

**Herod
feared
John,
knowing
that he was
a righteous
and holy man**

MARK 6:20



+ The 7th Sunday After Pentecost +

July 11, 2021

AS WE GATHER

In today’s Gospel, it looks like the end of the story when John the Baptist is executed. But he was but the forerunner for Jesus, the promised Messiah. Appearances were certainly deceiving! That was the case with Amos, a herdsman and dresser of sycamore figs when the Lord called him. He did not look like a prophet, but he stood up to Amaziah and Jeroboam in a long line of faithful prophets. Sometimes Satan uses appearances to deceive us, but the Epistle reminds us that God had predestined us to be with Him forever—even before He began creation! Although others might not recognize it, the Holy Spirit is the guarantee of our inheritance. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

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:

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

Prelude *“Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ”*

Welcome

Stand

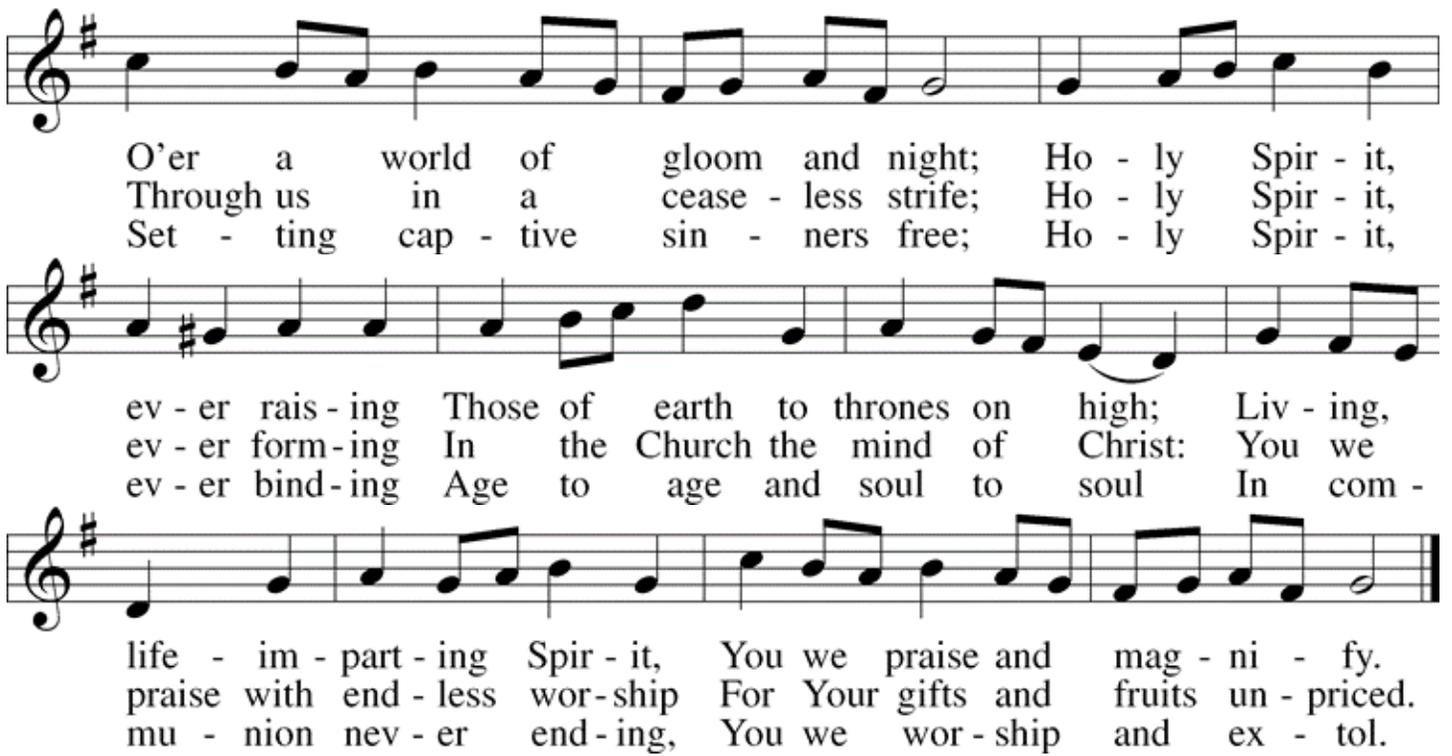
Gathering Hymn *“Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling” #650*



1 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er dwell - ing In the ho - liest
2 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er liv - ing As the Church's
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er work - ing Through the Church's



realms of light; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er brood - ing
ver - y life; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er striv - ing
min - is - try; Quick - 'ning, strength - 'ning, and ab - solv - ing,



O'er a world of gloom and night; Ho - ly Spir - it,
 Through us in a cease - less strife; Ho - ly Spir - it,
 Set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free; Ho - ly Spir - it,
 ev - er rais - ing Those of earth to thrones on high; Liv - ing,
 ev - er form - ing In the Church the mind of Christ: You we
 ev - er bind - ing Age to age and soul to soul In com -
 life - im - part - ing Spir - it, You we praise and mag - ni - fy.
 praise with end - less wor - ship For Your gifts and fruits un - priced.
 mu - nion nev - er end - ing, You we wor - ship and ex - tol.

