



Nation
will rise
against
nation

MARK 13:8



+ The 25th Sunday After Pentecost +

November 14, 2021

AS WE GATHER

Like the disciples of old, we look around us and presume that our accomplishments will endure. But even now, they are falling, brick upon brick. There is no repairing a world that must be replaced by a new heaven and a new earth. The urgent need is not to predict when these things will happen, but to endure when they do come. The world is in labor until God delivers His eternal kingdom, but you are not of the world. You belong to the Lord. Through your witness, the elect of many nations will be called by the Spirit through the preaching of the Word. The world will reject you, but you belong to God. He who endures in this faith to the end will be saved.

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 Schmillerburchs

Welcome

Stand

Gathering Hymn..... *"Herald, Sound the Note of Judgment" #511*



1 Her - ald, sound the note of judg - ment, Warn - ing
2 Her - ald, sound the note of glad - ness; Tell the
3 Her - ald, sound the note of par - don— Those re -
4 Her - ald, sound the note of tri - umph; Christ has



us of right and wrong, Turn - ing us from sin and
news that Christ is here; Make a path - way through the
pent - ing are for - giv'n; God re - ceives His way - ward
come to share our life, Bring - ing God's own love and



sad - ness Till once more we sing the song.
 des - ert For the one who brings God near.
 chil - dren, And to them new life is giv'n.
 pow - er, Grant - ing vic - t'ry in our strife.

Refrain



Sound the trum-pet! Tell the mes-sage: Christ, the Sav-ior king, is come!

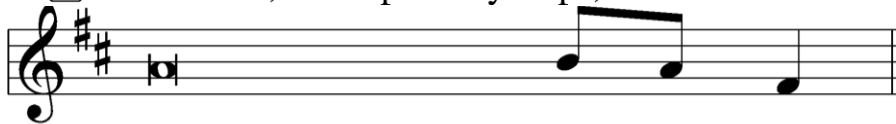
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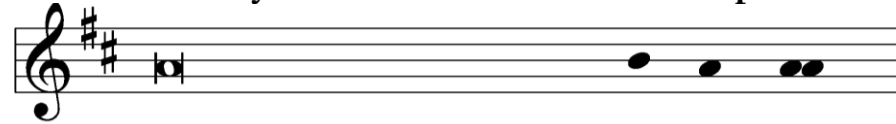
Opening Verses..... page 219



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



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



Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

Psalmody

Antiphon (Common)..... page 220

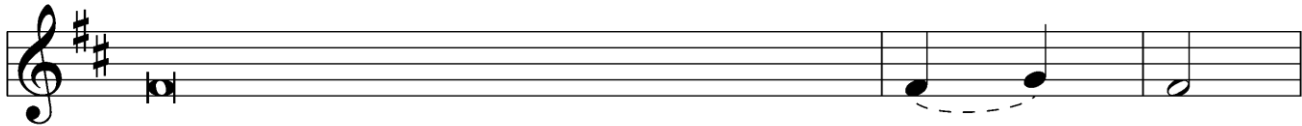


L Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.



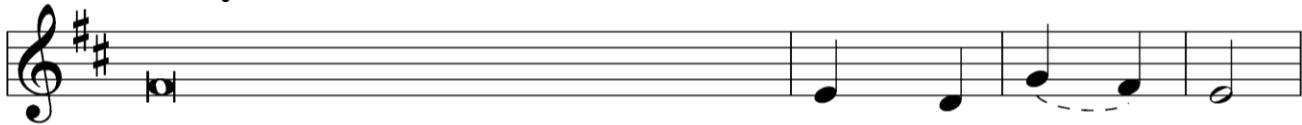
C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Venite..... pages 220-221



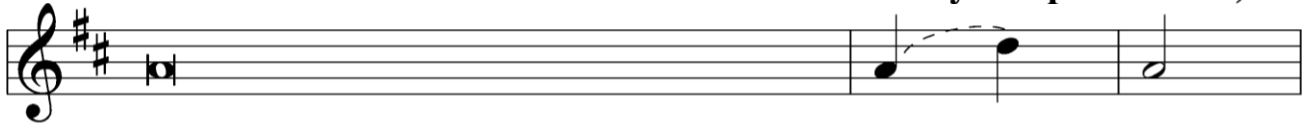
C 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
2 For the Lord is a great God
3 The sea is His, for He made it,

