

From now on you will be
catching people

LUKE 5:10





Fifth Saturday/Sunday After the Epiphany February 5 & 6, 2022

AS WE GATHER

The word Epiphany means “a showing forth” or “a revelation.” One of the images associated with our Lord in this season of Epiphany is that He is the bright Morning Star. In John’s Gospel, Jesus is quoted as calling out: “I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in Me may not remain in darkness” (John 12:46). In the season of Epiphany, we see the brightness of God in the face of our Lord, and we are called to follow Him just as the original disciples were called centuries ago. For all who follow the Lord in humble faith, the future is bright!

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.

Visitors: We are glad you have chosen to be with us today! We would especially like to follow-up with you beyond today, so please take a moment to leave your best contact information in the guest books at each entrance/exit or in the Record of Fellowship books found on each pew. **A cry-room for parents and children is just off from the front entryway.**

Prelude Jerrode Marsh

Welcome

(Please rise on the last verse as indicated by the triangle)

Invocation Hymn *“Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now” #902*



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, be pres - ent now; Our hearts in
2 Un - seal our lips to sing Your praise In end - less
3 Then shall we join the hosts that cry, “O ho - ly,
△ 4 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, And Ho - ly



true de - vo - tion bow. Your Spir - it send with
hymns through all our days. In - crease our faith and
ho - ly Lord Most High!” And in the light of
Spir - it, Three in One! To You, O bless - ed



light di - vine, And let Your truth with - in us shine.
light our minds; And set us free from doubt that blinds.
that blest place We then shall see You face to face.
Trin - i - ty, Be praise through-out e - ter - ni - ty!

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Divine Service, Setting Four **Confession and Absolution**

Invocation and Confession & Absolution *page 203*

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.

Service of the Word

Entrance Hymn *"Heavenly Hosts in Ceaseless Worship" #949*



1 Heav'n-ly hosts in cease-less wor-ship "Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly" cry;
 2 All cre-a-tion, all re-demp-tion, Join to sing the Sav-ior's worth;



"He who is, who was and will be, God Al-might-y, Lord Most High."
 Lamb of God, whose blood has bought us, Kings and priests, to reign on earth.



Praise and hon-or, pow'r and glo-ry, Be to Him who reigns a-lone!
 Wealth and wis-dom, pow'r and glo-ry, Hon-or, might, do-min-ion, praise,



We, with all His hands have fash-ioned, Fall be-fore the Fa-ther's throne.
 Now be His from all His crea-tures And to ev-er-last-ing days!

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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)

O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; 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..... Isaiah 6:1-13

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the

seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!”

And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.” And he said, “Go, and say to this people:

“‘Keep on hearing, but do not understand;
keep on seeing, but do not perceive.’

Make the heart of this people dull,
and their ears heavy,
and blind their eyes;

lest they see with their eyes,
and hear with their ears,
and understand with their hearts,
and turn and be healed.”

Then I said, “How long, O Lord?”

And he said:

“Until cities lie waste
without inhabitant,
and houses without people,
and the land is a desolate waste,
and the LORD removes people far away,
and the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land.

And though a tenth remain in it,

it will be burned again,
like a terebinth or an oak,
whose stump remains

when it is felled.”

The holy seed is its stump.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 138(*spoken responsively by half verse*)

I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;

before the gods I sing your praise;

I bow down toward your holy temple

and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,

for you have exalted above all things

your name and your word.

On the day I called, you answered me;

my strength of soul you increased.

All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD,

for they have heard the words of your mouth,

and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD,

for great is the glory of the LORD.

For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly,

but the haughty he knows from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble,

you preserve my life;

you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies,

and your right hand delivers me.

The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;

your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.

Do not forsake the work of your hands.

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.

Epistle Reading **1 Corinthians 14:12b-20**

Since you are eager for manifestations of the Spirit, strive to excel in building up the church.

Therefore, one who speaks in a tongue should pray for the power to interpret. For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is unfruitful. What am I to do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will pray with my mind also; I will sing

praise with my spirit, but I will sing with my mind also. Otherwise, if you give thanks with your spirit, how can anyone in the position of an outsider say “Amen” to your thanksgiving when he does not know what you are saying? For you may be giving thanks well enough, but the other person is not being built up. I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you. Nevertheless, in church I would rather speak five words with my mind in order to instruct others, than ten thousand words in a tongue.

