

*Are you envious  
because I am generous?*

MATTHEW 20:15



+ The 16th Sunday After Pentecost +

## September 20, 2020

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### AS WE GATHER

A part of us expects justice from God. We think that fairness ought to reign—that each of us should get what we deserve. But this is a dead end. God does not give us what we deserve but acts with mercy and grace beyond belief. He is scandalously generous and lavish with us—giving us what we do not deserve and have not earned. We are tempted to ask God for equity and what we deserve, but God is determined to give us so much more in Christ. Only in faith can we learn to let God be God, to honor His generosity with the only response He desires: faith and thanksgiving. Today we pray the Lord to break through to our hearts and minds with His abundant grace and to rejoice that He is more than fair—He is merciful!

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*Regarding Holy Communion: When we gather at the Lord's Table, the cup of blessing we receive is a sharing in the blood of Christ; the bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ. We who are many are one bread and body in Christ (I Cor. 10:16-17). As a people baptized into the life of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to us in this holy meal to renew us individually and together in our life of faith and following him.*

*Since Christian denominations have differing understandings of Holy Communion, if you are not a member of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation and have not communed here before, we ask that you speak with the pastor or elder prior to communing with us the first time. Those not communing are invited to cross their arms over their chests and approach the pastor for a blessing during the distribution. Also, if certain factors prohibit you from partaking of regular wine, non-alcoholic wine is available in the center circle of the tray. If you would like to begin sharing this sacred meal with us on a regular basis, please ask the pastor for a time of faith instruction and formation.*

**Liturgical Color:**

**Green is the color of life and growth in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

**Prelude .....**.....Gary Moege and Lorraine Miller  
("Nocturne #2, By: Frédéric Burgmüller: 1806-1874)

# Welcome .....

**Stand**

## Invocation Hymn.. “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness” #849 (1&3)

1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness, With a lib - er -  
3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered  
at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,  
in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious  
Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the  
That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and  
Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm-ing  
glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us  
storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.  
praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

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## Divine Service, Setting Two Confession and Absolution

*The sign of the cross † may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

### Confession and Absolution.....page 167

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

Entrance Hymn ..... "The Lamb" #547 (2, 4, & 5)

2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.  
 4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.  
 5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now o - ver - flows.

The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.  
 He lives, for - gives, He gives me His own righ-teous - ness.  
 His song pro - long Till ev - 'ry heart to Him be - long.

*Refrain*

Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His  
 own! The Lamb is reign-ing on His throne!

# Kyrie.....

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A musical staff with a treble clef and a dotted half note.

**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

A musical staff with a treble clef and a dotted half note.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

A musical staff with a treble clef and a dotted half note.

**A** For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.

A musical staff with a treble clef and a dotted half note.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

A musical staff with a treble clef and a dotted half note.

**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

A musical staff with a treble clef and a dotted half note.

and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.

A musical staff with a treble clef and a dotted half note.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

A musical staff with a treble clef and a dotted half note.

**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise

A musical staff with a treble clef and a dotted half note.

let us pray to the Lord.

A musical staff with a treble clef and a dotted half note.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

A musical staff with a treble clef and a dotted half note.

**A** Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.

A musical staff with a treble clef and a dotted half note.

**C** A - men.

## Hymn of Praise ..... "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful" #955

Let the vine - yards be fruit-ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our  
cup of bless-ing. Gath - er a har-vest from the seeds that were  
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the  
hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we  
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and  
give us A fore-taste of the feast to come.

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## Salutation and Collect of the Day ..... page 172

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And also with you.  
**P** Let us pray.  
**C** Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Sit*

## Old Testament ..... Isaiah 55:6-9

"Seek the Lord while he may be found;  
call upon him while he is near;  
let the wicked forsake his way,

and the unrighteous man his thoughts;  
let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.  
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.  
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts."

