

BETHANY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

"You have a place here! Joyfully we profess our faith through God's unconditional love. Here and now God dwells in all of our lives, bears our sins on the cross, and forgives us all."

TODAY WE CELEBRATE ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

9:00 am on Sunday, November 1, 2020

Holy Communion Worship

Pr. Dave Johnson, presiding



All Saints Day celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

ALL ARE WELCOME

The family of Bethany hopes that your worship experience is spiritually fulfilling and your day begins with our Lord's gifts of peace and joy.

As Christians of the Reformation tradition, we believe that the Sacrament of the Altar is the Real Presence of Christ's body and blood, instituted by Christ Himself as a sign of unity. All baptized and confessing believers are welcome to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. For those who are worshipping online at home, communion kits may be picked up in the parking lot at Bethany on Saturdays between 1:00 and 2:00 p.m. and on Sundays between 8 and 8:30 a.m

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE SEASON OF PENTECOST

Minister/Leaders speak regular print—Congregation speaks bold print

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THE GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Today's prelude, hymns, background music for the lessons, and postlude are offered in memory of Eleanor Gustavson, Charlie Modlin, Larry Raiche, Dorothy Temple, and Harlan Walters, reflecting songs that were played at their funerals.

▼ Call to Worship

▲ Invocation

We gather together in the name of the Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

▲ Confession and Forgiveness

The Peace of Christ be with you always
And also with you

Let us take this time now to confess our sin in the presence of God
and in the presence of one another:

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
healer of our every ill,
source of unending mercy. **Amen**

Embraced in enduring grace and good hope,
let us turn again to God,
confessing the truth about ourselves. *(Brief Silence)*

Into our darkness, doubt, and despair
Come, Christ Jesus, be our light.

Into our sorrow, sickness, and grief
Come, Christ Jesus, be our comfort.

Into each conflict, division, and wrongs we have done
Come, Christ Jesus, be our peace.

Into our wounded lives and world
Come, Christ Jesus, be our hope.

When we call to you, hear our cry.
 Do not abandon us but draw us in, take our sin, and draw near to us.
Come, Christ Jesus, be our life.

We gather around the cross, first to hear the promises of God,
 then to speak aloud our need for healing and hope, and
 to pray in silence offering our very selves before this God
 who washes away the sin of the world.

On behalf of God's promises and by His authority alone,
 I declare unto you the entire forgiveness of all your sins
 in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

▲ **Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God,
**you have knit your people together in one communion
 in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**
**Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and
 commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for
 those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and
 reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**
Amen.

THE WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song

*Jesus remember me, When you come into to your kingdom
 Jesus remember me, When you come into to your kingdom*

▼ **Scripture Readings**

From the Gospel of John, Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house, there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself so that

where I am, there you may be also. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live.” (John 14:1-6, 18-19)

Jesus remember me, When you come into to your kingdom
Jesus remember me, When you come into to your kingdom

In 1 John, the apostle John writes:
 See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. (1 John 3:1-3)

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In Romans, the apostle Paul writes:
 For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living. (Romans 14:7-9)

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And in Revelation we read:
 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.” (Revelation 21:1-4)

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

▼ **Sermon—God’s Word Applied to Life**

▲ **Hymn of the Day**

“How Great Thou Art” (page 9)

▲ **Prayers**

Emmanuel, God with us, be present with us here
and now as we pray to you.

God our rock, be the rock of support that even if our world were to crash down
around us, you keep us grounded and leave us standing firm.

Prince of peace, in families, communities, cities, countries,
and in all areas of the world, have your peace that lasts
enter in and change our hearts and minds to create healing.

Healing God, we pray for all those who are sick,
suffering, and need of help and healing
especially those that we name before you now
either aloud or in the silence of our hearts.

brief silence

Wonderful Counselor, we pray for your church,
the people gathered in Your name today, that you give us direction,
guidance, and vision to reach out to the world with your love.

God of the living and the dead, we give you thanks for those people
you have placed in our lives that shared with us Your unfailing love.

Give us the reassurance that their witness lives on in our lives
and we will see our loved ones again.

Into your hands, faithful God, we place ourselves and our prayers,
spoken and unspoken, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

▲ *Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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.