5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son

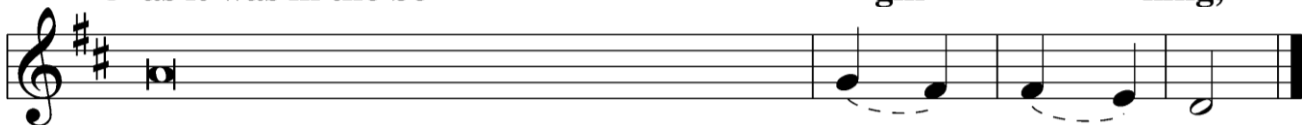


1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
3 and His hand formed the dry land.

5 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
4 For He is our God,
5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
2 the strength of the hills is His al - so.
3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak - er.
4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



L Blessed be God, the Fa-ther, the Son, and the Ho-ly Spir-it.



C O come, let us wor-ship Him.

Psalm 16(spoken responsively by half verse)

Preserve me, O God,

for in you I take refuge.

I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;

I have no good apart from you."

As for the saints in the land,

they are the excellent ones,

in whom is all my delight.

The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;

their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out

or take their names on my lips.

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;

you hold my lot.

The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;

indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;

in the night also my heart instructs me.

I have set the Lord always before me;

because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;

my flesh also dwells secure.

For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,

or let your holy one see corruption.

You make known to me the path of life;

in your presence there is fullness of joy;

at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

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

Office Hymn "Christ, the Word of God Incarnate" #540 (5&6)

5 Christ, the way that leads un - fail - ing To the Fa - ther's
△ 6 Christ, the Al - pha and O - me - ga, Christ, the first-born
home on high, Christ, the truth that frees the cap - tive,
from the dead, Christ, the life and res - ur - rec - tion,
Christ, the life that can - not die. Me - di - a - tor
Christ, the Church's glo - rious head: Praise and thanks and
to the Fa - ther, Sac - ri - fice and great High Priest: Lead us
ad - o - ra - tion And un - end - ing wor - ship be To the
to Your heav'n - ly man - sions, There to share Your wed - ding feast.
Fa - ther and the Spir - it And to You e - ter - nal - ly.

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Sit

Readings

Old Testament Reading Daniel 12:1-3

“At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Office Hymn *"Stars of Morning, So Gloriously Bright"* #520 (1&4)

1 Stars of the morn - ing, so glo - rious - ly bright,
4 Still let them aid us and still let them fight,
An - gels in heav - en, re - splen - dent in light,
Lord of an - gel - ic hosts, bat - tling for right,
These, where no dark - ness the glo - ry can dim,
Till, where their an - thems they cease - less - ly pour,
Praise the Thrice Ho - ly One, serv - ing but Him.
We with the an - gels may bow and a - dore.

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Epistle Reading **Hebrews 10:11-25**

Every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,
"This is the covenant that I will make with them
after those days, declares the Lord:
I will put my laws on their hearts,
and write them on their minds,"

then he adds,

"I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the

curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel Mark 13:1-13

As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!” And Jesus said to him, “Do you see these great buildings? There will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.”

And as he sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, “Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are about to be accomplished?” And Jesus began to say to them, “See that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. This must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. These are but the beginning of the birth pains.

“But be on your guard. For they will deliver you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them. And the gospel must first be proclaimed to all nations. And when they bring you to trial and deliver you over, do not be anxious beforehand what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit. And brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death. And you will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.”

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Verse *To Refrain*

- 1 Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
- 2 Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep— it.
- 3 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.

Refrain

- Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glo-ry dwells.

- Sit*
- Children’s Hymn..... “Jesus’ Love”
- Children’s Message
- Sermon..... “Trouble & Dust/The Gospel, Love, & Good Works”
- Stand*

Canticle

Hymn of Praise..... “No Temple Now, No Gift of Price” #530

- 1 No tem - ple now, no gift of price, No priest - ly round of
- 2 The dy - ing Lord our ran - som paid, One fi - nal full self -
- 3 In faith and con - fi - dence draw near, With - in the ho - li -
- 4 For Christ is ours! With pur - pose true The pil - grim path of

sac - ri - fice, Re - tain their an - cient pow’rs.
of - f’ring made, Com - plete in ev - ’ry part.
est ap - pear, With all who praise and pray;
faith pur - sue, The road that Je - sus trod;



As shad - ows fade be - fore the sun The day of sac - ri -
 His fin - ished sac - ri - fice for sins The cov - e - nant of
 Who share one fam - i - ly, one feast, One great im - per - ish -
 Un - til by His pre - vail - ing grace We stand at last be -



fice is done, The day of grace is ours.
 grace be - gins, The law with - in the heart.
 a - ble Priest, One new and liv - ing way.
 fore His face, Our Sav - ior and our God.

