

All who
humble themselves
will be exalted

LUKE 18:14



+ The 20th Sunday After Pentecost +

October 23, 2022

AS WE GATHER

“Let the children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God” (Luke 18:16). Take these words of Jesus to heart! No matter your age, no matter your life’s journey, when you trust in the Lord Jesus as your King and Savior, our Father in heaven sees you as His precious child! “See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God” (1 John 3:1). Come unto Jesus this day, dear children of God! Draw close at His gracious invitation. Be comforted by the assurance of His pardon. Listen to the voice of His living and active Word. Be filled with His presence at the feast He has prepared. Enjoy all the benefits of being a child of God! The Kingdom belongs to you!

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.

Visitors: We are glad you have chosen to be with us today! We would especially like to follow-up with you beyond today, so please take a moment to leave your best contact information in the guest books at each entrance/exit or in the Record of Fellowship books found on each pew. Do you have basic questions about Bethlehem? Refer to the information sheet inside the Record of Fellowship books or ask. A cry-room for parents and children is just off from the front entryway and there is a nursery downstairs as well.

Prelude Lorraine Miller, Rich Vanderburgh

Gathering Hymn “Our Father, by Whose Name”, #863



1 Our Fa - ther, by whose name All fa - ther-hood is known,
2 O Christ, Thy - self a child With - in an earth - ly home,
3 O Spir - it, who dost bind Our hearts in u - ni - ty,

Who dost in love pro - claim Each fam - i - ly Thine own,
 With heart still un - de - filed, Thou didst to man - hood come;
 Who teach - est us to find The love from self set free,

Bless Thou all par - ents, guard - ing well, With con - stant love as
 Our chil - dren bless in ev - 'ry place That they may all be -
 In all our hearts such love in - crease That ev - 'ry home by

sen - ti - nel, The homes in which Thy peo - ple dwell.
 hold Thy face, And know - ing Thee may grow in grace.
 this re - lease May be the dwell - ing place of peace.

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Please rise.

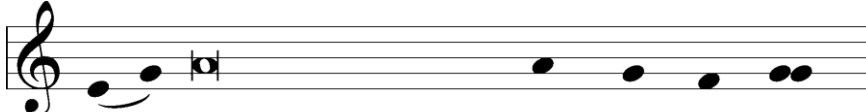
Morning Prayer

Opening Verses..... page 235

L O Lord, o - pen my lips,
C and my mouth shall de - clare Your praise.
C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;
 as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.
C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Psalmody

Antiphon..... page 235



L Give glory to God, our light and our life.



G O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Venite..... page 236



G O come, let us sing to the Lord;



let us make a joy - ful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.



I Let us come in - to His pres - ence with thanks - giv - ing;



let us make a joy - ful noise to Him with songs of praise.



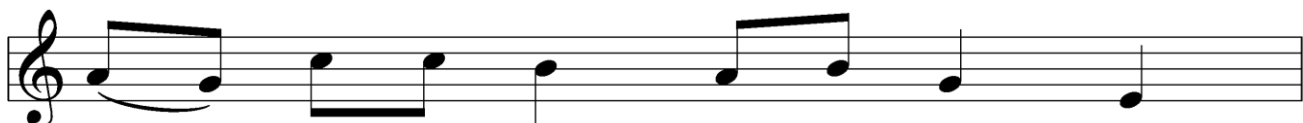
II For the Lord is a great God and a great king a - bove all gods.



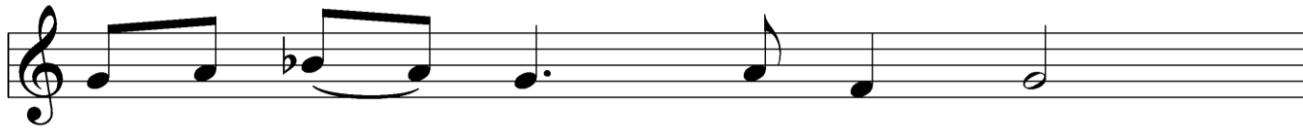
I In His hand are the depths of the earth;



the heights of the moun - tains are His al - so.



II The sea is His, for He made it;



and His hand formed the dry land.



I O come, let us wor - ship and bow down;



let us kneel be - fore the Lord, our mak - er.



