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JOHN 8:31





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October 29-30, 2021 Reformation Weekend

AS WE GATHER

When Jesus walks through the door, things change. Hardened hearts start to soften. Those who have tried to remove God from their daily lives now find themselves feasting with Him. Even as the religious elite grumble about what is happening, things are changing for the souls of those who are lost in sin. And all this change is taking place simply because Jesus walked through the door—into Zacchaeus’s house and into his heart—salvation has come! The same Lord who condemns and punishes sin now brings restoration to the repentant sinner. Lost souls take steps toward home. Severed relationships begin to mend. Broken lives find healing and renewal. “For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost” (Luke 19:10). These same realities from the house of Zacchaeus are true for us today. Jesus has come into this holy house and, for all who offer here their worship and praise, He brings the blessing of His salvation!

REGARDING COMMUNION *When we gather at the Lord’s Table, the cup of blessing we receive is a sharing in the blood of Christ; the bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ. We who are many are one bread and body in Christ (I Cor. 10:16-17). As a people baptized into the life of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to us in this holy meal to renew us individually and together in our life of faith and following him. **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:

Red is the color of lifeblood and is associated with the 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 Jerrode Marsh

“Next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise. The gift of language combined with the gift of song was given to man that he should proclaim the Word of God through Music.” (Martin Luther)

“Singing with Luther”. As Lutherans across the globe commemorate the Reformation this weekend, the strains of *A Mighty Fortress* will fill churches and the worshippers will sing Lutheran doctrine. Next year will mark the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther’s first hymn, written in German. While this idea does not seem so revolutionary, it certainly was in 1523. Singing in the church was done by a choir and was not done in the vernacular. The fact that Dr. Luther and other early supporters of the Reformation began to set Lutheran doctrine to song in the language of the people became extremely influential. (President Hagen).

Welcome

Please rise and turn to face the processional cross for our festival entrance.

Invocation Hymn *“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”, #656*



1 A might - y for - tress is our God,
2 With might of ours can naught be done,
3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill,
4 The Word they still shall let re - main



A trust - y shield and weap - on;
Soon were our loss ef - fact - ed;
All ea - ger to de - vour us,
Nor an - y thanks have for it;



He helps us free from ev - 'ry need
 But for us fights the val - iant One,
 We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;
 He's by our side up - on the plain



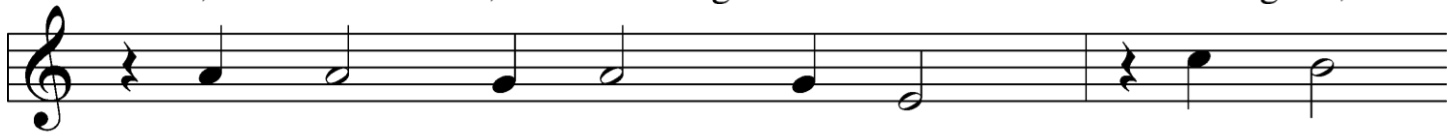
That hath us now o'er - tak - en.
 Whom God Him - self e - lect - ed.
 They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.
 With His good gifts and Spir - it.



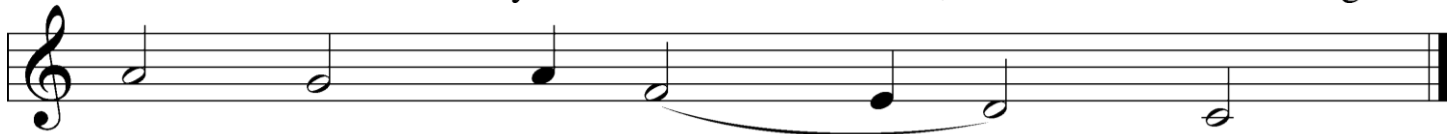
The old e - vil foe Now means
 Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus
 This world's prince may still Scowl fierce
 And take they our life, Goods, fame,



dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might
 Christ it is, Of Sab - a - oth Lord,
 as he will, He can harm us none.
 child, and wife, Though these all be gone,



Are his dread arms in fight; On earth
 And there's none oth - er God; He holds
 He's judged; the deed is done; One lit -
 Our vic - t'ry has been won; The King -



is not his e - qual.
 the field for - ev - er.
 tle word can fell him.
 dom ours re - main - eth.

Divine Service, Setting Five
(This setting is based on Luther's hymn-structured
Service of Holy Communion.)

Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross † may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Confession and Absolution.....page 213

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** who made heaven and earth.
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Service of the Word

Psalm 130.....(*spoken responsively, front of hymnal*)

Out of the depths

I cry to you, O LORD!

O Lord, hear my voice!

**Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleas for mercy!**

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,

O Lord, who could stand?

But with you there is forgiveness,

that you may be feared.

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,

and in his word I hope;

my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning,

more than watchmen for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love,

and with him is plentiful redemption.

And he will redeem Israel

from all his iniquities.

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.

Kyrie Hymn *“Kyrie II”, #944*



1 Lord, _____ have mer - cy. Lord, _____ have mer - cy.
2 Christ, _____ have mer - cy. Christ, _____ have mer - cy.
3 Lord, _____ have mer - cy. Lord, _____ have mer - cy.



Lord, _____ have mer - - - cy.
Christ, _____ have mer - - - cy.
Lord, _____ have mer - - - cy.

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Hymn of Praise *“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 - tyrs 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 - pened heav - en's king - dom to all who would be - lieve.
 In glo - ry ev - er - last - ing. A - men, O Lord, a - men!

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Salutationpage 214

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

Collect of the Day *(spoken in unison)*

O Lord, stir up the hearts of Your faithful people to welcome and joyfully receive Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, that He may find in us a fit dwelling place; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

Old Testament **Isaiah 1:10-18**

Hear the word of the LORD,
you rulers of Sodom!

Give ear to the teaching of our God,
you people of Gomorrah!

“What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?
says the LORD;

I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams
and the fat of well-fed beasts;

I do not delight in the blood of bulls,
or of lambs, or of goats.

“When you come to appear before me,
who has required of you
this trampling of my courts?

Bring no more vain offerings;
incense is an abomination to me.

New moon and Sabbath and the calling of convocations—
I cannot endure iniquity and solemn assembly.

Your new moons and your appointed feasts
my soul hates;

they have become a burden to me;
I am weary of bearing them.

When you spread out your hands,
I will hide my eyes from you;
even though you make many prayers,
I will not listen;
your hands are full of blood.

Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;
remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes;
cease to do evil,
learn to do good;

seek justice,
correct oppression;
bring justice to the fatherless,
plead the widow’s cause.

“Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD:
though your sins are like scarlet,

they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

**Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion (Rev. 7:14 & Psalm 84:5)**

Epistle..... **2 Thessalonians 1:1-12**

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. Therefore we ourselves boast about you in the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith in all your persecutions and in the afflictions that you are enduring.

This is evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering— since indeed God considers it just to repay with affliction those who afflict you, and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might, when he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed. To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please rise.

Holy Gospel Luke 19:1-10

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the nineteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus] entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. And when they saw it, they all grumbled, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Hymn of the Day..... "The Church's One Foundation", #644



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.
Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
By schisms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed,
She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more
And mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion With those whose rest is won.



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,
 Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"
 Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,
 O bless - ed heav'n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by Your grace



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
 And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.
 And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.
 That we, like saints be - fore us, May see You face to face.

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Sermon..... “The Church—A People Called into Being & Living”

Please rise.

Announcement of Prayers

Prayer of the Churchpages 215-216

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

Offering

*An offering plate is located at the west entrance narthex. You may leave your monetary offering there either when coming or going. Remember that all of your life is to be an offering of gratitude to the Lord who gives us life and in service of those he puts with needs on our path: **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)***

Service of the Sacrament

Communion Liturgypages 216-217

- 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 salutary . . . with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Creed Hymn *"We All Believe in One True God", #953*



1 We all be-lieve in one true God, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,
2 We all be-lieve in Je - sus Christ, Son of God and Mar - y's son,
3 We all con-fess the Ho - ly Ghost, Who from both in truth pro-ceeds,



Ev - er - pres - ent help in need, Praised by all the heav'n - ly host;
Who de - scend - ed from His throne And for us sal - va - tion won;
Who sus - tains and com-forts us In all tri - als, fears, and needs.



All He made His love en-folds, All cre - a - tion He up-holds.
By whose cross and death are we Res - cued from all mis - er - y.
Bless-ed, ho - ly Trin - i - ty, Praise for - ev - er be to Thee!

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Lord's Prayer

Sanctus..... *"Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old", #960* (Soloist-Jerrode Marsh)

Agnus Dei..... *"Lamb of God, Pure and Holy", #434 (v3)*



3 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,



Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.