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Offering

Offering plates are not being 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)

Prayer

Kyrie.....page 227



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

Lord's Prayerpage 227

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.

Collects.....*page 227-228*



L O Lord, hear my prayer.



C And let my cry come to You.

Collect of the Day (*in unison*)

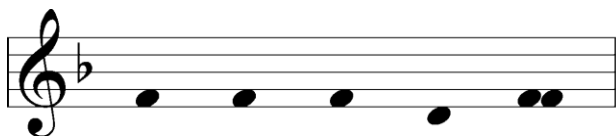
O Lord, by Your bountiful goodness release us from the bonds of our sins, which by reason of our weakness we have brought upon ourselves, that we may stand firm until the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Collects ending Amen.

P O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous 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.

C Amen.

Benedicamus.....*page 228*



L Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction.....*page 228*

P The grace of our Lord † Je - sus Christ and the love of God
 and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.
C A - men.

Sending Hymn..... *“How Wide the Love of Christ” #535*

1 How wide the love of Christ! It knows not class or race But
 2 How long the love of Christ! Its pa - tience will not cease Un -
 3 How high the love of Christ! Be - yond all thought it soars, And
 4 How deep the love of Christ, De - scend - ing to a cross! He
 5 All praise to You, O Christ, For love whose depth and height, Whose
 holds our one hu - man - i - ty With - in its broad em - brace.
 til this bro - ken world is bound In ev - er - last - ing peace.
 yet up - on our pass - ing lives Un - mea - sured mer - cy pours.
 bears with - in His wound - ed hands All hu - man pain and loss.
 length and breadth fill time and space With end - less life and light!

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Dismissal (Bethlehem’s Mission)

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

Postlude Schmillerburchs

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Next week’s readings:

1st: Dan. 7:9-10, 13-14; Epistle: Rev. 1:4b-8; Gospel: John 18:33-37

Attendance Last Saturday: 24
Total Offering: \$10,043.00
Home Use: \$8,904.00

Attendance Last Sunday: 92
Missions: \$50.00
Benevolences/Non-Offering: \$1,039.00

Serving us today:

Elders/Ushers.....Jeremy VanWey
Musicians Lorraine Miller, Roy Schache, Rich Vanderburgh
Altar Committee..... Teresa Hillsman (Chair), Lisa Gulick,
Beryl Lindley, Susie Mills, Sheree Moody
Flower CommitteeEunice Cobb (Chair), Lori Sloan

This Week's Schedule

Monday-15	9:30 a.m.	Exercise Class
	10:00 a.m.	Moms and Tots
	6:30 p.m.	Scouts
Tuesday-16		<i>Pastor's Vacation Day</i>
	6:00 p.m.	Mission Board Meeting
Wednesday-17		<i>Pastor's Vacation Day</i>
	9:30 a.m.	Exercise Class
		No Bible Study
Thursday-18	9:30 a.m.	Pastor at Warrensburg Christian School
	11:30 a.m.	Merry Widows/Friends Holiday Luncheon
	1:00 p.m.	Games and Cards Group
	5:30 p.m.	Fellowship Board Meeting
Friday-19	9:30 a.m.	Exercise Group
Saturday-20	11:00 a.m.	Trustees' Meeting
	5:30 p.m.	Holy Communion
	6:45 p.m.	Bible Study
Sunday-21	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.	Holy Communion

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 and rehabilitation: Pr. Ricky Bertels, Paula Brewer, Ray & Mary Carstensen, Sue Cottrill, Marion & Leona Droege, Paula Easterwood, Renae Ernesti (Charlene McCarter's niece), Wilma Gertz, Ralph Hein, Maxine Jaeger, Mary Johnson, Creed Kueker, Marty Lehn, Lynn Lowe, Bertina Markworth, Ron McComas, Johnny Nichol, Ron Niemeyer, Jim Rudy, and Joe Zeman.

