



June 11-12, 2022

AS WE GATHER

Holy Trinity, a time we commemorate and celebrate, is different than any other recognized time in the Church Year. Unlike Christmas, Easter, or last week's Pentecost, where we rejoice in and reflect upon an action of God for our salvation, Holy Trinity is a time to rejoice in and reflect upon a doctrine. We gather around our shared confession of God as we know Him to be in the Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Even in the mystery of things we cannot fully understand or comprehend by our own reason, we trust God's revelation through His Word made known to us of who He is and what He has done, that apart from Him there is no other.

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 1^{st} , 3^{rd} , and 5^{th} weekend (and major festivals).

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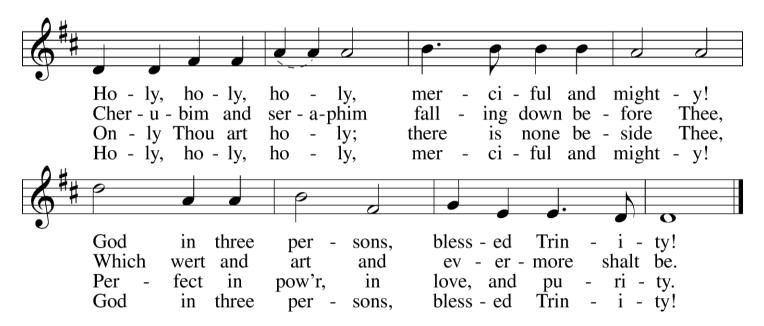
White is the color of purity and is associated with festivals of Christ and his Church

Stand

Gathering Hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy" #507



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee; Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea; Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see, All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.



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Service of Prayer and Preaching

Opening Versicles (Common)......page 260

- P This is the day which the Lord has made;
- C let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- P From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- **C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- P Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
- I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- P Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.
- **C** Teach me Your paths.
- P Sanctify us in Your truth.
- **C** Your Word is truth.
- P From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- **C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- 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.







Sit

Readings

First Reading.....Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Does not wisdom call?

Does not understanding raise her voice?

On the heights beside the way,

at the crossroads she takes her stand;

beside the gates in front of the town,

at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud:

"To you, O men, I call,

and my cry is to the children of man. . . .

"The Lord possessed me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of old. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth, before he had made the earth with its fields, or the first of the dust of the world. When he established the heavens, I was there; when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above. when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master workman, and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 8 (spoken responsively by half-verse)

O LORD, our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

and delighting in the children of man."

You have set your glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouth of babes and infants,

you have established strength because of your foes,

to still the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,

the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

what is man that you are mindful of him,

and the son of man that you care for him?

Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet,

all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,
the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
O LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
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

Second Reading...... Acts 2:14a, 22-36

Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

"Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. For David says concerning him,

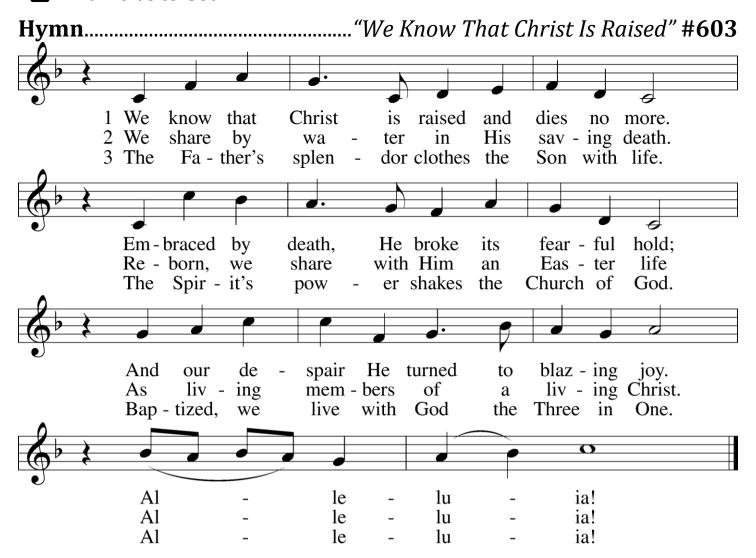
"I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
my flesh also will dwell in hope.
For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One see corruption.
You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence."

"Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

"The Lord said to my Lord,
Sit at my right hand,
until I make your enemies your footstool."

Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.



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Stand

Holy GospelJohn 8:48-59

The Jews answered [Jesus], "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?" Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death." The Jews said to him, "Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, 'If anyone keeps my

word, he will never taste death.' Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?" Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.' But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad." So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Responsory (Common)......page 263

- **P** Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
- Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.
- P Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.
- Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.
- P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Catechismpage 264

Ten Commandments

C You shall have no other gods.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

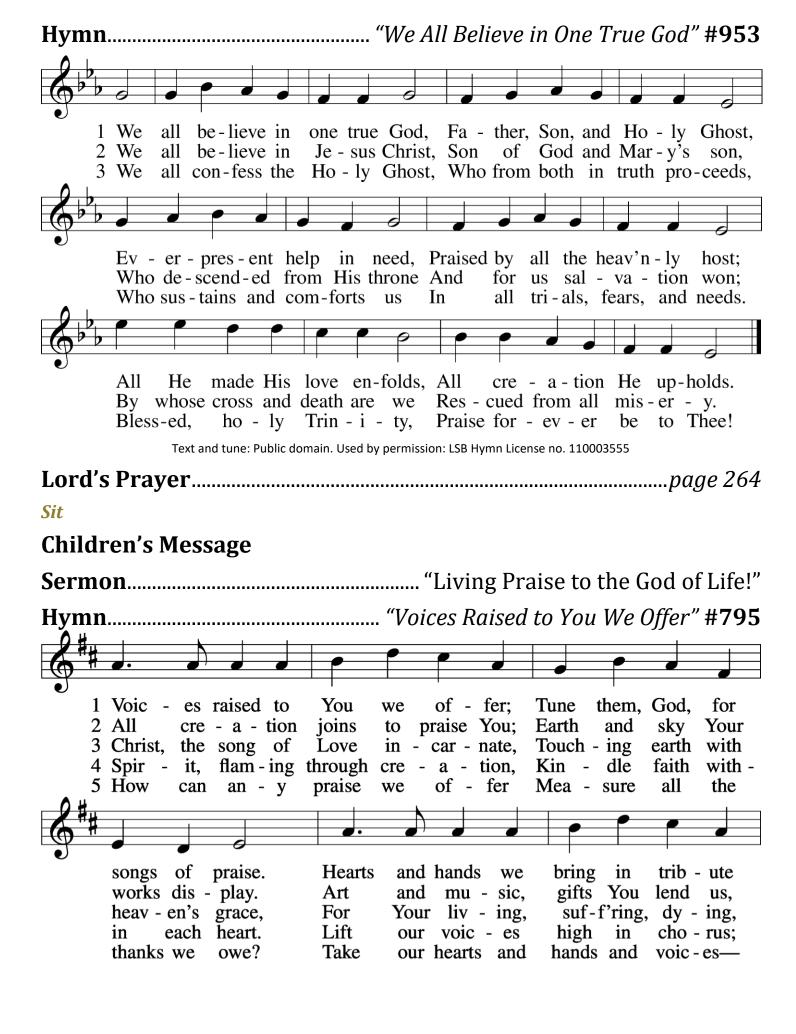
You shall not commit adultery.

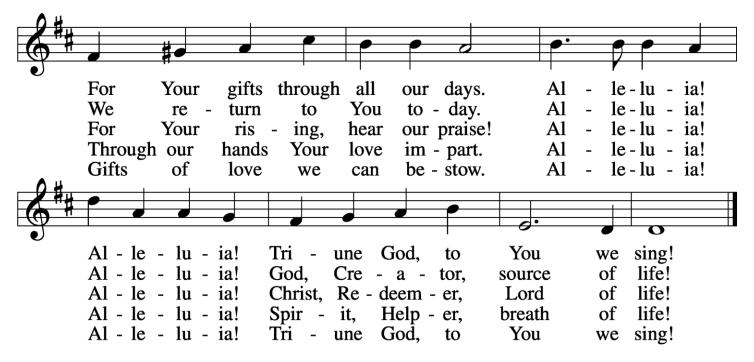
You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.





