

Service of
Worship

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

September 20, 2020



Confessing
the faith

and love...
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Bless

in a
secular age

Bethlehem Lutheran Church 2019-2020



Sundays at 8:45 am

9/20: the Meyer family and Mary and Scott Parsons

9/27: Keith and Kirsten Olson and Janis and Jim Peterson

Sundays at 10:30 am

9/20 and 9/27: Mike and Wendy Gindorff, Clayton Lang, Sue Skinner

Wednesdays at 6:20 pm

9/23: the Lindholm family

9/30: Greg and Sue Wiger

**ALL STUDENTS AND EDUCATORS
IN 2020-2021**

**BACK TO
SCHOOL BLESSING**

All students and educators are invited to receive a special blessing on Sunday, September 27 at either the 8:45 am drive-in or 10:30 am in-person (you must be preregistered) service. Masks will be given to all participants.

09.27.20

"And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them." Mark 10:16

CONTACT THE OFFICE AT 829-3330 OR OFFICE@BELCNET.NET IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

2020-2021

SUNDAY SCHOOL

**BEGINNING
SEPTEMBER
27, 2020
9:45AM**

9:30 AM - HOUSEHOLDS CAN BEGIN ENTERING THE BUILDING FROM THE DOOR BY THE COMMUNITY OFFICE. HAND SANITIZER WILL BE USED AT CHECK IN.

9:45AM SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL BEGIN

10:15AM SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL END

HOUSEHOLDS WILL LEAVE THROUGH THE SOUTH DOOR IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.

10:30AM IN PERSON WORSHIP BEGINS IN THE SANCTUARY

**BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

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EVERYONE WILL MEET IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL. ALL HOUSEHOLDS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE AN ADULT WITH THEM. HOUSEHOLDS WILL SIT TOGETHER AND PHYSICALLY DISTANCED FROM OTHER GROUPS. MASKS ARE RERQUIRED IN THE BUILDING.

**MEETING DATES
FOR FALL:**

SEPTEMBER 27
OCTOBER 4
OCTOBER 11
OCTOBER 25
NOVEMBER 1
NOVEMBER 8
NOVEMBER 15
NOVEMBER 22
DECEMBER 6
DECEMBER 13
DECEMBER 20

OUR PLAN IS AS LONG AS THE BRAINERD SCHOOL DISTRICT IS EITHER HYBRID OR IN PERSON WE WILL MEET IN PERSON. WHEN ISD181 GOES ALL ONLINE WE WILL NOT HAVE SUNDAY SCHOOL IN PERSON.

PLEASE BRING CAMP CHAIR(S) IF YOU WANT THEM, MASKS, AND YOUR BIBLES.

2020-2021

CATECHISM

**BEGINNING
SEPTEMBER
23, 2020
7:00PM**

OUR PLAN IS AS LONG AS THE BRAINERD SCHOOL DISTRICT IS EITHER HYBRID OR IN PERSON WE WILL MEET IN PERSON. WHEN THE ISD181 GOES ALL ONLINE WE WILL FOLLOW SUIT AND MOVE TO THE ZOOM PLATFORM.

6:50PM CATECHISM STUDENTS WILL CHECK IN THROUGH THE DOOR BY THE COMMUNITY OFFICE

7:00PM CATECHISM WILL BEGIN

8:00PM CATECHISM WILL END AND LEARNERS WILL EXIT THROUGH THE SOUTH FELLOWSHIP DOORS.

WE ARE GOING TO TRY TO HOLD CATECHISM OUTSIDE FOR AS LONG AS POSSIBLE. INDOORS MASKS ARE REQUIRED. PLEASE SEND YOUR YOUTH WITH A CAMP CHAIR, THEIR BIBLE AND A MASK IN CASE OF BAD WEATHER.

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6-8TH GRADERS WILL MEET WITH PASTOR SARAH

9TH GRADERS WILL MEET WITH PASTOR MARK

**MEETING DATES
FOR FALL:**

SEPTEMBER 23
SEPTEMBER 30
OCTOBER 7
OCTOBER 21
OCTOBER 28
NOVEMBER 4
NOVEMBER 11
NOVEMBER 18
DECEMBER 2
DECEMBER 9
DECEMBER 16

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

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 89.5 FM.

We continue to work on sound issues during the live-stream service. Thank you for your patience.

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 *Great is Thy Faithfulness*ELW Hymn #733

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.**

**Summer and winter and spring-time and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.**

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.**

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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

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

Reading Philippians 1:21-30

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

Psalm 145: 1-8 *Read Responsively*

- 1 I will exalt you, my God and king,
 and bless your name forever and ever.
- 2 Every day will I bless you
 and praise your name forever and ever.
- 3 Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised!
 There is no end to your greatness.
- 4 One generation shall praise your works to another
 and shall declare your power.
- 5 I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty
 and all your marvelous works.
- 6 They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts,
 and I will recount your greatness.
- 7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;
 they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.
- 8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
 slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Musical Offering (10:30 am only)

Lift High the Cross by Sydney H. Nicholson.....Charlie Johnson

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

GospelMatthew 20: 1-16

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

Hymn of the Day *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*ELW Hymn #659

**Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.**

**We are pilgrims on a journey, we are trav'lers on the road;
we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.**

**I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.**

**Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.**

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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 (10:30 am only)

P. Lord, in your mercy, C. hear our prayer.

Sharing of the Peace

Words of Institution (8:45 am and Wednesday 6:20 pm only)

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.

