

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
Sunday, September 13, 2026



“THEREFORE DO NOT BE ANXIOUS
ABOUT TOMORROW, FOR TOMORROW
WILL BE ANXIOUS FOR ITSELF. SUFFICIENT
FOR THE DAY IS ITS OWN TROUBLE.”



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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	Sam Stuemke – heart
Dwayne Beccue	Dave Manley – back	Brad Suckow – back
Lucille Beccue – LCC	Noah Luke Owen	Katheryn Suckow – cancer
Bonnie Becker – LCC	John Putnam	Steve Voelker
Dean Biggs – back	Dale Roll	Carter Wasson
Karly Brummer – leukemia	Ron Siebert – ankle	Catherine Zumwalt – cancer
Bernice Graumenz – hip	Joe Strullmyer	

Birthdays (09/13-09/19): 09/13 – Alf Davis; 09/15 – Ray Braasch; 09/17 – Dean Manuel; 09/18 – Tyler Ruffner

Anniversary: 09/17 – Joe & Sherry Strullmyer

Church News

Trustee's Report:

Weekly amount needed for unified budget 2026\$ 10416
Offering collected for General Fund on 09/06.....\$ 3765
Change in the offering plate is designated for LWML Mites for Missions

Attendance: Sun., 09/06, 9:30am – 92



Bible Class Today

We will discuss the 3 questions from the sermon and discuss any questions you may have about the divine call.

Bethlehem is scheduled to deliver **Meals on Wheels** this week, Mon.-Wed., Sept. 14, 15, & 16. To volunteer to help deliver meals one or more days, contact Janice Heiden.

Stewardship Sunday – Sept. 20th – *pledge cards available in the narthex.*

Mission Festival – Sept. 27th, worship service at 7:00pm – Followed by a presentation in the Parish Hall from our Guest Pastor Patrick Gumz, CID Missions. Ice Cream and Desserts will be provided by the Youth Group.

Reformation Run/Walk 5K – Saturday, October 31, 2026 – 8am – Join us for a Reformation Fun Run/ Walk from Zion Lutheran Church to Bethlehem Lutheran Church in rural Altamont on October 31, 2026! This is a fundraiser to support the tuition of Bethlehem and Zion students at ALIS. This is a 4 mile, one-way route. Transportation by hayride will be provided back to parking at Zion. Age group awards will be given along with “Fastest Pastor” and best Martin Luther costume. Scan the QR code to register. For more information contact Jenna Murray [618-292-1411](tel:618-292-1411) or Lexie Caraway [217-343-8884](tel:217-343-8884).



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

Celebrate 25 Years of The Cross at the Crossroads! The community is invited to celebrate "25 Years of Faith, Hope, and Impact" at The Cross at the Crossroads on Saturday, September 19, from 6:00–9:00pm. As we celebrate the Cross's 25th anniversary, we'll also commemorate the 25th anniversary of September 11, remembering those whose lives were lost and pray for our nation and its leaders.

The **Altamont Area Lutherans for Life** will be meeting Wednesday, September 23rd, at 7 pm in the Immanuel Lutheran Church parish hall. The agenda will include planning an event with the area youth, including junior high students from ALIS, St Peter Lutheran School, and Trinity Lutheran School in Stewardson. Please join us. If you have any questions, please contact Anita Ziegler at [217-821-9101](tel:217-821-9101).



Holy Trinity Lutheran High School will be holding a **workday** at our initial location ([901 W Jefferson Ave, Effingham](https://www.google.com/maps/place/901+W+Jefferson+Ave,+Effingham,+IL+60120/@39.414444,-89.816667,15z)) on Saturday, September 26th, starting at 8:00AM. We are looking for construction-minded volunteers to help with this project. Tasks scheduled for completion that day include: Removing 3 walls (2 concrete block walls and 1 stud/drywall) - with cleanup. Installing drywall, wall insulation, and drop ceiling in new bathrooms. If you are able to help out, please let one of us know. Chris Debolt - [\(217\)690-0890](tel:217-690-0890)
Cleo McManaway - [\(217\)246-3493](tel:217-246-3493) Troy Probst - [\(217\)690-1735](tel:217-690-1735)

We're raising dough! **ALIS 8th Grade Class Trip – Panera Fundraising** – Sunday, September 20th, 4:00pm – 8:00pm, 1601 Damron Court, Effingham, IL. Use code **FUND4U** at panerabread.com, in the Panera App, or at the kiosk in-café. Additional information on the event flyer, copies available in the narthex.

What a great gift it is to have such wonderful ALIS Lutheran teachers. For the next several weeks we will feature information from one staff member to remind us who we are supporting in our offerings at ALIS, and the faithful work they do serving our children through our Lutheran School.

ALIS 3rd Grade Teacher Mrs. Elaine Kopplin



My husband, Doug, and I both grew up in Altamont and went to ALIS. We have four children and 1 baby in heaven. Our son, Austin, and his wife, Lindsey, live in Chicago. Our daughter, Amelia, and her husband, Matt, live in Rochester, MN. Our next daughter, Arianna, lives in St. Louis. And our youngest son, AJ, is at University of Illinois. We all love to cheer on the Illini and the Cardinals. We love to travel and play board and card games together! I have a Bachelor's Degree from Concordia University Chicago and Master's Degree from Eastern Illinois University. I have taught third grade for 37 years and still love that age of children! My

principal, Herbert Becker, inspired me to become a Lutheran School Teacher. I pray every day that I would treat each student as God's special child given to me for only a short time.



Donation box for non-perishable items for the Altamont Food

Pantry is in the narthex. 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, September 14 – Holy Cross Day

7:00pm – Elders' Meeting

Wednesday, September 16

3:30-4:15 pm – Kinderchor

7:00 pm – Choir

Sunday, September 20 – Trinity 16 – Stewardship Sunday

9:30 am – DSIII with Holy Communion

10:45 am – Bible Study & Youth Sunday School

7:00 pm – Dual

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**