

Let the little children
come to me

MARK 10:14





+ The 19th Sunday After Pentecost +

October 2-3, 2021

AS WE GATHER

Throughout Scripture and in the hymnody of the Church, we are reminded that all time is God’s time and that we spend every day in His care and with His blessing. Through the centuries, Christian writers have crafted prayers and hymn texts that are specific to certain times of the day. In monastery life, there are customary readings and services fashioned for about every three hours around the clock. All our times are God’s times—may we reflect the shining mercy of God throughout our days!

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 Paula Easterwood, Lorraine Miller, Gary Moege

Welcome

Stand

Invocation Hymn..... "O Word of God Incarnate" #523



1 O Word of God in - car-nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
2 The Church from You, dear Mas-ter, Re-ceived the gift di - vine;
3 O make Your Church, dear Sav-ior, A lamp of bur - nished gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
And still that light is lift - ed O'er all the earth to shine.
To bear be - fore the na - tions Your true light as of old!



We praise You for the ra - diance That from the hal - lowed page,
It is the chart and com - pass That, all life's voy - age through,
O teach Your wan - d'ring pil - grims By this their path to trace



A lan - tern to our foot - steps, Shines on from age to age.
Mid mists and rocks and quick - sands Still guides, O Christ, to You.
Till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, They see You face to face!

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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 *"Every Morning Mercies New"*



1 Ev - 'ry morn - ing mer - cies new Fall as fresh as
2 Still the great - ness of Thy love Dai - ly doth our
3 Let our prayers each morn pre - vail, That these gifts may
4 As the morn - ing light re - turns, As the sun with



morn - ing dew; Ev - 'ry morn - ing let us pay
sins re - move; Dai - ly, far as east from west,
nev - er fail; And as we con - fess the sin
splen - dor burns, Teach us still to turn to Thee,



Trib - ute with the ear - ly day; For Thy mer - cies,
Lifts the bur - den from the breast; Gives un - bought to
And the tempt - er's pow'r with - in, Feed us with the
Ev - er - bless - ed Trin - i - ty, With our hands our



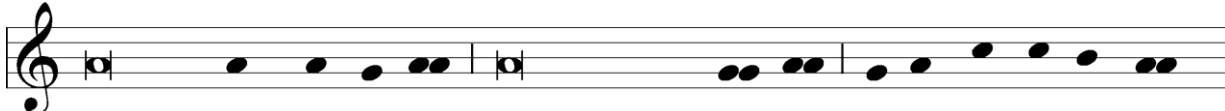
Lord, are sure, Thy com - pas - sion doth en - dure.
those who pray Strength to stand in e - vil day.
Bread of Life; Fit us for our dai - ly strife.
hearts to raise, In un - fail - ing prayer and praise.



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



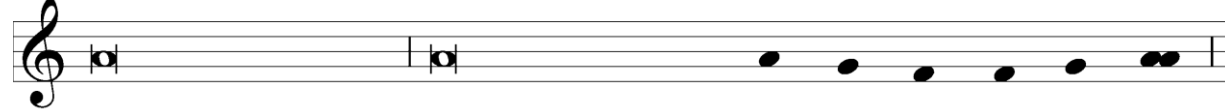
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



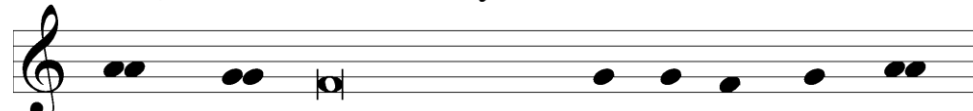
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C A - men.

Hymn of Praise "This Is the Feast" page 171



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



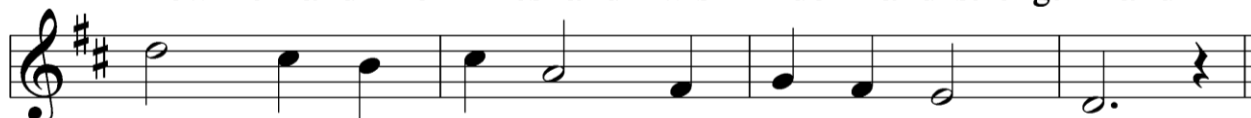
C Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God,



for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.