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!

Worship Services

Saturday Services start at 5:30 p.m. Sunday Services are at 10:30 a.m. Sunday's Services are live on Facebook and YouTube and the webpage at blchurch.com.

Thanksgiving Eve Service—Gather together with others in our sanctuary on **Wednesday, November 24 at 7:00 p.m.** to ground ourselves anew in a life of gratitude and grateful living. Please join us!

Midweek Advent Services will be held on the four Wednesdays leading up to Christmas Eve—the **1st, 8th, & 15th and 22nd**—at **7:00 p.m.** in our sanctuary. As in past years, we'll be using the beautiful and renewing Holden Evening Prayer. Our theme this year—***When Heaven Meets Earth, with Questions and Answers***. Plan on setting aside this time for a quiet and contemplative keeping of the short and often crowded-out season of Advent!

Sunday School and Christian Education

Sunday School for PreK-12th grade begins at 9:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This is a great opportunity for children and youth to grow in knowledge of Scripture and in love toward the Lord and our neighbors, as Jesus said matters most!

Faith Discussion and Bible Study

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.

A New Sunday Bible Study has started which is perfect for this ending time of the Church Year & start of the new one when we reflect on "last things." *Death, Heaven, Resurrection, and the New Creation* will clear up popular misconceptions and root you more firmly in believing and living through Christ's own life, death, and resurrection. Plan on joining us on that Sunday, and beyond, **in the conference room from 9:15 to 10:10 a.m.**

Reforestation 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 last session (“The Fruit of the Tree & The Trees of Our Lives”) on **December 1st from 5:30-6:45 p.m. in the fellowship hall**—before the first Advent midweek service. Bring your own dinner and join the discussion. Everyone is welcome!

Fellowship

Merry Widows/Friends will be meeting on **Thursday, November 18 at 11:30 a.m.** A Thanksgiving meal will be provided for everyone along with desserts. Bring yourself and a friend to celebrate this day of Thanks!

The Hanging of the Greens will take place on **Monday, November 29.** (5-6pm meal, 6pm decorating starts). Bring a dish to share for a potluck meal. Everyone from the congregation is invited and encouraged to come help adorn the sanctuary for the Advent and Christmas!

Exercise Class is 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.

Special Events & Opportunities

Blanket the County with Love—Thrivent is collecting blankets during the month of November. These will be given to the Clothes Closet, the homeless and others in need. If you would like to donate, please bring the blankets to either entrance of the church where there will be a collection box located. New or gently used blankets will be very much appreciated.

The Warrensburg Salvation Army is in need of men’s coats (which will be given for free to those who need them). If you are able to donate some, please bring them to Pr. Joel, or take them directly to the Salvation Army Family Services office.

Poinsettias are now available to order. The deadline for ordering is November 24. Options are red, white, pink and a red/white splash (candy cane). Prices are as follows: small-\$7 and large-\$20. Pick up an order form at each entrance of the church or by the mailboxes. **All checks are to be made payable to Mary Martha Guild.** Leave your forms in Eunice Cobb's mailbox.

Holiday Parade—Bethlehem will be participating in the Holiday Parade on **December 3rd at 6:00 p.m.** If you would like to be a part of the float (either working on it and/or participating in the parade), please contact the office. We will need children and adults in costume, walkers and riders the evening of the parade. This is a LIGHTED parade, so all float items and walkers have to be illuminated.

The Singing Saints (the choir of St. Paul Lutheran High School) will be singing during the morning service on the Second Sunday of Advent, **December 5.** Plan to be here and spread the word about the special gift of having them here that day!

Heit's Point's Christmas Celebration will be held on **Sunday, December 5 at 1:00 p.m.** The Celebration starts with a meal, followed by music and a reading from The Christmas Story. The day will finish off with desserts! For more information or to register, go to www.heitspoint.com. Heit's Point is located in Lincoln and is the recreational and retreat center of the Missouri District.

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.

Bethlehem Emergency Fund—Much gratitude goes out to those who've donated so generously to this account which Pastor Joel uses to help those within the congregation and community when pressing needs arise and other resources aren't available! The Lord's gifts to us are indeed ours to share, so thanks for doing so!

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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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