TRINITY 23

Sunday, November 8, 2026

"Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."



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"Let us go to Bethlehem…" Luke 2:15

The Lord calls us by the Gospel to His house to worship Him. It is only by the Holy Spirit that any of us can believe in Jesus Christ and receive His gift of salvation. The LC-MS confesses that the one holy Christian church includes all believers of Christ in all denominations, while also confessing Jesus' teaching of Closed Communion. If you are not in altar fellowship with the LC-MS please refrain from the Lord's Supper at Bethlehem until you have spoken with Pastor Manley.

Prayers

In our prayers we remember:

Those in need of healing & comfort:

Annette Altman	Daphne Flood	Sam Stuemke – heart
Lucille Beccue – LCC	Lillian Grobengieser	Katheryn Suckow – cancer
Bonnie Becker – LCC	John Putnam - hospice	Steve Voelker
Dean Biggs – back	Dale Roll	Carter Wasson
Karly Brummer – leukemia	Ron Siebert – ankle	Catherine Zumwalt – cancer
Kiefer Camp	Joe Strullmyer	

Birthdays (11/08-11/14): 11/10 – Wayne Heiden

Church News

Trustee's Report:

Weekly amount needed for unified budget 2026	$	*10416*
Offering collected for General Fund on 11/01	$	6752
Memorial gifts – Bernice Graumenz	$	100
Donations for parish hall items	$	170
In kind donation	$	242

Change in the offering plate is designated for LWML Mites for Missions

2026/2027 Sunday School offerings project – The Sunday School students will be deciding a project to support with their offerings.

Attendance: Sun., 11/01, 9:30am – 143

Bible Class Today: Lutheran Identity and the Early Church

- How did Christians in the Early Church treat others who had the plague?
- How might we consider their example to love our enemies today?
- Who was the first Roman Christian emperor and what effect did he have on world history?
- What sign do we see in church that is related to this emperor? What does it mean?

*The **Church Altar Frontispiece, "The Last Supper"**, has been temporarily removed for professional restoration. The restored frontispiece is expected to be returned before Christmas 2026.*

Ladies' Aid / LWML Devotions and Meeting – Thursday, November 12, 7:00pm
Hostesses: Roxie Alwardt & Mary Zumwalt

Children's Christmas Eve Program Practice starts next Sunday, November 15th, 11:30am – noon.



Decorate the Church with Poinsettias – Blossom Paradise is once again offering poinsettias at a discount. Contact Roberta Phillips if you would like to purchase poinsettias to decorate the church.
Red, Pink, White, or Marble Poinsettias - $18.00
Please order by Sunday, November 29th.

Chili Supper - The ladies would like to give a big Thank You to all who cooked, baked, worked and donated to make the Chili Supper a great success! We could not do it without all your help. We will share the amount raised in next week's bulletin.
We do have some soup to sell after the service today. There are gallons for $20 and smaller containers for $10.

District & Synod News, Community Items & Acknowledgments

St. Paul Blue Point Ladies' Aid – Annual Soup Supper – Sunday, November 8. Serving will begin at 4:00 pm. Free will offering. There will also be a bake sale and craft bazaar.

VETERANS DAY BREAKFAST Veterans and their families are invited to breakfast being served by 8th grade students at ALIS on Nov. 10 at 9am (doors open at 8:30am). You may R.S.V.P. by emailing alisoffice2@gmail.com or by calling the school at 618-483-6428

Quilting One Step at a Time A quilting get-together will be held on Saturday, November 14th at 10:00am at Immanuel Lutheran Church Parish Hall in Altamont (please use the south entrance). Hosted by *Sewing Seeds of Kindness*. Join Judy, Marilyn, Elnor, Roxie, and Marilyn for a sharing and learning experience. Bring your questions and ideas and let's talk quilting. From the bolt of fabric to the finished product, this is for everyone.

Host a table for **Advent by Candlelight** – *Angels: Messengers of the Christmas Promise* – Sunday November 29th, 6:00 – 8:00 pm, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Altamont. Join us for an evening of Scripture, music, and reflection as we prepare our hearts for the coming Christmas. Register online, link available on Immanuel's Facebook page.

What a great gift it is to have such wonderful ALIS Lutheran teachers. For the next several weeks we will feature information from one staff member to remind us who we are supporting in our offerings at ALIS, and the faithful work they do serving our children through our Lutheran School.



ALIS Head Cook Mrs. Shelby Robertson

I am married to Adam and we have 3 children: Weston - 13, Aubree - 10, and Ella - 7. I attended and graduated from ALIS in 2001, ACHS in 2005 and received my bachelors degree from SIUE. I have held a variety of jobs all in the customer service industry and I love kids, so the opportunity to work with them everyday was something I couldn't pass up. I enjoy going into work everyday and seeing all of the kids, they make the job fun even when it can be stressful cooking for 130 or so kids every day! I am thankful for my ALIS family and for this opportunity to serve God by serving others.

WE'RE HIRING - Open Positions 2027-2028: Resume & References accepted now through November 6th, 2026. Job Descriptions located in the narthex.

- School Office Manager
- 6th Grade Homeroom & Middle School ELA Teacher

Donation box for non-perishable items for the Altamont Food Pantry is in the narthex. 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, November 11
9:30 am – Staff Meeting
12:00 pm – Elder's Meeting
No Kinderchor
7:00 pm – Choir

Thursday, November 12
7:00 pm – Ladies' Aid / LWML Devotions and Meeting

Sunday, November 15 – Trinity 24
9:30 am – DSIII with Holy Communion
10:45 am – Bible Study & Youth Sunday School

8:00 am – Bethlehem's Radio program on KJ Country/102.3FM
(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