Salutationpage 172



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

Collect of the Day (*spoken in unison*)

Merciful Father, Your patience and loving-kindness toward us have no end. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may always think and do those things that are pleasing in Your sight; 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 **Genesis 2:18-25**

Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." So out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
she shall be called Woman,
because she was taken out of Man."

Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual..... *(spoken in unison)*

**He will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!**

Epistle..... **Hebrews 2:1-18**

Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

Now it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. It has been testified somewhere,

“What is man, that you are mindful of him,
or the son of man, that you care for him?
You made him for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned him with glory and honor,
putting everything in subjection under his feet.”

Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one origin. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, saying,

“I will tell of your name to my brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise.”

And again,

“I will put my trust in him.”

And again,

“Behold, I and the children God has given me.”

Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand


Alleluia and Versepage 173



C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel **Mark 10:2-16**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Pharisees came up and in order to test [Jesus] asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away.” And Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.”

And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. And he said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn of the Day..... "Give Me Jesus"



1 In the morn - ing when I rise, In the morn - ing when I rise,
 2 Dark mid - night was my cry, Dark mid - night was my cry,
 3 Just a - bout the break of day, Just a - bout the break of day,
 4 Oh, when I come to die, Oh, when I come to die,
 5 And when I want to sing, And when I want to sing,



In the morn - ing when I rise, Give me Je - sus.
 Dark mid - night was my cry, Give me Je - sus.
 Just a - bout the break of day, Give me Je - sus.
 Oh, when I come to die, Give me Je - sus.
 And when I want to sing, Give me Je - sus.

Refrain



Give me Je - sus, Give me Je - sus.



You may have all the rest, Give me Je - sus.

Sermon..... “Content to be Children & Family through Jesus”

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 Churchpage 175

P Lord, in Your mercy

- C** hear our prayer.
- P** . . . now and forever,
- C** Amen.

Sit

Special Presentations

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)

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.

Service of the Sacrament

Communion Liturgypages 177-178



P The Lord be with you.



C And al-so 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.

Sanctus.....*page 178*



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of



pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is He who comes in the name



of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving.....*page 178*

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.

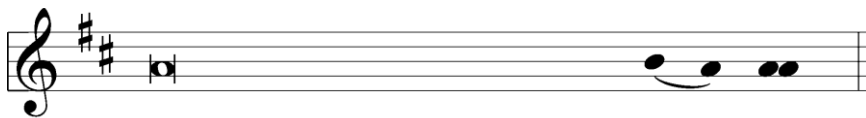
Lord's Prayer.....page 179

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.

