

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
Sunday, July 18, 2021



Go, My children, fed and nourished,
Closer to Me;
Grow in love and love by serving,
Joyful and free.

Here My Spirit 's power filled you;
Here His tender comfort stilled you.
Go, My children, fed and nourished,

Joyful and free.



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, whose never-failing providence orders all things both in heaven and earth, we humbly implore You to put away from us all hurtful things and to give us those things that are profitable for us; 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: *Carl Becker, Kaly Benning, Tina Benning, Sherry Dahnke, Tiffany Dunaway, Bernice Graumenz, Zoe Hoehler, 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 (07/18-07/24): 07/18 – *Garrett Flood, Kevin Yagow*; 07/23 – *Emerson Caraway*; 07/24 – *Blayke Huston*

Anniversaries: *Marcus & Amy Manley.....07/18.....12 years*

Church News

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

Adult Bible Study will be taking a short break during the month of July. Bible class will resume August 1st and will be focusing on Christian Stewardship. We look forward to having you join the class in August.

Trustee's Report:

Offering collected for the Home Purpose General Fund on July 11: \$3,857.00
(*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 collected on July 11: \$475.00

Building Fund collected on July 11 for parking lot: \$50.00

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

Cemetery Meeting – Today, Sunday, July 18, after the worship service in the parish hall

Council Meeting – Wednesday, July 21, 7:00 p.m.

Voters' Assembly Meeting – Sunday, July 25, 1:30 p.m.

Proposed Rules for the Use of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church Parish Hall

Discussion and voting on the rules for use of the parish hall will take place at the Voters' Assembly on Sunday, July 25.

– Copies of the proposed rules are available in the narthex.

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.

Large Print Lutheran Service Book available in the narthex, just ask an usher for assistance.

Final Victory Workshop – Sunday, September 19, 2021 – Our funeral service is a worship service of the Holy Trinity, who brought us from death to life by the death of Jesus and who has now delivered us from this veil of tears to Himself in heaven. In thanks to God for His gift of eternal life, in planning our funeral we have one final opportunity to make the good confession of our Lord Jesus to men.

--Preplanning your funeral is also a way to help your loved ones carry out your wishes, easing their minds at a time when they are grieving the loss of a loved one with the hope in eternal life with Him in heaven.

-- Bethlehem Church has planned this workshop inspired by the book "Final Victory: Contemplating the Death & Funeral of a Christian" by Bryan Wolfmüller

-- Lunch will be provided at noon.

-- Followed by our Featured Presenters:

Rev. Marcus Manley- Making the Case for Lutheran Funerals

Rev. Ken Schurb - Gift Planning

Mr. Dale Wolff/Mrs. Kirsten Osteen - Wills, Trusts, and Estate Planning

Mr. Wayne Yagow - Burial Basics

Rev. Michael Mohr - "Ars moriendi" The Art of Dying

Funeral Hymn Sing

-- Workshop will be held at the Bethlehem Church Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend. To register for this free workshop, please contact the Bethlehem Church Office by Mon., Sept. 13, email: bethlehem@altamont.net, or call 618-483-6756.

Thank you.

ALIS 1ST ANNUAL BBQ FUNDRAISER - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2021

2:00 PM Close at 8:00PM @ Effingham County Fairgrounds, Altamont, IL

Games for Kids and Adults.

Bake Sale

Speakers will begin at 3:00 PM:

Dr. James Wright - will speak on America's 9-11

Tripp Rogers - CID will speak on Lutheran Education.

Christine Anderson - CID - CEF will give a speech.

Meal start serving at 4:00 PM - Free Will Offering

Serving - Brisket sandwich, Pulled Pork sandwich.

Hamburgers and Hot Dogs

Sides - Coleslaw, Potato Salad, Beans, Chips

Tournaments: We need teams to sign up for: BBQ Cook Off, Volleyball, Bag Toss



This Week at Bethlehem:

Tuesday, July 20 – Bible Class at Zion – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 21 – Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 25 – 8th Sunday after Trinity – Feast of St. James the Elder, Apostle

-- Divine Service with Holy Communion – 9:30 a.m.

-- Voters' Assembly – 1:30 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