

LUKE 6:20

Blessed are you



+ All Saints Day +
November 5-6, 2022
(All Saints—Observed)

AS WE GATHER

The saints remind us that we are not alone. We have been washed in the blood of the Lamb and brought into the fellowship of all the saints through Baptism. We live this new life by faith now, but then we shall see Him face-to-face and know Him as we are known by Him. When lonely or fearful, the company of the saints encourages us, and their devotion to the Lord inspires us to endure to the end that we might be saved. Whether known well or known only to God, the faithful are not forgotten and neither will we be.

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.*

*If you are in need of a gluten free wafer for communion,
please let Pastor or an Elder know.*

Liturgical Color:

White is the color of purity and is associated with festivals of Christ and his Church.

The new white Lamb of God banners were purchased recently with memorial funds in loving remembrance of Delores Christianson.

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

Welcome

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

Processional Hymn "For All the Saints", #677 (v. 1-3)



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest,
2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
3 Oh, may Thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold,



Who Thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, Thy
Thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
Fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old And



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
Thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
win with them the vic - tor's crown of gold!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Divine Service, Setting Two

Confession and Absolution

(Saturday Only: Verses & responses are spoken, but longer portions are sung.)

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

Confession and Absolution.....page 167

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- 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** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Service of the Word

Entrance Hymn "Jesus Sat with His Disciples", #932



1 Je - sus sat with His dis - ci - ples On a
2 "Bless-ed are the meek and hum - ble, All the
3 "Bless-ed are God's sons and daugh - ters, Mak - ing

moun - tain - side one day; As the crowds of peo - ple
 earth to them is willed. Those who hun - ger to be
 peace where there is strife. Bless - ed are the per - se -
 gath - ered, He be - gan to teach and say:
 ho - ly, They are bless'd and will be filled.
 cut - ed, Who for righ - teous - ness lose life;
 "Bless - ed are the poor in spir - it, Heav - en's
 Yes, the mer - ci - ful are bless - ed, Mer - cy
 Their re - ward is great in heav - en, In the
 king - dom they will share. Bless - ed are the sad and
 will to them be shown. And the pure in heart are
 king - dom up a - bove— So be glad to share My
 mourn - ing, Joy and com - fort will be theirs.
 bless - ed, They have eyes for God a - lone.
 suf - f'ring And re - joice to know My love."

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Kyrie.....pages 168-169

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

G Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from a - bove and for our sal - va - tion let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



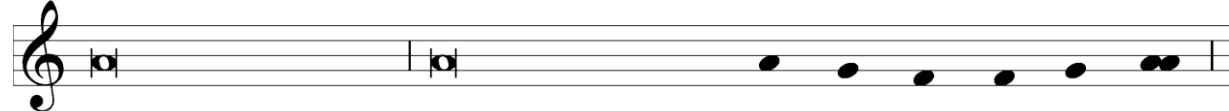
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni - ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



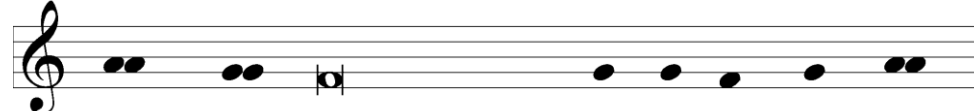
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

Hymn of Praise..... *"This Is the Feast"* page 171



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



C Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,

whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are His.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -

lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,

for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.

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

Salutation.....page 172

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

Collect of the Day (*spoken in unison*)

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

First Reading **Revelation 7:9-17**

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "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.

"Therefore they are before the throne of God,
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
the sun shall not strike them,
nor any scorching heat.

For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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..... **1 John 3:1-3**

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please rise.

Alleluia and Verse *page 173*



C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel **Matthew 5:1-12**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day..... *“Jerusalem the Golden”, #672*



1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, With milk and hon - ey blest—
2 With-in those walls of Zi - on Sounds forth the joy - ful song,
3 A - round the throne of Da - vid, The saints, from care re - leased,
4 O sweet and bless - ed coun - try, The home of God's e - lect!



The prom - ise of sal - va - tion, The place of peace and rest—
As saints join with the an - gels And all the mar - tyr throng.
Raise loud their songs of tri - umph To cel - e - brate the feast.
O sweet and bless - ed coun - try That faith - ful hearts ex - pect!



