

A sower  
went out to sow

MATTHEW 13:3



+ The 7th Sunday After Pentecost +

**July 15-16, 2023**

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### **AS WE GATHER**

Though you may be familiar with Jesus' parable of the sower, you may be surprised to hear that you do not really know it yet! That's because on the one hand, the Word of God does not change. Yet on the other hand, we need to keep hearing it again and again, because our circumstances are constantly changing. The parable of the sower tells of this mystery. The seed is God's Word, God's work of planting repentance and faith in ears who hear. We may think of the various kinds of soil Jesus mentions to be various sorts of people. Actually, however, He is describing each individual in their changing circumstances. There are times when we are "good soil," that is, we understand God's Word and take comfort in it. There are other times, however, when we either cannot or will not hear it. Sometimes we become hard paths, rocky or distracted by worries or fears. For this reason, God never ceases planting, speaking, and growing faith in the heart, and we return repeatedly to continue hearing, reading, learning, and receiving God's Word because He never gives up on you.

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### **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:

**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. **A cry-room for parents and children is just off from the front entryway, and there's a wonderful nursery downstairs at the end of the fellowship hall for you to make use of at any time.** Do you have any questions about anything here? Don't hesitate to ask one of the ushers or elders or talk to the pastor.

## Prelude

*(Prayer request cards will be collected by an usher passing through the aisle.)*

## Invocation Hymn ..... "With the Lord Begin Your Task", #869



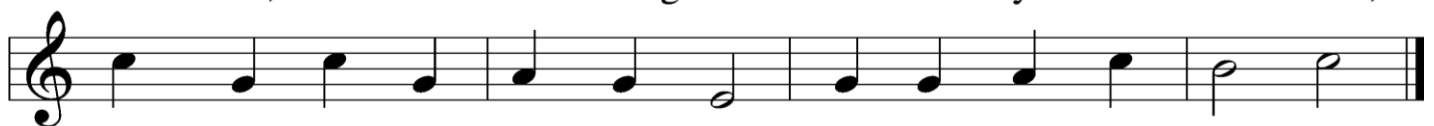
1 With the Lord be - gin your task; Je - sus will di - rect it.  
2 Let each day be - gin with prayer, Praise, and ad - o - ra - tion.  
3 With your Sav - ior at your side, Foes need not a - larm you;  
4 If your task be thus be - gun With the Sav - ior's bless - ing,  
5 Thus, Lord Je - sus, ev - 'ry task Be to You com - mend - ed;



For His aid and coun - sel ask; Je - sus will per - fect it.  
On the Lord cast ev - 'ry care; He is your sal - va - tion.  
In His prom - is - es con - fide, And no ill can harm you.  
Safe - ly then your course will run, Toward the prom - ise press - ing.  
May Your will be done, I ask, Un - til life is end - ed.



Ev - 'ry morn with Je - sus rise, And when day is end - ed,  
Morn - ing, eve - ning, and at night Je - sus will be near you,  
All your trust and hope re - pose In the might - y Mas - ter,  
Good will fol - low ev - 'ry - where While you here must wan - der;  
Je - sus, in Your name be - gun Be the day's en - deav - or;



In His name then close your eyes; Be to Him com - mend - ed.  
Save you from the tempt - er's might, With His pres - ence cheer you.  
Who in wis - dom tru - ly knows How to stem dis - as - ter.  
You at last the joy will share In the man - sions yon - der.  
Grant that it may well be done To Your praise for - ev - er.

# *Divine Service, Setting Four*

## **Confession and Absolution**

**Invocation and Confession & Absolution** .....page 203

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**
- P** Since we are gathered . . . God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God, . . . through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

## **Service of the Word**

**Entrance Hymn** ..... *"Praise and Thanksgiving", #789*



1 Praise and thanks - giv - ing, Fa - ther, we of - fer For all things  
2 Bless, Lord, the la - bor We bring to serve You That with our  
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing Food for Your chil - dren, By Your wise



liv - ing, Cre - at - ed good: Har - vest of sown fields, Fruits of the  
neigh - bor We may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, We would work  
guid - ing Teach us to share One with an - oth - er, So that, re -



or - chard, Hay from the mown fields, Blos - som and wood.  
with You, Har - vest - ing, mill - ing For dai - ly bread.  
joic - ing With us, all oth - ers May know Your care.