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual ..... (spoken in unison)

**Fear the LORD, you his saints,  
for those who fear him lack nothing!  
Many are the afflictions of the righteous,  
but the LORD delivers him out of them all.**

## Epistle ..... Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. . . .

for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. For it has been

granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse ..... *page 173*

The musical notation consists of two staves. The top staff shows a melody in G major with a treble clef, featuring quarter and eighth notes. The bottom staff shows lyrics in common time. The first line of lyrics is "Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?" followed by a repeat sign and a basso continuo line. The second line of lyrics is "You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia."

## Holy Gospel ..... Matthew 20:1-16

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twentieth chapter.

The musical notation consists of one staff in G major with a treble clef, showing a melody with quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are "Glo - ry to You, O Lord."

[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a

denarius? Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' So the last will be first, and the first last."

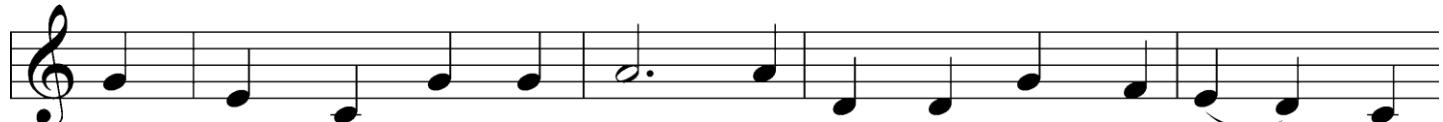
**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

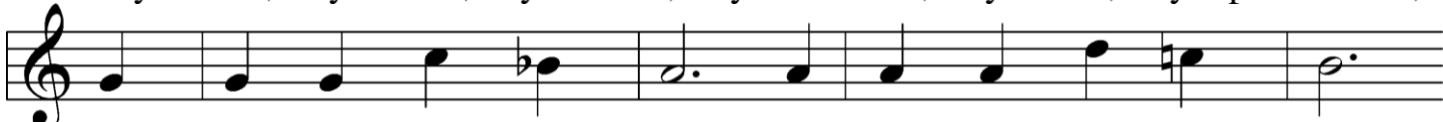
**Hymn of the Day** ..... "What is the World to Me" #730 (3&4)



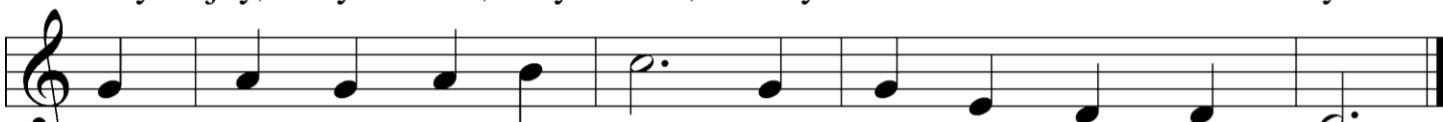
3 The world seeks af - ter wealth And all that mam - mon of - fers  
4 What is the world to me! My Je - sus is my trea - sure,



Yet nev - er is con - tent Though gold should fill its cof - fers.  
My life, my health, my wealth, My friend, my love, my plea - sure,



I have a high - er good, Con - tent with it I'll be:  
My joy, my crown, my all, My bliss e - ter - nal - ly.



My Je - sus is my wealth. What is the world to me!  
Once more, then, I de - clare: What is the world to me!

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**Sermon** ..... "Fairness & Scandalous Generosity"

*Stand*

**Nicene Creed** ..... *page 174*

I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures

and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Prayer of the Church ..... page 175

**P** Lord, in Your mercy

**C** Hear our prayer.

**P** ... now and forever,

**C** Amen.

## Offering

*Offering plates will not be passed during the service; worshipers may place their offerings into the plate located at the entrance.*

## Offertory ..... page 176

C What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal -  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

## Communion Distribution

*Communion Distribution will be standing format with Pastor near the chancel steps. Families will be released one at a time by the usher to partake, maintaining physical distance between each family unit. Pastor and Elders will be wearing masks and gloves. Pastor will drop the wafer into your hands, so please cup them together and hold them chest-level. Individual plastic cups only will be used, and if you're not taking the non-alcoholic wine from the center, please make sure to take from the outer circle first until all of those are gone before reaching for the next level in. Baskets to the left of the table will be available for you to place your used cup inside.*

## Service of the Sacrament

### Communion Liturgy ..... pages 160-162

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.

