

ASK  
THE LORD  
OF THE HARVEST  
TO SEND OUT  
LABORERS

LUKE 10:2



+ The 4th Sunday After Pentecost +

**July 2-3, 2022**

## **Independence Day Weekend**

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### **AS WE GATHER**

“Peace be to this house!” (Luke 10:5b). “The kingdom of God has come near to you” (Luke 10:9b). Did you catch that? Those are more than words spoken long ago; those are the realities of God’s Word being proclaimed directly to you today! Through the living voice of Jesus, peace comes into Your heart and home. As you lay the burdens of your brokenness at the foot of Christ’s cross, the healing medicine of His Word and Meal fills you with His mercy. The kingdom of God Himself comes to you and your family today as you gather for worship. Within the household of faith, Jesus is here and “brings pleasure eternal”! Since God Himself is present, lift up your hearts to Him in joyful songs of praise!

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### **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**..... Rich Vanderburgh, Lorraine Miller

**Welcome**

*Please rise, as able.*

**Invocation Hymn** ..... "We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God", #941



1 We praise You and ac-knowl-edge You, O God, to be the Lord,  
2 The band of the a-pos-tles in glo-ry sing Your praise;  
3 You, Christ, are King of glo-ry, the ev-er-last-ing Son,  
4 You sit in splen-did glo-ry, en-throned at God's right hand,



The Fa-ther ev-er-last-ing, by all the earth a-dored.  
The fel-low-ship of proph-ets their death-less voic-es raise.  
Yet You, with bound-less love, sought to res-cue ev-'ry-one:  
Up-hold-ing earth and heav-en by forc-es You com-mand.



To You all an-gel pow-ers cry a-loud, the heav-ens sing,  
The mar-tys of Your king-dom, a great and no-ble throng,  
You laid a-side Your glo-ry, were born of vir-gin's womb,  
We know that You will come as our Judge that fi-nal day,



The cher-u-bim and ser-a-phim their prais-es to You bring:  
Sing with the ho-ly Church through-out all the world this song:  
Were cru-ci-fied for us and were placed in-to a tomb;  
So help Your ser-vants You have re-deemed by blood, we pray;



"O ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of Sab-a-oth;  
"O all-ma-jes-tic Fa-ther, Your true and on-ly Son,  
Then by Your res-ur-rec-tion You won for us re-prieve—  
May we with saints be num-bered where prais-es nev-er end,



Your maj-es-ty and glo-ry fill the heav-ens and the earth!"  
And Ho-ly Spir-it, Com-fort-er— for-ev-er Three in One!"  
You o-pen-ed heav-en's king-dom to all who would be-lieve.  
In glo-ry ev-er-last-ing. A-men, O Lord, a-men!

# 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 .....“How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord”, #853



1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord,  
 2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find  
 3 We mar - vel how Your saints be - come  
 4 In what You give us, Lord, to do,



When once we heed Your call: To live ac - cord - ing  
 Your yoke is hard to bear; If world - ly pres - sures  
 In hin - dranc - es more sure; Whose joy - ful vir - tues  
 To - geth - er or a - lone, In old rou - tines or



to Your Word And dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re - stored,  
 fray the mind, And love it - self can - not un - wind  
 put to shame The cas - ual way we wear Your name  
 ven - tures new, May we not cease to look to You,



That You are Lord of all                      And will not let us fall.  
 Its tan - gled skein of care:                      Our in - ward life re - pair.  
 And by our faults ob - scure                      Your pow'r to cleanse and cure.  
 The cross You hung up - on—                      All You en - deav - ored done.

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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



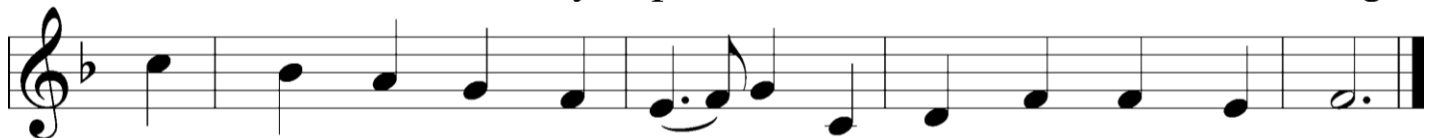
**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
 2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



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.

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

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

**Almighty God, You have built Your Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus Himself as the cornerstone. Continue to send Your messengers to preserve Your people in true peace that, by the preaching of Your Word, Your Church may be kept free from all harm and danger; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**Old Testament Reading**.....**Isaiah 66:10-14**

“Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,

all you who love her;

rejoice with her in joy,

all you who mourn over her;

that you may nurse and be satisfied

from her consoling breast;

that you may drink deeply with delight

from her glorious abundance.”