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Offering

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)

Prayers

Stand

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- P Let us pray to the Lord,
- C Lord, have mercy

. . .

- **P** Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord.
- Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Amen.

Collect of the Day(spoken in unison)

Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Collect for	the Word	pa	ge 265
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P Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Evening Prayer (Saturday).....page 266

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Morning Prayer (Sunday)page 266

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

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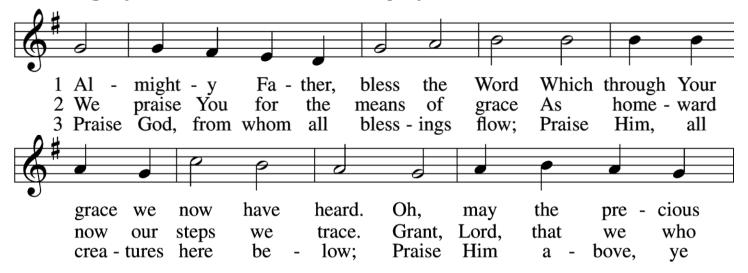


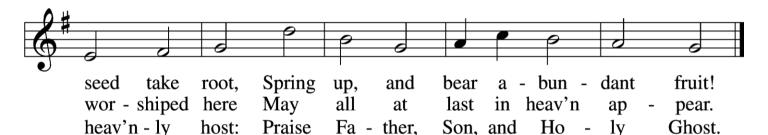


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- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.
- The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.
- C Amen.

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





Attendance Last Saturday: 26
Total Offering: \$3,687.00
Home Use: \$3,170.00
Attendance Last Sunday: 76
Missions: \$32.00
Benevolences: \$485.00

Serving us today:

Elders	Jack Easterwood (Saturday), Caleb Thomas (Sunday)
Musicians	Jerrode Marsh
Altar Committee	Darlene Laubenstein (Chair), Erika Freeman, Peggy Hoyer,
	Lynn Lowe, Cindy Smith, Rebecca Stewart
Flower Committee	Lana Vanderburgh (Chair), Karen Haase

This Week's Schedule

Monday		Pr. Joel, Alan, & Abby at District Convention
	9:30 a.m.	Exercise Class
	10:00 a.m.	Moms and Tots
	6:00 p.m.	Mary Martha Guild Meeting
Tuesday		Pr. Joel, Alan, & Abby at District Convention
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Exercise Class
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
Thursday	11:30 a.m.	The Lunch Bunch
	1:00 p.m.	Card Group

	5:30 p.m.	Fellowship Board Meeting
Friday	9:30 a.m.	Exercise Group
Saturday	11:00 a.m.	Trustees' Meeting
	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.	Holy Communion

Thank You

This past week was spent singing songs, playing games, making crafts, eating snacks, and learning about God's promise of salvation in our Tree of Life VBS. We look forward to continuing the fun throughout summer Sunday school with **even more** Tree of Life lessons! A very big THANK YOU to all of the volunteers who made VBS possible: Jeremy VanWey, Amy Martin, Mary Creswell, Bryon Freeman, Nate Stewart, Rebecca Holland, Shawn and Beryl Lindley, Pastor Joel, Cindy Smith, Rebecca Stewart, Bambi Burden, Lisa Gulick, and Bethlehem's Thrivent members.

A special thanks goes to Ellen Pederson for all of the hours planning, copying, gathering items, organizing—you name it. She has a true gift!!!

Prayers

For All in the Missouri District who will be convening in Columbia this Sunday night through Tuesday afternoon. This year's convention theme is *Tell the Next Generation (Psalm 78:6-7)*. Pr. Joel and Alan Miller are Bethlehem's two voting delegates, and Abby Humphrey will be serving as a convention page.

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: Amanda Atkins (friend of the McComases), Melvin Bockelman, Paula Brewer, Felisa Brown, Ben Burd (friend & coworker of Jeremey VanWey)Ray & Mary Carstensen, Barbara Compton, Donna Cuellar (Betty Weinberg's daughter), Marion Droege, Wilma Gertz, Ralph Hein, Maxine Jaeger, Mary Johnson, Marty Lehn, Georgia Luker's sister and brother, Judy Pierce, Maryanna Savery, Rose Steitz, and Joe Zeman.

