

August 13, 2023 Campus Ministry Weekend

AS WE GATHER

When children cannot understand why they can't do something, the answer is often, "Because I said so." As they grow up, they may get the answers they seek. Job did not get an answer, but he kept his faith in his Creator. In the Gospel, the disciples cannot understand Jesus' walking on the sea, but when He is in the boat with them, they confess, "Truly You are the Son of God" (Matthew 14:33). Though we may ask God, "Why?" and Paul in the Epistle says we cannot understand God's reasons, we can confess with our mouths and believe in Christ's resurrection. It is an exercise of the faith God has so graciously given us. Why did He come to earth? He came to save us. In great might He destroyed death itself so that we might live with Him forever. That's why!

The pottery vessels on the altar remind us that although Holy Communion is not celebrated today, our Lord's sacred gifts are still central to our life of faith. Holy Communion is celebrated every 1st, 3rd, and 5th weekend (and major festivals).

Liturgical Color:

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

Visitors: We are glad you have chosen to be with us today! We would especially like to follow-up with you beyond today, so please take a moment to leave your best contact information in the guest books at each entrance. 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.)

Pastoral Welcome

Gathering Hymn.....""" "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty", #790



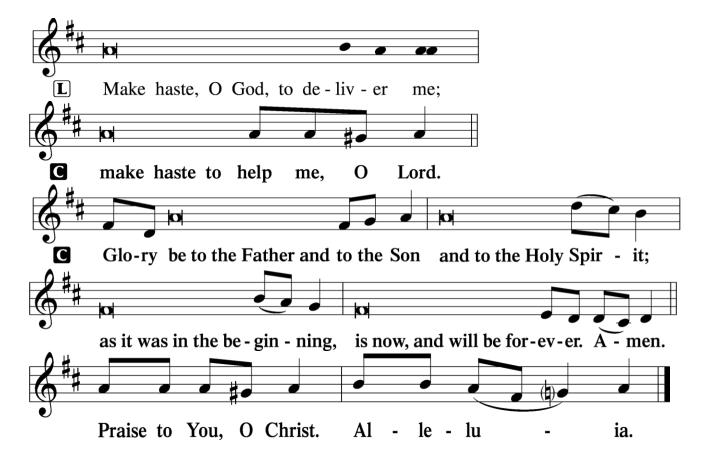
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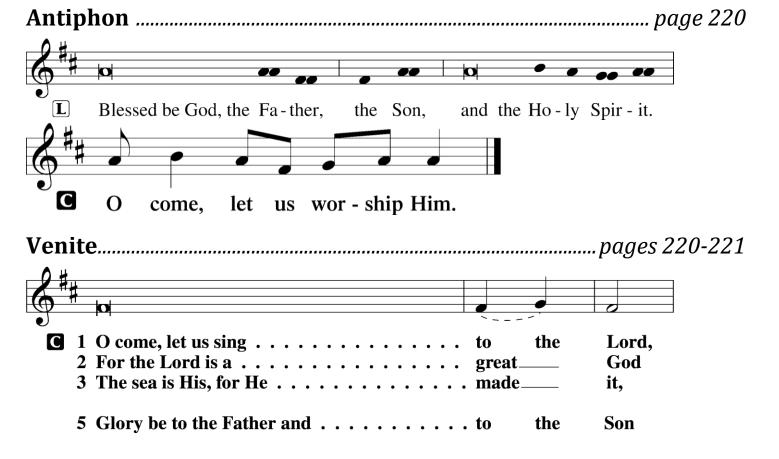
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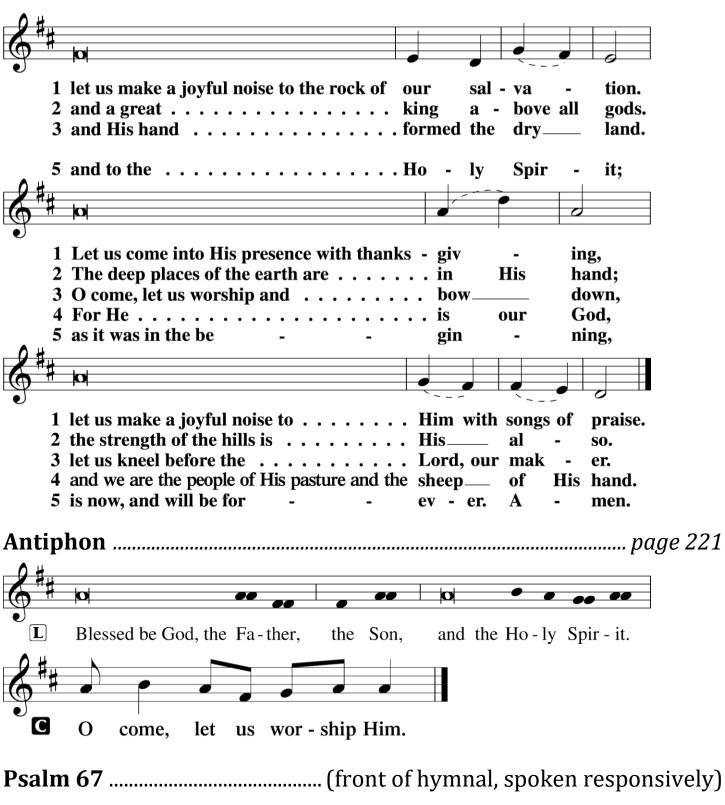
Matins

