



# August 14, 2022 Campus Ministry Weekend

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Sanctify my thoughts, All I do and say:
As I teach the young And esteem the old,
May Your bounteous grace By my life be told. (LSB #871)

#### **AS WE GATHER**

Today's Epistle continues the list of heroes of faith begun last week. But the other Readings provide the context. At the time of the Old Testament Reading, false prophets were telling people that nothing was wrong, although God had not commanded them to teach about anything. In the Gospel, Jesus points out that acting on one's faith inevitably leads to conflict, even within families. Only by faith are we able to look beyond the current, inevitable conflict to the joy that awaits all who follow Jesus. For the eternal joy before Him, He endured the pain. Now it is our turn to run the endurance race until faith is turned to sight.

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:**

Green is the color of life and growth in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

#### **About the Stained Glass Cover**

The full window of various colors has 195 panels and is situated in the Baptistery at the New St. Michael's Cathedral in Coventry, England. The original cathedral was built in the late 14<sup>th</sup> & early 15<sup>th</sup> centuries but mostly destroyed on November 14, 1940, during the German Luftwaffe bombing. Afterwards, Provost Robert Howard had the words "Father Forgive" inscribed on a remaining wall behind the altar of the ruined cathedral—intentionally leaving of the "Them" because "all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (as St. Paul wrote to the Romans). The new cathedral was built alongside the remaining ruins of the old—from 1956 to 1962—in remembrance and restoration.

**Prelude** ...... Lorraine Miller, Roy Schache, Rich Vanderburgh

# Welcome

Baptismal Hymn......" "This is the Spirit's Entry Now", #591



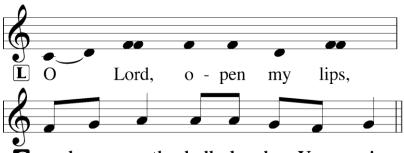
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# Rite of Holy Baptism for Tristen Tyler McLain

All will be asked to stand for the Apostles' Creed and may then be seated again after.

# **Morning Prayer**

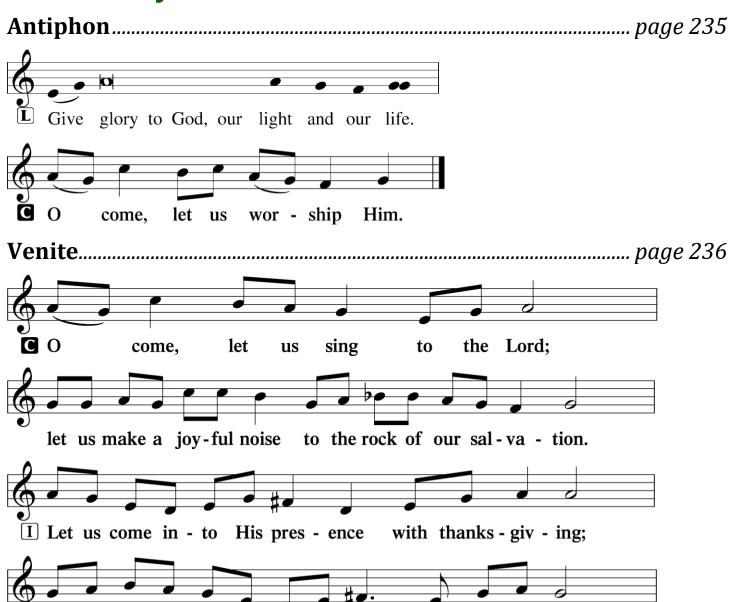
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**C** and my mouth shall de-clare Your praise.



# **Psalmody**



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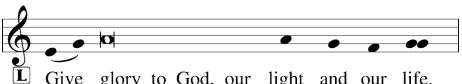
let us make a joy - ful noise to Him





as it was in the be-gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A-men.

**Antiphon**......page 237



Give glory to God, our light and our life.



**Psalm 119 (vs. 81-88)**.....(spoken in unison)

My soul longs for your salvation;

I hope in your word.

My eyes long for your promise;

I ask, "When will you comfort me?"

For I have become like a wineskin in the smoke, yet I have not forgotten your statutes.

How long must your servant endure?

When will you judge those who persecute me?

The insolent have dug pitfalls for me;

they do not live according to your law.

All your commandments are sure;

they persecute me with falsehood; help me!

They have almost made an end of me on earth,

but I have not forsaken your precepts.

