



# Father's Day June 20, 2021

#### **AS WE GATHER**

In today's Gospel, Jesus commands the wind and the sea to become calm, which understandably stuns the disciples. "Who is this?" they wonder. The other Readings today reaffirm that we know that Jesus is one person of the Holy Trinity. The Creator puts creature Job in his place. We also ought to remember with whom we are dealing when we request or complain. Paul encourages his readers, then and now, to put their circumstances into the context of the whole Church. Our situations do not define us! Sure of God's care and emboldened by the strength He provides; we are called to live out our faith confidently. We know who this is: He is Jesus, our Savior.

#### **REGARDING 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.

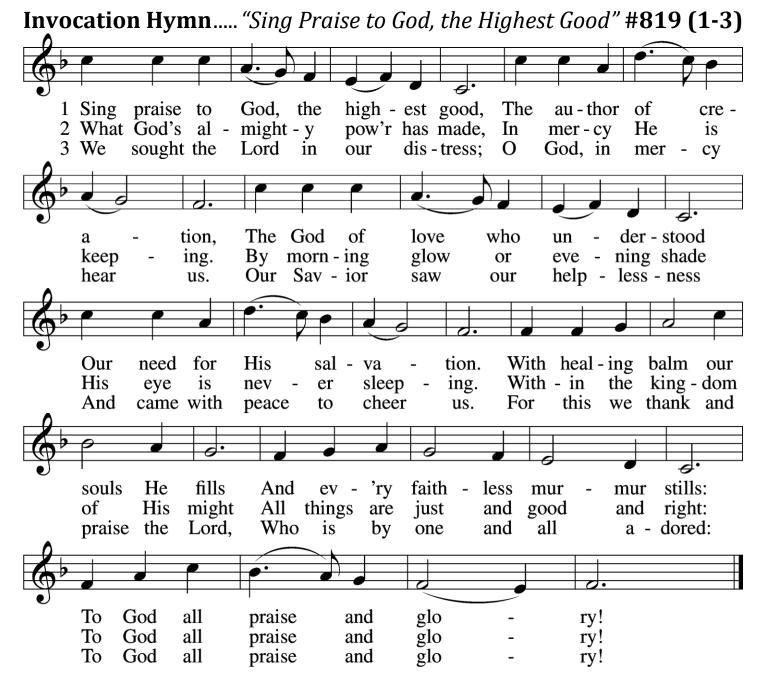
## **Liturgical Color:**

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

Prelude ......"Rock of Ages", "I Will Arise and Go to Jesus"

#### Welcome

Stand



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# Divine Service, Setting One Confession and Absolution

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

Confession and Absolution.....page 151

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.
- 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.
- 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.

and we have escaped!

# Service of the Word

**Psalm 124**..... (front of hymnal, spoken in unison) If it had not been the LORD who was on our side let Israel now say if it had not been the LORD who was on our side when people rose up against us, then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us; then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us; then over us would have gone the raging waters. Blessèd be the LORD. who has not given us as prey to their teeth! We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers: the snare is broken,

Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.
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.
<b>Kyrie</b>
(sung) In peace let us pray to the Lord.  Lord, have mercy.
For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.  Lord, have mercy.
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.  Lord, have mercy.
For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
Amen.
This is the Feast
This is the Feast

Collect of the Day	(spoken in unison)
Almighty God, in Your mercy guide the course of this may joyfully serve You in godly peace and quietness; Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the and forever. Amen.	; through Jesus Christ, Your
Sit	
Old Testament	Job 38:1-11
Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind and s "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without kn Dress for action like a man; I will question you, and you make it known to me. "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the ear Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? "Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed'?"	nowledge? arth?
<ul><li>P This is the Word of the Lord.</li><li>C Thanks be to God.</li></ul>	
Gradual	(spoken in unison)

Epistle	. 2	2 Corinth	nians	6:1	<b>-1</b>	13
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Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says,

"In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you."

