



# *Lord, teach us to pray*

LUKE 11:1





+ The 7th Sunday After Pentecost +

**July 27, 2025**

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## AS WE GATHER

God's Word instructs us to stay connected to Christ. We experience that connection as we gather to hear God's Word, dine at our Lord's Table, and pray persistent, bold prayers for ourselves, our neighbors, communities, and world. Today we hear Abraham pleading with God on behalf of Sodom and Gomorrah. We hear Jesus teaching His disciples to pray. Jesus then illustrates the power of bold, persistent prayer and affirms the goodness of the One who hears our prayers. "For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time" (1 Timothy 2:5–6).

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**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 or fill out the bottom half of the colorful card in each hymnal rack and put it in the offering plate. A cry-room for parents and children is just off from the front entryway (which includes a bathroom), 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 an usher, elder, or the pastor. Our Lord's grace and peace to you in every way!*

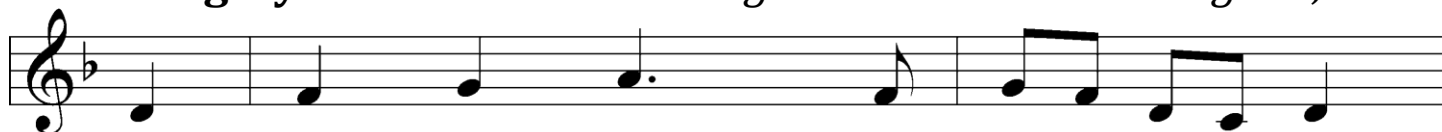
## Prelude

## Pastoral Welcome

***Please rise, as able***

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

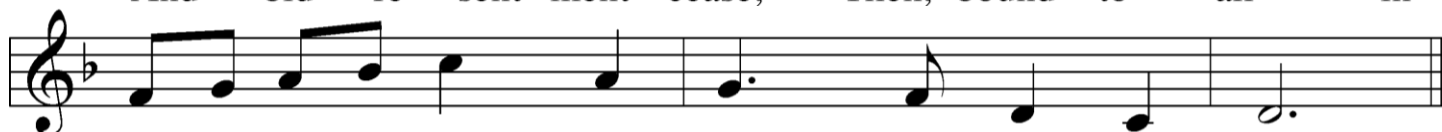
# Gathering Hymn ..... "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive", #843



1 "For - give our sins as we for - give,"  
 2 How can Your par - don reach and bless  
 3 In blaz - ing light Your cross re - veals  
 4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls



You taught us, Lord, to pray; But You a - lone can  
 The un - for - giv - ing heart That broods on wrongs and  
 The truth we dim - ly knew: What triv - ial debts are  
 And bid re - sent - ment cease; Then, bound to all in

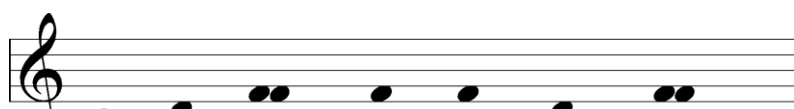


grant us grace To live the words we say.  
 will not let Old bit - ter - ness de - part?  
 owed to us, How great our debt to You!  
 bonds of love, Our lives will spread Your peace.

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## Morning Prayer

### Opening Verses..... page 235



**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**C** and my mouth shall de - clare Your praise.



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



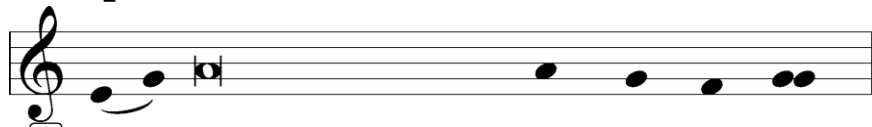
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



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

## Psalmody

**Antiphon**..... *page 235*



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



**C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

**Venite**..... *page 236*



**C** O come, let us sing to the Lord;



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



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



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



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



**I** In His hand are the depths of the earth;

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

**II** The sea is His, for He made it;

and His hand formed the dry land.

