



AS WE GATHER

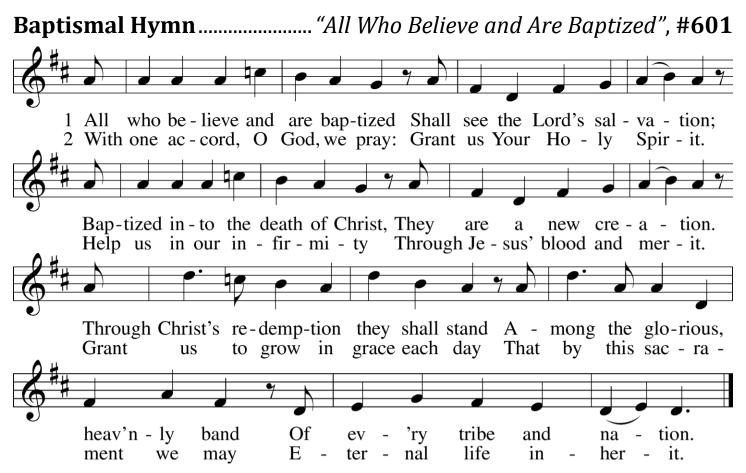
On the Mount of Transfiguration, Peter blurted out that it was good the disciples were there so they could build shelters for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah. Our being close to our Lord, though, is not good so that we might do something for Him; rather, it is good because we know He has done so much for us. Moses, the greatest prophet according to the reading from Deuteronomy, spoke God's Word, but Jesus is the Word, effecting our forgiveness and salvation in His sacrifice for us. His "departure," as Luke puts it in the Gospel, is literally His exodus, not from slavery in Egypt like Moses, but from sin and death through His sacrifice on the cross. Our Lord is the builder of His "house," the Church. Only because we have been forgiven is it good for us to be here, for as the psalm reminds us, "the Lord our God is holy!"

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:

White is the color of purity and is associated with festivals of Christ and his Church

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, and there's a wonderful nursery downstairs at the end of the fellowship hall for you to make use of at any time. Do you have any questions about anything here? Don't hesitate to ask one of the ushers or elders, or talk to the pastor.



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Rite of Holy Baptism for Noah Owens Lipham

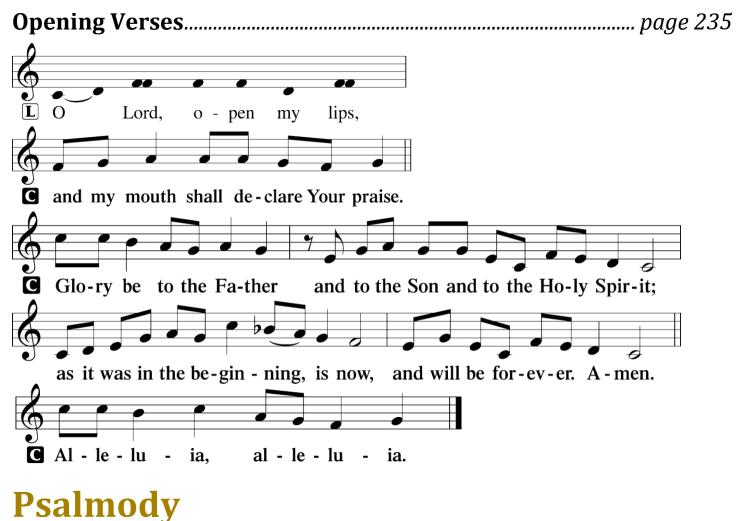
(All will be asked to rise for the speaking of the Apostles' Creed, then can be seated again.)

