

Today  
this  
scripture  
has been  
fulfilled  
in your  
hearing

LUKE 4:21



## Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany January 29 & 30, 2022

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### AS WE GATHER

At the beginning of the Church Year, many sang the hymn “Love Came Down at Christmas.” Indeed, the Bible says, “God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son” (John 3:16). It is only on Good Friday, however, that we discover the depth and power of God’s love in the cross of the Lord’s death. And so it was that ever since the beginning of His earthly ministry, after His Baptism, we are given clear hints about the true nature of God’s love. Initially people marveled at Jesus’ preaching and miraculous healings. Yet not only did the crowds quickly reject our Lord, but Satan also was actively opposing Him from the beginning. The love of God is the power of God to defeat Satan and free the world from the grip of sin and death. The standard of love is the cross of Christ. In today’s Epistle, Paul describes love in and through Christ. Substitute “Christ” for “love” and you get, “Christ is patient and kind; Christ does not envy or boast; . . . Christ rejoices with the truth.” This love of Christ is given to us and through us. “Faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these” is the cross of Christ!

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### REGARDING COMMUNION

*Epiphany* means “the manifesting” or “showing forth.” Jesus was *made known* as God in flesh by the descent of the Holy Spirit and voice of the Father when baptized, as well as through the miracles of healing he did for the ill and suffering. We come to our Lord’s Table as a people baptized into the name of the Holy Triune God ... as Christians who desire to continue in the faith and life of Jesus. Our Lord Jesus *makes himself known* to us still as we gather at the altar to receive his body and blood in the bread and wine for our forgiveness and healing and strength. Then we go forth to *make him known* to others in word and witness. ***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** .....Jerrode Marsh (Sat), Lorraine Miller, Gary Moege (Sun)

**Welcome**

**Stand**

**Invocation Hymn** ..... *"Hail, O Source of Every Blessing", #409*



1 Hail, O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Fa - ther of our  
2 Once far off but now in - vit - ed, We ap - proach Your  
3 Hail, O all - in - vit - ing Sav - ior! Gen - tiles now their



hu - man race! Gen - tiles now, Your grace pos - sess - ing, In Your  
sa - cred throne, In Your cov - e - nant u - nit - ed, Rec - on -  
of - f'ring bring, In Your tem - ples seek Your fa - vor, Je - sus



courts ob - tain a place. Grate - ful now, we fall be - fore You,  
ciled, re - deemed, made one. Now re - vealed to east - ern sa - ges,  
Christ, our Lord and King. May we, bod - y, soul, and spir - it,



In Your Church re - joice to live, See Your glo - ry  
See the Star of Mer - cy shine, Mys - t'ry hid in  
Live de - vot - ed to Your praise, Glo - rious realms of



and a - dore You, Thank - ful for the grace You give.  
for - mer a - ges, Mys - t'ry great of love di - vine.  
bliss in - her - it, Grate - ful an - thems ev - er raise.

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**Divine Service, Setting Four**  
**Service of the Word**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

**P** Since we are gathered . . . God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

**P** Almighty God, . . .

**C** Amen.

**Entrance Hymn** ..... *“There is a Balm in Gilead”, #749*

*Refrain*



There is a balm in Gil-e-ad To make the wound-ed whole;



There is a balm in Gil-e-ad To heal the sin-sick soul.



1 Some-times I feel dis-cour-aged And think my work's in vain,

2 If you can-not preach like Pe-ter, If you can-not pray like Paul,

3 Don't ev-er feel dis-cour-aged, For Je-sus is your friend;

*Refrain*



But then the Ho-ly Spir-it Re-vives my soul a-gain.

You can tell the love of Je-sus And say He died for all.

And if you lack for knowl-edge, He'll ne'er re-fuse to lend.

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**Kyrie** ..... *page 204*



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

**Gloria In Excelsis.....page 204**



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

**Salutation.....page 205**

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Let us pray.

**Collect of the Day ..... (spoken in unison)**

Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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 Reading..... Jeremiah 1:4-10, 17-19**

Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,  
and before you were born I consecrated you;  
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth.” But the LORD said to me,

“Do not say, ‘I am only a youth’;  
for to all to whom I send you, you shall go,  
and whatever I command you, you shall speak.  
Do not be afraid of them,  
for I am with you to deliver you,  
declares the LORD.”

Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the LORD said to me,

“Behold, I have put my words in your mouth.  
See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms,  
to pluck up and to break down,  
to destroy and to overthrow,  
to build and to plant.” . . .

But you, dress yourself for work; arise, and say to them everything that I command you. Do not be dismayed by them, lest I dismay you before them. And I, behold, I make you this day a fortified city, an iron pillar, and bronze walls, against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, its officials, its priests, and the people of the land. They will fight against you, but they shall not prevail against you, for I am with you, declares the LORD, to deliver you.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

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

**Praise the Lord, all nations!**

**Extol him, all peoples!**

**For great is his steadfast love toward us,**

**and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.**

**Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;**

**bring an offering, and come into his courts! *(Psalm 117:1-2a; 96:8)***

**Epistle Reading**..... **1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13**

I will show you a still more excellent way.

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**Alleluia and Verse** .....page 205



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## **Holy Gospel ..... Luke 4:31-44**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus] went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching them on the Sabbath, and they were astonished at his teaching, for his word possessed authority. And in the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, “Ha! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.” But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent and come out of him!” And when the demon had thrown him down in their midst, he came out of him, having done him no harm. And they were all amazed and said to one another, “What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!” And reports about him went out into every place in the surrounding region.

And he arose and left the synagogue and entered Simon’s house. Now Simon’s mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to him on her behalf. And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them.

Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. And demons also came out of many, crying, “You are the Son of God!” But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ.

And when it was day, he departed and went into a desolate place. And the people sought him and came to him, and would have kept him from leaving them, but he said to them, “I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose.” And he was preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

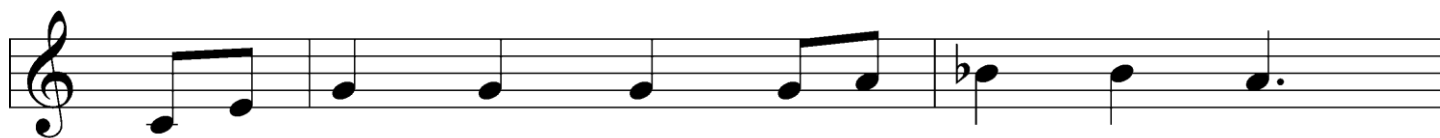
## **Nicene Creed ..... page 206**

**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.

**Hymn of the Day** ..... *“Away from Us!” the Demon Cried*, #541



1	“A	-	way	from	us!”	the	de	-	mon	cried
2	But	Je	-	sus	spoke	with	God’s	own	pow’r;	
3	O	ris	-	en	Christ,	God’s	liv	-	ing	Word,
4	Drive	out	the	doubt	that	crip	-	ples	faith;	
5	Then	help	us,	Lord,	to	greet	each	day		



When Christ, the Lord, drew near. "Our dark, dis - or - dered  
 "Come forth!" was His com - mand; For e - vil can - not  
 To us, we pray, draw near. Come, speak the truth that  
 Ex - pel our pride and greed That we, from pow'rs that  
 With hearts and wills made new And, when You call us



world is lost When You, the Light, ap - pear!"  
 bear the Light Nor sin the Truth with - stand.  
 cleans - es sin With love that con - quers fear.  
 threat - en us, May, by Your grace, be freed.  
 forth to serve, To rise and fol - low You.

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**Sit**  
**Sermon** ..... "Love & Christ's Work of Healing"