In your steadfast love give me life,

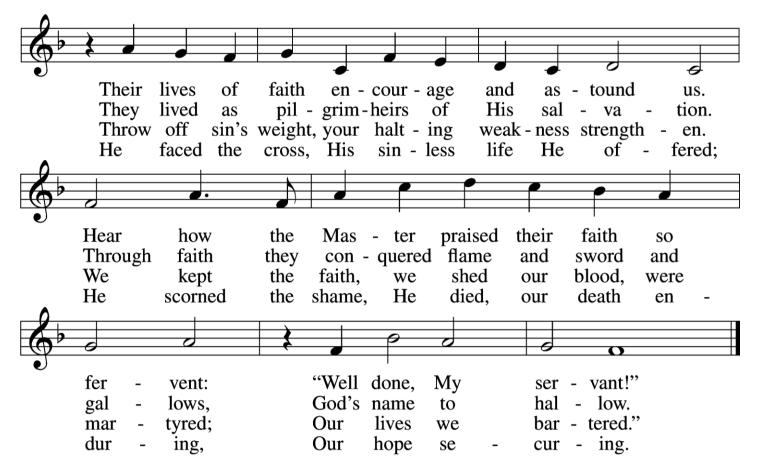
that I may keep the testimonies of your mouth.

Sit

Office Hymn......""Saints, See the Cloud of Witnesses", #667



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- re ceived God's com men -2 These saints of old da tion:
- us, "Your tim id 3 They call foot - steps length - en; to
- 4 Come, let fix our sight on Christ who suf fered. us



5 Lord, give us faith to walk where You are sending, On paths unmarked, eyes blind as to their ending; Not knowing where we go, but that You lead us— With grace precede us.

6 You, Jesus, You alone deserve all glory!
Our lives unfold, embraced within Your story;
Past, present, future—You, the same forever—
You fail us never!

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# Readings

# Old Testament Reading.....Jeremiah 23:16-29

Thus says the Lord of hosts: "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the Lord. They say continually to those who despise the word of the Lord, 'It shall be well with you'; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, 'No disaster shall come upon you.'"

For who among them has stood in the council of the Lord

to see and to hear his word,
or who has paid attention to his word and listened?
Behold, the storm of the Lord!
Wrath has gone forth,
a whirling tempest;

it will burst upon the head of the wicked.

The anger of the Lord will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intents of his heart.

In the latter days you will understand it clearly.

"I did not send the prophets,

yet they ran;

I did not speak to them,

yet they prophesied.

But if they had stood in my council,

then they would have proclaimed my words to my people,

and they would have turned them from their evil way,

and from the evil of their deeds.

"Am I a God at hand, declares the Lord, and not a God afar off? Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the Lord. Is not my word like fire, declares the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?"

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

# Epistle Reading ...... Hebrews 11:17-12:3

By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. By

faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.

By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as if on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated— of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, s	0
that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.	

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

Stand

Holy Gospel ......Luke 12:49-56

[Jesus said:] "I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once, 'A shower is coming.' And so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat,' and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

- P Oh Lord, have mercy on us.
- C Thanks be to God.
- P In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of hold by the prophets.
- But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.

Sit

# Children's Message

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Canticle Hymn......" "Jesus Sat with His Disciples", #932



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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)

# **Prayer**

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Merciful Lord, cleanse and defend Your Church by the sacrifice of Christ. United with Him in Holy Baptism, give us grace to receive with thanksgiving the fruits of His redeeming work and daily follow in His way; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

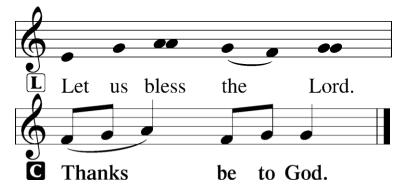
(Additional Collects of Intercession and Thanksgiving)

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.

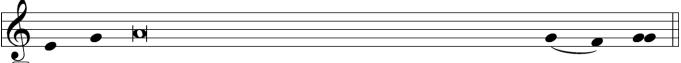
C Amen.

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Benediction......page 242



The al - mighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre - serve you.



Sending Hymn....." "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light", #411 walk as a child of the light. want to bright-ness God. want to see the of 3 I'm look - ing com - ing for the of Christ. 9 fol to low Je want sus. look Je want to at sus. with I be Je want to sus. God set the stars to give light to the world. Righ - teous - ness, Clear Sun of shine path, on my When we have run with pa - tience the race, life The of is Je star my sus. And show the the Fa me way ther. to joy shall of Je We know the sus. Refrain is all. Him In there dark - ness no at The night and day like. the both are a the light of of The Lamb is the cit - y God.

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

P Grow in Christ,

#### C Live in Love and Share the Faith!

# Postlude .....Lorraine Miller, Roy Schache, Rich Vanderburgh

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## Next week's readings:

OT: Isaiah 66:18-23; Epistle: Hebrews 12:4-29; Luke 13:22-30

Attendance Last Saturday: 19	Attendance Last Sunday: 58
Total Offering: \$4,232.00	<b>Missions: \$582.00</b>
Home Use: \$3,530.00	Benevolences: \$120.00

### Serving us today:

Elders/Ushers	Alan Miller
Musicians	Schmillerburghs
Altar Committee	Cindy Schnell (Chair), Judy Schache, Samantha Schnell
	Lauren Schumaker, Stephanie Schumaker
Flower Committee	Lana Vanderburgh (Chair), Karen Haase

#### This Week's Schedule

Sunday	12:00 p.m.	Elders' Meeting
	2:30 p.m.	Country Club Service
Monday	9:30 a.m.	Exercise Class
	10:00 a.m.	Moms and Tots
	6:30 p.m.	Scouts
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Mission Board Meeting
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.	Games and 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

#### Welcome

**UCM Students, New & Returning!** You are invited to gather with us for worship, Scripture study, faith discussion, and projects at any time. We welcome you to grow and serve alongside us here at Bethlehem! Also, check out the Lutheran Student Center, 215 South Holden, Warrensburg, Facebook: @UCMLutherans, and find that as a place to gather in friendship and fellowship.