We know not, oh, we know not What joys a - wait us there:
The Prince is ev - er with them; The day - light is se - rene;
They sing to Christ their lead - er, Who con - quered in the fight,
In mer - cy, Je - sus, bring us To that e - ter - nal rest



The ra - dian - cy of glo - ry, The bliss be - yond com - pare!
The cit - y of the bless - ed Shines bright with glo - rious sheen.
Who won for them for - ev - er Their gleam - ing robes of white.
With You and God the Fa - ther And Spir - it, ev - er blest.

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Please be seated.

Sermon..... “Salted & Sainted for Life”

Please rise.

Nicene Creed.....page 174

**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.

All Saints' Remembrance & Prayer of Commendation

(A candle will be lit for each of the three members of our church family who left the assembly of the saints below for the saints above between today and last All Saints' Day—Christopher Pierce, Charles Keseman, James Rudy, John Burden, William (Bill) Hillsman, Leona Droege, Ralph Hein, Diane Bockelman—plus one for the people we call to mind from our other circles in life.)

Announcement of Intercessions & Thanksgivings

Prayer of the Church (sung) *"Hear Our Prayer" (Bell & Howison)*

After each verse, the congregation sings the refrain:

Lord in Your mercy, hear our prayer. Lord in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Now we pray to You Father for peace in the world
For the right use of all You have given
A respect for creation in us be restored

And we pray for the poor of the world everywhere
And for all those who suffer from hunger and fear
For those who are homeless – for those who need care

Now we pray for those close to us, those who have needs
For the friends that we love and for all our families
For these loved ones we pray Jesus grant them Your peace

And we pray for ourselves for forgiveness of sins
For the evil around that is born from within
And we ask You oh God that You heal us again

Now in closing we ask You dear Father on our knees
Lord for mercy on all those we call our enemies
So that all might be one in Your love and Your peace

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)**

Offertory page 176



C What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Service of the Sacrament

Communion Liturgy pages 177-180



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.



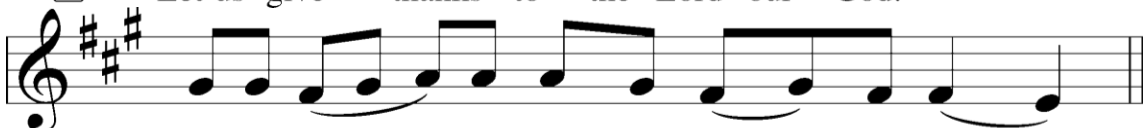
P Lift up your hearts.



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.

Sanctus.....*page 178*



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of



pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is He who comes in the name



of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer.....*page 179*

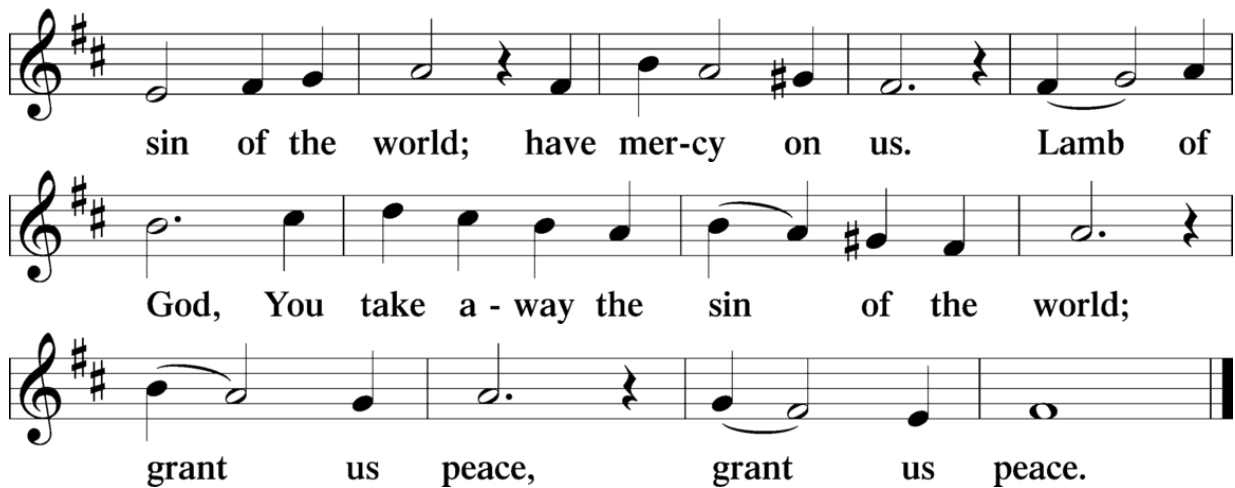
Agnus Dei.....*page 180*



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of
 God, You take a - way the sin of the world;
 grant us peace, grant us peace.