**Stand**  
**Prayer of the Church**

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

**Offering**

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

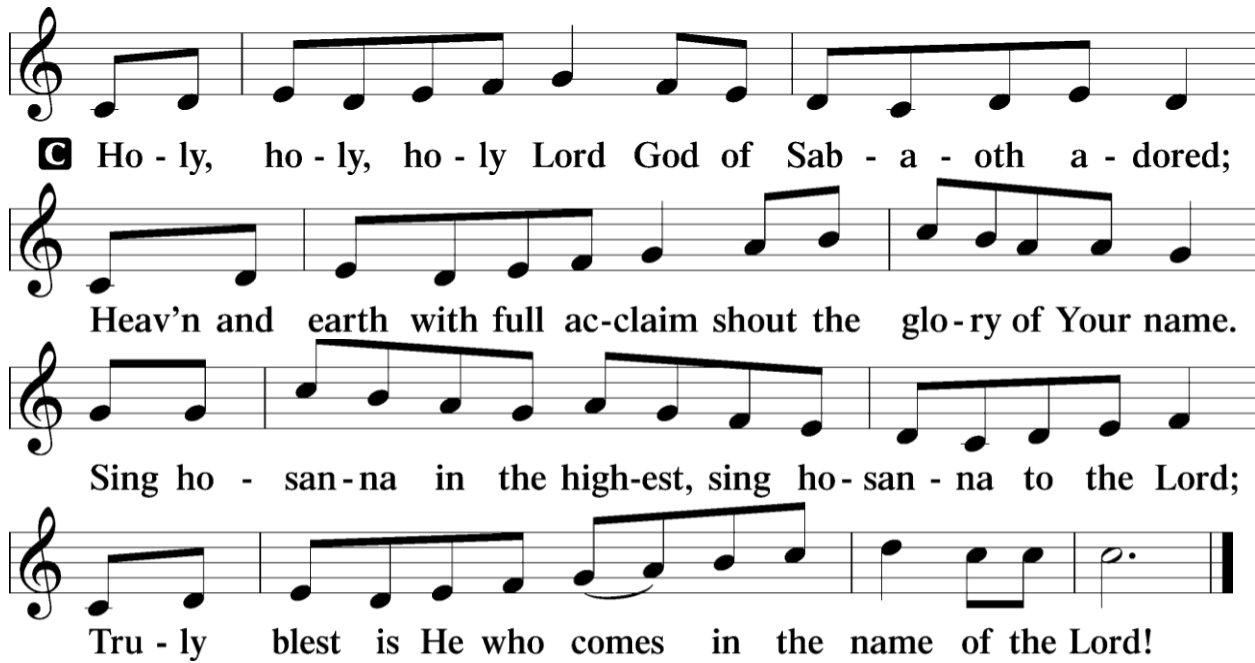
*"Through him (Jesus) then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good & to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." (Hebrews 13:15-16)*

## Service of the Sacrament

**Communion Liturgy** .....pages 208-210

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also 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.

**P** It is truly good, right, and beneficial . . . evermore praising You and saying:



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
Sing ho - san - na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;  
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

**Agnus Dei** .....page 210



**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

**Communion Distribution**

*Sit (until motioned to rise and proceed forward if going for Communion or a blessing).*

**Instrumental Music for Reflection**

**Congregational Hymn** ..... *“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.

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|---|---|
| <p>5 Let me praise God's boundless favor,<br/>                 Whose own feast of love I savor,<br/>                 Bidden by His gracious call.<br/>                 Wedding garments He provides me,<br/>                 With a robe of white He hides me,<br/>                 Fits me for the royal hall.</p> | <p>6 Now have I found consolation,<br/>                 Comfort in my tribulation,<br/>                 Balm to heal the troubled soul.<br/>                 God, my shield from ev'ry terror,<br/>                 Cleanses me from sin and error,<br/>                 Makes my wounded spirit whole.</p> |
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**Stand**

**Post Communion Canticle.....** *“Nunc Dimittis” page 211*



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;



A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is



to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -



peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

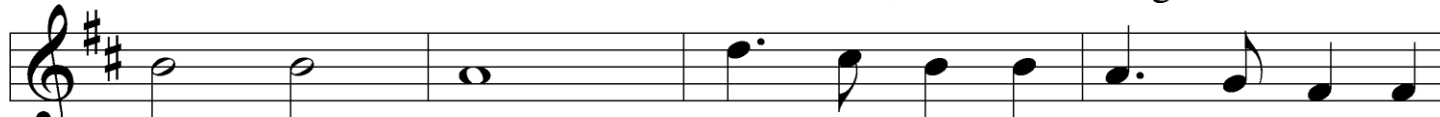
**Post-Communion Collect.....** *page 212*