II For He is our God, and we are the peo - ple



of His pas - ture and the sheep of His hand.

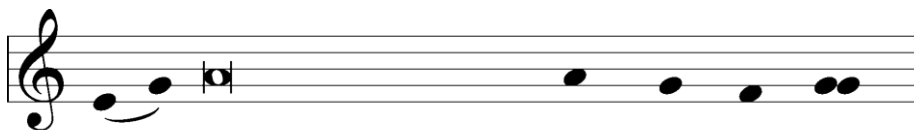


C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



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

Antiphon.....page 237



L Give glory to God, our light and our life.



C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Psalm 5(front of hymnal, spoken responsively)

Give ear to my words, O Lord;

consider my groaning.

Give attention to the sound of my cry, my King and my God,

for to you do I pray.

O Lord, in the morning you hear my voice;

in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch.

For you are not a God who delights in wickedness;

evil may not dwell with you.

The boastful shall not stand before your eyes;

you hate all evildoers.

You destroy those who speak lies;

the Lord abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.

But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house.

I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you.

Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness because of my enemies;

make your way straight before me.

For there is no truth in their mouth; their inmost self is destruction;

their throat is an open grave; they flatter with their tongue.

Make them bear their guilt, O God; let them fall by their own counsels;

because of the abundance of their transgressions cast them out,

for they have rebelled against you.

But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy,

and spread your protection over them,

that those who love your name may exult in you.

For you bless the righteous, O Lord;

you cover him with favor as with a shield.

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.

Office Hymn..... *“When Aimless Violence Takes Those We Love”, #764*



1 When aim - less vi - o - lence takes those we love,
2 When pass - ing years rob sight and strength and mind
3 Our faith may flick - er low, and hope grow dim,
4 Be - cause Your Son knew ag - o - ny and loss,
5 Through long grief - dark - ened days help us, dear Lord,



When ran - dom death strikes child - hood's prom - ise down,
 Yet fail to still a strong - ly beat - ing heart,
 Yet You, O God, are with us in our pain;
 Felt des - o - la - tion, grief and scorn and shame,
 To trust Your grace for cour - age to en - dure,



When wrench - ing loss be - comes our dai - ly bread,
 And grief be - comes the fab - ric of our days,
 You grieve with us and for us day by day,
 We know You will be with us, come what may,
 To rest our souls in Your sup - port - ing love,



We know, O God, You leave us not a - lone.
 Dear Lord, You do not stand from us a - part.
 And with us, shar - ing sor - row, will re - main.
 Your lov - ing pres - ence near, al - ways the same.
 And find our hope with - in Your mer - cy sure.

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Please be seated

Readings

Old Testament Reading.....Genesis 4:1-15

Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, “I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD.” And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. The LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it.”

Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. Then the LORD said to Cain, “Where is Abel

your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" And the LORD said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth." Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is greater than I can bear. Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me." Then the LORD said to him, "Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold." And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing. . .

At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Please rise.

Holy GospelLuke 18:9-17

[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a

sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them to him, saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it."

P Oh Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

P In many and various ways, God Spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

C But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.

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

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated.

Children's Message

Sermon..... "Humbled, and Lifted Up"

Please rise.

Canticle Hymn..... "Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord", #935



1 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord!
2 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of His name!
3 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of His might!
4 Tell out, my soul, the glo-ries of His Word!



Un - num - bered bless - ings, give my spir - it voice;
Make known His might, the deeds His arm has done;
Pow'rs and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.
Firm is His prom - ise, and His mer - cy sure.



Ten - der to me the prom - ise of His Word;
His mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;
Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,
Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord



In God my Sav - ior shall my heart re - joice.
His ho - ly name, the Lord, the Might - y One.
The hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.
To chil - dren's chil - dren and for - ev - er - more!

