

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
Sunday, August 16, 2026

GOD LIFTS UP THE LOWLY



"EVERYONE WHO EXALTS HIMSELF WILL BE HUMBLLED,
BUT THE ONE WHO HUMBLLES HIMSELF WILL BE EXALTED."
LUKE 18:14

BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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"Let us go to Bethlehem..." Luke 2:15

The Lord calls us by the Gospel to His house to worship Him. It is only by the Holy Spirit that any of us can believe in Jesus Christ and receive His gift of salvation. The LC-MS confesses that the one holy Christian church includes all believers of Christ in all denominations, while also confessing Jesus’ teaching of Closed Communion. If you are not in altar fellowship with the LC-MS please refrain from the Lord’s Supper at Bethlehem until you have spoken with Pastor Manley.

Prayers

In our prayers we remember:

Those in need of healing & comfort:

Annette Altman	Lillian Grobengieser	Brad Suckow – back
Dwayne Beccue	Orville Heiden	Katheryn Suckow – cancer
Lucille Beccue- LCC	Dave Manley - back	Steve Voelker
Karly Brummer - leukemia	Dale Roll	Catherine Zumwalt – cancer
Bernice Graumenz	Sam Stuemke – heart	

Birthdays (08/16-08/22): 08/16 – Kayla Kortte; 08/17 – Maria Voelker

Almighty God, You call us to learn and grow in the knowledge of the truth and have established our schools to teach our children. We pray for Your blessing, especially on the Christian teachers of Frog Pond, Altamont Grade School, Altamont High School, And our teachers and staff at ALIS. We pray for our school administrators, custodians, bus drivers, and all who serve our children. Protect our schools from violence, anger, curse words, and from the pressures of the world to teach the love of self against the love of God. Embolden our teachers to wisely teach the truth and equip our students and the children of our congregation to bear the fruit of the Spirit, even love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Amen.

Church News

Trustee’s Report:

Weekly amount needed for unified budget 2026	\$ 10416
Offering collected for <u>General Fund</u> on 08/09.....	\$ 5480
<i>Loose change in the offering plate is designated for LWML Mites for Missions</i>	

Attendance: Sun., 08/09, 9:30am – 120



Adult Bible Class will Review the Bible Readings from today’s service and the 2026 LCMS Convention

Youth Sunday School 2026-2027 starts next Sunday.

Budget Committee Meeting – Today, 4:00pm

Attention Parents of ALIS Students – If you have not already done so, please review the *Bethlehem ALIS Tuition Program* and sign and return the *ALIS Family Commitment Page* to Pastor Manley or the church office TODAY. Copies of the policy will be in your church bulletin box. Thank you.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Altamont, IL – BBQ

August 30th - 11am - until the food is gone.



- Menu: Brisket, pulled pork, smoked chicken, hotdogs, German potato salad, apple pie baked beans, coleslaw, tea, lemonade, and Bethlehem Ladies Aid famous desserts.
 - Tours of our historic 1867 church at 12:30 and 1:30
 - Games: Barnyard Basketball, volleyball, badminton, cornhole, ring toss, and \$1 cake walk
 - Freewill donation.
 - Proceeds go to help with Bethlehem ALIS Tuition.
 - Meal served in Bethlehem Parish Hall.
- All are welcome to bring lawn chairs and stay for games, fellowship, and fun.
Contact Gary Grobengieser 618-553-9856

→ Please check the BBQ PICNIC "sign up sheets" in the hall.

Thank you for helping to make the BETHLEHEM BBQ PICNIC a success!

It is time to be thinking about the new "**Choir Season**". New music has been ordered, schedules written and plans made. Our music is praise to the Lord telling of "the great things He has done"! May He bless our new choir season. Orientation and first practices are as follows:

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

KINDERCHOR: 3:30 PM

BETHLEHEM CHOIR: 7:00 PM

-Dean Manuel, 618 267 7914

✂✂✂✂ District & Synod News, Community Items & Acknowledgments ✂✂✂✂



Altamont Lutheran
INTERPARISH SCHOOL

- Class starts on Monday, August 18th.
- **ALIS 8th Grade Trip Fundraiser – Pork Burger & Bake Sale** – Saturday, August 22, 10am-sold out – Gilbert Park, Altamont
- **ALIS 8th Grade Trip Fundraiser – Panda Express event**, Effingham, IL, Tuesday, August 25, 9:30am-9:30pm – 20% of all sales donated to ALIS 8th Grade Trip. Online with code 3863086 – or – Bring paper flyer or show it on your smartphone. *Copies of flyer located in the narthex.*



The Installation Service for Reverend Stephen Rutherford as Principal of Holy Trinity Lutheran High School will be held at 3:00 pm on Sunday, August 23, 2026, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Effingham. All are welcome to a cake and punch reception following the service.



Donation box for non-perishable items for the Altamont Food Pantry is in the narthex. The Food Pantry had 50 participants on Tuesday, 08/11/2026.

Jesus said, I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me." (Mt. 25:35). The Altamont Ministerial Alliance does this by caring for the poor in our community. The Altamont Food pantry is open at First United Methodist Church every Tuesday, 1-3pm for citizens with an Altamont address. When available, other funds are given to the poor with an Altamont address to help with their needs. The Altamont Ministerial Alliance has checks and balances to properly steward all donations to those who are living in our community and follow Jesus' words to care for the poor.

This Week at Bethlehem:

Sun., August 23 – Trinity 12

9:30 am – DSIII with Holy Communion

10:45 am – Bible Study & Youth Sunday School

8:00 am – Bethlehem's Radio program on KJ Country/102.3FM

5:00 pm – Sunday morning worship service TV broadcast Ch.81

(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