**Benedicamus and Benediction.....** *page 212*

**Sending Hymn ..... “Love in Christ is Strong and Living”, #706**



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



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



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

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

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

**Postlude** ..... Jerrode Marsh (Sat), Lorraine Miller, Gary Moege (Sun)

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**Next week's readings:**

**OT: Isaiah 6:1-13; Epistle: 1 Corinthians 14:12b-20; Gospel: Luke 5:1-11**

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<b>Attendance Last Saturday: 26</b>	<b>Attendance Last Sunday: 64</b>
<b>Total Offering: \$3,429.00</b>	<b>Missions: \$40</b>
<b>Home Use: \$3,215.00</b>	<b>Benevolences: \$174.00</b>

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**Serving us today:**

- Elders ..... Caleb Thomas (Sat), Jack Easterwood, Willie Crespo (Sun)
- Musicians ..... Jerrode Marsh (Sat), Lorraine Miller, Gary Moege (Sun)
- Altar Committee ..... Darlene Laubenstein (Chair), Karon Harding,  
Esther Keseman, Georgia Luker
- Flower Committee ..... Penny Humphrey (Chair), Lori Sloan

**This Week's Schedule**

Sunday	12:00 p.m.	Youth Gathering Meeting in Conference Room
	1:00 p.m.	<i>Rooted in the Faith</i> Adult Catechesis
Monday	9:30 a.m.	Exercise Class
	10:00 a.m.	Moms and Tots
Tuesday	12:00 p.m.	Braille in Concordia
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Exercise Class
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
Thursday	9:30 a.m.	Pastor at WCS
	1:00 p.m.	Games and Cards Group
	7:00 p.m.	Zoom-Epiphany Bible Class

Friday	9:30 a.m.	Exercise Class
Saturday	5:30 p.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	The Lutheran Hour broadcast on 96.9
	9:00 a.m.	Radio Broadcast 98.5 (can also be heard at <a href="http://www.blchurch.com">www.blchurch.com</a> , 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, are undergoing and recovering from surgery, as well as going through hospitalization and rehabilitation: Paula Brewer, Felisa Brown, Ray & Mary Carstensen, Barb Compton, Mollie Dinwiddie, Marion & Leona Droege, Renae Ernesti (Charlene McCarter’s niece), Wilma Gertz, Ralph Hein, Maxine Jaeger, Mary Johnson, Marty Lehn, Heather Long (Carol Kurz’s niece), Lynn Lowe, Ron Niemeyer, Pam Petersen (Peggy Hoyer’s sister), Judy Pierce, Alice Repp (friend of the Limbacks), Jim Rudy, Linda Tomblinson and Joe Zeman.

**For Pregnant Mothers (& Waiting Fathers)**, especially Samantha & Nathan Schultz (Mark and Felisa Brown’s daughter & son-in-law) and Caitlin and Eric Hulshizer. 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, 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](http://blchurch.com).

## Sunday School and Christian Education

**Sunday School for PreK-12<sup>th</sup> 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!

## Youth Gathering Opportunities

**Sr. High Youth** who would like to come together with thousands of others their age at the LCMS National Youth Gathering—*In All Things*—in Houston **this summer from July 9-13** should plan on meeting in the conference room this Sunday at noon ... or notify Pr. Joel of their interest **ASAP**. There are several slots available still with another group, so plans need to be made soon! There are congregational funds to help with expenses, and other details will be explored.

**A District Jr. & Sr. High Youth Gathering** will be held on **April 1-3 at Cross Pointe Retreat Center at Lake of the Ozarks**. Keep a lookout for a youth meeting and get-together here next month, at which we'll discuss attending this and plan out other things to do this year.

## Faith Discussion and Bible Study

**New Faith Night Topic for 2022: *The Lord's Prayer, Line by Line!*** We'll start on **Wednesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>** by discussing what it means to pray and live the words "Our Father in Heaven." Bring whatever you'd like to eat for a simple meal and conversation with others from **5:30-6:00 p.m.** in the fellowship hall, followed by our discussion from **6:00 to 6:45**. Any questions? Ask Pr. Joel.

**Sunday Bible Study** is working through the book *Death, Heaven, Resurrection, and the New Creation* (by Concordia Seminary faculty) and discussing our way through Scripture and personal experiences so that we can all be strengthened in believing and living through Christ's own life, death, and resurrection. Plan to join us **in the conference room from 9:15 to 10:10 a.m.!**

**Wednesday Bible Study** is currently exploring the short book of Jonah. Join us **in the conference room from 10:30 to noon** as we see what Jonah has to do with us.