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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

Collect of the Day *(spoken in unison)*

Almighty and everlasting God, You are always more ready to hear than we to pray

and always ready to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour down on us the abundance of Your mercy; forgive us those things of which our conscience is afraid; and give us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask except by the merits and mediation of 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)

Collect for Gracepage 241

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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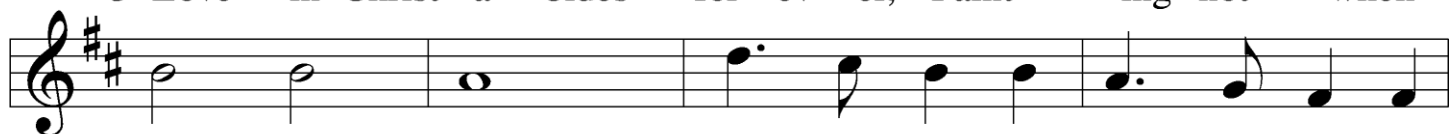
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Sending Hymn..... *"Love in Christ is Strong and Living", #706*



1 Love in Christ is strong and liv - ing, Bind - ing faith - ful
 2 Love is pa - tient and for - bear - ing, Clothed in Christ's hu -
 3 Love in Christ a - bides for - ev - er, Faint - ing not when



hearts in one; Love in Christ is true and giv - ing.
 mil - i - ty, Gen - tle, self - less, kind, and car - ing,
 ills at - tend; Love, for - giv - ing and for - giv - en,



May His will in us be done.
 Reach - ing out in char - i - ty.
 Shall en - dure un - til life's end.

Dismissal (Bethlehem's Mission)

P Grow in Christ,

C Live in Love and Share the Faith!

Postlude Lorraine Miller, Rich Vanderburgh

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Next week's readings:

OT: Isaiah 1:10-18; EP: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12; G: Luke 19:1-10

Attendance Last Saturday: 27

Total Offering: \$4,600.69

Home Use: \$2,650.69

Attendance Last Sunday: 66

Missions: \$0.00

Benevolences: \$1,950.00

Serving us today:

Elder Willie Crespo

Musicians Lorraine Miller, Rich Vanderburgh

Altar Committee..... Teresa Hillsman (Chair), Mary Creswell, Lisa Gulick
Beryl Lindley, Susie Mills

Flower Committee Eunice Cobb (Chair), Penny Humphrey

This Week's Schedule

Sunday	3:00 p.m.	Youth Catechesis
Monday		<i>Pr. Joel at District Conference (through Tues. aft.)</i>
	9:30 a.m.	Exercise Class
	2:00 a.m.	Moms and Tots
	6:30 p.m.	4-H Meeting
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Quilting
	7:15 p.m.	Education Board Meeting
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Exercise Class
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
Thursday	9:30 a.m.	Pastor at Warrensburg Christian School
	1:00 p.m.	Games and Card Group
	6:30 p.m.	Care Portal Regional Meeting Here (<i>see below</i>)
Friday	9:30 a.m.	Exercise Group
Saturday	5:30 p.m.	Holy Communion (Reformation Day Observance)
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 (Reformation Day Observance)

Prayers

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: Mel Bockelman, Paula Brewer, Felisa & Mark Brown, Ray & Mary Carstensen, Bob & Barbara Compton, Marion Droege, Wilma Gertz, Karen Haase, Maxine Jaeger, Mary Johnson, Wanda Kreisel, Betty Landers (Darlene Laubenstein's sister), Johnny Nichol, Judy Pierce, Maryanna Savery, Denny Spanton, Rose Steitz, & Joe Zeman.

For Pregnant Mothers (& Waiting Fathers), especially Paige & Colin Hart (who are getting closer to December)! 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, feel free 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!

Words of Thanks

Shawn and Beryl Lindley would like to thank everyone for their cards and kind words for their wedding anniversary on October 9. We appreciate it very much.

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 is at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings downstairs for ages Preschool through 12th grade. The children are regularly working on songs with the goal of singing in the Sunday service once per month. We invite all children of the

congregation (and outside too!) to come and be a part of this time growing together in Christ.

Sunday Bible Study—Steward the Harvest of Autumn with GLEANINGS. Continuing through the last Sunday of the Church Year (November 20), we're undertaking a study that surveys hunger and harvest, wasting, feasting, and sharing in Scripture and in our lives today. The New Testament sessions yet to cover are: 7) *Lunch*, 8) *Dinner*, 9) *Midnight Snack*, & 10) *Party*. **Join us in the conference room at 9:15 a.m.** to find out what those titles are about and how they'll take us further into Scripture and life. Each attendee gets a personal study booklet—which includes all of the sessions. Prepared by the Society of St. Andrew (SOSA)—an organization which gleans America's fields to feed the hungry—this exploration and discussion will take you through the harvests of autumn to Thanksgiving with new awareness and generous stewardship. To learn more about SOSA, go to www.endhunger.org.