- C** We lift them to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- P** It is truly good, right, and beneficial . . . evermore praising You and saying:
- C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.**
- Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**
- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, . . . To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## Lord's Prayer.....page 179

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- C** **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.**
- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**Pax Domini** ..... *page 180*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

**Agnus Dei** ..... *page 180*

**C** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world;  
have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of  
God, You take a-way the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

*Sit (until motioned to rise and proceed forward if going for Communion or a blessing).*

**Communion Hymns** ..... Gary Moege and Lorraine Miller  
“Rock of Ages”, Arr. by Gary Moege  
“O Blessed Spring”, Arr. by Gary Moege  
“What Wondrous Love Is This”, Arr. by Gary Moege

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*Stand*

**Post Communion Canticle** ..... *page 181*

**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what  
He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -

oice and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Post Communion Collect ..... page 183

- P** Let us pray. . . . who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C** Amen.

## Benediction ..... page 183

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
 The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## Sending Hymn ..... "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" #411 (2)

2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.  
 I want to look at Je - sus.  
 Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,  
 And show me the way to the Fa - ther.

*Refrain*

In Him there is no dark - ness at all.  
 The night and the day are both a - like.  
 The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.  
 Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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## Dismissal ..... (Bethlehem's Mission)

- P** Grow in Christ,
- C** Live in Love and Share the Faith!

## Postlude ..... Gary Moege and Lorraine Miller ("2 Part Invention #8" by: J. S. Bach: 1685-1750)

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### Daily Readings

**September 20:** Nehemiah 4:7–23; 1 Timothy 3:1–16; **September 21:** Nehemiah 5:1–16; 6:1–9, 15–16; 1 Timothy 4:1–16; **September 22:** Nehemiah 7:1–4; 8:1–18; 1 Timothy 5:1–16; **September 23:** Nehemiah 9:1–21; 1 Timothy 5:17–6:2; **September 24:** Nehemiah 9:22–38; 1 Timothy 6:3–21; **September 25:** Malachi 1:1–14; Matthew 3:1–17; 26: Malachi 2:1–3:5; Matthew 4:1–11.

### Prayers

**For Sustenance, Healing, and Provision**—We remember those who are dealing with illness, are homebound or in nursing homes, recovering from hospitalization, and going through rehabilitation: Paula Brewer, Ray & Mary Carstensen, Delores Christianson, Leona Droege, Cindy Dudley, Charlie Fair, Wilma Gertz, Ralph Hein, Roy Hillmann (Bonnie Rich's father) Sharon Hochsprung, Heather Jackson (Kaye Fair's neice), Mary Johnson, Charles Keseman, Creed Kueker (infant son of Pr.

Kueker from Trinity Lutheran-Clinton), Marty Lehn, Marvin Logan (Nicole Clemons' father), Kathy Marshall, Johnny Nichol, Rachel Nichol, Jim Rudy, Cindy Schnell, Greg Trimble (Kaye Fair's brother-in-law) and Paula Willis (Bonnie Rich's friend). *We remember as well all who are dealing with COVID-19, especially the healthcare providers who are straining to prevent, stem the spread, and treat those who are ill!*

**For Pregnant Mothers**, especially Alexia Gray as she awaits childbirth next month. May the Lord grant good health and joyful expectation!

**For Military Members**—We remember all service and support personnel who are deployed and stationed away from us and their families: Andy Burden, Ty Carter, Chance Hillsman, Troy Hirni (Chris Hirni's brother), Logan LeBaige, and Michael Martin (Ron and Kathy Rode's nephew).