▼ *Lighting of Candles on the Cross*

*This All Saints Sunday and every day we remember and give thanks
for those who passed on their faith and love to us, including:*

Larry Raiche

Dorothy Temple

Richard Mollick

Betty Brocker

Charlie Modlin

Gunhild & Walter Franzen

Serafine Sparapani

James Andrew & Corona Scott

Ray & Helen Hall

Donald Anderson

Alice & Roger Treves

Ernst Seeborg

Andrew Seeborg

Linda Hahn

Grant Ebeling

Harlan Walters

Betty

Rodney Walter

Sue and Doc Theisen

Anna Scog

Leslie Walters

Helen Lequia

Dalton Burrus

Roy & June Hawkinson

Larry Underhill

Capt. J. P. & Ruth Perkins

Charles & Leanda Christmas

W.V & Anna Lee Perkins

Jim & Mary Randall

Lester & Rosella Walsingham

Victor & Mary Borga

Marci Arnett

Cyndi Bens

▼ **Offering and Presentation of the Gifts***October— December Mission ~ Adopt-A-Family Fund*▲ **The Words of Institution**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,
and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

▲ **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.

▲ **Invitation To Communion**

God keeps adding places to the table.

Come to the banquet that has no end!

▲ **Post Communion Blessing and Prayer**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in His grace until He comes again.

In the name of the Father, the † Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

We thank you, God our host,
for inviting us here to taste the future
when you will feed all the hungry at your table.
Keep this hope alive in us and in our communities,
so that we might bring hope to a suffering world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

▲ **Blessing**

Signed and sealed by the Holy Spirit,
 you are Christ's message of love for this troubled world,
 written by the same Sender.

May our Lord Jesus Christ and God our Father,
 who loved us and through grace gave us
 eternal comfort and good hope,
 † comfort your hearts and strengthen them
 in every good work and word.

Amen.

▲ **Hymn of Sending**

"Borning Cry" (page 10)

▲ **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Set your hope on Christ.

Thanks be to God.

† *In Remembrance* †

Our church bell will toll at noon today as we join congregations throughout the Northern Great Lakes Synod in memory of the more than one million people worldwide who have died from COVID 19. Our Bishop Katherine Finegan also encourages us to light a candle in our homes at noon on this All Saints Day.

How Great Thou Art



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der con - sid - er
 2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the
 3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, sent him to
 4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y
 birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft - y moun-tain
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur - den glad - ly
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, thy pow'r through-out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
 gran - deur and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
 bear - ing he bled and died to take a - way my sin;
 ra - tion and there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee, how great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

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Borning Cry



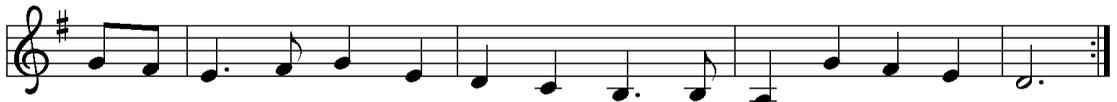
- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
 3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.
 you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
 I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
 If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
 When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."
 I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
 I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