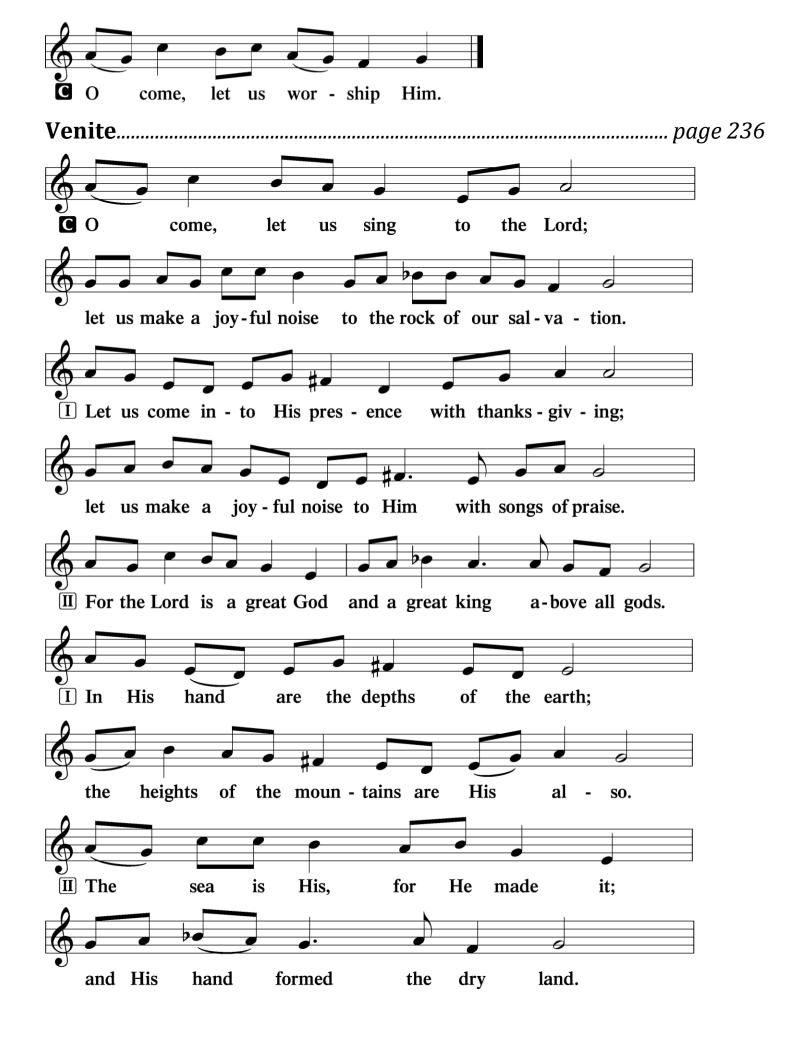
Apostles Creed.....(back cover of hymnal)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, С maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

All will be asked to stand once again when the Rite of Baptism has concluded.

Morning Prayer







Psalm 99(spoken responsively by half verse)

The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! The LORD is great in Zion;

he is exalted over all the peoples. Let them praise your great and awesome name!

Holy is he!

The King in his might loves justice.

You have established equity;

you have executed justice

and righteousness in Jacob.

Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool!

Holy is he!

Moses and Aaron were among his priests,

Samuel also was among those who called upon his name.

They called to the LORD, and he answered them.

In the pillar of the cloud he spoke to them;

they kept his testimonies and the statute that he gave them.

O LORD our God, you answered them;

you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings. Exalt the LORD our God,

and worship at his holy mountain;

for the LORD our God is holy!

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.

And re-cast our life's in - ten - tions

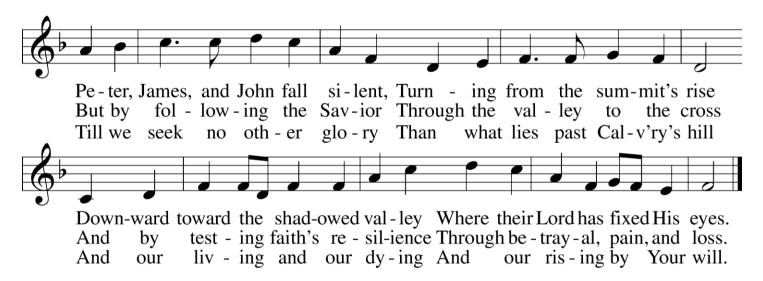
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Readings

Old Testament Reading..... Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho. And the LORD showed him all the land, Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the western sea, the Negeb, and the Plain, that is, the Valley of Jericho the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar. And the LORD said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, 'I will give it to your offspring.' I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over there." So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD, and he buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth-peor; but no one knows the place of his burial to this day. Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eye was undimmed, and his vigor unabated. And the people of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. Then the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended.

And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. So the people of Israel obeyed him and did as the LORD had commanded Moses. And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, none like him for all the signs and the wonders that the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land, and for all the mighty power and all the great deeds of terror that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

- **P** O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C Thanks be to God.

Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house. For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. (For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

- **P** O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Ioly Gospel Luke 9:28-36

- **P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the ninth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

Now about eight days after these sayings [Jesus] took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah" not knowing what he said. As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!" And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **C** Praise to You, O Christ.

Stand



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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 west entrance.

