerd, MN. 56425

### **Instructions:**

- Stay in your car at all times and following signs to enter
- Food is available to those in need
- Carpooling: Two households per vehicle (1 food box per household)
- If you have more than two households in your vehicle, you can receive additional food by going to the back of the line.
- No restrooms will be available



## **Immediate Needs**

Want to help our community partners?  
Here are some of their needs:

### **Mid Minnesota Women's Center**

- \*school supplies, especially dry erase markers
- \*hats, mittens, and gloves for adults and children

### **Salvation Army**

It's Red Kettle time at Salvation Army! As you shop this season, please bring your change and drop it in outdoor kettles or their new countertop kettles. They are looking for businesses willing to have a counter kettle for collecting donations throughout the holiday season.

The Salvation Army is providing Christmas help for those in financial need. Call them this Tuesday or Wednesday for more information.

Please drop off donations at the organizations.



# UPCOMING EVENTS AT BETHLEHEM

## SUNDAY, November 15

8:45 am—drive-in worship with communion

9:45 am—Sunday School—masks will be worn

10:30 am —in-person with communion and live-streamed service on our Facebook page [bethlehem.brainerd](https://www.facebook.com/bethlehem.brainerd)

## TUESDAY, November 17

10:00 am—Mary Circle

## WEDNESDAY, November 18

5:30 pm—Worship Team rehearsal

6:20 pm—drive in worship with communion

7:00 pm—Catechism meeting via Zoom

7:00 pm—High School Youth Group meeting via Zoom

## THURSDAY, November 19

10:00 am—LSS PTSD groups

5:30 pm—Congregational Leadership Board meeting online via Zoom

7:00 pm—Smart Team meeting

## SATURDAY, November 21

9:00 am—Lay Leader Network Series

## SUNDAY, November 22—Christ the King Sunday

8:45 am—drive-in worship with communion

9:30 am—Sunday School

10:30 am —in-person with communion and live-streamed service on our Facebook page [bethlehem.brainerd](https://www.facebook.com/bethlehem.brainerd)

Please keep these people in your prayers:

**New:** Tammy Praught's mom; Jessica Rodenbiker; Mark Skogen; the family of Larry Olson; the family of Aldene Gosse; the family of Bob Johnson; Al Cororon; the Hannaman family; the family of Ken Snook; Chuck Steinbauer; Jim Brosseau

**Sympathy:** the family of Paula MacArthur; Lynn and Mitch Nelson on the death of Max

**Ongoing:** ; Aletta Simonitch; Rob Bement; for all affected by COVID; Michael Zickuhr; victims of domestic violence; all residents and staff of assisted living and nursing home facilities; Mike Stanek and family on future deployment; Nancy Walsh; Shari Hanson; Kevin Goedker; for peace in our world; Bob Morris; the unemployed; healthcare workers; Yvonne Doust; for protection from Corona Virus; Aldene Gosse; Bobbie Sayles; all dealing with addiction; all affected by mental health issues; all caregivers; everyone dealing with cancer

**Service:** Zac Myhre deployed to South Korea; Danny Smith deployed to Kuwait

**If you check into the hospital,** please call the Church Office at 829-3330 or let the Chaplain know you are from Bethlehem Lutheran Church so we can pray for you.

**Have a Prayer Request?** You are invited to call Deloris Ebinger at 829-2333 or the Church Office at 829-3330 or email [office@belcnet.net](mailto:office@belcnet.net) to have your request put on the Prayer Chain. Please note that we keep people on the prayer list for 3 weeks. If someone needs extended prayers, please let the office know.



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