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians; our heart is wide open. You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted in your own affections. In return (I speak as to children) widen your hearts also.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Stand

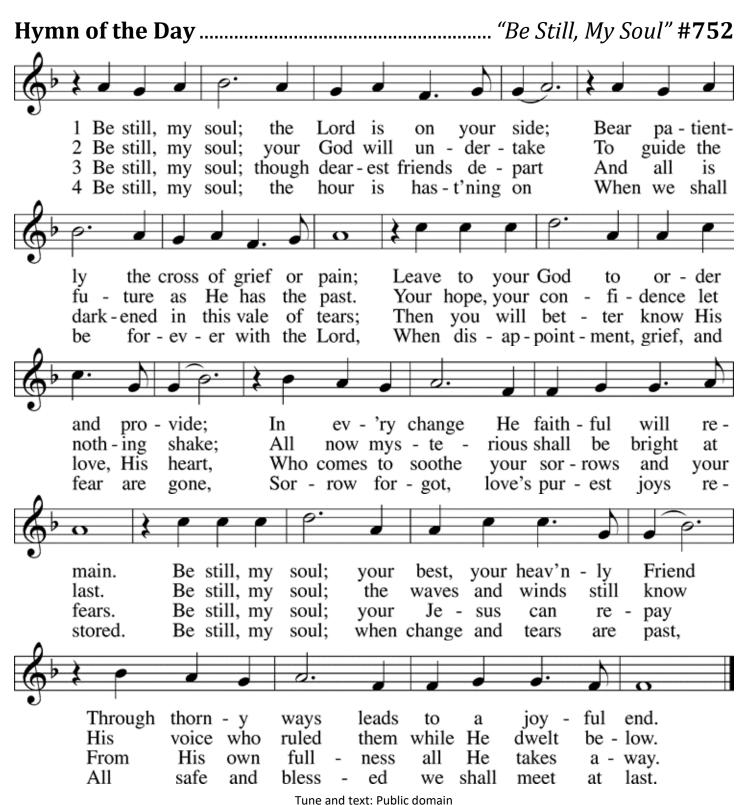
Gospel...... Mark 4:35-41

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

On that day, when evening had come, [Jesus] said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a

great calm. He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even wind and sea obey him?"

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.



**Sermon**....."Braving the Waters" Stand **Nicene Creed**......*page 158* 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

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

. . . who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.Amen.

# Offering

Offering plates are not being passed during the service; worshipers may place their offerings into the plate located at the west 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)

(sung) What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

# Service of the Sacrament

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

(sung) The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and salutary. . . evermore praising You and singing:

**Sanctus**......*page* 161

(sung) Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

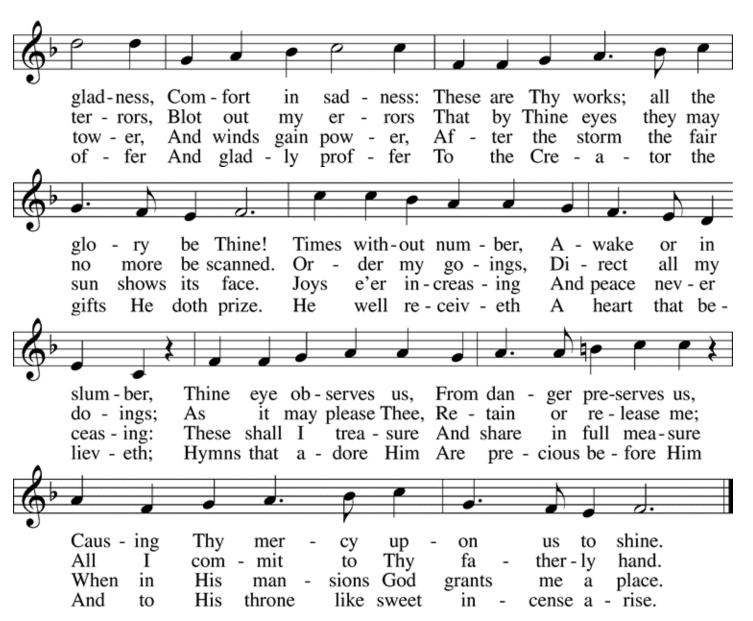
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

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.