All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de-spair reigned o'er us:



Thy peace be with us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

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Please be seated, until motioned to rise & proceed forward if going for Communion or a blessing).

Instrumental

(Communion Hymn—Sunday Only)

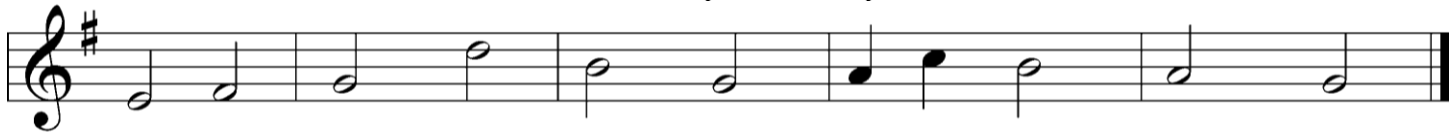
Communion Hymn "O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee", #632



1 O Je - sus, bless - ed Lord, to Thee My heart - felt
2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is



thanks for - ev - er be, Who hast so lov - ing -
come to me this day! My Sav - ior dwells with -



ly be - stowed On me Thy bod - y and Thy blood.
in my heart: How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

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Communion Hymn "O Lord, We Praise Thee", #617



1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,
2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,
3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor



In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy
Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er
That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -

bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that
 love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -
 geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this
 they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!
 blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!
 May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our
 Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy
 Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that
 sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead
 blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;
 heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see
 In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

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Please rise.

Post Communion Canticle..... "Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace", #937

1 Lord, bid Your ser - vant go in peace,
 2 This is the Sav - ior of the world,
 △ 3 With saints of old, with saints to come,
 Your word is now ful - filled. These eyes have seen sal -
 The Gen - tiles' prom - ised light, God's glo - ry dwell - ing
 To You we lift our voice; To Fa - ther, Son, and



va - tion's dawn, This child so long fore - told.
 in our midst, The joy of Is - ra - el.
 Spir - it blest Be hon - or, love, and praise.

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Post Communion Collect..... page 218

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Benedicamus and Benediction..... page 218

Sending Hymn..... "In Thee Is Gladness", #818



1 In Thee is glad - ness A - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus,
 2 Since He is ours, _____ We fear no pow - ers, Not of



sun - shine of my heart. By Thee are giv - en The gifts of
 earth nor sin nor death. He sees and bless - es In worst dis -



heav - en, Thou the true Re - deem - er art. Our souls Thou
 tress - es; He can change them with a breath. Where - fore the



wak - est, Our bonds Thou break - est; Who trusts Thee sure - ly Has built se -
 sto - ry Tell of His glo - ry With hearts and voic - es; All heav'n re -

cure - ly; He stands for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are
 joic - es In Him for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for
 pin - ing To see Thy shin - ing, Dy - ing or liv - ing
 glad - ness, Tri - umph o'er sad - ness, Love Him and praise Him
 To Thee are cleav - ing; Naught can us sev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!
 And still shall raise Him Glad hymns for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!

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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: Revelations 7:2-17; Ep.: 1 John 3:1-3; Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Attendance: Last Saturday: 26
Total Offering: \$4,603.25
Home Use: \$4,080.00

Attendance Last Sunday: 57
Missions: \$0.00
Benevolences: \$523.25

Serving us today:

Elders..... Jack Easterwood (Sat), Alan Miller, Caleb Thomas (Sun)
 Musician/Soloist.....Jerrode Marsh
 Altar Committee..... Teresa Hillsman (Chair), Mary Creswell, Lisa Gulick
 Beryl Lindley, Susie Mills
 Flower Committee Eunice Cobb (Chair), Penny Humphrey

This Week's Schedule

Monday 9:30 a.m. Exercise Class
 2:00 p.m. Moms and Tots
 Tuesday 12:00 p.m. Braille in Concordia

Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Exercise Class
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	5:30 p.m.	Faith Night/Dinner & Discussion
Thursday	9:30 a.m.	Pastor at Warrensburg Christian School
	1:00 p.m.	Games and Card Group
Friday	9:30 a.m.	Exercise Group
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Leave for Orphan Grain Train in Concordia
	5:30 p.m.	Holy Communion (<i>All Saints Observance</i>)
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 (<i>All Saints Observance</i>)

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, Gary Droege, 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 as they get 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!

