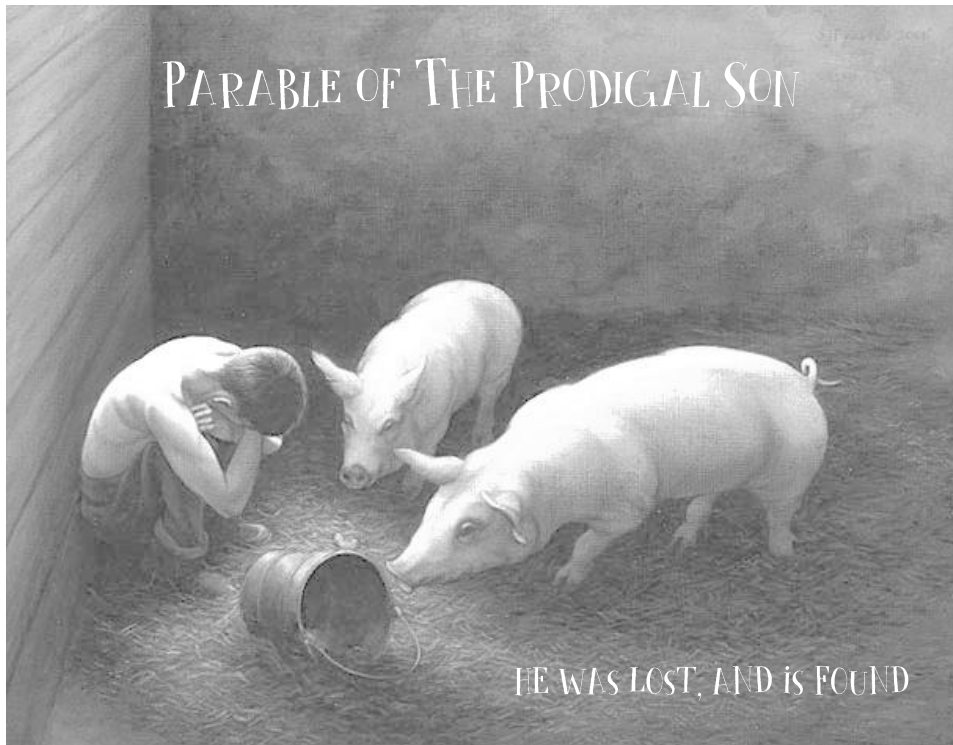


# THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday, June 20, 2021

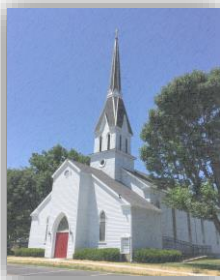
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### **BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*1861-2021 - Zum Kripplein Christi - 160 years*



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*Welcome to Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church, we are happy you are here today. It is customary when you enter the church nave to observe silence for meditation during your silent prayer, the ringing of the bells, and the prelude, in order to prepare you for the beginning of the worship service. Thank you for joining us today and God's Blessings.*

**Prayers**

Prayer before worship: *O God, the protector of all who trust in You, without whom nothing is strong and nothing is holy, multiply Your mercy on us that, with You as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, 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: *Carl Becker, Kaly Benning, Tina Benning, Sharon Berning, Sherry Dahnke, Tiffany Dunaway, Bernice Graumenz, Tim Mueller, Luella Rubin, Susie Rush, Irene Spilker, Karen Stuemke, Steve Voelker, Clete Westendorf, Gene Wharton, Craig Wolff, and Lilly Wright.*

Those celebrating **Birthdays** this week (06/20-06/26): 06/20 – Aubree Willenborg; 06/21 – August Laatsch; 06/22 – Justin Durbin, Paige Phillips; 06/24 – Griffin Kroening; 06/25 – Leigh Ann Ruffner

**Anniversaries:**

<i>Marion &amp; Mary Schmidt</i>	<i>06/22</i>	<i>63 years</i>
<i>Shaine &amp; Ellen Strullmyer</i>	<i>06/22</i>	<i>8 years</i>
<i>Wayne &amp; Marea Yagow</i>	<i>06/24</i>	<i>21 years</i>
<i>Mike &amp; Patti Wolff</i>	<i>06/26</i>	<i>28 years</i>

*For the LWML National Convention (June 24-27)  
Lord of the church, you have blessed Your work through the LWML for 77 years and call them again to national convention this week. Bless their travel, study of Your word, business, and mission that the women of Your church would ever be reminded to look to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith—who endured the cross for us and is seated at the right hand of God. Amen.*



*For the Office of Fatherhood*

*Heavenly Father, from whom all fatherhood is named, we give You thanks for earthly fathers. Give them confidence in their station and zeal for their task to care for their families faithfully. Make them examples to their children of godly life and love of Your Word. Bless their work of bringing up children in the fear and instruction of the Lord, and give them the comfort of Your absolution over all their shortcomings. Amen.*



*The flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Glenn Alwardt from his family.*

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

Join us for Adult Bible Class Today --- Lord's Supper cont.



