

The Sixth Sunday of Easter
Rogate – Pray You All
Sunday, May 9, 2021



BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

1861-2021 – Zum Kripplein Christi – 160 years

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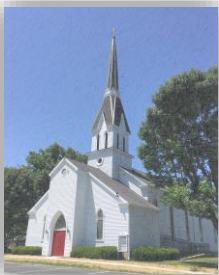
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Prayers

A prayer for Mother's Day

Lord Jesus, You promised to Eve, the mother of all people, salvation through Your Son, and create all people through the daughters of Eve to bear your image. You likened Your own compassion to the mothering wings of a hen which nestles her young. Make us grateful for all mothers and by grace give them sincere faith, that Christian mothers would tend and sooth Your children from sorrow to joy according to Your Word, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayer before worship: O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

In our prayers we remember:

Those in need of healing & comfort: Kaly Benning, Sherry Dahnke, Tiffany Dunaway, Nancy Gelsing, Bernice Graumenz, Alice Harmon, Tim Mueller, Cassandra Power, Luella Rubin, Susie Rush, Irene Spilker, Steve Voelker, Clete Westendorf, Gene Wharton, Lonnie Wilson, Craig Wolff, and Lilly Wright.

Those celebrating **Birthdays** this week: 05/09 – Adam Huston; 05/12 – Chet Stuemke; 05/15 – Jeff Alwardt

Church News

Thank you for joining us for worship on the Wednesday Evening services at Bethlehem. For the time being, it has been decided to discontinue the non-seasonal Wednesday evening worship services. Join us for Sunday worship at 9:30 a.m. and Tuesday Matins service chapel. May 11 will be the last Tuesday Matins Chapel for the 2020/2021 school year, we will resume chapel after the start of the 2021/2022 school year.

Communion Note – diluted wine is available, please request prior to worship service.

Join us for Adult Bible Class Today

What power is in the blood? – The Lord's Supper

- How was the blood used in the Old Testament sacrifices?
- What was the Old Testament punishment for drinking blood?
- What is peculiar about man's blood?
- What is peculiar about Jesus' blood?



Trustee's Report:

Offering collected for the Home Purpose General Fund on May 2: \$6,070
(Our anticipated 2021 weekly amount needed is \$5,972.)

All loose change in the offering plate has been designated for the LWML Mites.
Building Fund:

- Church Window Project Fund total: \$12,778 (Total amount needed: \$55,000)



160th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, June 6, 2021

- June 6: Anniversary Service – 9:30 am. w/ guest preacher Dr. Rev. Ben Ball. Anniversary Picnic Dinner following the service - outside tent seating and/or inside the Parish Hall.
Activities Planned for the afternoon: Several lawn games, kick ball (sponsored by Pastor Manley), a walking tour of the church building – with an interesting history of the structure both interior and exterior. In the cemetery we will visit the resting place of several key founding members who dared to start a new life here 160 years ago.
- ❖ The Anniversary Committee is asking for assistance from the congregation in the following ways:
 - 1) Donate your choice of a favorite dessert to be served for the Picnic Meal.
 - 2) Donate cookies (can be made ahead of time and frozen) which will be served as "afternoon snacks".Both items can be brought to the Parish Hall Kitchen between 9-11 am on Saturday, June 5 or Sunday morning June 6.
Thank you for your assistance!
- Copies of the congregational group photo, taken on Sunday, May 2, will be available at the anniversary Picnic on June 6. Free will donation accepted.
- Kickin' and Screamin' Kick Ball Tournament – If you would like to form a team or individually sign-up for the kickball tournament on the day of our 160th Anniversary celebration please see the sign-up form in the narthex (all ages are welcome). If you have questions please speak with Pastor Manley.
- The next committee meeting is Wed., May 19th, 7:00 p.m. All are welcomed!

“Let us go to Bethlehem” Luke 2:15

Me? Churchwork? - Pastor Manley is organizing a carpool for attending the Churchworker workshop on May 23 at St. John Effingham. Please speak with Pastor before May 7 to register.

Ascension Divine Service w/ Communion-Thursday, May 13 at 7:00 p.m. @ BLC.

Large Print Center @ St. John Lutheran in Effingham -

The Large Print Center will be resuming their Large Print Center ministry this month. Bethlehem is scheduled to work on Tuesday, May 11th and every second Tuesday of the month. Please contact Mary Schmidt if you can help and for the complete 2021 schedule.

BLC will be recognizing our 2021 graduates on Sunday, May 23. If you are graduating this year from grade school, high school, vocational or institute of higher learning, please contact Pastor or the church office.

In observance of **Armed Forces Day (observed on Sunday, May 30th at BLC)** we will be recognizing our BLC affiliated servicemen, past and present. Our current list is available for review in the narthex. Please contact Pastor or the church office for additions and/or corrections. Thank you.

✧✧✧✧ **District & Synod News, Regional Items & Acknowledgments** ✧✧✧✧



ALIS Employment Opportunity – Part-time Assistant Cook starting August 15th, 2021. Accepting applications May 1-15, 2021, submit to ALIS office at robiflach@alisrockets.com. Please contact Lisa Conner or Robi Flach with any questions at 618-483-6428.

Baby Bottle Project (Family Life Center Fundraiser) –Simply take a bottle provided to you at church today and fill it with change from Mother’s Day to Father’s Day. The church will collect the filled bottles and forward them to the Family Life Center.

The Family Life Center, a Christian not-for-profit ministry, provides practical assistance, education and support to empower and equip women, men and families experiencing pregnancy, parenting and related issues, to live healthy, productive lives.

The Family Life Center is supported solely by churches and individuals in our community.

This Week at Bethlehem:

Tuesday, May 11 – BLC Chapel – matins service – 9:15 a.m.

-- Large Print Ministry @ St. John’s, Effingham

Thursday, May 13 – **Ascension Divine Service – 7:00 p.m.**

-- Kinderchor practice – 3:30-4:00 p.m.

-- Choir Practice – following worship service

Sunday, May 16 – **Seventh Sunday of Easter**

-- Divine Service – 9:30 a.m.

-- Adult Bible Study – 10:45-11:30 a.m.

-- Youth Sunday School – 10:45-11:30 a.m.

-- Pastor Manley’s Radio program on KJ Country/102.3FM – 8:00 a.m.

(Also available on the BLC website home page)

-- Sunday morning worship service TV broadcast Ch.81 – 5:00 p.m.

(Recording of today’s worship service is also available on our YouTube channel - link via our church website.)

To The Glory of God & The Salvation of Man

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