The Words of Our Lord..... page 179

Pax Domini.....page 180



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

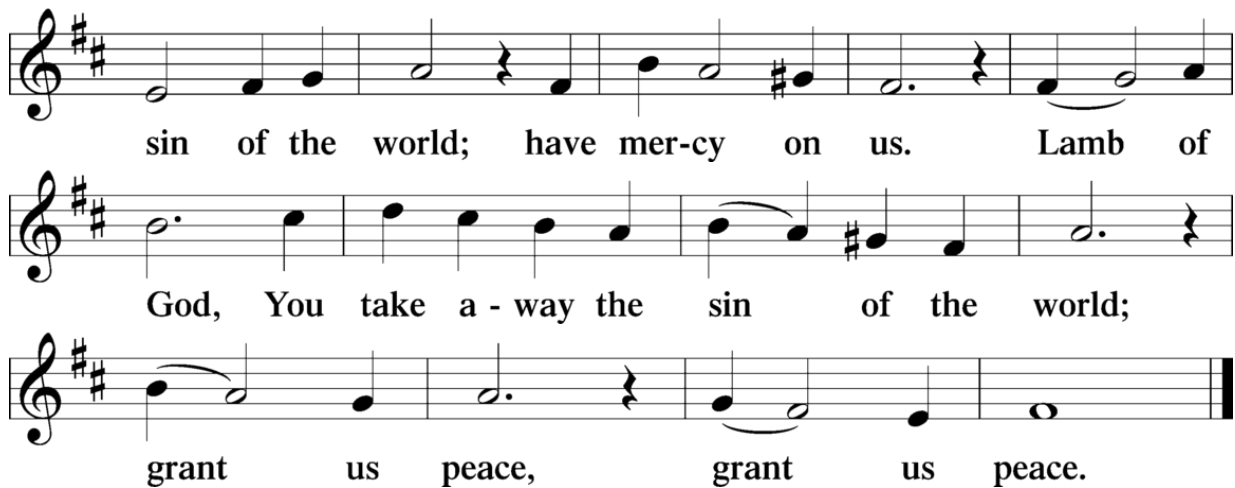
Agnus Dei.....page 180



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 mercy 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 & proceed forward if going for Communion or a blessing).

Communion Hymns *“Behold the Lamb” (solo)*

“Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread” #625 (Sunday Only)



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, life - giv - ing bread, May I in grace
 2 To pas - tures green, Lord, safe - ly guide, To rest - ful wa -
 3 O bread of heav'n, my soul's de - light, For full and free
 4 I do not mer - it fa - vor, Lord, My weight of sin
 pos - sess You. Let me with ho - ly food be fed,
 ters lead me; Your ta - ble well for me pro - vide,
 re - mis - sion I come with prayer be - fore Your sight
 would break me; In all my guilt - y heart's dis - cord,
 In hun - ger I ad - dress You. Pre - pare me well
 Your wound - ed hand now feed me. Though wea - ry, sin -
 In sor - row and con - tri - tion. Your righ - teous - ness,
 O Lord, do not for - sake me. In my dis - tress
 for You, O Lord, And, hum - bly by my prayer im - plored,
 ful, sick, and weak, Ref - uge in You a - lone I seek,
 Lord, cov - er me That I re - ceive You wor - thi - ly,
 this com - forts me That You re - ceive me gra - cious - ly,



Give me Your grace and mer - cy.
 To share Your cup of heal - ing.
 As - sured of Your full par - don.
 O Christ, my Lord of mer - cy!

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"Jesus Comes Today with Healing" #620 (Sunday Only)



1 Je - sus comes to - day with heal - ing, Knock - ing at my
 2 Christ Him - self, the priest pre - sid - ing, Yet in bread and
 3 Un - der bread and wine, though low - ly, I re - ceive the
 4 God de - scends with heav'n - ly pow - er, Gives Him - self to



door, ap - peal - ing, Of - f'ring par - don, grace, and peace.
 wine a - bid - ing In this ho - ly sac - ra - ment,
 Sav - ior ho - ly, Blood and bod - y, giv'n for me,
 me this hour— In this or - di - nar - y sign.



He Him - self makes prep - a - ra - tion, And I hear His
 Gives the bread of life, once bro - ken, And the cup, the
 Ver - y Lamb of God from heav - en, Who to bit - ter
 On my tongue His pledge re - ceiv - ing, I ac - cept His



in - vi - ta - tion: "Come and taste the bless - ed feast."
 pre - cious to - ken Of His sa - cred cov - e - nant.
 death was giv - en, Hung up - on the curs - ed tree.
 grace, be - liev - ing That I taste His love di - vine.

5 Let me praise God's boundless favor,
 Whose own feast of love I savor,
 Bidden by His gracious call.
 Wedding garments He provides me,
 With a robe of white He hides me,
 Fits me for the royal hall.

6 Now have I found consolation,
 Comfort in my tribulation,
 Balm to heal the troubled soul.
 God, my shield from ev'ry terror,
 Cleanses me from sin and error,
 Makes my wounded spirit whole.

