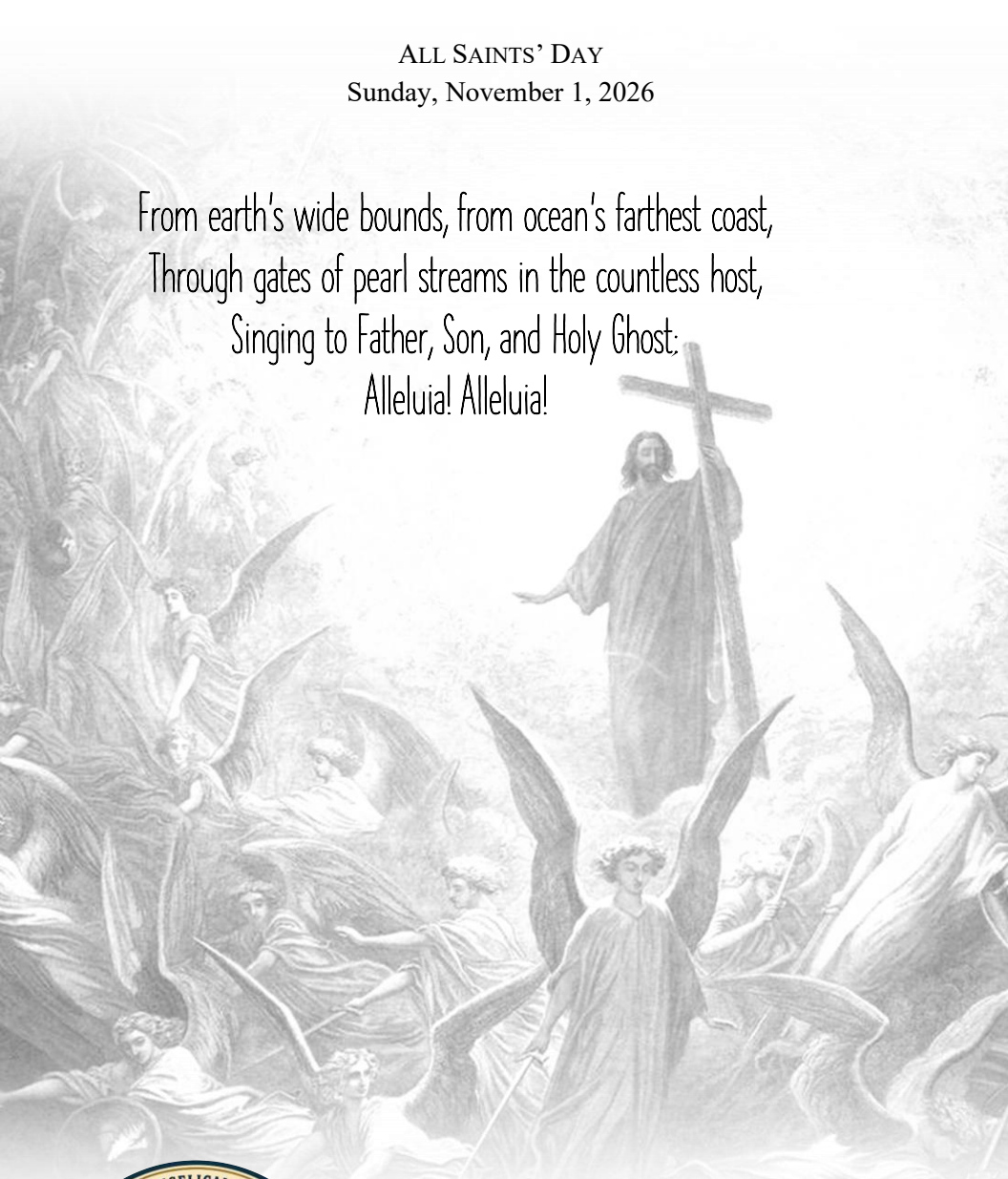
ALL SAINTS' DAY
Sunday, November 1, 2026

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!



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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	Steve Voelker
Dean Biggs – back	Dale Roll	Carter Wasson
Karly Brummer – leukemia	Ron Siebert – ankle	Catherine Zumwalt – cancer
Kiefer Camp	Joe Strullmyer	

Birthdays (11/01-11/07): 11/01 – Cody Miller, Dale Roll, Drew Shewmake, Jerod Ruffner; 11/04 – Jeremy Hites, Lucy Webb; 11/05 – Jason Koester

Anniversaries: 11/07 – Eric & Barbara Grobengieser

Church News

Trustee's Report:

Weekly amount needed for unified budget 2026 ..... $ *10416*

Offering collected for General Fund on 10/26 ..... $ 11549

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., 10/26, 9:30am – 96

Bible Class Today: Lutheran Identity and the Early Church

- What did it mean for ancient people to burn incense to Caesar? What are some ways that Christians are expected or tempted to burn incense to other people and things today?
- What was different about Rome's persecution against Jews to their persecution Christians?
- How did the Christians act differently than pagans around the catacombs?
- How might we consider the example of the early church's practice during the plague to love our enemies today?
- Who was the first Roman Christian emperor and what effect did he have on world history?

*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.*

Reformation Run/Walk 5K – *Thank you to all sponsors and participants that came out to support the Reformation Run.*

BETHLEHEM'S ANNUAL CHILI/SOUP SUPPER TODAY - Sunday, November 1st starting at 4pm. The menu will include Chili, Chicken Noodle Soup, Sauerkraut Soup, Chicken Salad Sandwiches, BBQ, Hot Dogs, Pies and Desserts. Free Will Donation. Proceeds will go towards the landscaping project around the church.

Pumpkins Available – Thank you to Lucas Kroening and Amy Manley for donating pumpkins grown right here on the church property! Pumpkins will be available for anyone to take home at the Chili Supper. Enjoy one for free!

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

District & Synod News, Community Items & Acknowledgments

Altamont Lutheran INTERPARISH SCHOOL

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

ALIS 8th Grade Class Trip Fundraiser – Culver's Dine In Night. Wednesday, November 4th, 5-7pm. The 8th Graders will be working at Culver's to Serve You! Come out, enjoy a delicious meal, and support the 8th grade class trip to Branson!

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

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.

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 Administrative Assistant

I serve as the Administrative Assistant and Bookkeeper at A.L.I.S., where I have been blessed to work since 2001. In my first six years at A.L.I.S., I worked in various roles including as a teacher's aide, lunch supervisor, computer teacher, and art teacher. I am thankful to be a part of a Christ-centered school where the love of God is shared on a daily basis. One of the most rewarding parts of my role is getting to know our students and their families and supporting our staff. I attended Altamont schools growing up and graduated from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale. My husband, Kelly, and I have three grown children and three grandchildren. We are members of Immanuel. Outside of school, I enjoy walking, flower gardening, and spending time with family.

Donation box for <u>non-perishable items</u> for the Altamont Food Pantry is in the narthex. Jesus said, I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me." (Mt. 25:35). The Altamont Ministerial Alliance does this by caring for the poor in our community. 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.

<u>This Week at Bethlehem:</u>

Wednesday, November 4

3:30-4:15 pm – Kinderchor

7:00 pm – Choir

Thursday, November 5

9:30 am – Staff Meeting

Sunday, November 8 – Trinity 23

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