For Pregnant Mothers (& Waiting Fathers), especially Samantha & Nathan Schultz (Mark and Felisa Brown's daughter & son-in-law) and Jeremiah & Colleen Murrell. May the Lord grant good health and joyful expectation during the months ahead!

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, Luke Lockard (the Limback's grandson) and 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!

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 has begun exploring the short book of the prophet Habakkuk. Join us in the conference room from 10:30 to noon.

Opportunities to Help & Serve

June is Bethlehem's Month to staff the Food Center on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons! If you'd like to help fill a slot or two yet, please visit the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board and see what's available. Much appreciation!

The Warrensburg Food Center is in need of the following items: canned vegetables, beans, diced tomatoes, Hamburger Helper, coffee (regular instant, not pods), dry cereal (regular boxes), tuna and chicken pouches, Vienna sausages, Spam, Pop-Tarts, juice pouches, Gatorade type drinks with electrolytes, stick deodorant, Chapstick, small body lotions, medium size cloth or vinyl bags with sturdy handles, large backpacks (not book bags), dish soap and toilet paper. (No mac and cheese or dry beans). 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.

Sand Volleyball Court Restoration—Bill Hillsman, whose earthly life ended in late March, installed the volleyball court here more than a couple of decades ago for his Eagle Scout project. Memorial funds are being used to restore this court in time for the First Annual Bill Hillsman Volleyball Game/Tournament, which will be held at our congregational picnic. Let Shawn Lindley or Pr. Joel know if you'd like to help in any way with the work required to make it happen, and keep your eyes open for a Thrivent Action Team work day (plus an extra one or two)!

Garden Work—There's not only plenty to do in our community vegetable garden and greenspace, but also much joy to be found in the gifts of Creation and the sharing of its abundance with others. Talk to Shawn Lindley or Pr. Joel if you're looking for a regular way to plug in and help in the process. Thanks!

Fellowship

Mary Martha Guild will be holding their last meeting for the season on June 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Judy Schache will be presenting a Bible study for everyone to take part in. We will also be discussing the Concordia Fall Zone Rally, which will take place here on October 22. We will need all the help we can get for this event!

The Lunch Bunch (formerly Merry Widows and Friends) will meet on **Thursday, June 16 at 11:30 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring your lunch and invite a friend.

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.

This & That

Flute and Harp Concert—Lorraine Miller and Pastor Heather Jepsen will present a flute and harp recital on this Sunday, June 12 at 3:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Warrensburg. A free-will offering will be taken to benefit the Papua New Guinea Mission Society. Please come and enjoy and afternoon of music and support "PNGMS".

Attention all Blood Donors...mark your calendars for the City of Warrensburg Police and Fire Blood Drive on June 17th from 9am-6pm at the American Legion Hall (733)

E. Young Ave). All presenting blood donors get a FREE, Limited Edition Royal's T-shirt. To make an appointment go to: savealifenow.org/group and enter the group code: CBHB. For more information, contact Jeremy VanWey at 660-262-4654 or via email at: jeremy.vanwey@warrensburg-mo.com

Manna Harvest will be holding their First Annual Fish Fry at the Johnson County Fairgrounds on Saturday, June 18 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Menu includes fried fish, fried chicken strips, homemade potato salad, cole slaw, hushpuppies and assorted desserts. All you can eat—Freewill donations.

The North Star Boys Choir will be singing during their summer tour at Trinity Lutheran Church, Norborne, on **June 19 at 7 p.m.** You can listen to some samples of their singing at http://www.northstarboyschoir.org/videos.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Blackburn, Missouri, will observe its **125**th **anniversary on Sunday**, **June 26**, during morning service at 9:00 am. A reception will follow the service. Rev. Paul Mehl, son of the congregation will be preaching for the service. We invite all of you to join with us in thanking our holy, gracious God, whether by your presence or in your prayers.

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!

2022 Elders

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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.