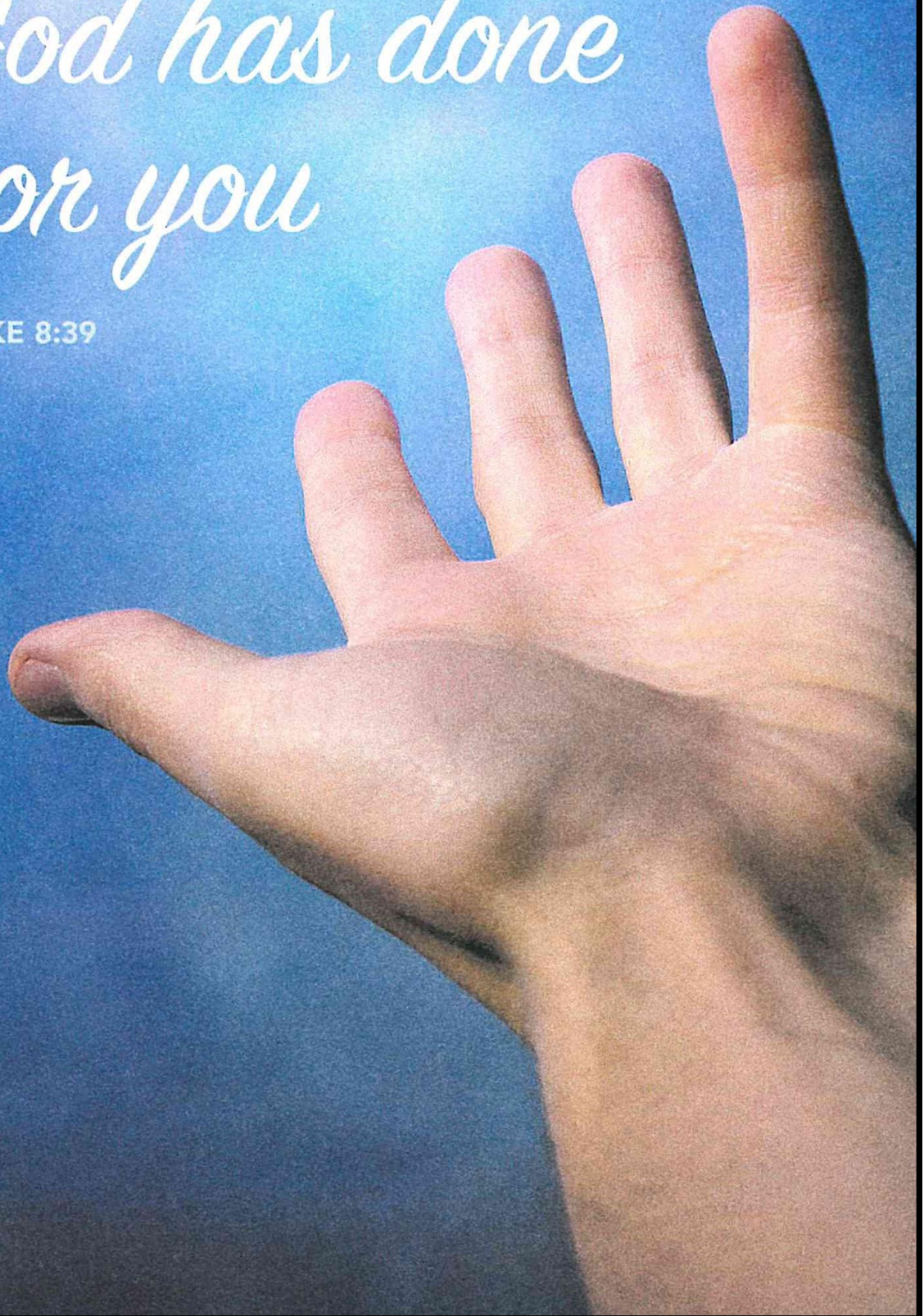


*Declare how much
God has done
for you*

LUKE 8:39





+ The 2nd Sunday After Pentecost +

June 18-19, 2022
Father's Day Weekend

AS WE GATHER

As we enter the long Church Year season of Pentecost, the liturgical color green is commonly used for the many weeks ahead. Like many things planted by a gardener or farmer in spring, green shows growth and maturation of that which was planted. In the same way, at this time of the Church Year, we are reminded that that green carries the symbolic importance of our continued need and privilege as God's people to grow and mature as disciples of Christ through the Holy Spirit given. The Readings in this Pentecost season often remind us of the Early Church continuing to grow and spread to all people, which has continued to us here and now beginning in our Baptism and through all the days the Lord grants us.