Faith Discussion and Bible Study

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

Annual Meeting—Bethlehem's 2022 Annual Meeting will take place on **Sunday, November 13** after service. Lunch will be served by the Fellowship Committee (around 12 noon) and the meeting will follow around 1:00 p.m. Please watch for emails or messages on how you can join the meeting via zoom.

UCM Students—The UCM Lutheran Student Center is located at **215 S. Holden Street** and is a place on campus for students to gather for fellowship. The Student Center has a meal and Bible study every **Thursday, starting at 5:00 p.m.** Their contact number is 660-747-7603 and Facebook @UCMLutherans. You are also invited to gather with us at Bethlehem for worship, Scripture study, faith discussion, and projects at any time. We welcome you to grow and serve alongside us here at Bethlehem!

Junior & Senior Youth

Hit the Trail with area Youth Groups at Holy Cross! The Oregon Trail was both an important event in American History and a nostalgic computer game. Come and experience both. Anyone from 5th grade through high school is invited to come on **Sunday, November 6 from 3:00-6:00 p.m.** for an Oregon Trail simulation followed by a devotion and hot dog roast. Other area youth groups will be invited, making this an event to get to know other kids from area congregations.

Opportunities to Help & Serve

Care Portal—Bethlehem is involved in Care Portal and there will be a meeting on **October 27 at 6:30 p.m.** for anyone interested in learning more about it. CarePortal is a technology connecting platform that brings the needs of hurting children and families in your community to your attention. Caseworkers uncover the needs. CarePortal makes local churches and community members aware, giving them a real-time opportunity to respond. Needs may be clothing, beds, furniture etc.

Project Community Connect event will be held on **Friday, November 4, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the UCM Student Recreation and Wellness Center.** Project Community Connect enhances the quality of life for the entire community, engages civic leaders, re-engages our citizens who are homeless or in need of housing, transforms service delivery systems, increases public awareness, dispels myths and stereotypes, and increases investment in the community. This is an event that offers a **Day of Service** to those in need in our local area. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the church office for more information.

Orphan Grain Train—Bethlehem will be traveling to Concordia on **November 5** for mission work at the Orphan Grain Train. Everyone is welcome to come help. Adults and children. We will meet at the church at **9:00 a.m.** to head to Concordia.

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is celebrating their 80th anniversary this year. In honor of this occasion. We have chosen to support our local Food Center by trying to **"Fill the Tote with 80" food items.** There are totes by each church entrance for you to use, so help us fill each of them with 80 items! **This challenge will end on Sunday, October 30** (Reformation weekend). Thanks for being as generous as you can!

The Warrensburg Food Center is in need! Harvesters is the primary source of food for our local food pantry. The Food Center currently serves over 400 families monthly and the number grows every time they are open as new families sign up for assistance. Anything you can donate, either in the form of food items or cash, will be put to very good use! Our pantry is supplemental, which means we only try to give food for a week and the families must fend for the rest of the month. **There is a list of needed items on the bulletin board in the north foyer, and there is a donation cart as well.** You can leave cash donations at the church office or mail to the Food Center, P.O. Box 872, Warrensburg, MO 64093, or put it in Sue Cottrill's or Pastor's mailbox. Thank you for helping to lessen food insecurity in our county!

Fall Church Garden Workdays--Starting Saturday, October 29, anyone wishing to help get the Community Gardens ready for winter should show up at **9:00 a.m.** for some enjoyable time together. We'll plan on doing every Saturday as long as the weather is good.

Fellowship

Exercise Class happens at **9:30 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays** in the Fellowship Hall. This class is low impact exercise open to anyone, men or women. For more information, contact Judy Smith.

The Games and Card Group meets on **Thursdays at 1:00 p.m.** in the Youth Room downstairs. Anyone, men and women, are welcome to come. If you have any questions, please contact Melvin Theroff.

The Quilting Group meets on the **second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.** (September through May). Anyone is welcome to help with this project. No special sewing skills are needed. Bring your own lunch. If you have any questions, please contact Georgia Luker.

