

PALM SUNDAY – CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Sunday, March 29, 2026

*Lord, help us ever to retain
The Catechism's doctrine plain
As Luther taught the Word of truth
In simple style to tender youth.*



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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:

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

† For those who grieve, including the families of Arlon Beccue and Gary Wendling.

Birthdays (03/29-04/04): 03/30 – John Manley; 03/31 – Ron Koester; 04/02 – Matt Putnam



In our prayers, we remember our confirmands, Matthew, Preston, & Aubree, as they affirm their faith today in the Rite of Confirmation.

Matthew Reid Buchanan

Confirmation verse: 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Preston Louis Kroening

Parents: Lucas & Jennifer Kroening

Sponsors: Karl Kroening and Amber Schnarre

Confirmation verse: 1 Thessalonians 2:13

And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.

Aubree Lynn Willenborg

Parents: Shelbi Jackman & Cody Willenborg

Sponsors: Justin Durbin, Keisha Hille, and Erica Walk

Confirmation verse: Proverbs 3:1

Do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments.



Trustee’s Report:

Weekly amount needed for unified budget 2026	\$	8730
Offering collected for <u>General Fund</u> on 03/22.....	\$	5671

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



Attendance: Sun., 03/22, 9:30am – 117



Bible Study Today: No bible class today.



Aubree Willenborg and Preston Kroening would like to invite everyone to their **Open House Celebrating their Confirmation** on Sunday March 29th, from 1pm-3pm, at the Bethlehem Church Parish Hall.

Adult Choir & Kinderchor special combined practice – Wednesday, April 1, 6:00 p.m. (no 3:30 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. practices that day). Following that practice, PICTURES for both Choirs will be taken for the Church Directory. Mark your calendars.



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.

The Bethlehem Bible Bowl Team—John, Kysson, and Anna—competed in the District Bible Bowl at Camp CILCA on Sunday, March 22. Congratulations to Team Bethlehem on a wonderful season!

A special thank-you to Jason and Sherena Koester for their support in reviving and encouraging the Bible Bowl team after a 13-year hiatus.

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

Thrivent clients with Choice Dollars®: Remember to direct before March 31st. If you would like to recommend your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Bethlehem Lutheran, Altamont, IL, contact Thrivent Client Services 800-847-4836 or online, thrivent.com/thriventchoice. Thank you for your consideration!

Lutheran Young Adult Bible Study Contact: Violet Wendling – 618-704-6114

- **Sunday, April 12 at 5:00 PM** - Join fellow LCMS young adults (ages 18–35) as we celebrate two years of Young Adult Bible Study! We will gather at Joe’s Pizza in Altamont for fellowship and food.
- **Thursday, April 16 at 6:30 PM** - We will begin a new study on the *Book of Job* and the idea of suffering. Bible study will be led by Pastor Niermann at Immanuel Lutheran Church.



Donation box for non-perishable items for the Altamont Food Pantry is in the narthex. The Food Pantry had 70 participants on Tuesday, 03/24/2026. 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:

Wednesday, April 1

3:30 pm – Kinderchor

7:00 pm – Choir

Thursday, April 2 – Maundy Thursday

7:00 pm – Worship Service at Zion

Friday, April 3

12:00 pm – 3:00 pm – Tre Ore @ Bethlehem, Altamont

7:00 pm – Tenebrae Service @ Bethlehem

Sunday, April 4 – The Resurrection of Our Lord

6:30 am – Easter Sunrise – DSIII with Holy Communion

9:30 am – Easter Festival - 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

*Looking unto Jesus,
the author and finisher of our faith.
Hebrews 12:2*