REGARDING COMMUNION

After his resurrection, the crucified but now-living Jesus appeared to his disciples and said to Thomas (who had his doubts that Jesus could really be alive again): 'Touch my pierced hands and feel my wounded side; stop doubting and believe.'

We come to the Lord's Table with our own doubts and worries, fears and sorrows, often lingering on uncertainty and the realities we think are beyond change. Our Lord points us to his unchanging yet life-changing reality—he has died, he has risen, he will come again. His Holy Supper is the place where we encounter his saving, risen, and healing Body and Blood ... as he said: 'Those who feed on my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day.' **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

Invocation Hymn "O Day of Rest and Gladness", #906

Stand



1 O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,
2 This day at earth's cre - a - tion The light first had its birth;
3 This day, God's peo - ple meet - ing, His Ho - ly Scrip - ture hear;
4 That light our hope sus - tain - ing, We walk the pil - grim way,



O balm of care and sad - ness, Most beau - ti - ful, most bright;
This day for our sal - va - tion Christ rose from depths of earth;
His liv - ing pres - ence greet - ing, Through bread and wine made near.
At length our rest at - tain - ing, Our end - less Sab - bath day.



This day the high and low - ly, Through a - ges joined to bless,
This day our Lord vic - to - rious The Spir - it sent from heav'n,
We jour - ney on, be - liev - ing, Re - newed with heav'n - ly might,
We sing to Thee our prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;



Sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," The tri - une God con - fess.
And thus this day most glo - rious A three - fold light was giv'n.
From grace more grace re - ceiv - ing, On this blest day of light.
The Church her voice up - rais - es To Thee, blest Three in One.

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Divine Service, Setting Four

Confession and Absolution

Invocation.....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 "Baptized into Your Name Most Holy", #590



1 Bap-tized in - to Your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther, Son, and
 2 My lov - ing Fa - ther, here You take me To be hence-forth Your
 3 My faith - ful God, You fail me nev - er; Your prom - ise sure - ly
 4 All that I am and love most dear-ly— Re - ceive it all, O



Ho - ly Ghost, I claim a place, though weak and low - ly,
 child and heir. My faith - ful Sav - ior, here You make me
 will en - dure. O cast me not a - way for - ev - er
 Lord, from me. Let me con - fess my faith sin - cere - ly;



A - mong Your saints, Your cho - sen host. Bur - ied with Christ and
 The fruit of all Your sor - rows share. O Ho - ly Spir - it,
 If words and deeds be - come im - pure. Have mer - cy when I
 Help me Your faith - ful child to be! Let noth - ing that I



dead to sin, Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.
 com - fort me When threat-'ning clouds a - round I see.
 come de - filed; For - give, lift up, re - store Your child.
 am or own Serve an - y will but Yours a - lone.

Kyriepage 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 - shiped 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 God, You have prepared for those who love You such good things as surpass our understanding. Cast out all sins and evil desires from us, and pour into our hearts Your Holy Spirit to guide us into all blessedness; 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 65:1-9

I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me;
I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me.
I said, "Here am I, here am I,"
to a nation that was not called by my name.
I spread out my hands all the day
to a rebellious people,
who walk in a way that is not good,
following their own devices;
a people who provoke me
to my face continually,
sacrificing in gardens
and making offerings on bricks;
who sit in tombs,
and spend the night in secret places;
who eat pig's flesh,
and broth of tainted meat is in their vessels;
who say, "Keep to yourself,
do not come near me, for I am too holy for you."
These are a smoke in my nostrils,
a fire that burns all the day.
Behold, it is written before me:
"I will not keep silent, but I will repay;
I will indeed repay into their bosom
both your iniquities and your fathers' iniquities together,
says the LORD;
because they made offerings on the mountains
and insulted me on the hills,
I will measure into their bosom
payment for their former deeds."
Thus says the LORD:
"As the new wine is found in the cluster,
and they say, 'Do not destroy it,
for there is a blessing in it,'

so I will do for my servants' sake,
and not destroy them all.
I will bring forth offspring from Jacob,
and from Judah possessors of my mountains;
my chosen shall possess it,
and my servants shall dwell there."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

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

**The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart,
the word of faith that we proclaim.**

**For with the heart one believes and is justified,
and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.**

Epistle Reading..... **Galatians 3:23-4:7**

Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Stand



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 8:26-39

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the eighth chapter.