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 -
 joice 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*

Sending Hymn..... *"Almighty Father, Bless the Word" #923*



1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, bless the Word Which through Your
 2 We praise You for the means of grace As home - ward
 △ 3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all
 grace we now have heard. Oh, may the pre - cious
 now our steps we trace. Grant, Lord, that we who
 crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye



seed take root, Spring up, and bear a - bun - dant fruit!
 wor - shipped here May all at last in heav'n ap - pear.
 heav'n - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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Dismissal (Bethlehem's Mission)

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

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Next week's readings:

OT: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15; Epistle: Heb. 3:12-19; Gospel: Mark 10:17-22

Attendance: Last Saturday: 26

Total Offering: \$3,061.00

Home Use: \$2,592.00

Attendance Last Sunday: 70

Non-Offering: \$40.00

Benevolences: \$429.00

Serving us today:

- Elders.....Jack Easterwood (Sat), Jack Easterwood, Jeremy VanWey (Sun)
- Musicians Paula Easterwood, Lorraine Miller, Gary Moege
- Altar Committee..... Teresa Hillsman (Chair), Lisa Gulick,
Beryl Lindley, Susie Mills, Sheree Moody
- Flower Committee Eunice Cobb (Chair), Lori Sloan

This Week's Schedule

- Sunday-3 1:00 p.m. Adult Catechesis—*Rooted in the Faith*
- Monday-4 9:30 a.m. Exercise Class
- 10:00 a.m. Moms and Tots
- 3:30 p.m. Migrant Farm Worker Project (meet at church)
- 6:30 p.m. Scouts
- Tuesday-5 12:00 p.m. Braille in Concordia
- Wednesday-6 9:30 a.m. Exercise Class
- 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible Class
- 5:30 p.m. Faith Night—*Reforesting Faith*
- Thursday-7 9:30 a.m. Pastor at WCS

	1:00 p.m.	Games and Card Group
	7:00 p.m.	Zoom Bible Class-“Forgiveness”
Friday-8	9:30 a.m.	Exercise Group
	5:30 a.m.	Wedding rehearsal
Saturday-9	2:30 p.m.	McCarter/Xie Wedding at Milestone’s
	5:30 p.m.	Worship
	6:45 a.m.	Bible Study
Sunday-10	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.	Sunday School, Adult Bible Class
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	2:30 p.m.	Country Club Care Center Service
	4:00 p.m.	Singing Saints- <i>Down by the Riverside</i> Concert

Prayers

Of Rejoicing for MaryBeth (Harper) and Aaron Martin, whose wedding ceremony happened here at Bethlehem this weekend. May the Lord fill their life together with much joy and ongoing goodness!

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: Don Aprill (Cindy Schnell’s Dad), Paula Brewer, Michelle Brown, Ray & Mary Carstensen, Denise (Penny Humphrey’s sister), Marion & Leona Droege, Renae Ernesti (Charlene McCarter’s niece), Wilma Gertz, Ralph Hein, Maxine Jaeger, Mary Johnson, Creed Kueker (recovering from kidney transplant surgery), Bertina Markworth, Marty Lehn, Marvin Logan (Nicole Clemons’ father), Lynn Lowe, Kathy Marshall, Ron McComas, Vivian Meyer (young daughter of Kaye Fair’s close friend), Johnny Nichol, Ron Niemeyer, Jim Rudy, and Danielle Thomas.

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, Gabe Crespo, Chance Hillsman.

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!

Annual Meeting

Bethlehem's Annual Meeting is set for Sunday, November 7, after the church service. Lunch snacks will be provided. You will be able to attend in person or online via Zoom. Further details will be provided closer to the date.