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

Instrumental Jerrode Marsh
(Communion Hymns—Sunday Only)

Communion Hymn *"Splendor and Honor", #950*



1 Splen - dor and hon - or, maj - es - ty and pow - er
 2 Praised be the true Lamb, slain for our re - demp - tion,
 3 To the Al - mighty - y, throned in heav'n - ly splen - dor,
 Are Yours, O Lord God, fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing,
 By whose self - of - f'ring we are made God's peo - ple:
 And to the Sav - ior, Christ our Lamb and Shep - herd,
 For by Your bid - ding was the whole cre -
 A priest - ly king - dom, from all tongues and
 Be ad - o - ra - tion, praise, and glo - ry
 a - tion Called in - to be - ing.
 na - tions, Called to God's ser - vice.
 giv - en, Now and for - ev - er.

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Communion Hymn "Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise", #680



1 Thine the a - men Thine the praise Al - le -
 2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly Thine the
 3 Thine the tru - ly Thine the yes Thine the
 4 Thine the king - dom Thine the prize Thine the
 5 Thine the glo - ry in the night No more



lu - ias an - gels raise Thine the ev - er - last - ing head
 prom - ise let there be Thine the vi - sion Thine the tree
 ta - ble we the guest Thine the mer - cy all from Thee
 won - der full sur - prise Thine the ban - quet then the praise
 dy - ing on - ly light Thine the riv - er Thine the tree



Thine the break - ing of the bread Thine the glo - ry Thine the
 All the earth on bend - ed knee Gone the nail - ing gone the
 Thine the glo - ry yet to be Then the ring - ing and the
 Then the jus - tice of Thy ways Thine the glo - ry Thine the
 Then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly Then the ho - ly ho - ly



sto - ry Thine the har - vest then the cup Thine the
 rail - ing Gone the plead - ing gone the cry Gone the
 sing - ing Then the end of all the war Thine the
 sto - ry Then the wel - come to the least Then the
 ho - ly Cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee Thine the



vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
 sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
 liv - ing Thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
 won - der all in - creas - ing at Thy feast at Thy feast.
 splen - dor Thine the bright - ness on - ly Thee on - ly Thee.

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Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what
 He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -
 joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-
 es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
 giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Benediction..... page 183

Sending Hymn..... "For All the Saints", #677 (v. 4-8)

4 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low-ship di - vine!
 5 And when the fight is fierce, the war-fare long,
 6 The gold - en eve - ning bright-ens in the west;
 7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glo-rious day: The
 8 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far-thest coast, Through
 We fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; Yet
 Steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, And
 Soon, soon to faith - ful war - riors com - eth rest;
 saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; The
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,
 all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
 hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.
 Sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.
 King of Glo - ry pass - es on His way.
 Sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
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 Al - le - lu - ia! 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: Malachi 4:1-6; Ep.: 2 Thessalonians 3:1-13; Gospel: Luke 21:5-36

Attendance: Last Saturday: 33
Total Offering: \$3,254.00
Home Use: \$2,934.00

Attendance Last Sunday: 71
Missions: \$300.00
Benevolences: \$20.00

Serving us today:

- Elders.....Jack Easterwood (Sat), Willie Crespo, Caleb Thomas (Sun)
- MusiciansJerrode Marsh
- Soloists Jerrode Marsh (Sat), Penny & Abby Humphrey (Sun),
- 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
 - 6:30 p.m. Scouts
- Tuesday
 - 9:00 a.m. Circuit Pastor’s Conference Here (until 2:30)
 - 9:30 a.m. Quilting
 - 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting
- Wednesday
 - 9:30 a.m. Exercise Class
 - 10:30 a.m. Bible Study

	7:00 p.m.	Scout Leader Meeting
Thursday	9:30 a.m.	Pastor at Warrensburg Christian School
	1:00 p.m.	Games and Card Group
Friday		<i>Veteran's Day</i>
	9:30 a.m.	Exercise Group
Saturday	9:30 a.m.	MMG Ladies Brunch
	5:30 p.m.	Worship
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	The Lutheran Hour broadcast on 96.9
	9:00 a.m.	Radio Broadcast 98.5 (can also be heard at www.blchurch.com , under the Sermons tab)
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School, Adult Bible Class
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Lunch and Annual Meeting (approx. 1:00 p.m.)
	2:30 p.m.	Country Club Care Center Service
	3:00 p.m.	Youth Catechesis

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: Holli Burge, 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 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!