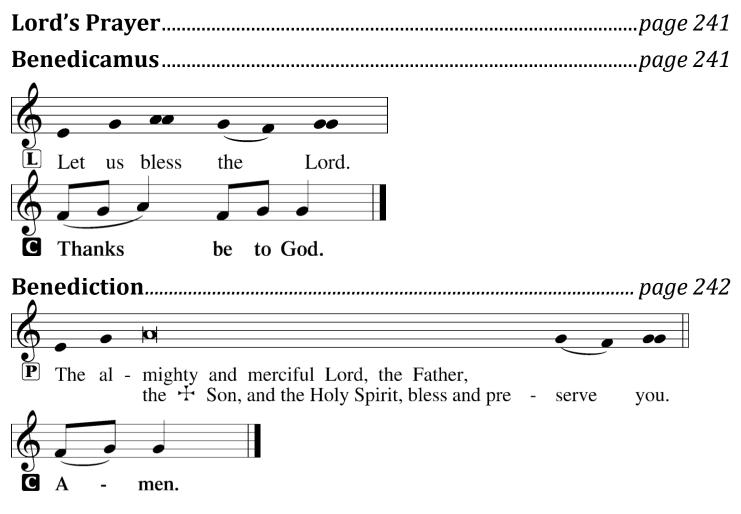
"Through him (Jesus) then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." (Hebrews 13:15-16)

Sit

Prayer

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.







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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: Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13

Attendance Last Saturday: 20	Attendance Last Sunday: 67
Total Offering: \$4,275.69	Missions: \$50.00
Home Use: \$2,925.69	Benevolences: \$1,300.00

Serving us today:

Elders/Ushers	
Musicians	
Altar Committee	
	Esther Keseman, Georgia Luker
Flower Committee	Penny Humphrey (Chair), Lori Sloan

This Week's Schedule

Sunday	12:00 p.m.	Acolyte Training
	3:15 p.m.	Junior Youth Catechesis
Monday	9:30 a.m.	Exercise Class
	10:00 a.m.	Moms and Tots
	6:30 p.m.	4-H Meeting
Tuesday	12:00 p.m.	Braille in Concordia
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Exercise Class
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	5:30 p.m.	Faith Night ("The Lord's Prayer, Line by Line")
	7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Communion Service
Thursday	9:30 a.m.	Pastor at Warrensburg Christian School
	1:00 p.m.	Games and Cards Group
	7:00 p.m.	Zoom-Epiphany Bible Class
Friday	9:30 a.m.	Exercise Class
	7:00 p.m.	Concordia University (Nebraska) Concert in Concordia
Saturday	5:30 p.m.	Holy Communion

Sunday		The Lutheran Hour broadcast on 96.9 Radio Broadcast 98.5 (can also be heard at <u>www.blchurch.com</u> , under the Sermons tab)
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Communion
	1:00 p.m.	Adult Catechesis

Prayers

For the Newly Baptized—We rejoice that **Noah Lipham**, who's been worshipping with us for the past several months and going through catechesis with Pr. Joel, will receive the gift of Holy Baptism today. We give thanks for the faith and life the Holy Spirit has brought him into sharing with us in Christ!

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 great-niece), Lynn Lowe, Ron Niemeyer, Pam Petersen (Peggy Hoyer's sister), Judy Pierce, Rose Steitz, Linda Tomblinson and Joe Zeman.

For Pregnant Mothers (& Waiting Fathers), especially Caitlin and Eric Hulshizer (due in less than a month!) and Samantha & Nathan Schultz (Mark and Felisa Brown's daughter & son-in-law). 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 <u>blchurch.com</u>.

Take a Lenten Journey with Joseph—The last thirteen of Genesis's fifty chapters deal exclusively with the epic saga of Joseph. While his name means "he adds/increases," for a long stretch it seemed nothing but unlucky—subtraction and decreasing to say the least! Nevertheless, Joseph's life of being sinned against by others became a powerful demonstration of the Lord's faithful mercy and freeing forgiveness. It's really no surprise that surveying the pivotal events of his life helps us grasp more insightfully the suffering and saving life-work of Jesus. Join us for the six Wednesdays of Lent, from March 2 (Ash Wednesday) to April 6, plus Good Friday (April 15), as we undertake A Lenten Journey with Joseph and see how it all relates to the intersection of our lives with Joseph's—and more, with the cross of Jesus. The weekly themes we'll be exploring are: 1) The Genesis of Joseph, 2) A Wondrous Silence, 3) A Miracle of Miracles, 4) Wait for the Lord, 5) Chased by a Dirty Conscience, 6) God Does Have a Plan, 7) Forgiveness Finished. All services will be at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary, with Holden Evening Prayer for all but Ash Wednesday (which will be a service of Holy Communion).

