

**Third Sunday in Lent**

Oculi – *“My eyes are ever toward the Lord.”*

Sunday, March 8, 2026

*Be*

# IMITATORS OF GOD,

*as beloved children.*

*And*

# WALK IN LOVE.

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“Let us go to Bethlehem...” Luke 2:15

*Pro Nobis means “for us.” We sing in Lent “He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people” (Ps. 32:1). In the Creed we confess Jesus’ incarnation, suffering, death, burial, and resurrection “for us men and for our salvation.” As we gather to worship our God this lent, let us remember God’s great love for us. In the Lord’s Supper we receive this love through the real presence of Jesus’ body and blood. If you are not a member and want to know more about taking Communion at Bethlehem please speak with Pastor Manley.*



**In our prayers we remember:**

Those in need of healing & comfort:

Annette Altman	Bernice Graumenz	Brad Suckow – back
Lucille Beccue- LCC	Lillian Grobengieser	Steve Voelker
Karly Brummer - leukemia	Janice Heiden	Catherine Zumwalt – cancer
Heather Davis - cancer	Judy Stuemke – LCC	

**Birthdays (03/08-03/14):** 03/08 – Blayne Huston; 03/13 – Donna Parker, Jeremy Ruffner; 03/14 – Cody Heiden



**Trustee’s Report:**

Weekly amount needed for unified budget 2026 .....	\$ 8730
Offering collected for <u>General Fund</u> on 03/01.....	\$ 9987

*Loose change in the offering plate is designated for LWML Mites for Missions*



Attendance: Sun., 03/01, 9:30am – 116; Wed. 03/04, 7pm - 54



**Bible Study Today:** Matthew 7:1-6 - On People

- What is the wrong kind of judgment?
- What is the chief way we can misunderstand Jesus?
- What is the result of judging without limits?
- What is the virtue that Jesus extols here?



Bethlehem **Large Print workers** on Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, at LBW Center St. John’s, Effingham.

**Midweek Lent 3 worship service – Wed., March 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm at Zion**

– For Us He Seeks (Mark 1:35-39)

**Youth Bible Bowl – Practice every Wednesday in February in the Parish Hall from 6–7 p.m. – Topic: “The Gospel according to St. Matthew”**

- The Circuit Bible Bowl will be held on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2:00pm, at St. John’s, Effingham.
- The CID Bible Bowl is on Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00pm at Camp CILCA.

**Tre Ore 2026 – Tre Ore “3 hours” will be held at Bethlehem, Altamont on Good Friday, April 3, 12pm-3pm. All Christians are welcome to remember the 3 hours of darkness Christ hung for us, meditating on the words He spoke from the cross. The service is led by Reverends Manley, Cornelius, Speers, Meyer, Bartens, Hart, Landskroener. You can come for any portion of the service or for its entirety.**

**Altamont First United Methodist Church Spaghetti Supper** – Sunday, March 8, 4-7pm, Carry out available. Free will donation. Proceeds benefit the local food pantry & gutter repairs.

**Bethlehem Lutheran (Ferrin, IL) to Hold Its Necessary Masculinity Workshop on March 8th:** The world says all sorts of things about masculinity, even that it's toxic. Yet, Holy Scripture says otherwise. What does true masculinity look like? What are the responsibilities that God gives to men? How do we raise our boys to be godly men? On **Sunday, March 8th**, Bethlehem Lutheran Church (Ferrin, IL) will host Rev. Jeffrey Hemmer for its annual winter workshop, where he will present on "Necessary Masculinity." Rev. Hemmer is the pastor at Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church (Fairview Heights, IL) and is the author of *Man Up: The Quest for Masculinity*. The workshop will be held at the church from 2pm to 5pm and is open to men in 6th grade and up. Refreshments will be served as well. For those interested in attending, please RSVP to [bethlehemferrinchurch@gmail.com](mailto:bethlehemferrinchurch@gmail.com)

You are invited to the **3rd Annual Zion Pancake and Sausage Breakfast** at Altamont Lutheran School Gym, 7 S Edwards St, Altamont, Sun., March 15, 2026. Serving is 9:30AM to 1:00PM. Menu: Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, potatoes and drinks for a free-will donation. A bake sale will be held. Proceeds from the benefit will be divided into thirds to: Altamont Lutheran Interparish School, Lutheran Care Center and Zion Lutheran Church. (*Zion Worship Service will be on Saturday, March 14, 7pm. No service on Sunday, March 15.*)



**ALIS KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION** will be held on Thurs., March 19 from 6-6:45pm. Please bring a copy of your child's certified birth certificate. RSVP to the school office by email: [alisooffice2@gmail.com](mailto:alisooffice2@gmail.com) or 618-483-6428.

**Central Illinois LLL District Convention** Join with others at the Central Illinois LLL District at the annual convention on Saturday, March 21 at Christ Lutheran Church in Normal, Illinois. Rev. Dr. Peter J Scaer, Chairman and Professor of Exegetical Theology, Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne Michael Zeigler, Speaker of The Lutheran Hour® will provide the keynote address. Polly Faszholz Gregali, Community Facilitator, LLL will provide a virtual presentation with LHM Updates. The registration fee is \$25.00 per person including lunch. Please complete the registration form and mail with your registration fee to Deloris Blessman, 20204 CR 1850N, Topeka, IL 61567. Please make checks payable to CID LLL District. For more information you can contact Deloris by phone 309.361,1461 or by email [delorisblessman@yahoo.com](mailto:delorisblessman@yahoo.com). **Registration deadline is March 16, 2026.**



Join us in Champaign, IL on Saturday, March 28, to grow as Christian men and women, meet new friends, get to know each other, and have fun. The conference is open to Lutheran young adults,

ages 18-30. Married or single are welcome. Pre- and Post Conference activities are planned for March 27 and March 28. Registration is required, as capacity is limited. More information and registration is available at [martinpluskatie.org](http://martinpluskatie.org). Please register no later than Friday, March 20th.

 During this season of Lent and leading up to Easter, Worship Anew will offer special programs for an additional opportunity for aging adults to hear God's Word. We will offer programs for Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and a special "My Song Is Love Unknown" Lenten Choir program. These programs can be found on our website at [worshipanew.org/Lent](http://worshipanew.org/Lent).



**Donation box for non-perishable items for the Altamont Food Pantry is in the narthex.** The Food Pantry had 41 participants on Tuesday, 03/03/2026. 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:

#### **Monday, March 9**

5:30 pm – Adult Instruction Class

#### **Wednesday, March 11**

3:30 pm – Kinderchor

6:00 pm – Bible Bowl practice

**7:00 pm – Midweek of Lent 3 worship service at Zion**

Choir practice following worship service

#### **Thursday, March 12**

7:00pm – Ladies' Aid/LWML Meeting

#### **Sunday, March 15 – Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**9:30 am – DSIII with Holy Communion**

10:45 am – Adult Bible Class and Youth Sunday School

8:00 am – Pastor Manley'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