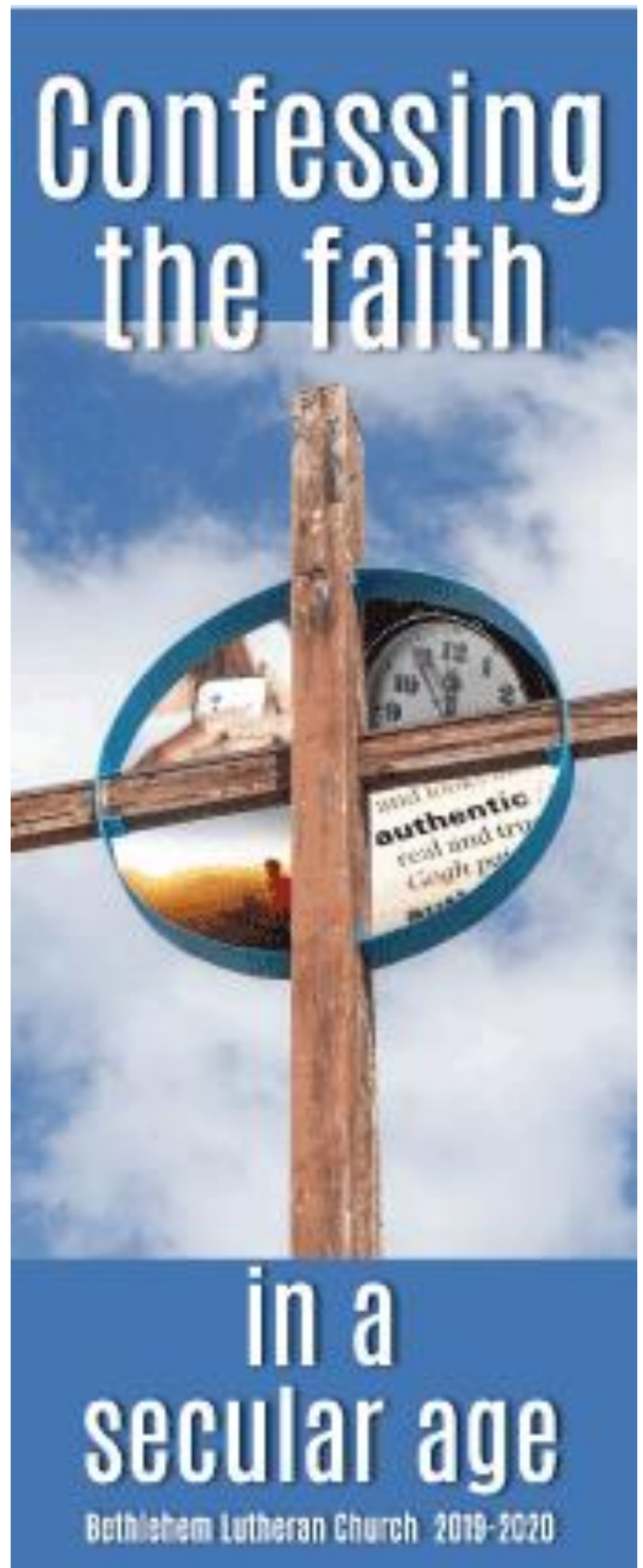
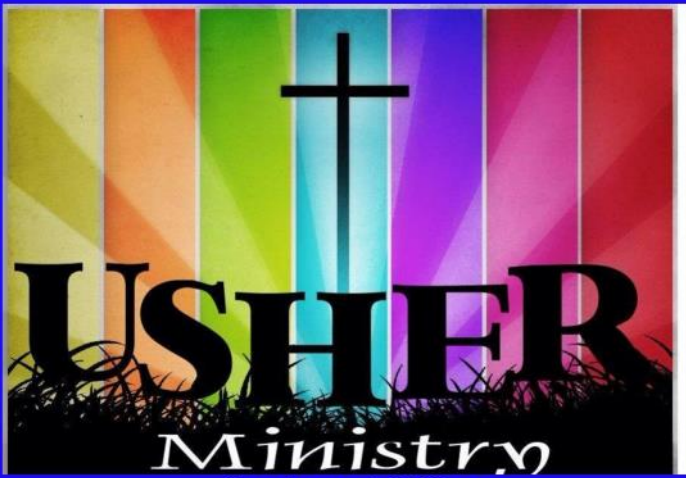


Service of
Worship

TENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

August 9, 2020





Sundays at 9:00 am

8/9: the Lindholm family, Keith and Kirsten Olson

8/16: Janis and Jim Peterson, Karen and Steve Rosenow

8/23: Janis and Jim Peterson, Carla and Scott Stall

8/30: the Hennessey and Meyer families

Wednesdays at 6:20 pm

8/12: Mike and Wendy Gindorff

8/19: Wendy Gindorff and Jackie Nornes

8/26: Greg and Sue Wiger

Join Pr. Mark for an
outdoor bible study
on the book of
Philippians

Bring your own chair and bible on
Thursdays in August from
9:00 – 10:30 am.

Sign up on our website at
www.belcnet.net

All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching. 2 Timothy 3:16

DO YOU NEED SOME MASKS?



We have an ABUNDANCE of masks from FEMA. If you'd like some plain white masks (they can be dyed if you'd like some color) for yourself or workplace, please contact the office at 829-3330 or office@belcnet.net. Masks can be picked up weekdays from 8:30 - 9:30 am.

