

Fifth Sunday of Easter - Cantate

May 18, 2025



Sing to the LORD a New Song, Alleluia

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“Let us go to Bethlehem...” Luke 2:15

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Welcome to Bethlehem. Whether you are a member or visitor we gather here at Bethlehem to hear the Gospel that not only Christ is risen, but He promises the same for all believers. To celebrate this, we receive the Lord's Supper every Sunday. Since not all Christians share in their belief and practice in the Lord's Supper, we ask visitors to please speak with Pastor Manley, before coming to the Lord's table at Bethlehem. (next private confession June 5th, 6pm).

Prayers

In our prayers we remember:

Those in need of healing & comfort:

Annette Altman	Steve Flood – knee	Steve Voelker
Lucille Beccue- LCC	Bernice Graumenz - LCC	Mildred Wolf – LCC
Karly Brummer - leukemia	Lillian Grobengieser	Catherine Zumwalt – cancer
Heather Davis - cancer	Luke Grobengieser - recovery	Joyce Winter - recovery
Rebekah Eckhoff – appendicitis (granddaughter of Dave & Beverly Suckow)	Janice Heiden – cancer	
	Judy Stuemke – LCC	

Birthdays this week (05/11-05/17): 05/15 – Jeff Alwardt, Sherena Koester

Prayers and Congratulations to our 2025 Graduates:

ALIS 8th Grade Graduates: Garrett Flood, John Manley, Olliver Shoaf, & Kevin Yagow
ACHS Senior Graduates: Kingston Koester, Tyler Ruffner, & Hayden Summers



Prayers of Thanksgiving for our Choirs.

Church News

Trustee's Report:

Weekly amount needed for unified budget (General Fund)	\$ 7,400
Offering collected for <u>Home Purpose General Fund</u> on 05/11	\$ 5,861
Gifts in memory of Kenneth Bernahl	\$ 100

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



Attendance: Sunday, 05/11, 9:30am - 104



Bible Class Today – The Book of Matthew

All are invited to join Bible Class. We are starting a new book of the Bible. What a great chance to come. Please speak with pastor if you have any suggestions for future study.

- Who are Perez, Tamar, and Rahab?
- Have you seen Jesus' profile on ancestry.com?



Today is CANTATE Sunday. Cantate means "SING". The Kinderchor will present readings: "*Luther on Music in the Life of the Church*". prior to the start of the Divine Service. We will also recognize our Choirs and 8th grade Kinderchor members.

Pastor out of town – May 22-25 - If you are in need of pastoral care please call elder Dennis Guffey (618) 267-5595.

Church Cleaning Day – Saturday, May 31st, 8:00 a.m.

Annual Family Choir Cookout – June 1st, starting at 2pm, at The Manuels.



Bethlehem VBS – RESTORED IN CHRIST

Mark your calendars for June 8-12, 6pm - 8pm for Bethlehem VBS. All families are welcome for a wienie roast and potluck on June 12th, 7pm. Our VBS theme is Restored in Christ (focusing on Baptism). Please speak with Jennifer Berg or pastor if you have questions or would like to help in any way.

Bethlehem Church Directory Updates

- Sara Moran Photography has sent the digital photo images to the church office. The office will begin sending out your family photos via email this coming week. Thank you.

Reminder: **Ladies' Aid Survey** – The Bethlehem Ladies' Aid is asking all ladies of the congregation to complete the short survey. Surveys are located in the narthex. Your participation would be very much appreciated.

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

Baby Bottle Project This Mother's Day, local churches in our community will take part in the Family Life Center's Baby Bottle Project (BBP) a fun and meaningful fundraising effort for the whole family. Simply pick up a baby bottle at church today, on Mother's Day, fill it with spare change between Mother's and Father's Day, and return it on Father's Day to the church. Every bottle helps provide free, life-saving services and education to families in need. It's an easy, meaningful way for all ages to get involved and make a difference right here at home! Your change can change a life!

Pastor Niermann Installation – Pastor Niermann will be installed as the new pastor at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Altamont, on June 8th at 5pm.



Donation box for non-perishable items for the Altamont Food Pantry is located in the narthex. Monetary donations, checks payable to Altamont Ministerial Alliance (AMA) Food Pantry, are also accepted and may be placed in the “Church Office” box in the narthex.

*The Food Pantry had **57** participants this week. In addition to the Food Pantry, the AMA, provides other financial support to those in need in our community. This support comes in the form of motel vouchers, gas vouchers, food vouchers, and payment on utilities. All made possible with your generous donations. Your continued support and donations are greatly appreciated.*

The food pantry is out of the following:

Spam or Treet
Vienna Sausages
Canned meals like spaghetti, spaghettiios, ravioli, lasagna
Chunky soup
Hot Cereal
Mustard

This Week at Bethlehem:

Monday, May 19

– 12:00 p.m. – Elder’s Meeting

Wednesday, May 21

– 9:30 a.m. – Matins

Sunday, May 25 – Easter 6

– 9:30 a.m. – Matins

– 10:45-11:20 a.m. – Bible Study

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

– 5:00 p.m. – 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

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THE SALVATION OF MAN

Christ has Triumphed!

Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia!