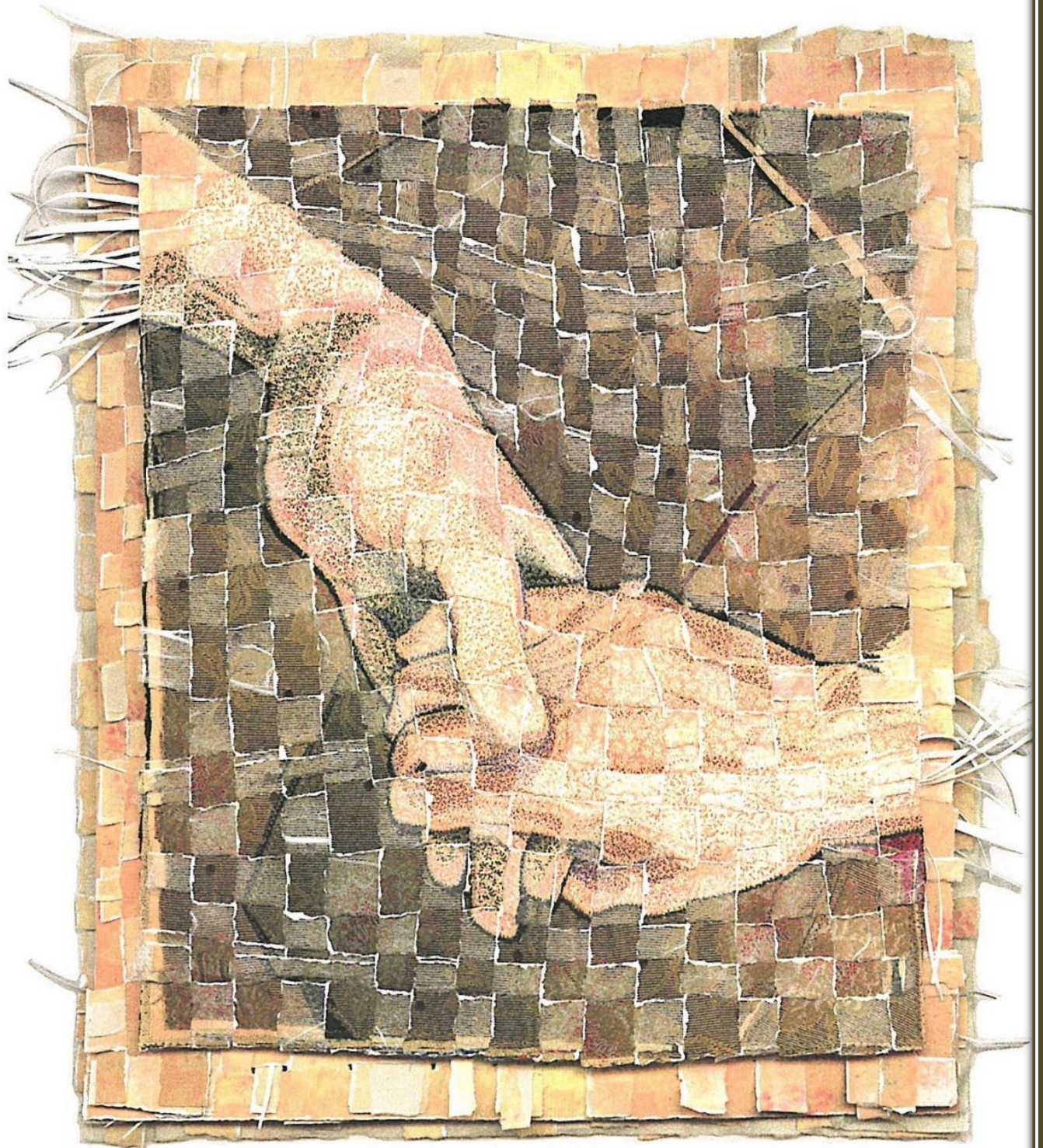


Abide in my love

JOHN 15:9





+ Sixth Sunday Of Easter +

May 9, 2021 Mother's Day

AS WE GATHER

“In the sight of God” is a phrase used throughout Scripture. It reminds us of God’s unceasing care and concern for His creation. In Proverbs: “Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favor and good success in the sight of God and man” (Proverbs 3:3–4). All our life is in God’s amazingly loving sight as He watches over all His creation and especially over people. Out of love for Christ and one another, we can strive to see others around us in the same way that God sees them.

The pottery vessels on the altar remind us that although Holy Communion is not celebrated today, our Lord’s sacred gifts are still central to our life of faith. Holy Communion is celebrated every 1st, 3rd, and 5th weekend (and major festivals).

Liturgical Color:

White is the color of purity and is associated with festivals of Christ and his Church

PreludeSheri Mattson

Welcome

Stand

Psalm 98

Oh sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things!

His right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.

The LORD has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
 break forth into joyous song and sing praises!
 Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
 with the lyre and the sound of melody!
 With trumpets and the sound of the horn
 make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!
 Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
 the world and those who dwell in it!
 Let the rivers clap their hands;
 let the hills sing for joy together
 before the LORD, for he comes
 to judge the earth.
 He will judge the world with righteousness,
 and the peoples with equity.

Gathering Hymn “O Sing to the Lord” #808 (1, 2, 5)

1 O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song. O sing to the
 2 For God is the Lord! And God has done won-ders. For God is the
 5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! For Je - sus is
 Lord, O sing God a new song. O sing to the Lord, O
 Lord! And God has done won-ders. For God is the Lord! And
 Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! For Je - sus is Lord! A -
 sing God a new song. O sing to our God, O sing to our God.
 God has done won-ders. O sing to our God, O sing to our God.
 men! Al - le - lu - ia! O sing to our God, O sing to our God.

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Service of Prayer and Preaching

Opening Versicles (*Common*) page 260

- P** This is the day which the Lord has made;
- C** let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,

- C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- P** Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
- C** I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- P** Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.
- C** Teach me Your paths.
- P** Sanctify us in Your truth.
- C** Your Word is truth.
- P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Old Testament Canticle *pages 261-262*

Refrain

C The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
 He has be - come my sal - va - tion.
 With joy will you draw wa - ter from the
 wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that
 day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,
 make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -
 claim that His name is ex - alt - ed."
Refrain
 The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.
Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done
glo - rious - ly; let this be made known in all the
earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -
hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the

Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

Refrain
The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son
and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will
be for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain
The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son
and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will
be for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain
The Lord God is my strength and my song, and



Sit

Readings

First ReadingActs 10:34-48

Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, “Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading1 John 5:1-8

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And

his commandments are not burdensome. For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Hymn..... *“Love in Christ Is Strong and Living” #706*



1 Love in Christ is strong and liv - ing, Bind - ing faith - ful
2 Love is pa - tient and for - bear - ing, Clothed in Christ's hu -
3 Love in Christ a - bides for - ev - er, Faint - ing not when



hearts in one; Love in Christ is true and giv - ing.
mil - i - ty, Gen - tle, self - less, kind, and car - ing,
ills at - tend; Love, for - giv - ing and for - giv - en,



May His will in us be done.
Reach - ing out in char - i - ty.
Shall en - dure un - til life's end.

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Stand

Holy Gospel **John 15:9-17**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends.

You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Responsory (*Common*)page 263

P Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

P Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Catechism (*All*)page 264

Ten Commandments

C You shall have no other gods.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor’s house.

You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Apostles’ Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Lord's Prayer

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.

Sit

Sermon..... “Loving God & Doing Good”

Offering

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

“Through him (Jesus) then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.” (Hebrews 13:15-16)

Prayers

Stand

Prayerspage 265

Hymn..... “We Thank You Lord, for Mothers”

We thank You, Lord, for moth - ers Who
Your great kind - ness share Through lov - ing deeds for
oth - ers As em - blems of Your care. May
we true hon - or show them And joy - ful - ly ex -
press That they are gifts a -
mong us To cher - ish and to bless.

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Collect of the Day (*spoken in unison*)

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the

Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Collect for the Wordpage 265

P Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever.