**Thursday Advent Zoom Bible Study.** "Epiphany 2022" is a new Zoom Bible study in which we're discussing God's forgiving love for us in Christ Jesus. This Bible study focuses on the Scripture readings for each Sunday. The class happens on **Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. and runs through March 10**. Please let Rebecca or Cindy know if you would like to join.

**Epiphany Hymn Festival**—Concordia Seminary Concert Series will be holding a hymn festival on **Sunday, February 6 at 3:00 p.m.** in the Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus. It will feature the St. Louis Lutheran Chorale and the Seminary String Ensemble. You can watch it live by going to [csl.edu/live](https://csl.edu/live).

## Opportunities to Help & Serve

**Worship Readers/Lectors**—Please consider volunteering to assist in congregational worship by reading the first two Scripture passages during Saturday



or Sunday church services! There is a sign-up sheet on the board by the mailboxes, and the Scripture readings are listed by each date.

**The Warrensburg Food Center** is in need of the following items: smaller boxes of dried cereal, this time. Please throw in a few items when you are doing your grocery shopping to help the Food Center. You can place them in the basket by the bulletin board at the north entrance of the building for delivery to the Food Center.

**Food Center “Souper” Bowl Sunday, February 13**—Once again, our pandemic “Souper” Bowl drive will be ‘virtual’ cans! Not only are virtual cans lighter, but your donated dollar is equal to 3 cans of soup when purchased at Harvesters, our Kansas City Food Bank. **Monetary Donations can be sent to: The Food Center, P.O. Box 872, Warrensburg, MO. 64093.** Please make special arrangements with the Food Center (660) 747-6188 for any actual can donations. Check out our “Most Wanted” list on our website for other food donation ideas: [www.foodcenterjoco.com](http://www.foodcenterjoco.com).

**LERT Training**—If you desire to respond to local disasters with the love and mercy of Jesus Christ, then we invite you to be a part of the Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT) Training event which will take place at **Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Emma, MO on Saturday, February 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** (check in begins at 8:30 a.m.) There is a \$35 registration fee and lunch will be provided.

This FEMA-approved training is part of a LCMS-wide disaster response ministry, facilitated by a network of District Disaster Response Coordinators and Teams, under the direction of LCMS Disaster Response. Once you have successfully completed this training, you will receive a certificate of participation, along with a LERT volunteer credential issued by LCMS Disaster Response.

Completing this simple training will enable you to respond to local disasters with the love and mercy of Christ. Team members respond to disaster situations to help with general clean-up, as well as simple tasks of handing out bottled water, blankets, food, personal care items, etc. Many times, volunteers are needed to simply be available at the local church to support and visit with those who have been affected. For more information visit [www.lcms-lert.org](http://www.lcms-lert.org). ***If you are planning on going, please contact the church office for registration details by Monday, February 11. Funds may be available to cover the \$35 fee.***

**Volunteers Need** for individuals who would be willing to take a fellow church member to doctor appointments, grocery store, church on Sundays, etc. Please let Pastor Joel know if you are able to help in any way.

## Fellowship

**Valentine Fellowship**—The Fellowship Board will be having **Valentine—themed** coffee and treats on **Sunday, February 13, after service**. Come downstairs and enjoy some tasty treats and drinks, plus worthwhile time visiting with others!

**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 Youth room downstairs. Anyone, men and women, are welcome to come. 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.

## Miscellaneous

Trinity Men's Club is having their annual Pancake Supper. **The date has been changed to Sunday, February 6.** from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

**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.

**Ongoing thanks** to those who generously give to the Bethlehem Emergency Fund, which enables Pr. Joel to assist members and certain people in the community who are in crisis situations. Much appreciation for your good support!

## Offerings

*Simply Giving* is the online program for donations and offerings. The website has changed a bit recently. If you need assistance, please let the office know and we will provide you with the steps to start it or help you change where you place your funds.

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· Grow in Christ · Live in Love · Share the Faith

### **Our Vision**

To be a community of believers, disciples, and servants while we deepen our personal faith and reach others for Christ.



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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.