Jonathan & Bridgette Sharp and their son David! We are glad to have you here on your way back to Concordia Seminary in St. Louis after your vicarage year in Florida. Thank you for sharing from your experiences and serving as guest preacher and speakers today during the service and in the Christian Education time on Sunday morning!

#### **Prayers**

**Of Rejoicing** for Tristen Tyler McLain, his family, and all of our Bethlehem family as he is baptized on Sunday into the grace-filled life of the Holy Trinity! Christ's blessing of faith ever be upon us as we walk together in his way of the cross and resurrection.

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: Pastor Ricky Bertels, Mel 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, Karen Haase, Ralph Hein, Maxine Jaeger, Mary Johnson, Marty Lehn, Lynn Lowe, Deb Matson (Ellen Pederson's mother), Shana Neumann; Johnny Nichol, Judy Pierce, Maryanna Savery, Denny Spanton, Rose Steitz, and Joe Zeman.

For Pregnant Mothers (& Waiting Fathers), especially Colleen & Jeremiah Murrell and Kyla & Tyler McLain. The Lord's good provision to all parents in the daily welcome and care 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 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 <a href="block">block</a> block and Sunday's Services are live on Facebook and YouTube and the webpage at <a href="block">block</a> block and Sunday's Services are live on Facebook and YouTube and the webpage at <a href="block">block</a> block and Sunday Services are at 10:30 a.m. Sunday's Services are live on Facebook and YouTube and the webpage at <a href="block">block</a> block and Sunday Services are live on Facebook and YouTube and the webpage at <a href="block">block</a> block and Sunday Services are live on Facebook and YouTube and the webpage at <a href="block">block</a> block and Services are live on Facebook and YouTube and the webpage at <a href="block">block</a> block and Services are live on Facebook and YouTube and the webpage at <a href="block">block</a> block and Services are live on Facebook and YouTube and the webpage at <a href="block">block</a> block and Services are live on Facebook and YouTube and the webpage at <a href="block">block</a> block and Services are live on Facebook and YouTube and Services are live on Services are live on Facebook and Services are live on S

### **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 currently exploring the last section ("Bodily Life in God's Heavenly Creation") of the book *Death, Heaven, Resurrection, and the New Creation*. **Join us in the conference room from 9:15 to 10:10 a.m.** 

Wednesday Bible Study has begun looking at the book of the prophet Zephaniah. Join us in the conference room from 10:30 to noon for this time of study, growth, and exploration together.

#### **Opportunities to Help & Serve**

The Warrensburg Food Center is in need of the following items: canned vegetables (no corn or green beans), 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, bath soap bars, laundry soap, bleach, dish soap, toilet paper and grocery bags. (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.

**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**

The Lunch Bunch will meet on Thursday, August 18 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring your lunch and invite a friend. Dessert will be provided.

The Annual Church Picnic will take place on Sunday, August 28, after service (12:30 p.m.). Meat will be provided by the Men's Club, and drinks and utensils will be provided by the Fellowship Board. Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share

with everyone. During this event we will honor Pastor Joel for 25 years in the ministry and 15 years at Bethlehem. We will also have the dedication of the William J. Hillsman Volleyball Court with a game or two. Come join the fun! Other games will be provided as well.

**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**

**Peggy Hoyer and Barb Chasar** would like to thank those people who brought in the many donations and a special thanks to those that helped this past week and weekend at the Rummage Sale.

Concordia Music Conservatory announces open enrollment. Concordia Music Conservatory exists to provide music instruction for children, teens, and adults and to create opportunities for making, enjoying, and sharing God's gift of music together. Private lessons held on Saint Paul High School campus in Concordia, Missouri; Music teachers hold one or more music degrees; piano/organ; strings/guitar; Winds/brass; voice (9th grade or older). Call (660) 624-7950 or email info@cmc-music.org for more information!

**35th Heit's Point Outdoor Festival, Aug 27, 2022**. We are happy to have Rev Mary Hasz as our guest speaker, Assistant to the District President for Church Worker & Congregational Health. Activities start at 9am with coffee, cinnamon rolls and tours, worship starting at 11am, followed by a BBQ lunch then youth and adult games, silent, and live auctions. Then to finish the day we will have cobbler and ice cream.

**Country Kitchen Cards**—We have a new batch of Country Kitchen Cards. Stop by the office if you would like to purchase one. They are \$10 and you get 10-buy one get one free meal deals. All proceeds go to the youth group.

## 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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