and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



Psalmody





May God be gracious to us and bless us

and make his face to shine upon us,

that your way may be known on earth,

your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you!

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

for you judge the peoples with equity

and guide the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you!

The earth has yielded its increase;

God, our God, shall bless us.

God shall bless us;

let all the ends of the earth fear him!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

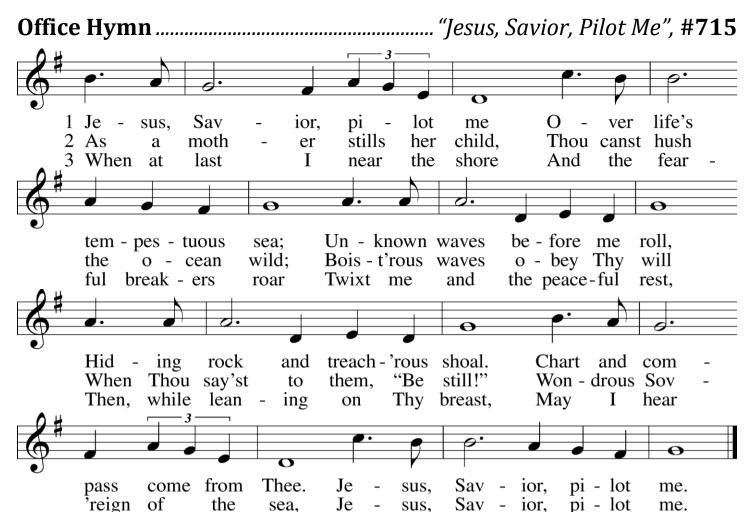
and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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"Fear

Please be seated.

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Readings

Old Testament Reading......Job 38:4-18

Epis	tle ReadingRomans 10:5-1
C	Thanks be to God.
P	O Lord, have mercy on us.
	Declare, if you know all this."
Have	you comprehended the expanse of the earth?
	or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?
Have	the gates of death been revealed to you,
	or walked in the recesses of the deep?
"Have	e you entered into the springs of the sea,
	and their uplifted arm is broken.
From	the wicked their light is withheld,
	and its features stand out like a garment.
It is c	hanged like clay under the seal,
- ·	and the wicked be shaken out of it?
	t might take hold of the skirts of the earth,
	and caused the dawn to know its place,
"Have	e you commanded the morning since your days began,
uiiu 3	and here shall your proud waves be stayed'?
and s	aid, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther,
απα μ	and set bars and doors,
	prescribed limits for it
	and thick darkness its swaddling band,
	I made clouds its garment
	who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb,
"Or w	and all the sons of God shouted for joy?
wnen	the morning stars sang together
	or who laid its cornerstone,
on w	hat were its bases sunk,
	Or who stretched the line upon it?
	determined its measurements—surely you know!
	Tell me, if you have understanding.
_	Lord said to Job:] "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) or "'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to

bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

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

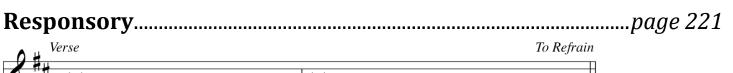
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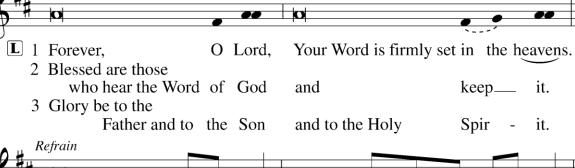
Holy GospelMatthew 14:22-33

Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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





Refrain

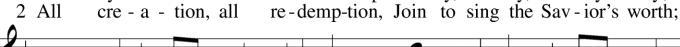
Please be seated.

Lord, I love

the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glo-ry dwells.

Jesus loves me! This I know,
And His love, I will show:
What I say and what I do,
Let His pure love flow right through!
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves you!
Yes, Jesus loves us, the Bible tells us so.

1 Heav'n-ly hosts in cease-less wor-ship "Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly" cry;



"He who is, who was and will be, God Al-might-y, Lord Most High." Lamb of God, whose blood has bought us, Kings and priests, to reign on earth.



Praise and hon - or, pow'r and glo-ry, Be to Him who reigns a - lone! Wealth and wis-dom, pow'r and glo-ry, Hon-or, might, do - min-ion, praise,



We, with all His hands have fash-ioned, Fall be-fore the Fa-ther's throne. Now be His from all His crea-tures And to ev-er-last-ing days!

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Sharing about the Lutheran Student Center Offering & Offertory

Please rise.

Apostles Creed......back cover of hymnal

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

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

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

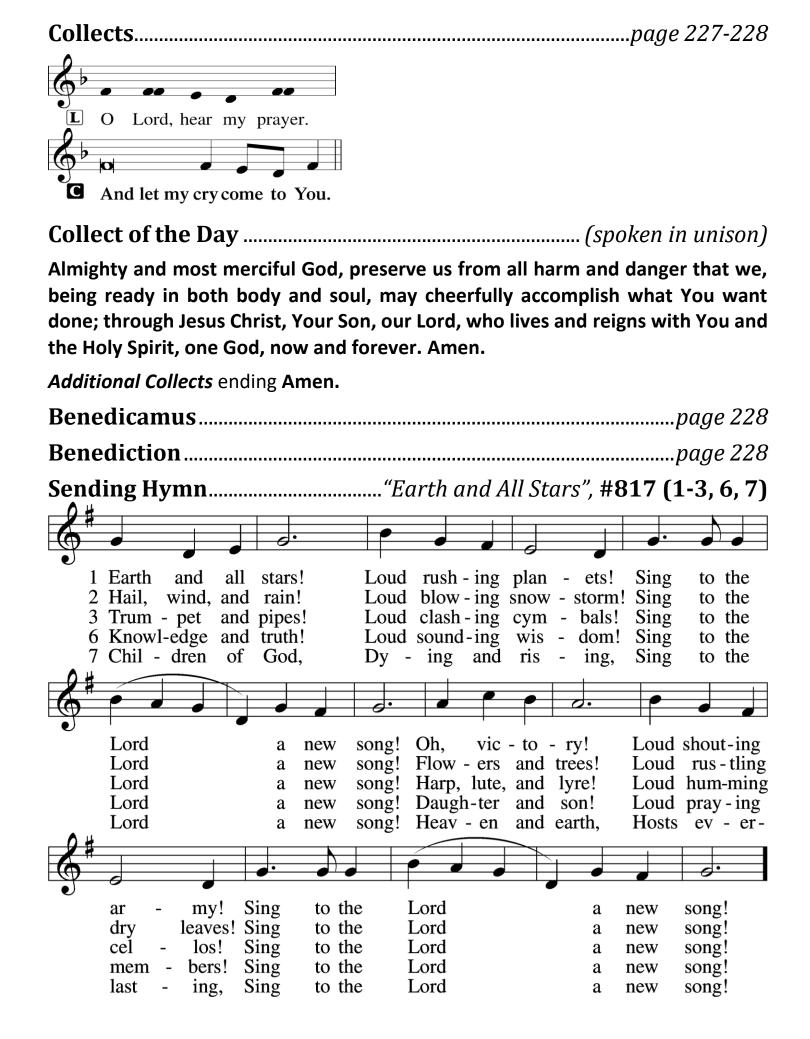
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,