**Kyrie** .....page 204



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

**Gloria in Excelsis**.....page 204



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



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

**Salutation**.....page 205

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

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

Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting

life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

**Old Testament Reading.....Isaiah 55:10-13**

“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven  
and do not return there but water the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

“For you shall go out in joy  
and be led forth in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you  
shall break forth into singing,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.  
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;  
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;  
and it shall make a name for the LORD,  
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

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

**G** Thanks be to God.

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

**Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!  
How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!  
For from him and through him and to him are all things.  
To him be glory forever. Amen. (Romans 11:33, 36)**

**Epistle Reading.....Romans 8:12-17**

So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are

children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please rise.*

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



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



**C** These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



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

**Holy Gospel** .....**Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

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

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

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear. . . .

"Hear then the parable of the sower: When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. As for what was

sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

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

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**Nicene Creed** ..... page 206

**I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered and was buried.**

**And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.**

**And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,**



who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

**Hymn of the Day** ..... “Word of God, Come Down on Earth”, #545



1 Word of God, come down on earth, Liv - ing rain from  
2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to  
3 Word that caused blind eyes to see, Speak and heal our  
4 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, One with God be -



heav'n de - scend - ing; Touch our hearts and bring to birth  
life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,  
mor - tal blind - ness; Deaf we are: our heal - er be;  
yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove,



Faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,  
Cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, Sav - ing Word, the  
Loose our tongues to tell Your kind - ness. Be our Word in  
God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to



we re - vere You; Word made flesh, we long to hear You.  
world re - stor - ing, Speak to us, Your love out - pour - ing.  
pit - y spo - ken, Heal the world, by sin now bro - ken.  
all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

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**Sermon** ..... “Plant, Take Root and Grow”

**Offering & Offertory**

*Please rise.*

**Prayer of the Church**

**P** Lord, in your mercy.

**C** Hear our prayer.

# Service of the Sacrament

## Communion Liturgy .....pages 208-210

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

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



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



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



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



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

## Agnus Dei .....page 210



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



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



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



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

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

## Instrumental

(Sunday Only)

## Communion Hymn ..... "How Great Thou Art", #801



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der Con - sid - er  
2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the  
3 But when I think that God, His Son not spar - ing, Sent Him to  
4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me



all the works Thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y  
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; When I look down from loft - y moun - tain  
die, I scarce can take it in— That on the cross my bur - den glad - ly  
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;  
gran - deur And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;  
bear - ing He bled and died to take a - way my sin;  
ra - tion And there pro - claim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

*Refrain*



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee, How great Thou



art! How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

# Communion Hymn ..... "In His Temple Now Behold Him", #519



1 In His tem - ple now be - hold Him, See the long - ex -  
 2 In the arms of her who bore Him, Vir - gin pure, be -  
 3 Je - sus, by Your pre - sen - ta - tion, When they blessed You,



pect - ed Lord; An - cient proph - ets had fore - told Him,  
 hold Him lie While His a - ged saints a - dore Him  
 weak and poor, Make us see Your great sal - va - tion,



God has now ful - filled His word. Now to praise Him,  
 Ere in per - fect faith they die. Al - le - lu - ia,  
 Seal us with Your prom - ise sure; And pre - sent us



His re - deem - ed Shall break forth with one ac - cord.  
 al - le - lu - ia! Lo, the in - car - nate God Most High!  
 in Your glo - ry To Your Fa - ther, cleansed and pure.

