

**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**  
**Sunday, July 4, 2021**



**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 Lord, grant that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by Your governance that Your Church may joyfully serve You in all godly quietness; 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, Sherry Dahnke, Tiffany Dunaway, Bernice Graumenz, Zoe Hoehler, Tim Mueller, Luella Rubin, Susie Rush, Irene Spilker, Karen Stuemke, Steve Voelker, Cleve Westendorf, Gene Wharton, Craig Wolff, and Lilly Wright.*

Those celebrating **Birthdays** this week (07/04-07/10): 07/04 – *Jane Laatsch;* 07/06 – *Barb Grobengieser, Shaine Strullmyer;* 07/07 – *Janice Heiden;* 07/08 – *Isabella Yagow;* 07/09 – *Larry Goers*

**Anniversary:** *Steve & Daphne Flood.....07/07.....20 years*

**Prayer For the nation:** *Almighty God, You have given us this good land as our heritage. Grant that we remember Your generosity and constantly do Your will. Bless our land with honest industry, truthful education, and an honorable way of life. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil course of action. Grant that we, who came from many nations with many different languages, may become a united people. Support us in defending our liberties, and give those to whom we have entrusted the authority of government the spirit of wisdom, that there may be justice and peace in our land. When times are prosperous, may our hearts be thankful, and in troubled times do not let our trust in You fail; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*



**Church News**

*Thank you to Rev. Dr. David Adams for leading us in our worship service this morning. Rev. Dr. Adams, is an associate professor of Exegetical Theology at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.*

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

**Adult Bible Study** will be taking a short break for the month of July. Bible class will resume August 1<sup>st</sup> 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 June 27: \$4,620

*(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 June 21: \$200

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

### **Pastor Manley – Out of town – Friday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> - Thursday, July 8<sup>th</sup>**

If you need pastoral care please call elder Dennis Guffey (618) 267-5595.

### **“The Early History of zum Kripplein Christi” by Dean Manuel**

**– Today, July 4, 3:00 p.m. @ Church Parish Hall**

If you missed this presentation on our anniversary celebration Sunday, join Dean later today to hear about some of our early church history.

**LWML/ Ladies' Aid Meeting** – July 8, 7:00 p.m.

– Hosts: Sherri Strullmyer and Roberta Phillips

**Cemetery Meeting** – July 18, after the worship service.

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

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

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.** 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 

**Immanuel Lutheran - Augsburg is having Vacation Bible School from July 12 to July 16!** VBS is open to all children Preschool - 5th grade. Each evening will begin with a light supper at 5:30 pm. Bible lessons, games, music, crafts and snacks will be provided from 6:00 pm to 8:15 pm. We hope you can join us!  
Immanuel Lutheran Church of Augsburg: (618) 846-8383

Faith Lutheran Church Shumway, is having their annual Ice Cream Social, Sunday July 11, 2021 from 4:00 to 7:30p.m. Our menu will consist of Homemade Ice Cream, BBQ, Hot Dogs, pies, cake, and drinks. This will be a FREE will offering. All proceeds will go to benefit Faith Lutheran Church building and grounds improvements.

**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 6** – no Bible Class at Zion.

**Thursday, July 8** – LWML/Ladies' Aid Mtg – 7:00 p.m.

**Sunday, July 11** – **Sixth Sunday Sunday after Trinity**

-- Matins – 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

Cover: detail of the panel of Prophet Elijah from the polyptych "Madonna and Child with Saints" by Andrea di Bonaiuto da Firenze, circa 1360-1362, located at the Basilica di Santa Maria del Carmine, Florence, Italy.