Time and Talents—Church Council is looking for members to use their time and talents to fill numerous positions on the 2022 Council Board. If you are able to serve, please contact Jeremy VanWey or Alan Miller. **Positions include: Council President, Elders (3 needed), Trustees (2 needed) and Evangelism.**

Worship Services

Saturday Services start at 5:30 p.m. Sunday Services are at 10:30 a.m. You can also watch Sunday's Service live on Facebook and YouTube, or go to it directly from the webpage at blchurch.com.

Sunday School and Christian Education

Sunday School for PreK-12th grade begins at 9:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. These are great opportunities for your children to grow in knowledge of Scripture and in trust toward their Savior!

LWML Weekend—Next weekend, **October 9-10**, will be Lutheran Women's Missionary League Weekend—with the special theme "Our Hearts in HIS Hand." Ladies of the Mary-Martha Guild will be the readers and ushers for both services. Plan on attending and inviting others!

Faith Discussion and Bible Study

"Reading Romans" Study—Feel free to join us on Sunday mornings **from 9:15-10:10 a.m.** in the conference room as we finish this important biblical letter and look ahead to what's next.

Zoom Bible Study—"Forgiveness-Making Peace with the Past" is taking place on **Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.** If you would like to join us, please contact the office so we can get you the study materials.

Saturday Bible Study on the Gospel of Matthew follows the evening service (from **6:45 to 7:30 p.m.** in the conference room) if enough people are present to have a class. Consider joining us as we explore the life and ministry of Jesus.

Reforesting Faith: What Trees Teach Us About the Nature of God and His Love for Us—a recent book by medical doctor and conservationist Matthew Sleeth—is the

topic of our **Faith Night sessions on the first Wednesday of each month** through December; which makes the next session on **October 6th from 5:30-6:45 p.m. in the fellowship hall**. Bring your own dinner and join the discussion. Everyone is welcome!

Opportunities to Serve

Thrivent Meeting—Sunday, October 3rd—after service. All Thrivent supporters are encouraged to attend a short Organizational Planning Meeting. We will be planning our activities for the rest of 2021.

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.

The Quilting Group meets on the **second and fourth Tuesday** of the month from **9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.** (September through May). Anyone is welcome to help with this project. No special sewing skills needed. Bring your own lunch. If you have any questions, please contact Georgia Luker.

Events & Opportunities

New Beginnings Life Walk—After a year of doing a virtual LifeWalk last year and a Virtual banquet—Let's come back home and gather again at New Beginnings to celebrate life and raise funds for the young women of our community. **Our 2021 LifeWalk is a family-friendly 5k run and a 1k walk the morning of October 9 at 9:00 a.m. at 208 E. Gay Street.** There will be prizes for runners for adults and kids. Free pair of shoes from Brown Shoe Fit for top fundraiser! We can't wait to see you. Registration can be found at nbwburg.org/partner or pick up a flyer at the church.

The Saint Paul Lutheran High School Singing Saints will be offering a FREE outdoor concert "**Down by the Riverside**" on **Sunday, October 10th at 4:00 pm at Eagle Bluff Ranch in Waverly, MO.** The concert will feature songs about water, Baptism, fountains, rivers, nature, and more. Everyone is invited to attend and we will provide a reception following the concert with fall-themed food and drink. The Singing Saints are an internationally acclaimed concert choir from Saint Paul Lutheran High School, the last LCMS residential high school, located in Concordia, MO. **The location of the concert, Eagle Bluff Ranch in Waverly, Missouri, sits on the Missouri River and**

provides a beautiful venue and is located at 31827 US-65, Waverly, MO 64096. Individuals & groups within Bethlehem plan to attend, so check with the office if you need a ride.

Country Kitchen Cards are available! You can get 10 buy-one, get-one meal **FREE** coupons for just **\$10.00**. All proceeds go towards helping the youth group. See a youth member, or you can stop by the office and purchase one.

Offerings

You can mail your offerings to Bethlehem and have pastor put it in the offering plate 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.