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*Please rise.*

# Post Communion Canticle ..... "Nunc Dimittis" page 211



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;

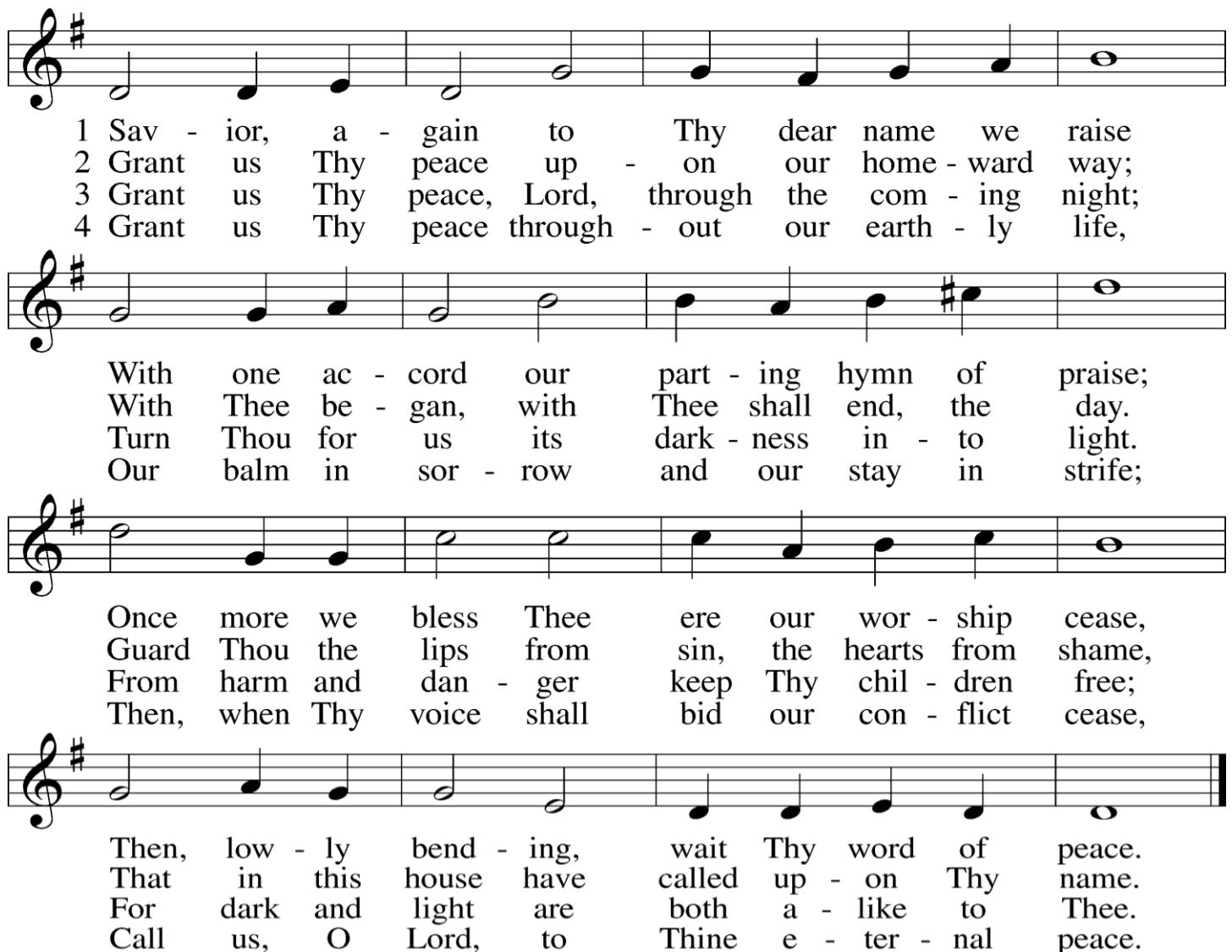


A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

**Post-Communion Collect**..... page 212

**Benedicamus and Benediction**..... page 212

**Sending Hymn** ..... *“Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise”, #917*



1 Sav - ior, a - gain to Thy dear name we raise  
 2 Grant us Thy peace up - on our home - ward way;  
 3 Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the com - ing night;  
 4 Grant us Thy peace through - out our earth - ly life,  
 With one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;  
 With Thee be - gan, with Thee shall end, the day.  
 Turn Thou for us its dark - ness in - to light.  
 Our balm in sor - row and our stay in strife;  
 Once more we bless Thee ere our wor - ship cease,  
 Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,  
 From harm and dan - ger keep Thy chil - dren free;  
 Then, when Thy voice shall bid our con - flict cease,  
 Then, low - ly bend - ing, wait Thy word of peace.  
 That in this house have called up - on Thy name.  
 For dark and light are both a - like to Thee.  
 Call us, O Lord, to Thine e - ter - nal peace.

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

**P** Grow in Christ,

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

## Postlude

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### Next week's readings:

**OT: Isaiah 44:6-8; Epistle: Romans 8:18-27; Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

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| <b>Attendance Last Saturday: 46</b> | <b>Attendance Last Sunday: 62</b> |
| <b>Total Offering: \$2,785.00</b>   | <b>Missions: \$40.00</b>          |
| <b>Home Use: \$2,655.00</b>         | <b>Benevolences: \$90.00</b>      |

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### Serving us:

Elders ..... Jack Easterwood, Willie Crespo, Alan Miller

Musicians ..... Rich Vanderburgh

Altar Committee ..... Peggy Hoyer (Chair), Mary Creswell  
Stephanie Schumaker, Lauren Schumaker