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

Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me." For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.

When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed. Then

all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for 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 *“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 cri - 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 *“Fatherly Love & Empty Hands”*

Stand

Prayer of the Church

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

Offering

Offering plates are not passed for collection during the service. Worshipers may place their offerings into the plate located at the west entrance. Reflect on how we are to offer ourselves in thanksgiving to the Lord and in service to others:

“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:



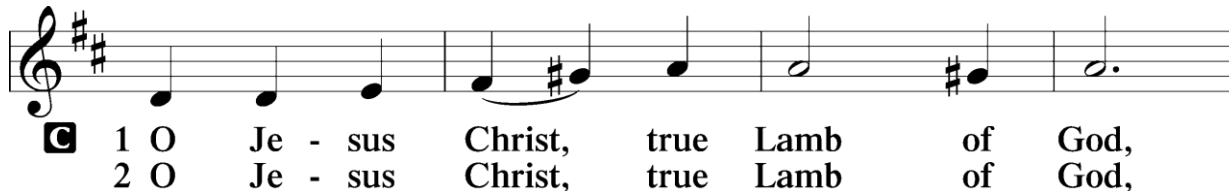
C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving.....page 209

Lord's Prayerpage 209

The Words of Our Lord.....page 209

Agnus Deipage 210



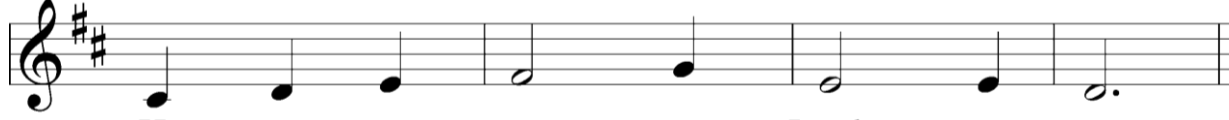
C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



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.

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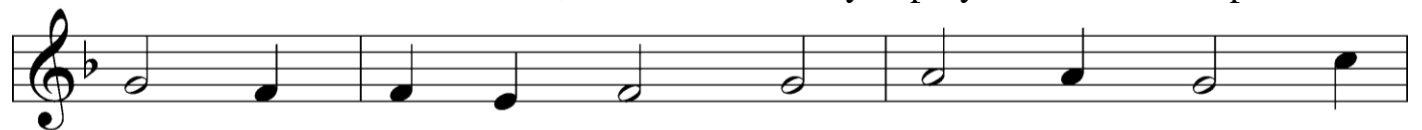
Sit (until motioned to rise and proceed forward if going for Communion or a blessing).

(Sunday Only)

Congregational Hymn "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray", #623



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray That we may
 2 Give us, who share this won - drous food, Your bod - y
 3 By faith Your Word has made us bold To seize the
 4 One bread, one cup, one bod - y, we, Re - joic - ing
 5 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray: O keep us



feast on You to - day; Be - neath these forms of
 bro - ken and Your blood, The grate - ful peace of
 gift of love re - told; All that You are we
 in our u - ni - ty, Pro - claim Your love un -
 stead - fast till that day When each will be Your



bread and wine En - rich us with Your grace di - vine.
 sins for - giv'n, The cer - tain joys of heirs of heav'n.
 here re - ceive, And all we are to You we give.
 til You come To bring Your scat - tered loved ones home.
 wel - comed guest In heav - en's high and ho - ly feast.