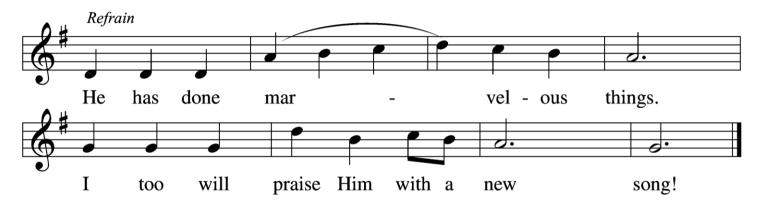
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Announcement of Prayers

Prayer

Lord's Prayer





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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: Is. 56:1, 6-8; Epistle: Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32; Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

Attendance Last Saturday: 37
Total Offering: \$42,724.07
Home Use: \$4,568.00
Attendance Last Sunday: 62
Missions: \$65.00
Benevolences: \$38,091.07

Serving us today:

Elders	Alan Miller
Musicians	Cody Clemons
Altar Committee	Peggy Hoyer (Chair), Mary Creswell,
	Stephanie Schumaker, Lauryn Schumaker
Flower Committee	Penny Humphrey (Chair), Diana Holland

This Week's Schedule

Sunday	2:30 p.m.	Country Club and Arbors Services
	4:00 p.m.	Book Study (Potluck at VanWey's house)
Monday	9:30 a.m.	Exercise Class
	2:00 p.m.	Moms and Tots at the Park
	6:30 p.m.	4-H Meeting
Tuesday	5:15 p.m.	Education Board Meeting
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Exercise Class
	7:00 p.m.	LCMS Convention Study
Thursday	1:00 p.m.	Games and Cards Group

	7:00 p.m.	Ezekiel Bible Study
Friday	9:30 a.m.	Exercise Class
Saturday	5:30 p.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday	9:15 a.m.	Christian Education
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Communion

Campus Ministry Weekend is being observed this weekend as UCM begins its new academic year on August 14th! We thank the Director of the Lutheran Student Center, Pastor Jon-Michael Schweigert—along with students involved at the LSC—for being here to share about the meaning and purpose of what happens there on the edge of the UCM campus. Those who would like to sponsor a Thursday evening meal prior to their weekly Bible study can donate \$40 for that (checks may be sent to the Lutheran Student Center, 215 S. Holden, Warrensburg), or bring a meal to cook and serve, then stay and mingle with the students. The Welcome Back BBQ will be held on August 17 from 5-7 p.m. for all current university students!

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: Charlie Becker, Pr. Ricky Bertels, Mel Bockelman, Paula Brewer, Mark Brown, Ray & Mary Carstensen, Bob & Barbara Compton, Marion Droege, Peggy Forstad, Wilma Gertz, George Goldsmith (Steve's dad), Karen Haase, Mary Johnson, Wanda Kreisel, Lloyd McCarter, Jeannie Peterson, Judy Pierce, Jennifer Pint, Maryanna Savery, Denny Spanton, Rose Steitz, Melvin Theroff, and & 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—Ron McComas-12th, Christopher Meloy-13th, Colin Hart—15th, Christoph Marsh-17th, Judy Smith-18th, Larry Smith-18th, **Anniversaries**—Sean and Becca Estanek-15th, Phil and Tiffany Frerking-18th.