C Amen

Morning Prayerpage 266

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

New Testament Canticlepage 266



C Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -



lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



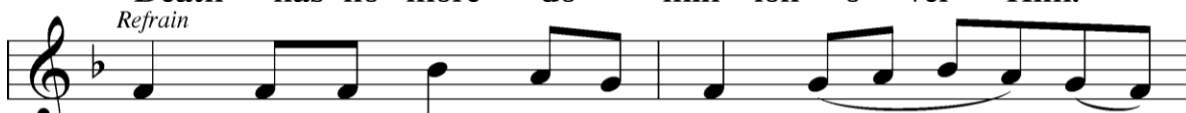
Christ our Pass - o - ver Lamb has been sac - ri - ficed.



Raised from the dead, He will nev - er die a - gain.



Death has no more do - min - ion o - ver Him.



Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -



lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Dy - ing, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Liv - ing, He lives to God. Count your - selves as dead to sin and a - live to God in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.

Refrain
Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Blessingpage 267

- P** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**
- P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.
- C** **Amen.**

Sending Hymn "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" #700

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of
2 Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; Let us
4 Fin - ish then Thy new cre - a - tion, Pure and

heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us Thy
ev - 'ry trou - bled breast; Let us all in
all Thy life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re -
spot - less let us be; Let us see Thy

hum - ble dwell - ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
 Thee in - her - it; Let us find Thy prom - ised rest.
 turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave.
 great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee,

 Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un -
 Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha
 Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve Thee
 Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in

 bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with
 and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as
 as Thy hosts a - bove, Pray and praise Thee
 heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our

 Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise!

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Dismissal (Bethlehem's Mission)

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

Postlude Sheri Mattson

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Next Week's Readings

First: Acts 1:12-26; Epistle: 1 John 5:9-15; Gospel: John 17:11b-19

Attendance Saturday: 26
Total Offering: \$4,944.00
Home Use: \$4,944.00

Attendance Sunday: 39
Missions: \$0.00
Benevolences: \$0.00

Serving us today:

Elders/Ushers..... Jack Easterwood (Sat), Willie Crespo (Sun)
Musicians Sheri Mattson
Altar Committee..... Sheree Moody (Chair), SueAnn Carter,
Erika Freeman, Peggy Hoyer
Flower Committee Lana Vanderburgh (Chair), Karen Haase

This Week's Schedule

Monday-10	9:30 a.m.	Exercise Class
	10:00 a.m.	Moms and Tots
	6:00 p.m.	Mary Martha Guild Meeting (Heroes Restaurant)
Tuesday-11		<i>Pastor at Circuit Conference</i>
	9:30 a.m.	Quilting
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council Meeting
Wednesday-12	9:30 a.m.	Exercise Class
Thursday-13	9:30 a.m.	Pastor at WCS
	1:00 p.m.	Card Group
	7:00 p.m.	Ascension Service
	7:00 p.m.	Zoom Bible Study—"With God in the Garden"
Friday-14	9:30 a.m.	Exercise Class
Saturday-15	10:30 p.m.	Brown and Rohner Baptisms Here
	11:00 a.m.	Trail Blazer Workday
	11:00 a.m.	Trustees' Meeting
	5:30 p.m.	Outdoor Worship
Sunday-16	8:00 a.m.	The Lutheran Hour broadcast on 96.9
	9:00 a.m.	Radio Broadcast 98.5 (can also be heard at www.blchurch.com , under the Sermons tab)
	9:15 a.m.	Bible Study and Jr. and Sr. Youth Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Communion
	2:00 p.m.	Outdoor Get Together

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar have been placed by Charlie Becker in loving memory of his wife Betty Becker (on Mother's Day) and in thanksgiving for the wedding of their granddaughter Amy Peterson yesterday!

Congratulations

*We pray the Lord's fullest blessings to Jordan & Amy Martin and their children on their marriage and unfolding life together as a family in Christ's love. Every goodness and joy to them!

*We also share our joy with Jonathan & Bridgette Sharp as they will be moving to Jacksonville Beach, Florida, for a year of vicarage at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, and to our former vicar Pr. Aaron Boerst as he will be married to Megan Johnson on May 16 at his congregation—Bethlehem in Wales, Wisconsin!

