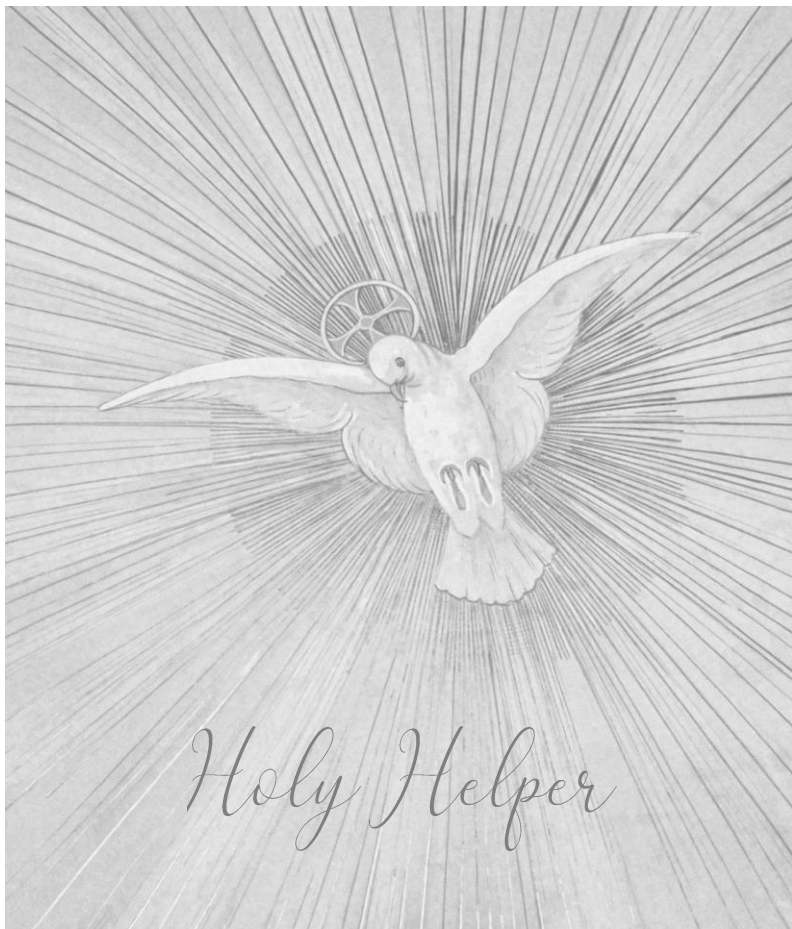


The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Exaudi – Hear, O Lord

Sunday, May 16, 2021



BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

1861-2021 - Zum Kripplein Christi - 160 years

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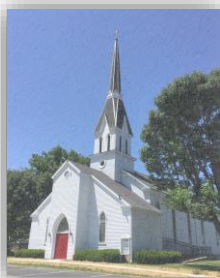
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Prayers

Prayer before worship: O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; 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: Kaly Benning, Marilyn Bushue, Sherry Dahnke, Tiffany Dunaway, Nancy Gelsing, Bernice Graumenz, Alice Harmon, Tim Mueller, Cassandra Power, Luella Rubin, Susie Rush, Irene Spilker, Steve Voelker, Clete Westendorf, Gene Wharton, Lonnie Wilson, Craig Wolff, and Lilly Wright.

Those celebrating **Birthdays** this week: 05/16 – Brian Carlson

Church News

The last Tuesday Matins service chapel was held on May 11th, we will resume chapel after the start of the 2021/2022 school year.

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

Join us for Adult Bible Class Today

Lord's Supper - cont.

Why should Christians be encouraged to receive the Sacrament frequently?

How can eating and drinking do such great things?

Does everyone receive the Sacrament as a gift?



Trustee's Report:

Offering collected for the Home Purpose General Fund on May 9: \$8,966
(Our anticipated 2021 weekly amount needed is \$5,972.)