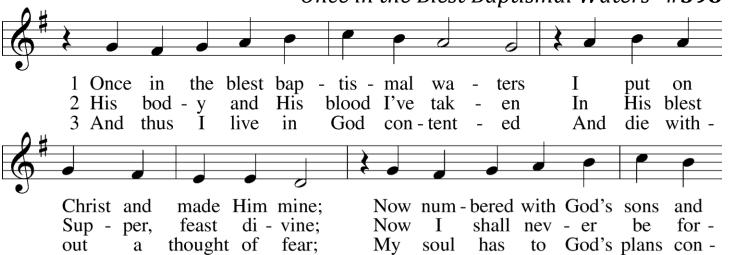
C	Amen.
Lor	d's Prayerpage 162
P	Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:  Our Father who art in heaven,
G	hallowed be Thy name,
	Thy kingdom come,
	Thy will be done on earth
	as it is in heaven;
	give us this day our daily bread;
	and forgive us our trespasses
	as we forgive those
	who 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.
The	Words of Our Lordpage 162
Pax	Dominipage 163
Agn	<b>us Dei</b> <i>page 163</i>
Lamb	y) Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.
bless	until motioned to rise and proceed forward if going for Communion or a ring). Distribution is happening at the altar rail, with both chalice and ridual cups available.
Com	munion Hymns
	"Fvening and Morning" <b>#726</b>
9	Evening and Morning 11720

1 Eve - ning and morn - ing, Sun - set and dawn - ing, Wealth, peace, and 2 Fa - ther, O hear me, Par - don and spare me; Calm all my 3 Ills that still grieve me Soon are to leave me; Though bil - lows 4 To God in heav - en All praise be giv - en! Come, let us



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# "Once in the Blest Baptismal Waters" #598





O God, for Je-sus' sake I pray Your peace may bless my dy-ing day.

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#### Stand

**Post Communion Canticle**.....""Thank the Lord" page 164

(sung) Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.

He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

Post Communion Collect......page 166

- **P** Let us pray.
- We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this beneficial gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Benediction**......page 166

(sung) The Lord bless you and keep you.

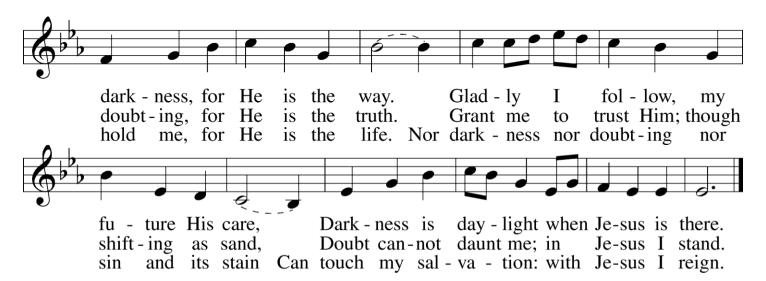
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.



- 1 Christ be my Lead er by night as by day; Safe through the
- 2 Christ be my Teach-er in age as in youth, Drift ing or
- 3 Christ be my Sav ior in calm as in strife; Death can not



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

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

Postlude ..... "When I Can Read My Title Clear"

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## Next week's readings:

OT: Lamentations 3:22-33; EP: 2 Corinthians 8:1-9, 13-15; Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

Attendance Last Saturday: 21
Total Offering: \$43,840.66
Home Use: \$5,316.77
Attendance Last Sunday: 47
Missions: \$37,730.89
Benevolences: \$793.00

## Serving us today:

Elders	Willie Crespo, Caleb Thomas
Musicians	Lorraine Miller, Roy Schache, Rich Vanderburgh
Altar Committee	Sheree Moody (Chair), SueAnn Carter,
	Erika Freeman, Peggy Hoyer
Flower Committee	Lana Vanderburgh (Chair), Karen Haase