**For Our Catechumens** Ben Florida and Josh Hagle (junior confirmands) and Ashtyn Howard (a student at Mizzou) as they prepare for their postponed confirmation, now scheduled for **Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**. May the Lord continue to lead them forth into their baptismal faith as they prepare for that day!

### **Congregational Care**

**Prayer Requests & Spiritual Care**—If you would like to make a prayer request for yourself, a family member or someone else in need, please call the church office or Pr. Joel, or email the church office. Also, if you're feeling the strain and needing to talk and be encouraged in the living of life from day to day, don't hesitate to call or text Pr. Joel or contact your elder or the church office. We rely upon the Holy Spirit and his gifts in Christ during every time of uncertainty, and can never be thankful enough for the gift of each other.

**Thrivent Fellowship**—Thrivent members will be celebrating our monthly fellowship during the last weekend of the month (**September 26 and 27**). As you leave worship services on Saturday and Sunday pick up a sack of goodies safely prepared by the Thrivent Team.

### **Worship Services**

**Sunday Services have resumed at 10:30 a.m.** Communion will be observed on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays. **Masks will be required at this service until further notice.** You can also watch it live on Facebook or YouTube (sometimes it will only publish on one platform). Go to the [blchurch.com](http://blchurch.com) webpage and both links will be on the home page. (You don't have to be logged in to watch).

**Wednesday Devotional Services are being held at 7:00 p.m.** This service includes Holy Communion each week. We're working our way through well and lesser-known

biblical figures by focusing on a different one each week (through Frederick Buechner's *Peculiar Treasures*); last week was Onesimus. Join us to see who we cover next! **Masks will be required at this service until further notice.**

**Saturday Service**—We will continue to have outdoor Saturday services **through September at 5:30 p.m.** under the large cottonwood tree, just off the east parking lot—a wonderful spot for gathering. **In case of inclement weather, the service will be moved inside and masks will be required.**

**LWML/Fall Mission Festival Weekend**—Join us on the weekend of **October 3-4** as we celebrate both endeavors in a combined observance. The LWML theme is “Kingdom People Produce Kingdom Fruit,” and we’ll be highlighting the worldwide work of Lutheran Bible Translators (based just up the road in Concordia). Pastor Rich Rudowske will be the guest pastor that weekend for both the Saturday outdoor and Sunday indoor services.

### **Faith Discussion & Bible Study**

**“Becoming A Woman of Grace”**—Rebecca Stewart is leading a Zoom Bible class on **Thursdays, at 7:00 p.m.** We will be using Cynthia Heald’s *“Becoming a Woman of Grace”* and will begin discussing and learning about God’s grace. The Lord’s grace is life changing! How does this love look like in your life and how can you share God’s grace with others in your life? If you would like to join in, please contact either Rebecca or Cindy in the church office.

**Outdoor Bible Study on Trees & Faith**—Join us from **6:00 to 7:00 p.m. on September 24 & October 1**, in our backyard and some in our nature trail, for a study of trees in Scripture—why they physically matter so much and are a recurring symbol of vibrant spiritual life as well. We’re using Matthew Sleeth’s recent book *Reforesting Faith: What Trees Teach Us About the Nature of God and His Love for Us*, and two people will receive free copies of the book (for being the oldest and youngest to attend).

**“Great Women of the Bible”**. Rebecca Stewart will be leading a Zoom Bible Study beginning **October 15 on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.** We will begin discussing and learning about Eve, Sarah, Rebekah, Leah and Rachel. We will discuss their weaknesses, strengths, trials, and triumphs. The class will be held for four consecutive weeks. Please contact Cindy or Rebecca if you are interested in joining this class. You will receive materials and a link for the zoom class.