*Much joy to Matthew & Maddy Rohner on the Baptism of their son Braxton here on Saturday the 15th... and to his cousin Grace and her parents Brittany & Joe Brown on her Baptism the same day—with prayers for the Lord's traveling mercies to them as the move to Alaska the week of the 16th!

Prayers

For Sustenance, Healing, and Provision—We remember those who are dealing with illness, are homebound or in nursing homes, undergoing and recovering from surgery, as well as going through hospitalization, rehabilitation, and chemotherapy: Don Apprill (Cindy Schnell's dad), Paula Brewer, Ray & Mary Carstensen, Denise (Penny Humphrey's sister), Marion & Leona Droege, Wilma Gertz, Ralph Hein, Sharon Hochsprung, Mary Johnson, Creed Kueker (Pr. Jesse Kueker's son—Trinity, Clinton), Marty Lehn, Marvin Logan (Nicole Clemons' father), Lynn Lowe, Kathy Marshall, Vivian Meyer (young daughter of Kaye Fair's close friend), Johnny Nichol, Christopher Pierce (Judy Pierce's son), Sue Rice (Judy Pierce's niece), Jim Rudy, Pat Spanton, Bryan Tebbenkamp, Lynne Trimble (Kaye Fair's sister). *We remember the healthcare providers who have worked tirelessly to prevent the spread of COVID and treat those who've been ill ... and pray in thanksgiving for the diminishment of the illness!*

For Pregnant Mothers, especially Bridgette & Jonathan Sharp, Corinne & Jeremy Allison, and Bekah & Chris Kelley. 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, Ethan Hillsman, Chance Hillsman and Logan LeBaige.

For Our Confirmands who will be confirmed on Pentecost Sunday—the 50th day after Easter Sunday—**May 23rd**: Zach Brown, Gabby Fatka, Azriel Hartwig, Nate Stewart and Gracyn VanWey. The Lord continue to guide them with his Holy Spirit!

Prayer Requests & Spiritual Care—If you would like to make a prayer request, contact 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!

Worship Services

Sunday Services are at 10:30 a.m. You can also watch them live on Facebook or YouTube, or go to it directly from the webpage at blchurch.com.

Saturdays begin at 5:00 p.m. with a Children's Message and services start at 5:30 p.m. and will be outdoors—out back under the cottonwood tree—again from May 1st through September 4th. In case of inclement weather, the service will be moved indoors. All of the Saturday services will be a non-Communion devotional service, but Wednesday Communion services will be held indoors during those months.

Wednesdays Communion Services will be at 7:00 p.m. on the Wednesday following the 1st, 3rd or 5th Communion Sunday—from May 5th through September 1st (**the next will May 19th**). For these nine devotional Communion services, we'll be meditating on the nine fruits of the Spirit—one at a time. Consider making this part of your spiritual growth this summer!

Ascension Day Service—Join with others in our sanctuary on **Thursday, May 13th at 7:00 p.m.** as we mark the 40th day after Easter Sunday! We'll recall together the significance of Jesus' departure from the disciples as he returned to the Father and dwell a bit on its meaning for us.

Opportunities to Serve

Confirmand Bake Sale—This year's confirmands will be baking some goodies and having them available for sale by donation **on the weekend of May 15 & 16 following the services**—and at the afternoon get-together (if anything is left). The funds will be donated to With God's Little Ones (www.wglo.org), an agency for which Pr. Joel serves on the board, that shows the love of Christ in the tangible ways needed by the most vulnerable in Cambodia and Madagascar.

June is Bethlehem's month to staff the Food Center! We will need 6 volunteers **every Tuesday and Thursday in June from 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** The Food Center is still serving clients curbside, so 4 people will fill orders indoors and 2 people will meet the clients socially distanced at the curb. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board by the mailboxes. Contact Sue Cottrill for any questions.

