TRINITY 24
Sunday, November 15, 2026

"If I only touch His garment, I will be made well"



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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	Daphne Flood	Joe Strullmyer
Bonnie Becker – LCC	Lillian Grobengieser	Sam Stuemke – heart
Dean Biggs – back	John Putnam - hospice	Katheryn Suckow – cancer
Karly Brummer – leukemia	Dale Roll	Steve Voelker
Kiefer Camp	Ron Siebert – ankle	Catherine Zumwalt – cancer

Birthdays (11/08-11/14): 11/10 – Wayne Heiden

✝ Prayers for the family and friends of Lucille Beccue

Church News

Trustee's Report:

Weekly amount needed for unified budget 2026	$	*10416*
Offering collected for General Fund on 11/08	$	6379
Donations for parish hall items	$	110
Thrivent Choice Dollars	$	657

Change in the offering plate is designated for LWML Mites for Missions

2026/2027 Sunday School offerings project – The Sunday School students will be deciding a project to support with their offerings.

Attendance: Sun., 11/08, 9:30am – 104

Bible Class Today: Embracing Your Lutheran Identity
Chapter 2 The Dark Ages

- Historically, what is the second capital of Christianity after Rome?
- How can Christianity keep a civilization from moral decay?
- Who were those who attacked, ended, and came after the Roman Empire?
- In what ways did "organized religion" (aka the church) survive and help people thrive after the fall of the Roman Empire?



Children's Christmas Eve Program Practice starts TODAY 11:20am – noon.

Bible Bowl practice – Today, 6-7pm – 5th – 12th grade welcome.

Pastor Rutherford, Principal of Holy Trinity Lutheran High School, will be preach and present in Bible Class next Sunday, November 22nd.

Elections & Missions Meeting – Sunday, December 6th, 1:30 pm.



Decorate the Church with Poinsettias – Blossom Paradise is once again offering poinsettias at a discount. Contact Roberta Phillips if you would like to purchase poinsettias to decorate the church.
Red, Pink, White, or Marble Poinsettias - $18.00
Please order by Sunday, November 29th.

Chili Supper *- The ladies would like to give a big Thank You to all who cooked, baked, worked and donated to make the Chili Supper a great success! We could not do it without all your help. We will share the amount raised in next week's bulletin.*

Reformation Run *– Thank you to everyone who participated in and supported the first annual Bethlehem & Zion Reformation Run! We extend a special thank-you to all the event coordinators and volunteers who helped make this event a success.*

The ***Church Altar Frontispiece, "The Last Supper"****, has been temporarily removed for professional restoration. The restored frontispiece is expected to be returned before Christmas 2026.*

District & Synod News, Community Items & Acknowledgments

Host a table for **Advent by Candlelight** – *Angels: Messengers of the Christmas Promise* – Sunday November 29th, 6:00 – 8:00 pm, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Altamont. Join us for an evening of Scripture, music, and reflection as we prepare our hearts for the coming Christmas. Register online, link available on Immanuel's Facebook page.

Altamont Lutheran
INTERPARISH SCHOOL

WE'RE HIRING - Open Positions 2027-2028: Resume & References accepted now through November 6th, 2026. Job Descriptions located in the narthex.

- School Office Manager
- 6th Grade Homeroom & Middle School ELA Teacher

FoodPantry

Donation box for <u>non-perishable items</u> for the Altamont Food Pantry is in the narthex. 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.

<u>This Week at Bethlehem:</u>

Wednesday, November 18

9:30 am – Staff Meeting
3:30 pm – Kinderchor
7:00 pm – Choir

Sunday, November 22 – Last Sunday of the Church Year

9:30 am – DSIII with Holy Communion *(Kinderchor sings)*
10:45 am – Bible Study & Youth Sunday School
11:20 am – 12:00 pm – Children's Christmas Eve Program Practice
6-7 pm – Bible Bowl Practice

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