For thus says the LORD:

“Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river,

and the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream;

and you shall nurse, you shall be carried upon her hip,

and bounced upon her knees.

As one whom his mother comforts,

so I will comfort you;

you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice;

your bones shall flourish like the grass;

and the hand of the LORD shall be known to his servants,

and he shall show his indignation against his enemies.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

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

**How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news,  
who publish peace and bring good news of salvation.  
Their voice has gone out to all the earth,  
and their words to the ends of the world. (Romans 10:15b, 18b)**

**Epistle Reading** ..... **Galatians 6:1-10, 14-18**

Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. For each will have to bear his own load.

One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches. Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith. . . .

But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

From now on let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

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

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

**C** These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that  
 Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.  
**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**Holy Gospel ..... Luke 10:1-20**

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

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

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. And he said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace be to this house!’ And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. Heal the sick in it and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, ‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.’ I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.

“Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. But it will be more bearable in the judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You shall be brought down to Hades.

“The one who hears you hears me, and the one who rejects you rejects me, and the one who rejects me rejects him who sent me.”



The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!" And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

**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.

*Please be seated.*

**Hymn of the Day** ..... “*When Peace, like a River*”, #763



1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way; When  
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, Let  
3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; My  
4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The



sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast  
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross, and I  
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.  
help - less es - tate And hath shed His own blood for my soul.  
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
Lord shall de - scend; E - ven so it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*



It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

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**Sermon** ..... “*Peace, Like a River*”

*Please rise, as able.*

**Prayer of the Church**

- Lord, in Your mercy,
- 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 Liturgy** .....pages 208-210

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**.....page 209

**Lord's Prayer** .....page 209

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

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



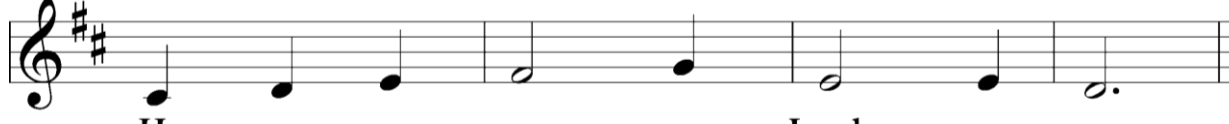
**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

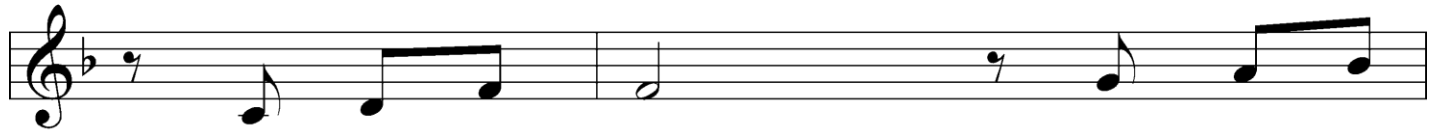
### Communion Distribution

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

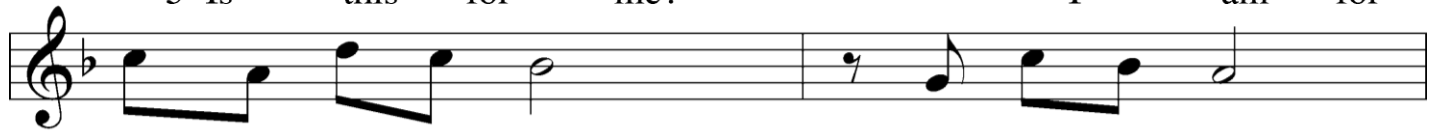
### Instrumental Music

*(Sunday Only)*

### Congregational Hymn ..... "What Is This Bread", #629



1 What is this bread? Christ's bod - y  
2 What is this wine? The blood of  
3 So who am I, That I should  
4 Yet is God here? Oh, yes! By  
5 Is this for me? I am for -



ris - en from the dead: This bread we break,  
Je - sus shed for mine; The cup of grace  
live and He should die Un - der the rod?  
Word and prom - ise clear, In mouth and soul  
giv - en and set free! I do be - lieve



This life we take, Was crushed to pay for our re -  
Brings His em - brace Of life and love un - til I  
My God, my God, Why have You not for - sak - en  
He makes us whole— Christ, tru - ly pres - ent in this  
That I re - ceive His ver - y bod - y and His



lease.	O taste and see—	the Lord is peace.
sing!	O taste and see—	the Lord is King.
me?	O taste and see—	the Lord is free.
meal.	O taste and see—	the Lord is real.
blood.	O taste and see—	the Lord is good.