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

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

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

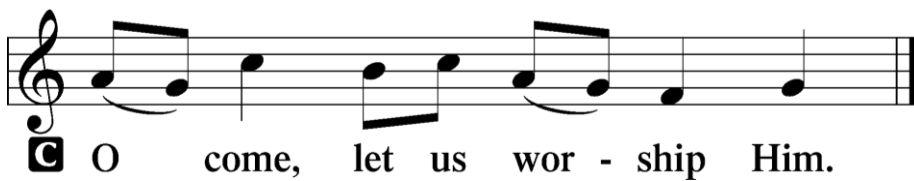
of His pas - ture and the sheep of His hand.

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

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

**Antiphon** .....page 237

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



**Psalm 138.....***(front of hymnal, spoken responsively)*

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;

**before the gods I sing your praise;**

I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,

**for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.**

On the day I called, you answered me;

**my strength of soul you increased.**

All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O Lord,

**for they have heard the words of your mouth,**

and they shall sing of the ways of the Lord,

**for great is the glory of the Lord.**

For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly,

**but the haughty he knows from afar.**

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life;

**you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and your right hand delivers me.**

The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me;

**your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son**

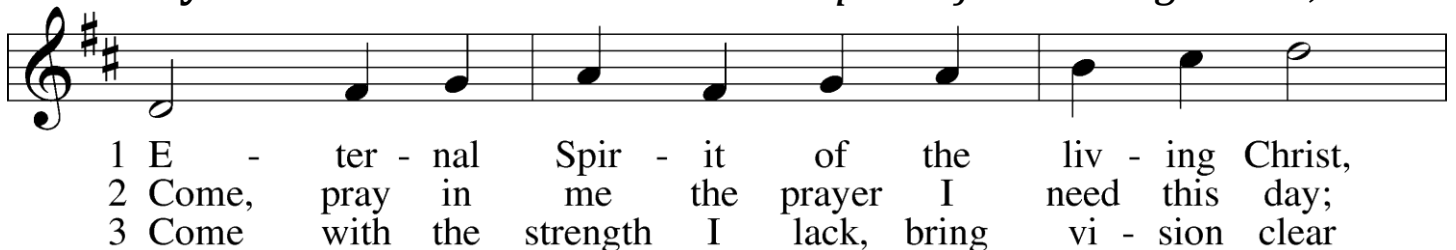
**and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**Office Hymn.....***Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ, #769*



I know not how to ask or what to say;  
 Help me to see need; Your pur - pose and Your will—  
 Of hu - man need; O give me eyes to see

I on - ly know my need, as deep as life,  
 Where I have failed, what I have done a - miss;  
 Ful - fill - ment of my life in love out-poured,

And on - ly You can teach me how to pray.  
 Held in for - giv - ing love, let me be still.  
 My life in You, O Christ; Your love in me.

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## Readings

### Old Testament Reading.....Genesis 18:17-33

The Lord said, “Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing righteousness and justice, so that the Lord may bring to Abraham what he has promised him.” Then the Lord said, “Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know.”

So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the Lord. Then Abraham drew near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?” And the Lord said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake.”

Abraham answered and said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the

Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again he spoke to him and said, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it." And the Lord went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **Epistle Reading ..... Colossians 2:6-19**

Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.



**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please rise, as able.*

## **Holy Gospel ..... Luke 11:1-13**

Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” And he said to them, “When you pray, say:  
“Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us.

And lead us not into temptation.”

And he said to them, “Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves, for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; and he will answer from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything’? I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

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

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

## **Apostles’ Creed.....(back cover of hymnal)**

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

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

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

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

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

## Children's Message

**Sermon**....."Praying to Live"

*From Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945) on praying the "hard" Psalms:*

*A psalm that we cannot utter as a prayer, that makes us falter and horrifies us, is a hint to us that here Someone else is praying, not we; that the One who is here protesting his innocence, who is invoking God's judgment, who has come to such infinite depths of suffering, is none other than Jesus Christ himself. He it is who is praying here, and not only here but in the whole Psalter.... Even if a verse or a psalm is not one's own prayer, it is nevertheless the prayer of another member of the fellowship; so it is quite certainly the prayer of the true Man Jesus Christ and his Body on earth. In the Psalter we learn to pray on the basis of Christ's prayer.*

**Hymn of Praise**....."Hope of the World", #690



1 Hope of the world, Thou Christ of great com - pas - sion;  
2 Hope of the world, God's gift from high - est heav - en,  
3 Hope of the world, a - foot on dust - y high - ways,  
4 Hope of the world, who by Thy cross didst save us  
5 Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death vic - to - rious,



Speak to our fear - ful hearts by con - flict rent.  
Bring - ing to hun - gry souls the bread of life,  
Show - ing to wan - d'ring souls the path of light,  
From death and dark de - spair, from sin and guilt,  
Who by this sign didst con - quer grief and pain,



Save us, Thy peo - ple, from con - sum - ing pas - sion,  
Still let Thy Spir - it un - to us be giv - en  
Walk Thou be - side us lest the tempt - ing by - ways  
We ren - der back the love Thy mer - cy gave us;  
We would be faith - ful to Thy Gos - pel glo - rious.



