



Week 1: We Are the Church That Unites | Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Hosts: Luke and Chuck | **Theme:** The body of Christ is bigger than one location.

Key Scripture Readings:

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. For the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot should say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,' that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear should say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,' that would not make it any less a part of the body... The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you,' nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable... Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

Acts 2:42-47

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Discussion Questions:

1. What does it mean for a church to be "one body with many members"?
2. How do we live in unity while serving in different locations?
3. What role does fellowship play in strengthening the church?
4. How does the early church in Acts reflect the kind of unity God desires for us today?

Reflection & Application:

- Write about a time when you felt deeply connected to the church community.
- What are three ways you can contribute to unity in the church?
- How does your personal faith journey strengthen the larger church body?

Action Challenge for Week 1:

- Pray for another campus and send an encouragement message to someone there.
- Invite someone new into a conversation or gathering at church.
- Commit to attending a church event outside your normal routine to build connections with others.