Annual Meeting

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.

Worship Services

Circuit Pastoral Conference Communion Service—Members of the congregation are invited to join area pastors in our sanctuary at **9:00 a.m. this Tuesday (the 8th)** as we begin our monthly gathering this way—here today! Pr. Ricky will be preaching, and Pr. Joel will be the liturgist.

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.

Thanksgiving Eve Service—Gather together with others in our sanctuary on **Wednesday, November 23 at 7:00 p.m.** to ground ourselves anew in a life of gratitude and grateful living. Please join us!

Midweek Advent Services will be held on the four Wednesdays leading up to Christmas Eve—**November 30, December 7th, & 14th and 21st—at 7:00 p.m.** in our sanctuary. As in past years, we’ll be using the beautiful and renewing Holden Evening Prayer. Our theme this year—***Keeping Time***. Plan on setting aside this time for a quiet and contemplative keeping of the short and often crowded-out season of Advent!

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.

Children’s Christmas Practice—All children are welcome and encouraged to participate in this year’s children’s presentation (*We Celebrate a Tree*) which will be held on **Sunday, December 18** during our normal worship service at 10:30 a.m. Practice rehearsals have started, 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 finishing a study that surveys hunger and harvest, wasting, feasting, and sharing in Scripture and in

10) *Party. Join us in the conference room at 9:15 a.m.* Prepared by the Society of St. Andrew (SOSA)—an organization which gleans America’s fields to feed the hungry—this exploration takes us through the harvests of autumn to Thanksgiving with new awareness and generous stewardship. To learn more about SOSA go to, www.endhunger.org. *Keep a lookout for details about the new study, which will start on the first Sunday of Advent—November 27.*

Faith Discussion and Bible Study

Please join us in the sanctuary on **Thursday, November 17** from **7 to 8 p.m.** for the fourth installment of *Four Quarters on Christ—The Influential Jesus*. The discussion this will be on “The Eternal Jesus—How He Challenges Us Today. Even if you didn’t make the first three sessions, make sure to come to this one. Bring a quarter, if you can, as well!

November Lutheran Witness is here and is discusses Scripture’s account of the eternal life which awaits those who are in Christ. Pick one up at either entrance of the church.

Wednesday Bible Study continues to work our way through the Minor Prophets of the Old Testament. **Join us in the conference room from 10:30 to noon** for this time of study, growth, and exploration together.

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.

Jr./Sr. High Youth Group will be meeting on the **3rd Sunday (November 20th) at 3:00 p.m.** for an afternoon of fun and fellowship at Woodchux in Warrensburg. Along with axe throwing there is an area for other activities and

games. We are allowed to bring in food and drinks. Closed toed shoes are required for throwing. Please contact Penny Humphrey if you would like to participate so we can make sure we have enough lanes reserved for our group and she will pass on liability/waver instructions at that time. Also, please let Penny know if you have any questions or would like a ride from/to the church.

Opportunities to Help & Serve

FILL THE TOTE WITH 80! You certainly did that – and then some! You donated 258 items which were delivered to the Food Store. Thank you so much to everyone who contributed. Everything is very needed and very appreciated! Thank you again! Mary Martha Guild.

Bethlehem will be participating in the **Annual Holiday Parade on Friday, December 2nd, starting at 6:00 p.m.** Everything has to be lit, even the walkers. If you would like to help with the float, walk or ride on the float please call the office at 747-6742 so we can get a group together to plan. It is only a little over a month away. **We need children, adults, and even animals can participate!**

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! Anything you can donate, either in the form of food items or cash, will be put to very good use! **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!

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," with Deborah Matson (Ellen Pederson's mom) as our guest speaker that day. All women are invited. Please **RSVP asap if you have not done so already.**

Thanksgiving Brunch—All ladies are invited to a **Thanksgiving Brunch on Thursday, November 17, starting at 11:30 p.m.** Mary Ann Hein will be the hostess and will provide dessert. Danielle Thomas, Erica Tackett and Cindy Smith will be providing all of the food. Just bring yourself and a friend and enjoy some fellowship time with one another. Please call the office and let us know if you can make it.

Gratitude Walk—Everyone is invited to take a walk on the nature trail on **Saturday, November 19 from 3:00-3:30 p.m.**

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

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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· 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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