

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday, November 14, 2021



*“Behold,
with the clouds of heaven
there came One like a
Son of Man”*

Daniel 7:13

BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

1861-2021 - Zum Kripplein Christi - 160 years

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Welcome to Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church, we are happy you are here today. It is customary when you enter the church nave to observe silence for meditation during your silent prayer, the ringing of the bells, and the prelude, in order to prepare you for the beginning of the worship service.

Thank you for joining us today and God's Blessings.

Prayers

Prayer before worship: O Lord, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of the end of all things and the day of Your just judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You forever hereafter; 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: *Carl Becker, Kaly Benning, Jason Caraway, Linda Crain, Tiffany Dunaway, Bernice Graumenz, Zoe Hoehler, Tim Mueller, Luella Rubin, Karen Stuemke, Steve Voelker, Gene Wharton, Lynn Winter, and Lilly Wright.*

Those celebrating **Birthdays**: (11/14- 11/20) – 11/14 – *Staci Jahraus; 11/15 – Jeanine Putnam; 11/16 – Travis Stone, Wyatt Willenborg; 11/17 – Alyvia Wills, Steve Voelker; 11/12 – Melvin Stuemke, Waylon Willenborg*

Anniversary: *Dale & Connie Roll.....11/19.....31 years*

Flowers on the altar are to the Glory of God for His blessing on Mildred Wolf for her 92nd Birthday – given by her children & grandchildren.

Cody & Konnie Heiden were blessed with the birth of a son, Wayne Leroy, on Wednesday, November 10, 2021. Our prayers of joy and gratitude are with them as they celebrate this blessing.

Church News

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

Adult Bible Study:

In Adult Bible Class we will look at Matthew 25:31-46

The Sheep and the Goats.



Trustee's Report:

Offering collected for the Home Purpose General Fund on November 7: \$6,294
Land lease payment: \$1052; Parish Hall Rental: \$100
(Our anticipated 2021 weekly amount needed is \$5,972.)

Loose change in the offering plate has been designated for the LWML Mites.

Church Window Project Fund total: \$13,987 (Total amount needed: \$55,000)

CID LCMS Missions – YTD 09/30: \$5,200 (2021 annual Commitment is \$8,000)

Issues, Etc. – YTD 09/30: \$425 (2021 annual commitment is \$1,000)

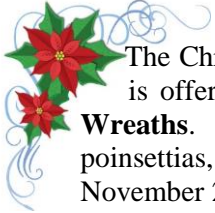
Thanksgiving Worship Services:

Wednesday, November 24 – Vespers Service @ Zion – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 25, Matins Service @ Bethlehem – 9:30 a.m.

BETHLEHEM CHILI SUPPER – *Thank you to all who volunteered their time and donations to help with the chili supper. The free will donations for this year's chili supper was \$7,375. Several gallons of chili are still available in the freezer in the parish hall.*

Anyone interested is welcome to help with **Thanksgiving / Harvest Display decorating** on **Saturday, November 20, 10:00 a.m.** You are also welcome to bring any fall harvest items for the display. Thank you.



The Christmas Season is almost here, and once again Blossom Paradise is offering church group discounts on all **Poinsettias and Christmas Wreaths**. If you would like to help decorate the church with beautiful poinsettias, please place your order with Janice Heiden by Tuesday, November 23.

Poinsettias – 3-5 blooms (red, pink, white, or marble) - \$15.00

Poinsettias – 6-10 blooms (red, pink, white, or marble) - \$35.00

Evergreen Wreaths - \$22.50

THE ROAD TO BETHLEHEM – A Journey to the Newborn King

Bethlehem seemed an unlikely destination for the fulfillment of God's promise to send a Messiah. Bethlehem? Why would anyone – especially the Creator of the universe – choose that little remote village? Nothing good came from there! But as Scripture records, the road to Bethlehem was the road that ultimately led to God!

In celebration of the 160th Anniversary of the founding of Bethlehem Ev. Church the Bethlehem Choir will present “The Road to Bethlehem” – a musical Cantata - Sunday, December 12 at 7:00 pm. Refreshments and Fellowship will follow in the Parish Hall.

District & Synod News, Regional Items & Acknowledgments

St. Paul Blue Point Lutheran Church Ladies, Aid of Altamont will host their Annual Soup Supper TODAY, November 14.

Serving will begin at 4:00 p.m. It will include dine in and drive thru option. Menu includes chili, chicken noodle soup, barbecue and chicken salad sandwiches, hot dogs, homemade pie, cake and drinks. Desserts for the drive thru will be cherry crumble and chocolate crumble. There will be a bake sale and craft bazaar. Free will offering. Thank you and we hope to see you there.

Reformation Rally 2021 – 253 people attended the Altamont Reformation Rally held on October 31, 2021. Thank you to Dr. Rick Marrs, Professor at Concordia Seminary, for being our guest speaker, and to the organist, Sheryl Marble, and to the ALIS children's choir. Total offering received was \$609. After payments of honorarium and mileage to our guest speaker and to our organist, \$360 was donated to the ALIS Church Worker Scholarship Fund. Thank you.

Information about our Lutheran School – ALIS – 3rd Grade – Mrs. Kopplin

In third grade, the students receive their own Bibles. We learn to look up Bible verses and we try to read the four Gospels together by the end of the year. We also learn all the names of the books of the Bible to a fun (some say annoying) song! We also switch from “learning to read” to “reading to learn.” We practice many comprehension strategies to become Reading Detectives. We also write about our reading and work very hard to write great paragraphs. In math, we will master the multiplication tables. We study all types of communities in Social Studies. We review all the cursive letters and hope to switch to writing in cursive by spring. Each student will also have the opportunity to be Star of the Week. We get to learn a little more about each child when they share collections, pictures, favorite toys, and even pets. They also have a guest come in to share a favorite story.

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The Early History of Bethlehem Ev. Lutheran #5

A specially appointed Royal Commission brusquely closed one Lutheran church after the other and converted them to Union Church use. By 1834 only one Lutheran Church still remained in Silesia that had not been forced to adopt the Union Agenda. On Dec. 24, 1834, at 5 o'clock in the morning 400 military infantry men and 300 cavalymen plus two cannons were brought in. 200 Lutherans attempted to guard their church against sudden seizure during the night. The soldiers circled the church. Three times the command was given for the defenders to clear the entrance way and surrender the key. When they didn't comply, the guns were loaded. Then the 200 Lutherans were struck with the butt end of the guns and hit with the flat of the sword blades, and the church door was forced open. The soldier stayed in the village for 6 more days during which the church Elders and many others of the 200 defenders were arrested. Pastor Kellner of that church was arrested and imprisoned for 7 years, longer than anyone else similarly charged. All of this was done for refusing to accept the Kaiser's mandates concerning the Union Church Agenda.

This Week at Bethlehem:

Today, Sunday, November 14 -- Cantata practice – 1:30 p.m.

-- Catechesis Class – 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 16 – Matins Service – 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, November 17 – ALIS Chapel – 8:20 a.m.

-- Choir practice – 7:00 pm

Thursday, November 18 – Kinderchor – 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 21 – Trinity 27 - Divine Service w/ Holy Communion – 9:30a.m.

-- Adult Bible Class and Youth Sunday School – 10:45 – 11:30 a.m.

-- Cantata practice – 1:30-3:00 p.m.

-- Catechesis Class – 6:30-8:00 p.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