#### This Week's Schedule

Monday-21 (Pastor's vacation 21<sup>st</sup> through 28<sup>th</sup>)

9:30 a.m. Exercise Class

10:00 a.m. Moms and Tots at the Park

Tuesday-22 9:30 a.m. Quilting

Wednesday-23 9:30 a.m. Exercise Class

		No Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Midweek Devotional Communion Service
Thursday-24	1:00 p.m.	Card Group
	7:00 p.m.	Zoom Bible Study—"Psalms-Poetry on Fire"
Friday-25	9:30 a.m.	Exercise Class
Saturday-26	2:00 p.m.	Cub Scout Activity
	5:00 p.m.	Children's Message
	5:30 p.m.	Outdoor Worship
Sunday-27	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.	Jr. and Sr. Youth Sunday School
		(No Adult Bible Study)
	9:45 a.m.	Preschool/Elementary Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service

#### **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, Mary Johnson, Creed Kueker (Pr. Jesse Kueker's son—Trinity, Clinton), Marty Lehn, Marvin Logan (Nicole Clemons' father), Lynn Lowe, Robbie McCarter, Kathy Marshall, Vivian Meyer (young daughter of Kaye Fair's close friend), Johnny Nichol, Jim Rudy, Pat Strayhorn (friend of a member) and Bryan Tebbenkamp.

**For Pregnant Mothers,** especially Bridgette & Jonathan Sharp, Corinne & Jeremy Allison, Bekah & Chris Kelley, and Kara & JeVon Savage. 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.

**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 out back under the cottonwood tree (through September 4<sup>th</sup>). In case of inclement weather, the service will be moved indoors. All of the Saturday services are a non-Communion devotional service, but Wednesday Communion services are being provided.

Wednesdays Communion Services are being held at 7:00 p.m. on the Wednesday following the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> Communion Sunday—the next will be June 23rd. These devotional services are focused on a different one of the nine fruits of the Spirit each time. Consider making this part of your spiritual growth this summer!

# **Sunday School for Preschool/Elementary**

Children's faith lessons are held each Saturday at 5:00 p.m. near the cottonwood tree out back, half an hour before the Saturday service. Sunday's faith lessons are happening at 9:45 a.m. in the fellowship hall downstairs. These are great opportunities for your children to grow in knowledge of Scripture and in trust toward their Savior!

## **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! It will not be held next Sunday (the 27<sup>th</sup>) due to Pr. Joel's absence.

**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!

**New Zoom Bible Study—"Psalms: Poetry on Fire"** by Brian Simmons. We will discuss poetry of praises, prayers, and laments. In each lesson, we will discuss: discover the heart of God, explore the heart of God, experience the heart of God, and share the heart of God. **This Zoom Bible study will be on Thursdays at 7:00** 

**p.m.** If you are interested in this passionate Bible Study of the Psalms please contact Rebecca or Cindy.

Wednesday & Saturday Bible Studies—Wednesday's 10:30 a.m.—12 noon study on 1 Peter has resumed; all are invited to join in this gathering in our conference room. It looks like Saturday Bible studies will resume in September, after Labor Day. Wednesday Bible study will not happen on the 23<sup>rd</sup> (due to Pr. Joel's absence).

#### **Opportunities to Serve**

**Bethlehem's Vegetable Garden** was converted to raised beds this year; some has been planted but there's still more to be done. Would you like to be in the group of regular garden helpers? Talk to Shawn Lindley or Pr. Joel to get in the garden group and find out what needs to be done and when. Many thanks!

## **Fellowship**

**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".

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Pastor Joel, Rebecca Stewart, Cindy Smith, Shawn and Beryl Lindley, Rebecca Holland, Amy Martin, Jeremy VanWey, Ken Pederson, SueAnn Carter, Rich Vanderburgh, Scott, Penny and Abby Humphrey, Isabella McCluskey, Nicole Clemons, Georgia Luker, Bryon Freeman, Nate Stewart, Darlene Laubenstein and Larry and Karen Haase.

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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.



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