Flower Committee ..... Penny Humphrey (Chair), Diana Holland

### This Week's Schedule

|           |            |                                     |
|-----------|------------|-------------------------------------|
| Monday    | 9:30 a.m.  | Exercise Class                      |
|           | 2:00 p.m.  | Moms and Tots at the Park           |
| Tuesday   | 3:00 p.m.  | Mission Board Meeting               |
| Wednesday | 9:30 a.m.  | Exercise Class                      |
| Thursday  | 1:00 p.m.  | Games and Cards Group               |
|           | 5:30 p.m.  | Fellowship Board Meeting            |
|           | 7:00 p.m.  | Ezekiel Bible Study                 |
| Friday    | 9:30 a.m.  | Exercise Class                      |
| Saturday  | 9:00 a.m.  | Garden & Greenspace Outdoor Workday |
|           | 5:30 p.m.  | Worship                             |
| Sunday    | 9:15 a.m.  | Christian Education (K-Adult)       |
|           | 10:30 a.m. | Worship                             |

### Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar this weekend are in memory of Pris Callison's birthday (Melvin Theroff's late wife) which would have been on July 19.

## Absence/Presence

**While Pr. Joel is on sabbatical this month**, Pr. Ricky Bertels and Pr. Jeffrey Kuddes will be leading worship and preaching for the weekend services. If a need arises, please contact your elder or the head elder, Willie Crespo. The Lord blesses us and keeps us, upholding us by His grace!

## Prayers

**For Roy & Judy Schache** as they are back in Papua New Guinea working with the brothers and sisters of the Gutnius Lutheran Church until August.

**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: Charlie Becker, Mel Bockelman, Paula Brewer, Mark Brown, Carrie Brunkhorst, Holli Burge, Ray & Mary Carstensen, Bob & Barbara Compton, Marion Droege, Becca Estanek, Wilma Gertz, Karen Haase, Mary Johnson, Wanda Kreisel, Lloyd McCarter, Jeannie Peterson, Judy Pierce, Jennifer Pint, Brayden Rohner, Maryanna Savery, Denny Spanton, Rose Steitz, & Joe Zeman.

**For Military Members**—We remember all service and support personnel who are deployed and stationed away from us and their families: Andy Burden and Ty Carter.