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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*

(sung) The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

With joy will you draw water from the wells of salvation.

And you will say in that day:

**“Give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name,
make known His deeds among the peoples,
proclaim that His name is exalted.”**

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

**Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth.**

**Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitants of Zion, for great in your midst is the
Holy One of Israel.**

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

**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.**

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

Sit

Readings

Old Testament **Amos 7:7-15**

This is what [the Lord God] showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the LORD said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said,

“Behold, I am setting a plumb line
in the midst of my people Israel;

I will never again pass by them;

the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,

and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,

and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.”

Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said,

“Jeroboam shall die by the sword,

and Israel must go into exile

away from his land.”

And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there, but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, "I was no prophet, nor a prophet's son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. But the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 85:8-13 (front of hymnal, spoken in unison)

**Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;
but let them not turn back to folly.**

**Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,
that glory may dwell in our land.**

**Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.**

Faithfulness springs up from the ground,
 and righteousness looks down from the sky.
 Yes, the LORD will give what is good,
 and our land will yield its increase.
 Righteousness will go before him
 and make his footsteps a way.

Hymn..... *“Beautiful Savior” #537*

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of
 God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd
 flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is
 spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines
 God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -
 serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.
 pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.
 ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

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Stand

Holy Gospel **Mark 6:14-29**

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, for Herod feared John,

knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly.

But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you." And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

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

**☐ 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

**☐ 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.

Sermon.....“God Speaks My Language”

Hymn.....“Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good” #819



1 Sing praise to God, the high - est good, The au - thor of cre -
 2 What God's al - might - y pow'r has made, In mer - cy He is
 3 We sought the Lord in our dis - tress; O God, in mer - cy
 4 He nev - er shall for - sake His flock, His cho - sen gen - er -
 5 All who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, Give God the praise and



a - tion, The God of love who un - der - stood
 keep - ing. By morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade
 hear us. Our Sav - ior saw our help - less - ness
 a - tion; He is their ref - uge and their rock,
 glo - ry. Let all who know His pow'r pro - claim



Our need for His sal - va - tion. With heal - ing balm our
 His eye is nev - er sleep - ing. With - in the king - dom
 And came with peace to cheer us. For this we thank and
 Their peace and their sal - va - tion. As with a moth - er's
 A - loud the won - drous sto - ry. Cast ev - 'ry i - dol



souls He fills And ev - 'ry faith - less mur - mur stills:
 of His might All things are just and good and right:
 praise the Lord, Who is by one and all a - dored:
 ten - der hand, He leads His own, His cho - sen band:
 from its throne, For God is God, and He a - lone:



To God all praise and glo - ry!
 To God all praise and glo - ry!

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)

Farewell & Godspeed for Jeff Harris

Prayers

Stand

Prayerspage 265

P . . . let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

. . .

P Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day (*spoken in unison*)

O Lord, You granted Your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance. Give us pure hearts and minds to follow Your Son faithfully even into suffering and death; through the same Jesus Christ, 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 Prayer.....page 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

(sung) Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.

Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed.

Raised from the dead, He will never die again.

Death has no more dominion over Him.

Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.

Dying, Christ dies to sin, once for all.

Living, He lives to God.

Count yourselves as dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.

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 "Rise, Shine, You People" #825



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
2 See how He sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
3 Come, cel - e - brate, your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent His Son to save us.



Our hu - man sto - ry; God in Him is cen - tered.
He brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing.
Your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark-ness hurl - ing.
Tell of the Son, who life and free-dom gave us.



He comes to us, by death and sin sur -
 All men and wom - en, who by guilt are
 To all the world go out and tell the
 Tell how the Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry



round - ed, With grace un - bound - ed.
 driv - en, Now are for - giv - en.
 sto - ry Of Je - sus' glo - ry.
 na - tion His new cre - a - tion.

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Dismissal (Bethlehem's Mission)

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

Postlude *"Hark the Voice of Jesus Crying"*

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Next week's readings:

OT: Jeremiah 23:1-6; Epistle: Ephesians 2:11-22; Gospel: Mark 6:30-44

Attendance Last Saturday: 22
Total Offering: \$5,007.73
Home Use: \$4,857.73

Attendance Last Sunday: 62
Missions: \$0.00
Benevolences: \$150.00

Serving us today:

- Elders/Ushers.....Jeremy VanWey
- Musicians..... Cody Clemons
- Altar Committee.....Cindy Schnell (Chair), Diana Hoemann, Judy Schache
 Samantha Schnell, Stephanie Schumaker
- Flower Committee Karen Haase (Chair), Lana Vanderburgh