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

Building Fund:

- Parking Lot donations on May 9: \$150

- Church Window Project Fund total: \$12,778 (Total amount needed: \$55,000)

BLC will be recognizing our 2021 graduates next Sunday, May 23. If you are graduating this year from grade school, high school, vocational or institute of higher learning, please contact Pastor or the church office.

In observance of **Armed Forces Day (observed on Sunday, May 30th at BLC)** we will be recognizing our BLC affiliated servicemen, past and present. Our current list is available for review in the narthex. Please contact Pastor or the church office for additions and/or corrections. Thank you.



160th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, June 6, 2021

- June 6: Anniversary Service – 9:30 am. w/ guest preacher, Rev. Ben Ball.
Anniversary Picnic Dinner following the service - outside tent seating and/or inside the Parish Hall.
Activities Planned for the afternoon: Several lawn games, kick ball (sponsored by Pastor Manley), a walking tour of the church building – with an interesting history of the structure both interior and exterior. In the cemetery we will visit the resting place of several key founding members who dared to start a new life here 160 years ago.
- ❖ The Anniversary Committee is asking for assistance from the congregation in the following ways:
 - 1) Donate your choice of a favorite dessert to be served for the Picnic Meal.
 - 2) Donate cookies (can be made ahead of time and frozen) which will be served as "afternoon snacks".Both items can be brought to the Parish Hall Kitchen between 9-11 am on Saturday, June 5 or Sunday morning June 6.
Thank you for your assistance!
- Copies of the congregational group photo, taken on Sunday, May 2, will be available at the anniversary Picnic on June 6. Free will donation accepted.
- Kickin' and Screamin' Kick Ball Tournament – If you would like to form a team or individually sign-up for the kickball tournament on the day of our 160th Anniversary celebration please see the sign-up form in the narthex (all ages are welcome). If you have questions please speak with Pastor Manley.
- The next committee meeting is this Wednesday, May 19th, 7:00 p.m. All are welcomed!

"Let us go to Bethlehem" Luke 2:15

Memorial Day Parade at Altamont, Monday, May 31– The Church will be entering a float and walking in the parade this year, if you wish to participate meet at ACHS by 9:45am or join us along the parade route. Parade starts at 10:00 a.m. and the Memorial Service at 11:00 a.m.

Me? Churchwork? - Pastor Manley is organizing a carpool for attending the Churchworker workshop on May 23 at St. John Effingham. Please speak with Pastor before May 17 to register.

Baby Bottle Project (Family Life Center Fundraiser) –Nngoing fundraiser from Mother’s Day to Father’s Day. The church will collect the filled bottles and forward them to the Family Life Center.

The Family Life Center, a Christian not-for-profit ministry, provides practical assistance, education and support to empower and equip women, men and families experiencing pregnancy, parenting and related issues, to live healthy, productive lives.

The Family Life Center is supported solely by churches and individuals in our community.

Immanuel VBS- Immanuel, Altamont will hold God's Wonder Lab VBS from June 1-4 (Tuesday - Friday), 9-11:50 AM. Sign up for Children is now open at immanuelaltamont.org under Ministries --> Vacation Bible School. Please let Andy Wendling know if you have any questions at immandy15@gmail.com.

Altamont Sesquicentennial Summer Kickoff

Sunday, May 23 – 11am – 3pm at Heritage Train Park
BBQ Cookoff, Cake & Pie Auction, Pork Burger Meals, Homemade Ice Cream, Face Painting, Inflatables, and Mini Golf
All proceeds will benefit the Altamont Sesquicentennial Celebration, September 2-5, 2001

Save the date September 11th 2021
1st Annual ALIS BBQ cook off & Carnival
More information will be coming soon.

This Week at Bethlehem:

- Thursday, May 13--** Kinderchor practice – 3:30-4:00 p.m.
-- Choir Practice – following worship service
- Sunday, May 16 – Pentacost Sunday**
-- Divine Service with Holy Communion – 9:30 a.m.
-- Adult Bible Study – 10:45-11:30 a.m.
-- Youth Sunday School – 10:45-11:30 a.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.)