While we still don't know what back to school will look like, we want to support our educators and students. We're looking for people to make masks for each of our smaller students. (We have plenty for adults and older children.) If you'd like to help with this, please contact the office at 829-3330 or office@belcnet.net for more information.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Setting Three of the ELW (red) hymnal

P. (Pastor) R. (Reader) C. (Congregation)

Prelude will begin 5 minutes before service begins. Come as you are, but please stay in your car! Tune in your radio to AM 1530.

GATHERING

Confession and ForgivenessELW Page 95

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **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 *God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind*ELW Hymn #400

God of tempest, God of whirlwind, as on Pentecost descend!

Drive us out from sheltered comfort; past these walls your people send!

Sweep us into costly service, there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!

God of blazing, God of burning, all that blocks your purpose, purge!

Through your church, Christ's living Body, for earth's healing set us free!

Where deceit conceals injustice, kindle us to speak your truth, kindle us to speak your truth!

God of earthquake, God of thunder, shake us loose from lethargy!

Break the chains of sin asunder, for earth's healing set us free!

Crumble walls that still divide us; make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!

God of passion, God unsleeping, stir in us love's restlessness!

Where the people cry in anguish, may we share your heart's distress.

Rouse us from content with evil, claim us for your kingdom's work, claim us for your kingdom's work!

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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

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

ReadingRomans 10: 5-15

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

Psalm 85: 8-13 *Read Responsively*

8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying;

for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

9 Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,

that your glory may dwell in our land.

10 Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;

righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11 Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,

and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,

and our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before the LORD

and shall prepare for God a pathway.

Musical Offering (10:30 only)

Blessed by Lewis Brice.....Josh Klukas and Todd Person

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

GospelMatthew 14: 22-33

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

SermonRev. Dr. Mark Skinner

Hymn of the Day *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*.....ELW Hymn #756

**Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm has bound the restless wave,
who bade the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:
oh, hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.**

**O Savior, whose almighty word the winds and waves submissive heard,
who walked upon the foaming deep, and calm amid the storm didst sleep:
oh, hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.**

**O Holy Spirit, who didst brood upon the chaos dark and rude,
and bid its angry tumult cease, and give, for wild confusion, peace:
oh, hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.**

**O Trinity of love and pow'r, all trav'lers guard in danger's hour
from rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them wheresoever they go;
thus, evermore shall rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.**

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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.

Prayers of Intercession

P. Lord in your mercy,

C. hear our prayer.

Sharing of the Peace

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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.

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.**

Sending Hymn *My Life Flows On in Endless Song*.....ELW Hymn #763

**My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation,
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?**

**Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?**

**What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?**

**The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing?
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?**

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DoxologyELW Hymn #884

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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Dismissal

P. Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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Special thanks to Jerry, Jon and Todd for running sound, Kevin for livestreaming on Facebook, Scott for uploading the video to our website, and our ushers. Thank you to Josh Klukas and Todd Person for the musical offering. Please continue to mail in your weekly offerings, go to our website at 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.



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

Mid Minnesota Women's Center needs
batteries of any size
masks for adults and children
food cards
gas cards

Immediate Needs



Our congregation will soon engage in service work right here in our community. We are one of over 9,100 congregations participating in "God's work. Our hands." Sunday, on Sept. 13. Across the country, thousands of members will engage in service work to make a positive change in our communities, build and deepen relationships and share God's love. Join us as we do God's work with our hands! Contact us for more information:

Bethlehem will be serving three organizations this year:
Mid MN Women's Center - outdoor projects
Northland Arboretum - prepping fall garden beds
Salem WEST - organizing indoors and doing projects outdoors
Meet in BELC parking lot at 11:30 for a drive-in blessing; work onsite 12:00 - 3:00
Sign up on our website at www.belcnet.net or call 829-3330.



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UPCOMING EVENTS AT BETHLEHEM

TODAY, August 9

9:00 am—drive in worship; stay in your car

10:25 am —prelude begins with service at 10:30 am streamed live on our Facebook page bethlehem.brainerd

TUESDAY, August 11

6:30 pm—BELC SMART Team meeting online via Zoom

WEDNESDAY, August 12

6:20 pm—drive in service; stay in your car

THURSDAY, August 13

9:00 am—outdoor bible study with Pr. Mark; bring your own bible and chair

5:30 pm—Board of Congregational Care and Community meeting online via Zoom

8:00 pm—High School Youth Group ONLINE only via Zoom; email/text Pr. Sarah for more info

SUNDAY, August 16

9:00 am—drive in worship with communion; stay in your car

10:25 am —prelude begins with service at 10:30 am streamed live on our Facebook page bethlehem.brainerd

Please keep these people in your prayers:

New: Stanley Johnsrud; Mike Stanek and family on future deployment

Sympathy: Al Kampf and family on the death of his sister; Pr. Sarah and family on the death of her grandma

Ongoing: Sue Skinner; thanksgiving from Bailey and Nick Lundgren; Nancy Walsh; Shari and Hunter Hanson; Barb Howard; Sig Boldt; Kevin Goedker; Dave Emery; for peace in our world; residents and staff of Bethany Nursing Home; Bob Morris; all residents and staff of assisted living and nursing home facilities; the unemployed; healthcare workers; Yvonne Doust; Jenny Pederson; for protection from Corona Virus; Aldene Gosse; Bobbie Sayles; Roy Cheney; those who are abused; all dealing with addiction; couples trying to have babies; all affected by mental health issues; all caregivers; everyone dealing with cancer

Service: Zac Myhre deployed to South Korea

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 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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