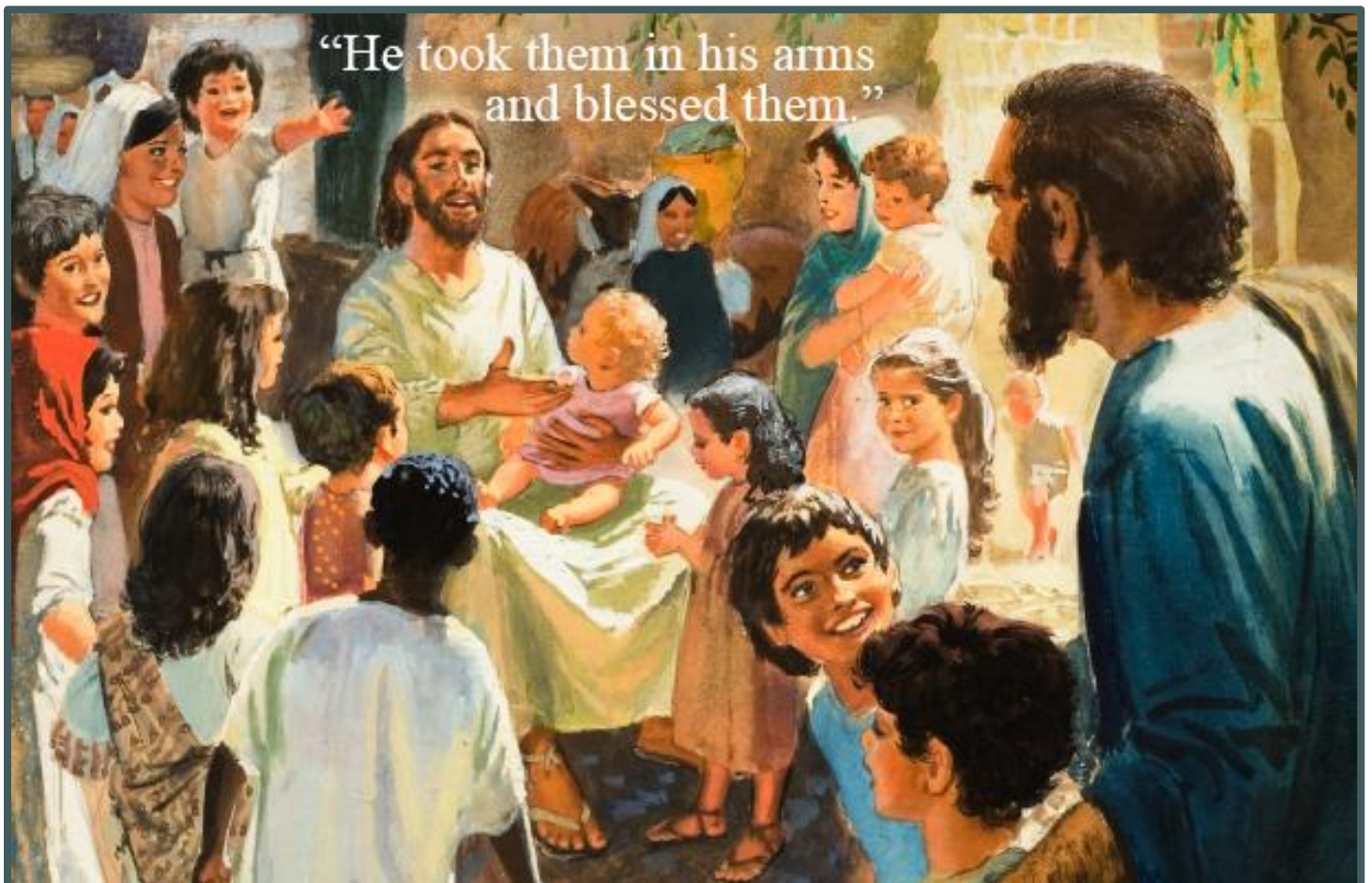
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Our Mission

· 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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Please note that Bethlehem Lutheran Church has a closed-circuit video system. This allows for live streaming on the web, 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.