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

Care Center Services—everyone is invited to go to the Country Club and Arbors services on Sunday, August 13 at 2:30 p.m. We will be singing and spreading some good cheer to the residents at each place. The Country Club service has been long-standing monthly occurrence, but the Arbors is new ... and we have members in both facilities.

Wednesday Bible Study—We've started exploring the last book of the Old Testament—the book of the Hebrew prophet Malachi. Join us in the conference room from 10:30 'til noon to see how this is the perfect lead-in to the New Testament fulfillment in Christ Jesus.

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 will continue happening thru September 3rd! We are 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.

Book Study: *The Spiritually Vibrant Home*—Jeremy VanWey and Rebecca Holland are hosting a book study on the second and fourth Sundays of each month from 4-7 p.m. Resources from Lutheran Hour Ministries' "Households of Faith" kit will are being used for the study. *Each evening includes 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.

Youth Activity

Third Sunday @ 3—Junior and Senior high school youth will be getting together then—**August 20**—to spend some time playing sand volleyball, talking about summer, and enjoying each other's company as brothers and sisters in Christ. Plan to be here!

Opportunities to Serve

Bulletin Board—A section of the bulletin board at the North entrance has been

dedicated to our congregation members who are home-bound and in nursing homes. Please check it out to see how you can reach out to those who can no longer come to services regularly. Send a card or leave one in the pocket on the board to be delivered during a visit. If you have a picture of a loved one you can share, please send it to Rebecca to have it posted!

How Do Our Gardens Grow? Well, but better with your help! Come help with our gardens and greenspaces on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of August from 9:00 a.m. until noon or so and enjoy the stewardship and harvest of the Lord's bounty here.

Fellowship

The Annual Church Picnic will take place on Sunday, August 27, immediately after service. Meat will be provided by the Men's Club, drinks and utensils will be provided by the Fellowship Board. Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share with everyone. After the meal we will have games and volleyball outdoors. Come join the fun!

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. Everyone is welcome to come to this fellowship time.

This & That

Concordia Fall Festival 5k—Ready, set, let's go! **The annual Concordia Fall Festival 5K returns on September 9, 2023**. With each step in this race, you empower Lutheran Bible Translators to take major strides in its mission. How? All proceeds go to fuel Bible printing and distribution. 3,552 language communities still don't have access to the complete Bible. It's time to change that. **Register today for \$25 at** https://lbt.org/5k. **Sign up before August 21 to guarantee a race-day shirt!**

The Concordia Music Conservatory is now accepting enrollment applications for fall semester private music lessons in keyboard, winds, brass and voice. Private lessons are available for all levels and age groups. New fall course offerings are several ensembles: beginning guitar (grades 5-12th/9 weeks); handbell exploration (grades 3-8th/9 weeks); Concordia Community Kinderchor (grades 4-8th/15 weeks); Concordia Community Kleinkinderchor (K-3rd/15 weeks). All ensembles and lessons are held on the campus of Saint Paul Lutheran High School in Concordia and are led by highly qualified music instructors. For more information or to get enrollment forms you may email info@cmc-music.org, or call 660-624-7950. You can also visit the Concordia Music Conservatory Facebook page and share this information as well.

Medical & Dental Care/Housing Assistance—Katy Trail Community Health continues to be in Warrensburg each Tuesday from 9am to 3pm for the Johnson County Resource Center—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 will only be present for the 2nd & 4th Thursdays (from 9am to 3pm as well) in August; lunch is served as well. Call 877-733-5824 to schedule an appointment, and make sure to refer others who might be in need.

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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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.