**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!

## Special Days for Members This Week

**Birthdays**—Emma Frerking-15<sup>th</sup>, Natalie Fatka-17<sup>th</sup>, Mike Chasar 18<sup>th</sup>-, Luke Tebbenkamp-18<sup>th</sup>, Luke Fatka-19<sup>th</sup>, Peggy Hoyer-20<sup>th</sup>, **Anniversaries**—Jack and Paula Easterwood-16<sup>th</sup>, Luke and Debbie Hagle-18<sup>th</sup>.

## Worship Services

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

## Sunday School and Christian Education

Let's send our **Head Elder, Willie Crespo**, off to the LCMS convention in Milwaukee, July 29-August 3 with our collective support by engaging together in a 5-part bible

study. The Participant Guide can be accessed digitally by visiting <https://www.lcms.org/convention/national/worship/bible-study>, or printed copies are available on the table by the mailboxes. Prompts for each part of the study will be published on our Facebook page on Mondays and Fridays to keep us moving through it. The next face-to-face meeting will take place on Wednesdays, July 26<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:00pm in the Conference Room.

**Wednesday Bible Study**—This weekly study will be taking a hiatus for July as Pr. Joel is on sabbatical! Plan on joining us when we resume in August and start working our way through a different book of the Bible.

**Thursday Bible Study**—Pastor Ricky is holding a Bible Study on the Old Testament book of Ezekiel on **Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.** Everyone is invited to attend & learn about the word of the Lord that Ezekiel prophesied long ago and its meaning for us still.

**Combined Summer Sunday School & Bible Study/Faith Formation—From June 4<sup>th</sup> thru September 3<sup>rd</sup>,** we will be having family-style Sunday School **each Sunday morning at 9:15** in the church basement/fellowship hall. Whether you are part of a large family, small family, or are single, we hope you can join us for this opportunity to learn about God's love and grace in an intergenerational setting. *We're currently gearing up for and exploring the VBS theme—God's Living Water!*

**Book Study: *The Spiritually Vibrant Home***—Jeremy VanWey and Rebecca Holland will be hosting a book study on **the second and fourth Sundays of each month from 4-7 p.m.** at their home in Warrensburg **starting in July.** Resources from Lutheran Hour Ministries' "Households of Faith" kit will be used for the study. *Each evening will include a potluck meal.* Children are welcome and the chaos that shall ensue is just an average day around our house. Please RSVP to Rebecca (660-441-1271) if you are interested in attending any or all meetings so that she can order an appropriate number of books.

### **Opportunities to Serve**

**How Do Our Gardens Grow?** Well, but better with your help! **Come help with our gardens and greenspaces on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of July from 9:00 a.m. until noon or so** and enjoy the stewardship and harvest of the Lord's bounty here. Keep an eye for those soon-to-be ripe plums and blackberries out back that will be perfect for picking, eating, and sharing!

### **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.



**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.

### **This & That**

**Survival House is in need of the following items:** Size 5 diapers, toilet paper, paper towels, hand soap, toilet bowl cleaner, dish soap, laundry soap and dryer sheets. If you have any questions about donations give us a call at 660-429-1088.

**Medical & Dental Care/Housing Assistance**—Katy Trail Community Health continues to be in Warrensburg each Tuesday from **9am to 3pm**—in the basement fellowship hall of First Presbyterian Church (located beyond The Food Center's back 137 E. Culton lot, where the mobile clinic unit is). A free lunch is served **from 11:30am-1pm**, plus case managers from Journey Home are present to help with housing and employment needs. All are welcome, and financial assistance for medical & dental treatment is available! **The mobile dental clinic (a partnership of Compass & Katy Trail) is present every Thursday from 9am to 3pm as well, and lunch is served as well. Call 877-733-5824 to schedule an appointment.**

**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 in shining the light of Christ! If you'd ever like to hear some of the stories of how these funds have been used, just ask Pr. Joel.

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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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