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## Congregational Hymn ..... “Chief of Sinners Though I Be”, #611



1 Chief of sin - ners	though I be,	Je - sus shed His
2 Oh, the height of	Je - sus' love,	High - er than the
3 On - ly Je - sus can	im - part	Balm to heal the
4 Chief of sin - ners	though I be,	Christ is all in
5 O my Sav - ior,	help af - ford	By Your Spir - it



blood for me,	Died that	I might live	on high,
heav'ns a - bove,	Deep - er	than the depths	of sea,
wound - ed heart,	Peace that	flows from sin	for - giv'n,
all to me;	All my wants	to Him are known,	
and Your Word!	When my way - ward	heart would stray,	



Lives that	I might nev - er	die.	As the branch	is
Last - ing	as e - ter - ni - ty!		Love that	found me—
Joy that	lifts the soul	to heav'n,	Faith and	hope to
All my sor - rows	are His own.		He sus - tains	the
Keep me	in the nar - row	way;	Grace	in time
			of	



to the vine,	I am His,	and He is mine.
won - drous thought!	Found me when	I sought Him not.
walk with God	In the way that	E - noch trod.
hid - den life	Safe with Him	from earth - ly strife.
need sup - ply	While I live	and when I die.

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*Please stand, as able.*

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 ..... *"Before You, Lord, We Bow", #966*

1 Be - fore You, Lord, we bow, Our God who reigns a - bove  
2 The na - tion You have blest May well Your love de - clare,  
3 May ev - 'ry moun - tain height, Each vale and for - est green,  
4 Earth, hear your Mak - er's voice; Your great Re - deem - er own;  
5 And when in pow'r He comes, Oh, may our na - tive land



And rules the world be - low, Bound-less in pow'r and love. Our thanks  
 From foes and fears at rest, Pro - tect - ed by Your care. For this  
 Shine in Your Word's pure light, And its rich fruits be seen! May ev -  
 Be - lieve, o - bey, re - joice, And wor-ship Him a - lone. Cast down  
 From all its rend - ing tombs Send forth a glo-rious band, A count -



we bring In joy and praise, Our hearts we raise To You, our King!  
 bright day, For this fair land—Gifts of Your hand—Our thanks we pay.  
 'ry tongue Be tuned to praise And join to raise A grate-ful song.  
 your pride, Your sin de - plore, And bow be - fore The Cru - ci - fied.  
 less throng, With joy to sing To heav'n's high King Sal - va - tion's song!

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

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

**Postlude** ..... Rich Vanderburgh, Lorraine Miller

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**Next week's readings:**

**OT: Leviticus 18:1-5, 19:9-18; Ep: Colossians; 1:1-14; Gospel: Luke 10:25-37**

**Serving us today:**

- Elders .....Ricky Bertels (Sat), Willie Crespo, Jeremy VanWey (Sun)
- Musicians ..... Rich Vanderburgh, Lorraine Miller
- Altar Committee ..... Cindy Schnell (Chair), Judy Schache, Samantha Schnell  
 Lauren Schumaker, Stephanie Schumaker
- Flower Committee ..... Lana Vanderburgh (Chair), Karen Haase

**This Week's Schedule**

- Monday *Office Closed-Holiday*
- Tuesday *Pastor's Holiday*
- 12:00 p.m. Braille in Concordia
- Wednesday 9:30 a.m. Exercise Class
- 10:30 a.m. Bible Class
- 7:00 p.m. *Green Pastures Outdoor Service—"On Earth"*

Thursday	1:00 p.m.	Games and Cards Group
Friday		<i>(Pastor's Vacation 8<sup>th</sup> through 18<sup>th</sup>)</i>
	9:30 a.m.	Exercise Class
Saturday	1:00 p.m.	Scouts Activity
	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 <a href="http://www.blchurch.com">www.blchurch.com</a> , under the Sermons tab)
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class
	10:30 a.m.	Worship

### Absence/Presence

Pr. Joel will be on vacation from **July 8 through July 18**—visiting Alaska with his family. Pastor Bertels will be taking his place while he is gone. If you need anything during his absence, please contact your elder, head elder Willie Crespo or Pastor Bertels.