- How do you tell a friend they can't have communion at Bethlehem?
- Where did the practice of Closed Communion come from?
- Pastor's top reasons to practice Closed Communion.

**Trustee's Report:**

Offering collected for the Home Purpose General Fund on June 13: \$4,606  
 Zion Dual Parish (May 2021): \$1,713.71

Donations in honor of our 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: \$300

*(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:

- Building Fund envelopes collected on June 13: \$200

- Funds collected for parking lot: \$100

- Church Window Project Fund total: \$12,878 (Total amount needed: \$55,000)

**ONLINE QUESTIONNAIRE:** Please check your emails and complete the Questionnaire For Online Giving by June 30th. If you didn't get an email please check with the church office to make sure we have an updated email on file. If you do not email, hard copies of the questionnaire may be found on the table in the church narthex. Hard copies may be returned to the Church Office cubby box above the narthex table.

**Cemetery Meeting – Sunday, June 27 @ 7:00pm**

**Bethlehem Choir** - Thank you choir for singing for this past choir "season". It certainly was a challenging time, but God is to be praised in all seasons. Your faithfulness is appreciated.

I am missing the following choir folder numbers: 4, 5, 11, 14, 15, 20. Some of these are from last season. Please check and return all folders to the rack in the bell tower by June 27th. Any music in them will be sorted out at that time.

Thank you,

Dean Manuel, Director

Start your day. End your day. Take a break in the middle. No matter when you need it, Portals of Prayer inspires you to live each day in Jesus' name.

July-September 2021 pocket size issues are available in your bulletin boxes today. Portals of Prayer quarterly issues are also printed in “digest” and “large print” sizes, just notify the church office if you would like to receive a size (other than pocket) that is most convenient and usable for you. Thank you. (Also available - Portals of Prayer app)



**Large Print Lutheran Service Book available in the narthex, just ask an usher for assistance.** Several updated copies of the large print hymnal have been requested from the LBW, so we'll soon have more copies available.

**\*\*Did you know that Bethlehem volunteers work at an LBW center located at St. John's Effingham every first Tuesday of the month? These volunteers help produce some of the large print Christian materials available through LBW. To volunteer to help with this ministry, please contact Mary Schmidt or the church office. Thank you.**

**✻✻✻✻ District & Synod News, Regional Items & Acknowledgments ✻✻✻✻**

**Baby Bottle Project (Family Life Center Fundraiser)** – Baby bottles are due back today – Forgot to bring your filled bottle? Just bring it next week, we'll make sure it gets to Family Life Center. Thank you for your support! The Family Life Center is supported solely by churches and individuals in our community.

**Pastor John & Pat Poppe will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on June 19th.** Pastor Poppe served here in his first parish from 1970-1973. They now reside in Woodbury, MN within 10 miles of both daughters Jillyn and Dr. Robyn Janssen. If you would like to send greetings, they would love to hear from you at their email address - [reverend.poppe@att.net](mailto:reverend.poppe@att.net)

**Marvin and Janice (Heimgartner) Tappendorf will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary** with an open House Reception on Sunday June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 from 2:00pm – 4:00pm at The Carriage House Event Center 8 West Carriage Lane Altamont, IL. We invite the congregation to join us in this celebration.

**St. Paul Lutheran Church – US HWY 40, Altamont**  
**BRAT & HOT DOG FUNDRAISER MEAL - Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup> – 4pm-6:30pm** - Drive-Thru or Limited Picnic Seating Available - Meal includes: Brat or Hot Dog, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Bag of Chips, Can of Soda or Bottled Water, and Cookie or Brownie - Free Will Donation - All proceeds will benefit the Altamont School District Music Department.

**This Week at Bethlehem:**

**Monday, June 21** – Trustee Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, June 22** – Bible Class @ Zion – 7:00 p.m.

**Sunday, June 27 – Fourth Sunday after Trinity**

-- Matins Service – 9:30 a.m.

-- Cemetery Meeting – 7:00 p.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.)

**TO THE GLORY OF GOD & THE SALVATION OF MAN**