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Instrumental Music

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



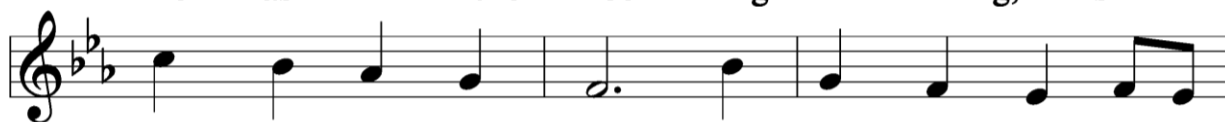
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



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 *“Christ is with Me”*



1 We were bur - ied with Him in - to death,
2 I have now been graft - ed to the vine,
3 I have now been cru - ci - fied with Christ.



That as He was raised by God's glo - ry,
 Draw - ing life from roots rich in mer - cy,
 I no long - er live; Christ lives in me.



We might walk in life made new by grace.
 Bear - ing fruit as I a - bide in Him:
 Now I live by faith in God's own Son,



Hav - ing died with Christ, we shall live with Him.
 Fruit for - ev - er fresh, glo - ri - fy - ing God.
 One who loved me so— gave Him - self for me.



Christ is with me ev - 'ry - where I go.



Nev - er to leave me, this I know.

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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: 1 Kings 19:9b-21; Epistle: Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Gospel: Luke 9:51-62

Attendance Last Saturday: 28

Total Offering: \$2,536.00

Home Use: \$2,501.00

Attendance Last Sunday: 61

Missions: \$0.00

Benevolences: \$35.00

Serving us today:

EldersRicky Bertels (Sat), Alan Miller, Caleb Thomas (Sun)

MusiciansJerode Marsh

Altar CommitteeDarlene Laubenstein (Chair), Erika Freeman, Peggy Hoyer,
Lynn Lowe, Cindy Smith, Rebecca Stewart

Flower Committee Lana Vanderburgh (Chair), Karen Haase

This Week's Schedule

Monday	9:30 a.m.	Exercise Class
	10:00 a.m.	Moms and Tots at the Park
	6:30 p.m.	Scouts
Tuesday		<i>Pastor Taking Vacation Day</i>
	6:00 p.m.	Mission Board Meeting
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Exercise Class
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Class
Thursday	1:00 p.m.	Games and Cards Group
	7:00 p.m.	Four Quarters on Christ— <i>The Church Jesus</i>
Friday	9:30 a.m.	Exercise Class
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	4-H Event
	9:00 a.m.	Garden Workday
	5:30 p.m.	Worship
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

Prayers

Of Rejoicing for Carolyn Faber (a Bethlehem member) and her fiancée Tyler Kroenke on their upcoming wedding at Campus Lutheran Church in Columbia on Saturday, June 25th. May the Lord give them much joy in their new life together!

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), Mel Bockelman, Paula Brewer, Felisa Brown, Ben Burd (friend & coworker of Jeremy VanWey), Ray & Mary Carstensen, Barbara

Compton, Donna Cuellar (Betty Weinberg's daughter), Marion Droege, Wilma Gertz, Ralph Hein, Maxine Jaeger, Mary Johnson, Marty Lehn, Lynn Lowe, Georgia Luker's sister and brother, Deb Matson (Ellen Pederson's mother), Johnny Nichol, 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 provision to all parents in the daily welcome of their children!

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!

2022 Missouri District Convention Emphasis

Tell the Next Generation—In addition to reelecting Dr. Lee Hagan and Dr. Bill Marler as President and First Vice President (respectively) and voting on other positions and resolutions, the focus was on the importance of Psalm 78:6-7 in understanding the significance of faith formation in the lives of children and youth happening within the family. The district will be equipping congregations to assist families in taking up this faithful task by providing family discipleship coaching. As Dr. Hagan has said, "Parents are the primary influence in the lives of their children. The Scriptures and the Small Catechism teach that the role of teaching the faith to children is primarily the responsibility of parents. Parents play a crucial role in young people remaining connected to the Church in adulthood." Go to www.mo.lcms.org to start learning about this district-wide endeavor to better equip the teaching of the faith in the home.

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.

Wednesday Outdoor Service—We'll be having a simple devotional service (*Green Pastures*) outside under the cottonwood tree behind the van shelter for the **first Wednesday of June, July, and August from 7:00-7:30 p.m.** We'll focus on the next

bit of the Lord's Prayer we didn't get to in Faith Night before summer. Join us on **July 6** as we reflect on *On Earth*.