### Prayers

**Of Rejoicing for Samantha & Nathan Schultz** (and grandparents Felisa & Mark Brown and Uncle Zach Brown) on the safe and joyful arrival of Anastazia Elizabeth this past Sunday night. May Christ bless and keep this family with health and every goodness!

**For Seminarian Jonathan Sharp** as he finishes his vicarage at Bethlehem (in Florida)! We look forward to having him, his wife (Deaconess Bridgette), and son David here next month on their way back to Concordia Seminary in St. Louis.

**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, Karen Haase, 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, Denny Spanton, Rose Steitz, and Joe Zeman.

**For Pregnant Mothers (& Waiting Fathers)**, especially Colleen & Jeremiah Murrell ... and may the Lord grant glad 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!

### Worship Services

**Saturday Services start at 5:30 p.m. Sunday Services are at 10:30 a.m.** Sunday’s Services are live on Facebook and YouTube and the webpage at [blchurch.com](http://blchurch.com).

**Wednesday Outdoor Service**—We’re having a simple devotional service—*Green Pastures*—outside under the cottonwood tree behind the van shelter for the **first Wednesday** of these summer months (through 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 set in. Join us on **July 6** as we dwell upon the next phrase: *On Earth*.

### Sunday School and Christian Education

**Sunday School for PreK-12<sup>th</sup> grade begins at 9:15 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. This is a great opportunity for children and youth to grow in knowledge of Scripture and in love toward the Lord and our neighbors, as Jesus said matters most!

### Faith Discussion and Bible Study

**Sunday Bible Study** is beginning the last section (“Bodily Life in God’s Heavenly Creation”) of 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.**

### Opportunities to Help & Serve

Thank you to all who helped at the Food Center in June—Darlene Laubenstein, Bryan Tebbencamp, Bambi Burden, Sue Ann Carter, Pastor Joel, Jerrode Marsh, Sue

Cottrill, Mary Creswell-Russo, Larry Haase, Melvin Theroff, Abby Humphrey, Peggy Hoyer, Willie Crespo and Beryl Lindley. A special thank you to Karen Haase for getting a Thrivent Grant to purchase food for the Homeless Mini Mart at the Food Center and to Larry Haase for his Thrivent Grant for the Food Center. Thank you also to all the members of the congregation who put food items in the container at the church to be given to the Food Center. It is very special work we do at the Food Center helping to reduce food insecurity in Johnson County. **WAY TO GO BETHLEHEM!**

**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 **your help is needed!** Workdays will happen on three Saturdays in a row, with the bulk of the prep work happening on **Saturdays July 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to noon.** Finishing work will happen on **Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to noon as well,** and that will be a Thrivent Action Team Day (so shirts and pizza will be provided). Thanks in advance for helping to make this a reality!

**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

**Annual Swim Party**—Welcome ladies of Bethlehem and your friends to the annual swim party on **July 11th at the Haases on 227 NE 51st Road in the Burnwood addition.** Please come for an evening of conversation and food while you swim or just sit and visit. The meat, drinks, table service, and dessert will be provided. (The

Fellowship Board will furnish a cake). Please bring a dish to share. We will celebrate Rebecca Stewart's tenure with us as our CLF. She will leave that job to take a full-time teaching position. We will miss her as our Congregational Life Facilitator, but she will continue to be a member of our congregation and the secretary of Mary Martha Guild. **Come about 5:00 p.m.; we will eat at 5:30 p.m.** Come and go as you have time. We look forward to your company!

**You are invited to a reception in honor of Esther Keseman and the late Charles Keseman after service on Sunday, July 24th.** Sponsors for this reception are The Mary Martha Guild and the Thrivent Group. The congregation will have the opportunity to thank Esther for all the years of service she and Charles have given the people of Bethlehem and the members of the Warrensburg community. They have certainly demonstrated their love of Christ and his people through their actions. Please join us for this special occasion!

**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**

**Concordia Mission Institute 5K Run/3K Walk with Missionaries on July 16:** Join the missionaries of **Lutheran Bible Translators** and **Mission of Christ Network** for exercise, fellowship, and food on **Saturday morning, July 16**, on the campus of Saint Paul Lutheran High in Concordia. **Sign-in and bib pick-up begin at 7am** outside the Lutheran Bible Translators (Fine Arts) building on campus. The running/walking will begin at 7:30am, and breakfast will be served immediately after the race. Families and kids are welcome. Register at [tinyurl.com/CMIfunrun2022](https://tinyurl.com/CMIfunrun2022) any time before July 16 or in person on the morning of the race. **Participants who register before June 20 will get a t-shirt.** While no registration fee is required, we suggest a donation of \$30 to help cover costs.

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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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