### **Youth Activities**

**Cookout**—The Jr. and Sr. Youth will kick off the 2020-2021 year with a cookout at the residence of Don & Teresa Hillsman on **September 27 from 3-5 p.m.** Turkey

Legs & Burgers will be provided by the Hillsman's. Please bring a side dish to share. Activities will include kayaking (bring your own life jacket and potentially a change of clothes in case of a dunking, fishing, hiking through the timber, and a devotional activity. Bring a lawn chair and join in the fun! **Please RSVP by Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>** so that there are enough turkey legs for everyone.

### Campus Ministry

**Lutheran Student Center**—Students can join Pastor Jon-Michael for dinner and a Bible study every Thursday night from **5:00-7:00 p.m.** For more information, you can go to their Facebook page: UCM Lutheran Student Center@UCMLutherans.

### Serving Event Opportunities

**Sharefest** (a regional day of packing food and necessary household items for distribution through the church partnership The Festival of Sharing) will be happening this year! Our congregation's youth and adults have helped in the past and have enjoyed it thoroughly. If you'd like to help this year, let Pr. Joel know ASAP if you would like to go on **Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> in Tipton** and we'll see what space they still have for their limited pool of volunteers this year.

**Migrant Farmworkers**—You are invited to participate in our mission to benefit the Migrant Farmworkers Project of Lafayette County. We are asking the congregation for help in collecting rice and pinto beans. Please bring those to the church and leave them by the north entryway. If you are interested in going to the Lexington Food Pantry site on **September 28**, please get in contact with Larry Haase.

### Devotional Opportunities

**Audio Recordings**—The lectionary readings and Pr. Joel's sermon can be heard via Sunday morning radio broadcast on 98.5 at **9:00 a.m.** or anytime via our website [blchurch.com](http://blchurch.com) (on the home page or under the "Sermons" tab).

**Daily Readings** are being posted each day on our Facebook page with a link that will lead you directly to the passage.

**Video Devotions** are being done by Pr. Joel every Friday and posted on Facebook by someone more savvy than him in that regard. (Thanks, Cindy!)

### Offerings

You can mail your offerings to Bethlehem and have pastor put it in the offering plate on the altar with a prayer of trust for you, or you can give through the online offering called "*Simply Giving*". Go to our website, click on the tab at the far right that says "My BLC" and then click on the "Simply Giving" link.

## Miscellaneous

**Lutheran Student Center Needs**—There have been so many changes to the Lutheran Student Center to brace for Fall 2020. In order to keep the students safe and comply with UCM policies, the Lutheran Student Center will be cooking their own food this semester. It costs around \$35.00 to feed our group each Thursday.

**Please consider sponsoring one of our meals!** Checks may be addressed to the Lutheran Student Center and mailed to 215 South Holden Street, Wsbg MO 64093.

**Rummage Sale**—St. Paul Servants of the Saints will be hosting a rummage sale at the Weis Gym Annex (at St. Paul Lutheran High School in Concordia). Dates and times are as follows: Sept 30 (6-8 p.m.), October 1 (6am-7pm), October 2 (8am-7pm) and October 3 (8am-12pm). Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> will be a \$5.00 bag sale.  
**Masks will be required while shopping.**

## Elders

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## Service Schedule

**Sundays-10:30 a.m.**

**Communion will be observed on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays.**

**Masks are required until further notice.**

**Wednesdays-7:00 p.m. Devotional Communion Service.**

**Masks are required until further notice.**

**Saturdays-5:30 p.m. Outdoor Devotional Service.**

**In case of inclement weather, service will be moved  
indoors and masks will be required.**

## Contact Information

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### **Our Mission**

· Grow in Christ · Live in Love · Share the Faith

### **Our Vision**

To be a community of believers, disciples, and servants while we deepen our personal faith and reach others for Christ.



#### **Rev. Joel R. Kurz**

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Please note that Bethlehem Lutheran Church has a closed-circuit video system. This allows for the viewing of the service on screens in the building and helps to enhance our security. Please see a trustee or an elder if you have any questions.