Who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.  
To heal earth's wounds and end our bit - ter strife.  
Lure us a - way from Thee to end - less night.  
Take Thou our lives and use them as Thou wilt.  
Thou art our Lord! Thou dost for - ev - er reign!

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## Offering

## National Youth Gathering Sharing

*Please rise, as able.*

# Prayer

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

O Lord, let Your merciful ears be attentive to the prayers of Your servants, and by Your Word and Spirit teach us how to pray that our petitions may be pleasing before You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*(Additional Collects of Intercession and Thanksgiving)*

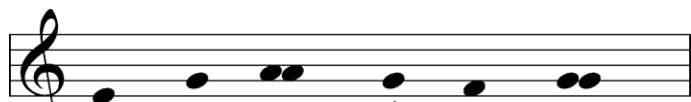
## Collect for Grace .....page 241

**P** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God. You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

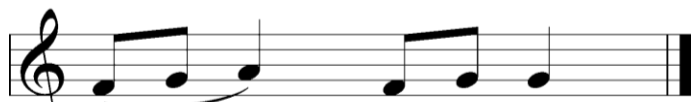
**C** Amen.

## Lord's Prayer.....page 241

## Benedicamus.....page 241

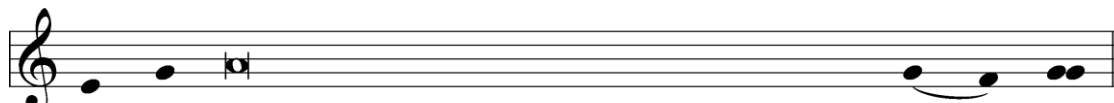


**L** Let us bless the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction.....page 242



**P** The al - mighty and merciful Lord, the Father,  
the  Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre - serve you.

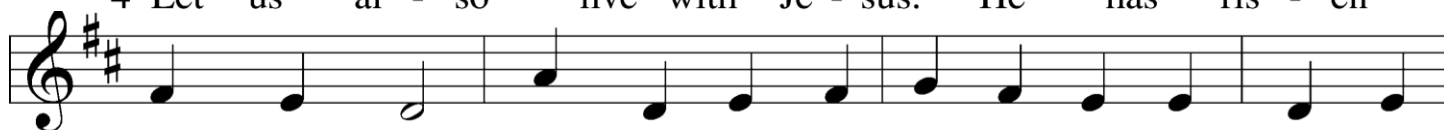


**C** A - men.

## Sending Hymn....."Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus", #685



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -  
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience  
3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He  
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en



am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to  
bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He  
con - quered death, He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to  
from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,



sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,  
is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,  
us im - mor - tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion  
You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;



Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and  
We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts  
That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that  
Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence



Musical notation and lyrics for a hymn. The lyrics are: hope and love, Let us do the Fa-ther's bid-ding. Faith-ful that an- noy Shall give way to mirth here- af- ter. Je- sus, shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav- en. Je- sus, con- stant- ly, Liv- ing there with You for- ev- er. Je- sus, Lord, with me a- bide; I shall fol- low where You guide. here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know. here with You I die, There to live with You on high. let me faith- ful be, Life e- ter- nal grant to me.