Food Center Needs: small Gatorade, flavored tuna pouches, soft granola bars (not crunchy, no peanuts), canned fruit, canned vegetables except corn and green beans and size 4T-5T pull ups. Monetary donation as also welcome. Monetary donations to the Food Center can be claimed at a 50% rate on State Income Tax. Do not take charitable donation, the Food Center will fill out a form for you.

Bethlehem's Community Garden, converted to raised beds this year, will hopefully be planted soon—including a few rows of potatoes and corn! Everyone is welcome to participate. Pick up one of the new pamphlets to learn more, talk to Pr. Joel or Shawn Lindley about helping, or take a stroll to the far end of our backyard to see for yourself. Keep your eyes and ears open for ways to be involved!

Faith Discussion and Bible Study

“Reading Romans” Study on Sunday Mornings! We’re working through the remaining chapters of this important biblical letter, and you’re more than welcome to join us in the conference room **from 9:15-10:10 a.m.** as we cover a lot of good ground yet together!

“With God in the Garden” Study on Thursday Evenings! Gardening is more than growing flowers, fruits, and vegetables. It is a spiritual experience that allows us to reflect on our lives, sins, and biblical truths. Martin Luther wrote, God is entirely and personally present in the wilderness, in the garden, and in the field. This Zoom Bible Study will be on **Thursdays, at 7:00 p.m.** We will be using “With God in the Garden” by Christianity Today International. If you are interested in finding God in your garden, please contact Rebecca or Cindy.

Youth

Sunday Youth Bible Study—Jeremy VanWey is currently leading a study that is exploring C.S. Lewis’s classic on the wily ways of evil, *The Screwtape Letters*. Make sure to make it, and spread the word to others so that a good group can work through it together!

Vacation Bible School (Outdoors)—Mark your calendars for **June 13-17** for Vacation Bible School! We will be serving a sack meal starting at **5:00 p.m.** Bible School will run from **5:30-8:15 p.m.** We will be Rainforest Explorers, learning how Jesus leads the way. If you would like to volunteer your time and talents to help make VBS happen, please contact Ellen Pederson or the church office. Registration forms for children will be coming out soon. You can pick one up from the church or download one from Facebook or the church website.

Fellowship

Mary Martha Guild will be meeting on Monday, May 10 at 6:00 p.m. at Heroes Restaurant. They will be celebrating the arrival of Brittany and Joe Brown’s baby daughter, Grace Lynn. All ladies are welcome. Please let Sheree Moody (660-525-0822) know if you plan on coming so that she can make reservations.

Outdoor Congregational Get-Together—The Elders are sponsoring a “*Together Again*” outdoor event on **Sunday, May 16 from 2:00-5:00 p.m.** in Bethlehem’s backyard. There will be drinks and snacks, bouncy houses, outdoor games, and a time of fellowship for everyone.

The Merry Widows will have their monthly meeting on **Wednesday, May 19 at 11:30 a.m.** in the church basement. Just bring yourself! They will be calling in food and having cake and ice cream to celebrate Martha Toellner’s birthday.

Exercise Class is being held at **9:30 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays** in the Fellowship Hall. This class is low impact exercise open to anyone. For more information, contact Judy Smith.

The Card Group meets on **Thursdays at 1:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone is welcome to join in for some games, coffee and fellowship. If you have any questions, please contact Melvin Theroff.

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*”.

Elders

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A Reflection for Mother's Day

(Martin Luther praised Mary, the mother of Jesus, as the first Christian and the model of a life of faith for us all. This reflection, written by Dr. Raymond Chapman, enables us to meditate on key aspects of her life with Jesus her Son and Savior.)

May the faith of Mary, told by the angel that she would bear the Son of God, be my example.

May the family love of Mary, visiting her cousin Elisabeth also with child, be my example.

May the humility of Mary, giving birth in the squalor of a stable, be my example.

May the patience of Mary, driven into a strange land to save her child, be my example.

May the perseverance of Mary, seeking long for her son and finding him in the Temple, be my example.

May the maternal love of Mary, through years of growth and learning, be my example.

May the constancy of Mary, close to her Son in his death, be my example.

May the fellowship of Mary, in company with the Apostles as the Church was be my example.



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· 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.



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