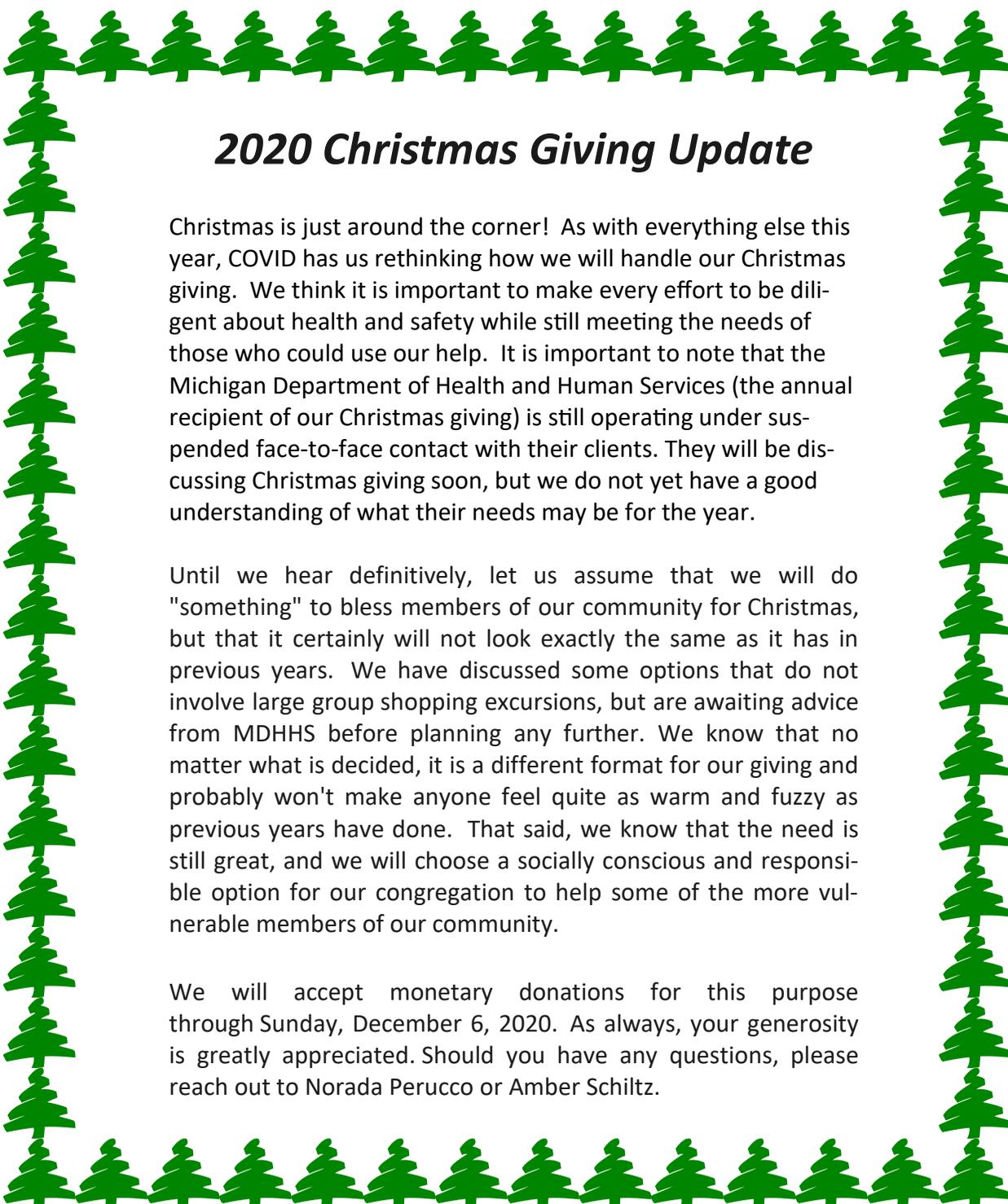
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2020 Christmas Giving Update

Christmas is just around the corner! As with everything else this year, COVID has us rethinking how we will handle our Christmas giving. We think it is important to make every effort to be diligent about health and safety while still meeting the needs of those who could use our help. It is important to note that the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (the annual recipient of our Christmas giving) is still operating under suspended face-to-face contact with their clients. They will be discussing Christmas giving soon, but we do not yet have a good understanding of what their needs may be for the year.

Until we hear definitively, let us assume that we will do "something" to bless members of our community for Christmas, but that it certainly will not look exactly the same as it has in previous years. We have discussed some options that do not involve large group shopping excursions, but are awaiting advice from MDHHS before planning any further. We know that no matter what is decided, it is a different format for our giving and probably won't make anyone feel quite as warm and fuzzy as previous years have done. That said, we know that the need is still great, and we will choose a socially conscious and responsible option for our congregation to help some of the more vulnerable members of our community.

We will accept monetary donations for this purpose through Sunday, December 6, 2020. As always, your generosity is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions, please reach out to Norada Perucco or Amber Schiltz.

Alter Flowers
are given with thanks for the saints who have gone before us by Lori Ward
and
In Memory of Grandparents Mary & Everett Chellew
by Bryan Chellew

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Bethany Needs YOU! Through term limits and resignations, Bethany Council will be in need of four new members to serve beginning in January. Please prayerfully consider serving Bethany as a Council member. If you have ideas for our church, would like to have input on church matters, or if you are just interested in serving Bethany as a Council member, please contact Pastor Dave or any current Council member ASAP. Current members are Erv Sparapani, Mike Randall, Ray Anderson, Vicki Underhill and Sally Borga. As we looking to the future and what that may look like for our church, we would like to do so with a full Council. Again, please consider helping lead Bethany into the future.

Two weekly events at Bethany are open to members and friends: **Community Coffee** at 9 a.m. every Tuesday and **The Men's Breakfast and Bible Study** at 7 a.m. every Thursday.

Please contact the church office with any additions or updates to the **prayer list** published in our weekly bulletin and monthly newsletter.

Help us to update the Bethany congregational directory! If you receive an e-mail asking for your household information, please get back to the church office.

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