

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
Sunday, August 8, 2021



Jesus Cleanses the Temple

BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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, You declare Your almighty power above all in showing mercy and pity. Mercifully grant us such a measure of Your grace that we may obtain Your gracious promises and be made partakers of Your heavenly treasures; 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, 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 (08/08-08/14): 08/10 – Dennis Guffey; 08/12 – Lucille Beccue; 08/13 – Kara Miller

Church News

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

Adult Bible Study Bible Class today in the Parish Hall on Christian Stewardship, goes until 11:30am.

Why would God command us to give offerings if we are saved by grace?
What are God's commands and instructions for our giving?
What are God's promises with our offerings?

For those parents who plan to attend bible class and have young children, we will offer a children's bible lesson in the Sunday School elementary classroom during this time.

Trustee's Report:

Offering collected for the Home Purpose General Fund on August 1: \$ 4,755
(Our anticipated 2021 weekly amount needed is \$5,972.)

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

- Church Window Project Fund total: \$13,678 (Total amount needed: \$55,000)

- Building Fund donations on August 1 for parking lot: \$500

CID LCMS Missions – YTD 06/30: \$3,200 (2021 annual Commitment is \$8,000)

Issues, Etc. – YTD 06/30: \$325 (2021 annual commitment is \$1,000)

Youth Sunday School will be starting September 12th, and we are in need of volunteers to teach in the Pre-K and Elementary classrooms? Anyone interested should contact Jenn (618)339-2101 or Lexie (217)343-8884.

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

were discussed and approved at the July 25th Voters' Assembly.

– Copies of the 07/25/2021 amended rules and parish hall rental form are available at the church office.

Ministry of Music:

Bethlehem, from its earliest beginnings, has been a singing church. We continue that today. We are blest to have two choirs to sing of the Gospel message: the "**Bethlehem Choir**" and "**Kindercor**"

It is time to begin practices.

The BETHLEHEM CHOIR is scheduled for ORIENTATION and FIRST PRACTICE on THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 7:00 PM

The KINDERCOR is scheduled for ORIENTATION and FIRST PRACTICE on THURSDAY, AUGUST 26, 3:30 PM. Parents: if your child wishes to sing in the KINDERCOR, (and did not sing last season) please contact Dean Manuel. cell/text: 618-267-7914

(A treat will be provided for both choirs at the orientations!)

May our Lord continue to bless the Ministry of Music.

Adult Catechesis (Instruction) Classes: If you or anyone you know is interested in learning what Lutherans believe, teach, and confess please speak with Pastor Manley. Adult Catechesis is open and free to all. Spouses are encouraged to attend together. Classes are held at Bethlehem Parish Hall on Sundays at 5pm, beginning on Sept. 12.

Final Victory Workshop – Sunday, September 19, 2021 – 12pm-3pm

– Bethlehem Church has planned this workshop inspired by the book "Final Victory: Contemplating the Death & Funeral of a Christian" by Bryan Wolfmüller. Featured speakers will address how to faithfully make preparations for yourself and your family to leave the church on earth and enter into the church triumphant.

Luncheon provided at noon.

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. Lunch and workshop 12pm-3pm. 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.



SIGN-UP TODAY

St Clare Catholic Church in Altamont will be hosting a pork chop drive-up dinner on Sunday, August 22 from 11:00-2:00, or until pork chops are gone. Menu includes butterfly pork chop sandwich or pork burger, chips, baked beans, pickle spear, and chocolate chip cookies. The cost of the meal is \$7.00. This replaces their annual breakfast. There will also be a pie sale. The address of the church is 216 N. 9th St, Altamont.

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



 **Issues, Etc.** You can listen on-demand at thewordendures.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.
→(Please consider giving towards our \$1,000 annual commitment goal to Issues, Etc.)

This Week at Bethlehem:

Monday, August 9 – Elder's Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 10 – Bible Class at Zion – 7:00p.m.

Friday, August 13 – Private Confession – 7:00-9:00 a.m.

Sunday, August 15 – Trinity 11 – Feast of St. Mary, Mother of our Lord

-- Divine Service with Holy Communion – 9:30 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.)

TO THE GLORY OF GOD & THE SALVATION OF MAN