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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: Eccl. 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26; EP: Col. 3:1-11; Gospel: Luke 12:13-21**

Attendance Last Saturday: 24	Attendance Last Sunday: 69
Total Offering: \$5,869.91	Missions: \$5.00
Home Use: \$5,284.91	Benevolences: \$580.00

Serving us today:

- Elder .....Willie Crespo
- Musician ..... Cody Clemons
- Altar Committee..... Peggy Hoyer (Chair), Sue Cottrill, Karon Harding  
Lauryn Schumaker, Stephanie Schumaker
- Flower Committee .....Penny Humphrey (Chair), Diana Holland, Bonnie Rich

This Week's Schedule

Sunday	12:00 p.m.	Couples Bible Study
	12:00 p.m.	Acolyte Training
Monday	9:30 a.m.	Exercise Class
	6:30 p.m.	4-H Meeting
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Exercise Class

Thursday	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
		<i>Pastor's Vacation Day</i>
Friday	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study
		<i>Cindy's Surgery</i>
Saturday	9:30 a.m.	Exercise Class
	6:00 p.m.	Friday Fun Night ( <i>at the VanWey's house</i> )
	5:30 p.m.	Holy Communion
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 <a href="http://www.blchurch.com">www.blchurch.com</a> , under the Sermons tab)
	9:15 a.m.	Christian Education
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Communion
	12:00 p.m.	Set up tables for Rummage Sale

## Prayer

**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, Ray & Mary Carstensen, Mike Chasar, Eunice Cobb, Bob & Barbara Compton, Wilma Gertz, George Goldsmith (Steve's dad), Karen Haase, Mary Johnson, Esther Keseman, Betty Landers (Darlene's sister), Marty Lehn, Hazel Lonon (Lynda Creech's mother), Lloyd McCarter, Ronnie Moody (Sheree's mother), Erin Niemeyer (Ron's daughter), Lois Peek (Ed's mother), Jan Trahan (Kaye Fair's mother), 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.

**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!

## Gratitude

**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.

## Worship Services

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

## Christian Education & Faith Formation

**Sunday School**—Our children's Sunday School is taking a break during the summer. Look for more information towards a start-up date in August.

**Pastor's Sunday Study** is continuing an exploration of the early Christian document called *The Teaching of the Twelve Apostles* (or *The Didache* in Greek). This short document from the 2<sup>nd</sup> century enables us to delve further into Christ's way of faith, life, and worship as it gets lived out. **Join us in the conference room at 9:15 a.m.** All are welcome!

**Wednesday Bible Study**—Join us on Wednesdays at **10:30 a.m.** in the conference room. We're continuing our reading and discussion of the book of the prophet Jeremiah. All are welcome and invited to attend!

**Thursday Bible Class** is from **7:00-8:30 p.m.** in the conference room. Pr. Ricky Bertels is teaching on the Book of Isaiah. All are welcome to attend!

**Book Reflection at *Lutheran Witness Online***—Pr. Joel's review essay on the classic novel *Silas Marner* (which links with the current issue's theme of "Christian Endurance") can be read at [www.witness.lcms.org](http://www.witness.lcms.org).

**KFUO** will be interviewing **Jerrode Marsh** during the Coffee Hour on **August 1** as part of their Bach week. To listen go to: [www/kfu.org/category/the-coffee-hour](http://www/kfu.org/category/the-coffee-hour).

## Fellowship

**Family Fun Night** will take place at **6:00 p.m.** on **Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup>** at the VanWey's house (429 Grover Street). They will be cooking burgers and ask that everyone bring a side to go with it. Open to everyone—bring a friend too!

**Mary Martha Guild Rummage Sale** will take place on **August 8 (4-7pm) and August 9 (8am-1pm)**. *You may drop off items in the preschool room starting July 28. Please wait until August 4 to bring big items.* The last day to bring items is **Wednesday, August 6**. Please make sure all items are clean and in working condition. **No Clothes or Shoes will be accepted.** A sign-up sheet to help with the sale is next to the mailboxes.

**Join the Exercise Group** in the Fellowship Hall for this free, low impact exercise class on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at **9:30 a.m.** **There will be no exercise class the week of the rummage sale (August 4-8).**

**Neighborhood Night on August 13!** Help us interact with our neighbors who live adjacent to our church grounds by making them a place of intentional interaction that evening from 6:30 to 8:30 (or so). We'll aim to gather for volleyball and frisbee.

**Bethlehem Woods Nature Trail**—At the far back of our east-facing backyard, you'll see a portal in the tree line to our own bit of forest. If you're good on your feet, consider taking a stroll to explore the woods and enjoy the cooling canopy of summer leaves!

### Ways to Help

**Greeters and Ushers**—The Elders are looking to start back our greeters and ushers program. If you would like to help out before service as a greeter handing out bulletins and welcoming people or during the service as an usher for offering and/or Communion, please let an Elder know.