This Week's Schedule

- Monday-12 9:30 a.m. Exercise Class
- 10:00 a.m. Moms and Tots at the Park
- 5:00 p.m. MMG Pool Party at Haase's House
- Tuesday-13 7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting

Wednesday-14	9:30 a.m.	Exercise Class
	10:30 a.m.	Wednesday Bible Study
Thursday-15	11:30 a.m.	Merry Widows/Friends Group
	1:00 p.m.	Games and Card Group
	5:30 p.m.	Fellowship Board Meeting
	7:30 p.m.	Zoom Bible Study-“Psalms-Poetry on Fire”
Friday-16	9:30 a.m.	Exercise Class
Saturday-17	9:30 a.m.	Garden Work/Greenspace Tending (<i>All are welcome</i>)
	11:00 a.m.	Trustees’ Meeting
	5:00 p.m.	Children’s Message
	5:30 p.m.	Outdoor Worship
Sunday-18	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
	9:45 a.m.	Preschool/Elementary Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Communion

Summer Mission Observance Today!

Dr. Tilahun Mekonen Menedo serves as the Executive Development Officer of Lutheran Bible Translators.

Tilahun was born and raised in Ethiopia. He knows firsthand the value of the heart language to communicate God’s promises.

Dr. Menedo spearheaded the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus effort to develop a strong, accredited training system. The effort utilizes many local Bible schools and training institutions the church has throughout Ethiopia. He served as the seventh President of Concordia University in Selma, Alabama from 2010–2016. He has spoken at District, Synodical, LWML, LCMS conventions and NYG events.

Tilahun draws on his experiences and relationships in Ethiopia and the USA. He is delighted to serve God by making His Name known to those who have never had the Bible in a language they understand.

Prayers

For Jeff Harris as he moves to Nevada this week! May the Lord give him safe travel and a joyous new unfolding out there. We are grateful for Jeff’s years of service as an elder, Sunday School teacher, and youth leader while here as part of our Bethlehem family. We will miss you, Jeff, but rejoice in our ongoing bond in the

faith!

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 and rehabilitation: Paula Brewer, Ray & Mary Carstensen, Denise (Penny Humphrey's sister), Marion & Leona Droege, Wilma Gertz, Ralph Hein, Maxine Jaeger, Mary Johnson, Creed Kueker (the young son of Trinity— Clinton's pastor & his wife), Katie Kurz, Marty Lehn, Marvin Logan (Nicole Clemons' father), Lynn Lowe, 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!

Thank You

A big thank you to all who helped with Bethlehem's month at the Johnson County Food Center: Melvin Theroff, Larry Haase, Pastor Joel, Sandra Bell, Nate Stewart, Amy Martin, Carol Kurz, Darlene Laubenstein, and Abby Humphrey. Thank you also to The Haase family for getting a Thrivent grant for the Food Center. I apologize if I forgot anyone, but you all were awesome. We had some younger kids that wanted to serve, but were too young. The Food Center is willing to work with us on a project that younger persons could do. **Sue Cottrill and the Mission Board.**

Worship Services

Sunday Services are at 10:30 a.m. You can also watch it 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 4th). In case of inclement

weather, the service will be moved indoors. All of the Saturday services are non-Communion devotional services.

Wednesday Communion Services are being held at 7:00 p.m. on the Wednesday following the 1st, 3rd or 5th Communion Sunday—the next will be July 21st. 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!

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!

Zoom Bible Study—"Psalms: Poetry on Fire" by Brian Simmons. We will discuss poetry of praises, prayers, and laments. We will 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.**

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. Saturday Bible studies will resume in September, after Labor Day.

Opportunities to Serve

Bethlehem's Vegetable Garden was converted to raised beds this year and is growing thanks to the recent rains balancing out all the heat. We're also glad to have a neighboring family helping out with everything and growing a box of their own! *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

Pool Party—July 12 at 5:00 p.m. will be the annual **MMG Pool Party** at Larry and Karen Haase's house. (227 NE 51 Road, Warrensburg). All ladies of the congregation are welcome to attend. Bring your swimsuits, towels and a dish to share. Meat and drinks will be provided.

Merry Widows/Friends will be meeting at Bethlehem on **Thursday, July 15 at 11:30 a.m.** **Simply bring a sack lunch.** Any ladies of the congregation are welcome to join us for this time of 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, men or women. For more information, contact Judy Smith.

The Games and Card Group meets on **Thursdays at 1:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone, men and women are welcome to come and play board games or cards. Bring a game and a friend. 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*". You may also place your offering in the plate in the Narthex.

Elders

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All ladies are invited to the Haase's House on Monday, July 12 at 5:00 p.m. for swimming, food and fellowship. Meat and drinks will be provided. Bring your swimsuit and a side dish to share.



Merry Widows and Friends will meet on Thursday July 15 at 11:30 a.m. in the church basement. Bring a friend and a sack lunch. Please contact the church office if you need a ride.

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.



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