Brothers, do not be children in your thinking. Be infants in evil, but in your thinking be mature.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Versepage 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 5:1-11**

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on [Jesus] to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon’s, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.” And Simon answered, “Master, we toiled all night

and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.” And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.” For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.” And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

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 "O Christ, Who Called the Twelve" #856



1 O Christ, who called the Twelve To rise and fol - low You, For -
2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve The truth for a - ges sealed, Whose
3 O Christ, who led the Twelve A - mong the des - o - late And
4 O Christ, who sent the Twelve On roads they'd nev - er trod To
5 O Christ, th'a - pos - tles' Lord, The mar - tyrs' strength and song, The



sak - ing old, fa - mil - iar ways For ven - tures bold and new:
words and works a - wak - ened faith, The ways of God re - vealed:
broke as bread of life for all Your love com - pas - sion - ate:
serve, to suf - fer, teach, pro - claim The near - er reign of God:
cru - ci - fied and ris - en King To whom the saints be - long:



Grant us to hear Your call To risk se - cu - ri - ty And,
In - struct us now, we pray, By Your em - pow'r - ing Word. True
Lead us a - long the ways Where hope has near - ly died And
Send us on ways where faith Tran - scends ti - mid - i - ty, Where
Though gen - er - a - tions pass, Our trib - ute still we bring, Our



bound in heart and will to You, Find per - fect lib - er - ty.
teach - er, be for all who seek Their light, their life, their Lord.
help us climb the lone - ly hills Where love is cru - ci - fied.
love in - forms and hope sus - tains Both life and min - is - try.
hymns a sac - ri - fice of praise, Our lives an of - fer - ing.

Sermon “Caught Up in the Net”

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 Liturgypages 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!

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.

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

Communion Distribution

You might want to use the prayers "Before communing" and "Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament" inside the front cover of the hymnal for your devotional meditation.

Instrumental Selections

(Sunday Only)

Congregational Hymn "The Gifts Christ Freely Gives" #602

1 The gifts Christ free - ly gives He gives to you and me
 2 The gifts flow from the font Where He calls us His own;
 3 The gifts of grace and peace From ab - so - lu - tion flow;
 4 The gifts are there each day The ho - ly Word is read;
 To be His Church, His bride, His cho - sen, saved and free!
 New life He gives that makes Us His and His a - lone.
 The pas - tor's words are Christ's For us to trust and know.
 God's chil - dren lis - ten, hear, Re - ceive, and they are fed.



Saints blest with these rich gifts Are chil - dren who pro - claim
 Here He for - gives our sins With wa - ter and His Word;
 For - give - ness that we need Is grant - ed to us there;
 Christ fills them with Him - self, Blest words that give them life,



That they were won by Christ And cling to His strong name.
 The tri - une God Him - self Gives pow'r to call Him Lord.
 The Lord of mer - cy sends Us forth in His blest care.
 Re - stor - ing and re - fresh - ing Them for this world's strife.

5 The gifts are in the feast,
 Gifts far more than we see;
 Beneath the bread and wine
 Is food from Calvary.
 The body and the blood
 Remove our ev'ry sin;
 We leave His presence in
 His peace, renewed again.

6 All glory to the One
 Who lavishes such love;
 The triune God in love
 Assures our life above.
 His means of grace for us
 Are gifts He loves to give;
 All thanks and praise for His
 Great love by which we live!

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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



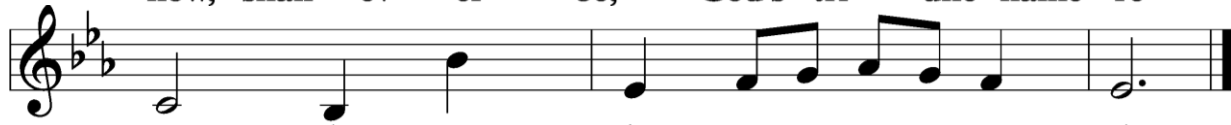
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;



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

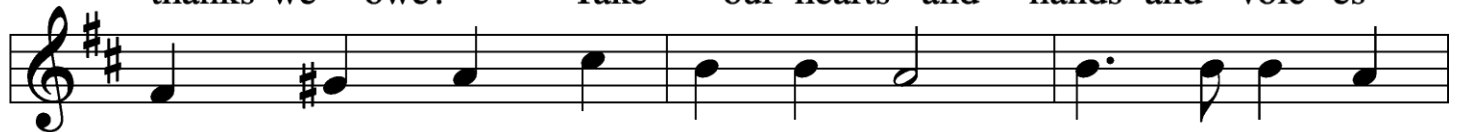
Sending Hymn *"Voices Raised to You We Offer" #795*



1 Voic - es raised to You we of - fer; Tune them, God, for
2 All cre - a - tion joins to praise You; Earth and sky Your
3 Christ, the song of Love in - car - nate, Touch - ing earth with
4 Spir - it, flam - ing through cre - a - tion, Kin - dle faith with -
5 How can an - y praise we of - fer Mea - sure all the



songs of praise. Hearts and hands we bring in trib - ute
works dis - play. Art and mu - sic, gifts You lend us,
heav - en's grace, For Your liv - ing, suf - f'ring, dy - ing,
in each heart. Lift our voic - es high in cho - rus;
thanks we owe? Take our hearts and hands and voic - es—



For Your gifts through all our days. Al - le - lu - ia!
We re - turn to You to - day. Al - le - lu - ia!
For Your ris - ing, hear our praise! Al - le - lu - ia!
Through our hands Your love im - part. Al - le - lu - ia!
Gifts of love we can be - stow. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to You we sing!
Al - le - lu - ia! God, Cre - a - tor, source of life!
Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, Re - deem - er, Lord of life!
Al - le - lu - ia! Spir - it, Help - er, breath of life!
Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to You we sing!