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.

Christmas Program Practice--All children are welcome and encouraged to participate in this year's Christmas Program which will be held on **Sunday, December 18** during our normal worship time at 10:30 a.m. Practice for the Christmas Program will begin on Sunday, November 5, during part of the Sunday School time. For further information, contact Ellen Pederson.

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: *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 gleanes 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 in Emma! The Oregon Trail is 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. Youth groups from throughout our circuit will be there, making this an event to get to know other kids from area congregations.

Opportunities to Help & Serve

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 **Saturday, November 5** for mission work at the OGT Donation Center. Everyone is welcome to come help—adults and children! We will meet at Bethlehem and leave at **9:00 a.m.** for Concordia, finish at 11:30, and **return by noon.**

Blanket the County with Love—Once again Thrivent will be collecting blankets during the month of November. These will be given to different agencies in the community, the homeless and others in need. If you would like to donate, please bring the blankets to either entrance of the church, and place them in the collection box. New or gently used blankets will be very much appreciated.

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—Anyone wishing to help get the Bethlehem Community Garden ready for winter should please contact Shawn Lindley or Pastor Joel for work that needs to be done.

Fellowship

Ladies Brunch—The Mary Martha will be sponsoring the Ladies Brunch on **November 12 starting at 9:30 a.m.** Our theme will be “Choose Joy” and we will have Deborah Matson (Ellen Pederson's mom) as our guest speaker that day. All women are invited. **Please make sure you RSVP to the church office by November 1.**

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

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!

Servant of Saints from St. Paul, Concordia will be having a **Christmas and Bake sale on November 4 from 1:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on November 5 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** There will be Christmas Décor and tasty treats. (210 S. Main Street, Concordia).

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.

Saint Paul Lutheran High School is performing a production of **It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play** by Joe Landry on **Thursday, November 10th at 10:00 am, Friday,**

November 11th at 7:00 pm, and Saturday, November 12th at 7:00 pm, all in Kaepfel Chapel. Some details regarding the show: there will be no reserved seating, concessions will be available, and there is no admission fee, but a free will donation is appreciated to support the SPLHS drama department.

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!

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LWML CONCORDIA ZONE FALL RALLY

Bethlehem hosted the Concordia Zone Fall Rally on October 22nd. The program was called "Finding Home". The guest speakers were from our local homeless and transition home facilities. They shared many resources that are in our community for those who are homeless, looking for housing and also those needing basic items for their home who can't afford to buy them.

A BIG THANK YOU to so many people who made the LWML Concordia Zone Rally a success! It would not have happened without so many helping hands. I know that is said a lot, but it is so true! Such as:

- Teresa Hillsman and her family for setting up the tables and chairs for us
- The clean-up crew (many helping hands)
- Shawn Lindley for putting the tables away afterwards (and probably having to do extra cleaning because of us)
- Cindy Smith for designing our booklets, nametags, project stickers, printing all of them and then stuffing the folders (with the help of her granddaughter Kersten), plus so much more
- Pastor Ricky for arranging for Thrivent to provide us with folders, pens and notepads (and for Thrivent for doing this for us)
- Georgia Luker for chairing the food committee (that is not an easy task)
- For everyone who provided the delicious food (and it was delicious!)
- Peggy Hoyer and Beryl Lindley for working the Registration table and reporting on the counts of offerings and delegates
- Jerry Harding for setting up the sound system
- Penny Humphrey who provided the music
- Pastor Joel who led us with a devotion and then coordinated the presentations of the speakers (I just suggested the topic of how Warrensburg is providing services to assist the homeless and he ran with it!)
- And certainly Bonnie Rich for sharing her designing skills—for the table decorations she made with her donations of food and other supplies to be given to the shelters and for the "Open Door" souvenirs she made for each of us.

I hope I haven't missed anyone – there were so many helpful ladies (and gentlemen) who did the work. They just stepped up and did whatever needed to be done at that time.

THANK YOU SO MUCH TO EACH OF YOU!!!

Darlene Laubenstein
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Our Mission

· Grow in Christ · Live in Love · Share the Faith

Our Vision

To be a community of believers, disciples, and servants while we deepen our personal faith and reach others for Christ.



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Please note that Bethlehem Lutheran Church has a closed-circuit video system. This allows for live streaming on the web, viewing of the service on screens in the building and helps to enhance our security. Please see a trustee or an elder if you have any questions.