This & That

Circuit Delegates to 2023 LCMS Convention—A circuit forum meeting was held in Concordia this past Sunday to elect one pastoral and one lay delegate to next year's triennial convention in Milwaukee. Our circuit visitor, Pr. Jacob Mueller (of Holy Cross—Emma) and Willie Crespo (Bethlehem's head elder) were elected to represent our circuit congregations.

The Annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Show co-sponsored by Mid-Missouri Artists and Warrensburg Parks and Rec. is **November 5, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Look for several Bethlehem members in the show!

Grief Share—“**Surviving the Holidays**” is a one-time class for those grieving the loss of a family member or friend. This will be held at **First Baptist Church on November 5, 2022 from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.** If you can't make this one there will be another one on **Zoom on November 8, 2022 starting at 6:30 p.m.** If you need further information, please contact Melvin Theroff.

American Heritage Girls (americanheritagegirls.org) is a Christ-centered group program for girls (ages 5-18). **AHG** was founded by a group of parents wanting a faith-based, scout-type character development program for their daughters in 1995. The AHG Program is dedicated to the mission of building women of integrity through service to God, family, community and country. AHG girls across the nation and the globe participate in badge programs, service projects, leadership opportunities, and

outdoor experiences, all with an emphasis on Christian values and family involvement. AHG meets at Faith Lutheran Church in Knob Noster. For more information on dates and times contact Rebecca Holland (660) 441-1271.

Trail Life USA (www.TrailLifeUSA.com) is a Christ-centered outdoor adventure and character development program for boys (ages 5-18). Trail Life partners with churches to grow godly young men. Boys connect with friends, dads and mentors in a safe, encouraging, Christian Environment. Trail Life USA meets at Faith Lutheran Church in Knob Noster. For more information on dates and times contact Jeremy VanWey (660) 909-4765.

Country Kitchen Cards—We have 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. Thanks for your support!

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

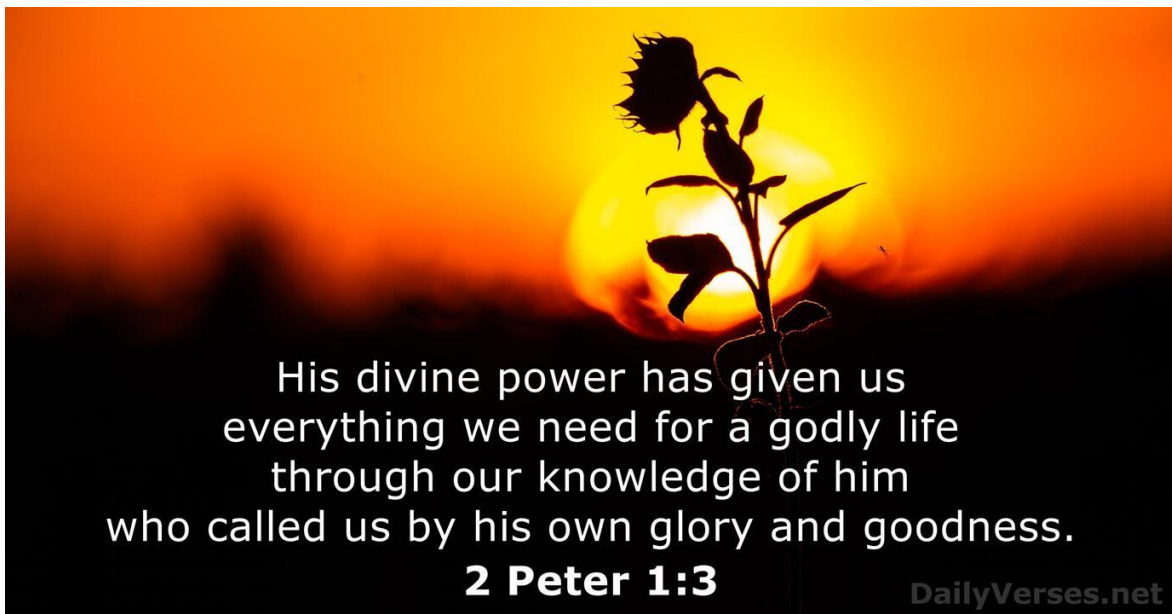
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Our Mission

· 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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