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 been exploring the short book of the prophet Habakkuk and would love for you to be with us for the strong and prayerful ending of this book's wrestling questioning of the Lord and his ways! **Join us in the conference room from 10:30 to noon.**

Four Quarters on Christ—Come and hear a talk and engage in a discussion about how the Church has presented (and at times misrepresented) Jesus over the centuries so that you can get a clearer picture of who he really is. Based on John Stott's four-part exploration called *The Incomparable Christ*, this second installment—"The Church Jesus"—will happen on **Thursday, June 23 at 7:00 p.m.** Invite a friend, since this is open to anyone who wants to come! Also, bring a quarter, if you can.

Opportunities to Help & Serve

Garden Workday—Final late planting will be happening in the vegetable garden, as well as ongoing progress with the children's garden (installing the water feature!), on **Saturday, June 25, beginning at 9:00 a.m. until noon.** Please come and help with what you can, as long as you can!

June is Bethlehem's Month staffing the Food Center on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Many thanks to all who've helped already and to those who will be doing so still! This is a great way of serving in our community, and showing the love and compassion at the heart of who we are. Check with Sue Cottrill if you'd still like to help, in case there's a cancellation (and check the bulletin board too).

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 details on upcoming workdays to make that happen (including a Thrivent Action Team Day)**!

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

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

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>.

Saint Paul Lutheran High School 36th Annual Benefit Auction Online Silent Auction: Bid NOW! Bidding begins closing at 6:00pm on Saturday, June 25th. Visit <https://event.gives/2022saints> to see 150+ items, bid, or make a donation. **Live Auction and Hog Roast: Sunday, June 26th at Saint Paul Lutheran High School in Concordia, MO.** Auction & Meal take place in Krueger Dining Hall. The meal will be served from 11:00am-1:00pm, free-will donation. Live

Auction will begin around 12:30pm. All proceeds will go towards improving campus security at SPLHS, the last LCMS residential high school.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Blackburn, Missouri, will observe its **125th 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.

Northside Christian Church is leading a trip to Israel in March of next year. This trip is open to all interested individuals in our community. For more information about the trip, including a detailed itinerary and price, visit www.nccburg.com/Israel to get connected. Forward any questions to israel@nccburg.com.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church of rural Slater, Missouri, cordially invite you to participate in a celebration of the **30th Anniversary of the Ordination of Pastor Walter P. Snyder. On July 10, 2022 at 3:30 p.m.** St. Paul's Ladies Aid is sponsoring a Service of Celebration. Following the service will be light meal and reception. Address is 37507 E. Highway P., Slater, Missouri 65349.

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

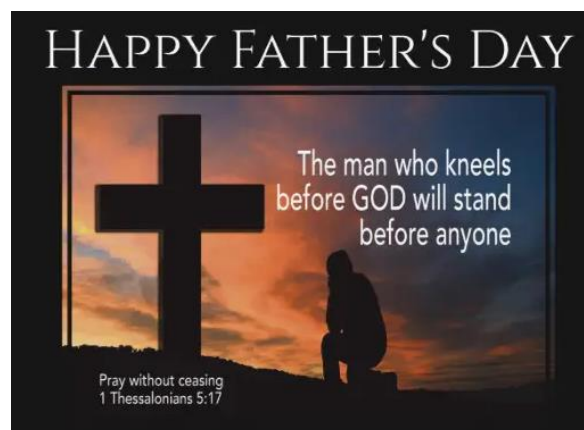
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Resolute

I hold my infant son in arms,
Striding defiantly down the path,
Shielding him from any harm,
From Nature's furious wrath

I hold my youthful child's hand,
Running through fields of green,
Gleeful laughter lights his face,
The purest joy I've ever seen

My son and I fought again today,
Angry words let fly,
If only he would take my help,
He could do better than I

I shake my son's strong hand,
After he walks across the stage,
Proud to know this young man,
Who has finally come of age

My son holds my feeble arm,
As I stumble down my last track,
Strong enough to hold me now,
He supports me on his back

My son stands strong as I am laid to rest,
Holding back his tears,
Looking back across his life,
Yearning for those years

William J. Hillsman

William J. Hillsman
(1978-2022)

In loving memory and deep gratitude for his life

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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.