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

"Cross Roads" (the Missouri District Jr. & Sr. High Youth Gathering) will be held on April 1-3 at Cross Pointe Retreat Center at Lake of the Ozarks. We hope to have a number of youth from Bethlehem attend and do have the funds available to cover the entire cost. Let Pr. Joel or Cindy know by February 28 if you plan to attend so that we can make the registration deadline. Dr. Peter Nafzger, from Concordia Seminary—St. Louis, will be the guest speaker. See the schedule and more details at www.mo.lcms.org.

Third Sunday at Three—All junior and senior high youth are invited (and encouraged) to join up here **on that day and that time** for this monthly youth gettogether and activity time. In March, we'll be doing the yardwork we didn't get done for the church members in February due to snow, so come dressed for the outdoors. There will also be time for faith-sharing and planning. **We'll wrap up by 5:00 p.m.**

Lenten Home Devotions

Devotions for the season of Lent will be available from Lutheran Hour Ministries and Higher Things for you to take home. Printed copies (also available in large print) will be found at both entrances of the church. If you would like one mailed or delivered to you please let the office know.

Lenten Cross—Penny Humphrey and the Fellowship Board (with the grateful donation of wood, skill, and time from Roy Schache) will be providing a cross to each person or family on Ash Wednesday, along with a card that will guide your reflection with passages from Scripture for the season of Lent. An additional item will be given at each of the Midweek services to place on that cross as well. You might want to prepare a special place in your home or office already for that devotional item, so keep your eyes open!

Faith Discussion and Bible Study

Faith Night—Join us for casual conversation and the start of our new discussion on *The Lord's Prayer, Line by Line* **on Ash Wednesday, March 2.** If you plan to eat something, bring what you want for our dinner conversation time **from 5:30-6:00 p.m.,** then we'll have our discussion on "Our Father in Heaven" **from 6:00-6:40** and stop in time for the evening service.

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 "Lent/Easter Zoom Bible Study is a Zoom Bible study that will begin **Thursday, March 10, 2022 at 7:00 p.m**. We will be discussing God's forgiving love for us in Christ Jesus. This Bible Study focuses on the scripture readings each Sunday. If you would like to join, please contact Cindy or Rebecca if you are interested in joining this class.

Opportunities to Help & Serve

MARCH BRINGS SPRING! Keep your eyes open for opportunities to help with the ongoing transformation of our Bethlehem Community Garden to raised beds, plus help with planting, cutting back the herb garden, and all sorts of other necessary and enjoyable tasks. If you want to make sure you know about work days and opportunities, let Pr. Joel or Shawn Lindley know so that we can make sure you're aware of what's happening and needs to be done.

Thrivent Choice Dollars—Members with 2021 choice dollars available need to designate these funds before March 31 or they will expire. You may direct your

choice dollars to: Bethlehem or your choice of another organization on the Thrivent list. Choice Dollars may be designated at Thrivent.com/Thrivent choice or by calling 800-847-4836 and when prompted say "Thrivent Choice". This past year Bethlehem Thrivent members used \$1,000 of choice dollars to assist with the Warrensburg Angel Tree Project. Please contact Larry Haase if you have questions about any of our activities including Choice Dollars and Action Team Projects.

Choir Resumes. Greetings Singers! After a long hiatus, choir has resumed regular rehearsals on **Wednesdays, 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.

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.

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 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

The Sedalia Symphony will host a Winter Children's Concert on Sunday, February 27 at 3:00 p.m. at the Heckart Performing Arts Center. All children present will be

eligible for a drawing. The winner will conduct the orchestra for one selection (How Fun Is That?) Admission: Students are free and adults are \$10.00.

The Concordia University Nebraska's 72-voice A Cappella Choir, under the direction of Dr. Kurt von Kampen, will be performing a concert at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Concordia, on Friday, March 4th at 7 p.m. Joining the choir will be the 51-voice SPLHS Singing Saints, under the direction of Dr. Jerrode Marsh. The Singing Saints will open the concert with an anthem of their own, and will also join the university choir in two additional joint anthems. The concert is free of charge, but a door offering will be taken to support the CUNE A Cappella Choir. For more information, please contact Jerrode Marsh at jmarsh@splhs.org.

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.

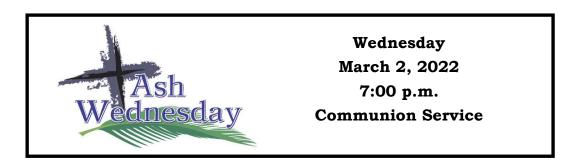
Ongoing thanks to those who generously give to the Bethlehem Emergency Fund, which enables Pr. Joel to assist members and certain people in the community who are in crisis situations. Much appreciation for your good support!

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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Our Mission

 \cdot Grow in Christ \cdot Live in Love \cdot 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.