**Summer Gardening—Fresh Fruit & Vegetables**—Blackberries are bountiful again this year, so have a look at our bushes and trees for picking and sharing! Tomatoes are ripening, while kale and carrots keep producing ... and potatoes have been dug and shared. Also, check out the Star of Bethlehem herb garden at the front of the building and take some of the oregano, sage, or thyme for your kitchen use, plus lemon balm mint for your iced tea. The next garden workday is on **July 26<sup>th</sup> from 10-noon**, but feel free to go back at any time to weed, pick, and enjoy; help watering is appreciated, especially when rain hasn't come for a while ... and there are always weeds to pull!

### This and That

**City of Warrensburg Fire and Police** will be holding a blood drive on **Friday, August 1, 9am-6pm** at the American Legion in Warrensburg. As we continue through this summer season, the demand for blood remains high. Each donor will be registered for a chance to win some Kansas City Chief's tickets. Please help us support our community by giving the gift of life!

**First Christian Church (101 East Gay Street)** will be hosting "Godspell", a production of the Warrensburg Community Theatre. This beloved musical will take place on **July 31, August 1, 2 at 7:00 p.m. and August 3 at 2:00 p.m.** Admission will be \$15. Tickets can be found online at: [www.burgtheatrearts.com](http://www.burgtheatrearts.com).

**Western Missouri Medical Center Auxiliary will hold their 16th Annual Ice Cream Social on Sunday, August 3 from 2-4 p.m.** at WMMC's Courtyard Café! Tickets are \$5 and include ice cream with toppings, a dessert and bottled water. Proceeds from this event will go toward the purchase of the a Scope Buddy Plus for WMMC



Perioperative Services. For tickets, visit the Wishing Well Gift Shop in the WMMC main lobby or contact Volunteer Services at (660) 262-7466.

**Immanuel Lutheran 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Golf Tournament** will be held at the Higginsville Country Club on Saturday, **August 16 starting at 7 a.m.** Fee is \$280/4 Person Team, Cart rental \$30/cart. For questions or an entry form please contact Micah Thurmon at 660-238-5497 or Jason Hilbrenner at 660-909-3217.

**Help is needed at the Missouri State Fair.** The fair runs from **August 7-17 in Sedalia.** Each day is divided into 3 shifts: 9am-1pm, 1pm-5pm, and 5pm-8 or 9pm (depending on the day). Volunteers are asked to keep materials stocked on the table and rack and to offer them to visitors. (All materials will be provided by the district Lutheran Hour Ministry board.) One person alone can easily fill each shift, although some folks like to bring a friend. which is also great. If you are able to work a 4 hour shift, please contact Don Hutchinson (dshutch7@hotmail.com) or 660-287-4851.

### 2025 Elders

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### Our Congregation and Beyond

Bethlehem belongs to the Concordia South Circuit (Circuit Visitor—Pr. Joel Kurz) with 6 other congregations in our area and meets jointly with the Concordia North Circuit's (Circuit Visitor—Pr. Mark Junkin) 9 congregations ... to the Missouri District (District President—Dr. Lee Hagan) with 300 other congregations throughout the state ... to the Central Region with congregations in 7 other states ... and with over 5,800 congregations to our national church body, the LCMS (Synod President—Rev. Matthew Harrison), which is also in partnership with over 40 other international Lutheran church bodies throughout the world. Let us give thanks for the gift of life and faith in Christ that is ours to live alongside each other! Make sure to check out Synod's website ([www.lcms.org](http://www.lcms.org)) for all of the great resources available there! *Also, remember in prayer the more than 30 congregations in our Missouri District currently without a pastor ... in our circuit, Holy Cross—Emma and Immanuel—Sweet Springs (both of which are currently in the calling process).*



### RUMMAGE SALE INFORMATION

#### **Monday-July 28**

(Start bringing items into the preschool room during working hours: 8-5)

#### **Sunday-August 3**

(Help is needed after service to set up tables)

#### **Monday-August 4**

(Bring bigger items starting on Monday)

(Volunteers may come **during business hours (8-5)** starting August 4 to work on getting sale items ready)

#### **Wednesday-August 6**

(Last day to bring items)

**Sign-up sheet to work the sale is posted by the mailboxes**

## Contact Information

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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.



#### **Rev. Joel R. Kurz**

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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.