Dismissal (Bethlehem's Mission)

P Grow in Christ,

C Live in Love and Share the Faith!

Postlude Jerrode Marsh

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Next week's readings:

OT: Jeremiah 17:5-8; Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:1-20; Gospel: Luke 6:17-26

Attendance Last Saturday: 40

Attendance Last Sunday: 61

Total Offering: \$3,535.00

Missions: \$22.00

Home Use: \$3,063.00

Benevolences: \$450.00

Serving us today:

Elders Jack Easterwood (Sat), Willie Crespo, Caleb Thomas (Sun)

Musicians Jerrode Marsh

Altar Committee Darlene Laubenstein (Chair), Karon Harding,

Esther Keseman, Georgia Luker

Flower Committee Penny Humphrey (Chair), Lori Sloan

This Week's Schedule

Sunday	1:00 p.m.	"Rooted in the Faith" Adult Catechesis
Monday	9:30 a.m.	Exercise Class
	10:00 a.m.	Moms and Tots
	6:30 p.m.	Scouts
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Quilting
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Exercise Class
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
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 www.blchurch.com , under the Sermons tab)

9:15 a.m.	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class
10:30 a.m.	Worship
11:45 a.m.	Valentine Fellowship
12:00 p.m.	Elders' Meeting
1:00 p.m.	"Rooted in the Faith" Adult Catechesis
2:30 p.m.	Country Club Care Center Service
3:15 p.m.	Junior Youth Catechesis

Prayers

For All Mourning the Death of a Loved One, especially Esther and all of her family, our church family, and those within university and community circles on the earthly loss of Dr. Charles Keseman. Charlie was an example, to all who knew him, of faith in Christ that was believed, valued, and lived. As he is now numbered with the company of heaven, may all who grieve his loss here below find comfort and strength where he did—in Jesus the crucified and risen Lamb who is our Passover from death to life.

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, Ben Smith, 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.

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!

Youth Opportunities

Jr. & Sr. Youth Get-Together and Service Activity—Plan to meet at Bethlehem at **3:00 on the afternoon of Sunday, February 20th** (weather agreeing, and, if so, dressed for it) for some time doing yard cleanup for some church members—followed by faith discussion and planning for the year ahead. **We'll aim to be done by 5:00.**

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 8-13**. There are several slots still available with the group from St. Paul's in Concordia, so if you want to go, let Pr. Joel know soon. There are congregational funds to help with expenses. **Registration needs to be completed by February 14!**

A District Jr. & Sr. High Youth Gathering will be held on **April 1-3 at Cross Pointe Retreat Center at Lake of the Ozarks**. Check your schedules soon and let Pr. Joel if you would like to attend with others from Bethlehem. More information will be coming in the near future.

Faith Discussion and Bible Study

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 happening **Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. and runs through March 10**. Please let Rebecca or Cindy know if you would like to join.

Opportunities to Help & Serve

Choir Resumes. Greetings Singers! After a long hiatus, choir will be resuming regular rehearsals beginning **Wednesday, February 9, at 6:00 pm** in the conference/choir room, and will continue at least through Easter. Anthems will be prepared to support Lent, Holy Week, and Easter services. All interested singers between the ages of 12 and 102 are eligible to participate. To help maintain the health and safety of our fellow singers, mask wearing, at least when in confined spaces, is encouraged. I hope to see you all next week! **Cathy Welsh.**

Worship Readers/Lectors—Please consider volunteering to assist in congregational worship by reading the first two Scripture passages during Saturday or Sunday services! There is a sign-up sheet on the board by the mailboxes, and the Scripture readings are listed by each date. Pr. Joel is available to provide suggestions for those who'd like to have some.

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.

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. For more information visit www.lcms-lert.org. ***If you are planning on going, please contact the church office for registration details by Friday, February 11. Funds may be available to cover the \$35 fee.***

Volunteers Are Needed who would be willing to take church members to doctor appointments, the pharmacy, grocery store, church services, and so forth. Please let Pr. Joel know if you are willing and able to help in this way. Thanks!

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! We will be sharing the **LOVE** by opening Amazon boxes and finding something we can give to one another. We also will be welcoming new members by profession of faith and transfer—Mary Creswell, Jerrode Marsh, Christop Marsh and hopefully Steve Goldsmith (the college friend of Pr. Joel who recently moved here from Liberty and has been worshipping with us).

The Mary Martha Guild will hold their February program/meeting on Valentine's Day (February 14) at 7:00pm. We will be pleased to welcome Ashleigh Burnett from Survival House here in Warrensburg. As always, everyone is invited to come to our programs. We hope you come to hear about the process and renewal of self they provide for those for whom it is needed.

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

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.

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Senior and Junior Youth Meeting

Sunday, February 20, 2022

3:00 – 5:00

Service Project, Meeting & Refreshments

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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.