Communing Together (8:45 am and Wednesday 6:20 pm only)

Prayer after Communion (8:45 am and 6:20 pm only)

P. God of the welcome table, in this meal we have feasted on your goodness and have been united by your presence among us. Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts so that we may share your neighborly love with all, through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life. **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.**

Sending *On Our Way Rejoicing*ELW Hymn #537

**On our way rejoicing gladly let us go. Christ our Lord has conquered; vanquished is the foe.
Christ without, our safety; Christ within, our joy; who, if we be faithful, can our hope destroy?
On our way rejoicing; as we forward move, hearken to our praises, O blest God of love!**

**Unto God the Father joyful songs we sing; unto God the Savior thankful hearts we bring;
unto God the Spirit bow we and adore, on our way rejoicing now and evermore.**

On our way rejoicing; as we forward move, hearken to our praises, O blest God of love!

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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, Turner for livestreaming on Facebook, Scott for uploading the video to our website, and our ushers. Thank you to Charlie Johnson 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.



Immediate Needs

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

Confidence Learning Center
*gift cards from any local store in any amount for their wish list

Habitat for Humanity
*needs volunteers at ReStore

Mid Minnesota Women's Center
*food and gas cards

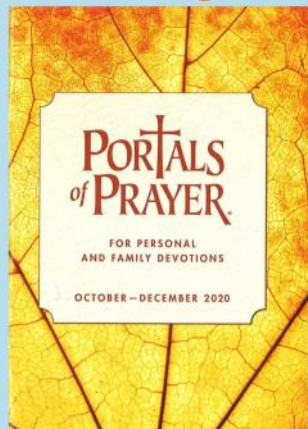
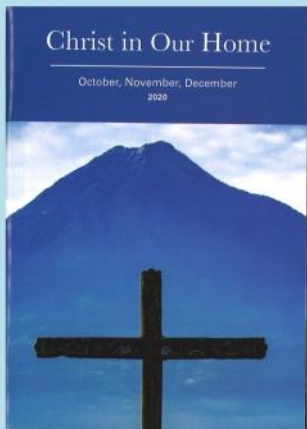
Celebrate the feast of St. Francis of Assisi with a

BLESSING OF ANIMALS



Bethlehem will celebrate the feast of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4 with a blessing of animals at the drive-in services that week (8:45 am on October 4 and 6:20 pm on October 7). Bring your pets. They must be on leashes, in pet carriers, or must remain in the vehicle/trailer.

NEED A NEW COPY OF Christ in Our Home or Portals of Prayer?



Stop by the office
between 8:30 am and
12:00 pm on weekdays to
pick one up.

ARE YOU
INTERESTED IN BECOMING A
MEMBER OF BETHLEHEM?

OUR NEXT
NEW MEMBER
SUNDAY WILL BE
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11.

CONTACT PR. MARK AT
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OR THE OFFICE 829-3330 OR
OFFICE@BELCNET.NET.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT BETHLEHEM

TODAY, September 20

8:45 am—drive-in worship with communion; stay in your car

10:15 am—preregistered people may begin entering sanctuary for 10:30 am service; must be preregistered (on our website at www.belcnet.net or call 829-3330 before Friday at noon); masks will be worn; nursery and playground closed; no group singing

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

MONDAY, September 21

5:00 pm—Creation Care Team meeting in BELC parking lot

WEDNESDAY, September 23

5:00 pm—Bell Choir rehearsal

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

7:00 pm—Catechism begins; you will be outside as much as possible but still bring a mask

7:00 pm—High School Youth Group begins; you will be outside as much as possible but still bring a mask

THURSDAY, September 24

6:30 pm—Smart Team meeting online via Zoom

SATURDAY, September 26

Young/Gohman wedding offsite

SUNDAY, September 27—Back to School blessing for educators and students at both services today

8:45 am —drive in worship; stay in your car

9:30 am—Sunday School families may begin entering building; Sunday School runs from 9:45—10:15 am in Fellowship Hall; masks will be worn

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Please keep these people in your prayers:

New: Chuck Steinbauer; Gudrun Johnson and family on the death of her son Fred; youth in Pine River accident

Sympathy: Natalie Embertson's family on the death of her aunt Carol

Ongoing: victims of domestic violence; Ron Larson; Sam; Dan True; Nancy Whitstone; Uncle Charles; Stanley Johnsrud; Greg Anderson; Alissa Jensen; Jackie Nornes; Nancy Albertson; 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; 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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