

*The Fifth Sunday of Easter*  
*Cantate – Sing You All*  
Sunday, May 02, 2021



*Spirit of Truth*

**BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*1861-2021 - Zum Kripplein Christi - 160 years*

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## Prayers

*Prayer before worship: O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; 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: Kaly Benning, Sherry Dahnke, Tiffany Dunaway, Nancy Gelsinger, Bernice Graumenz, Alice Harmon, Tim Mueller, Cassandra Power, Luella Rubin, Susie Rush, Irene Spilker, Steve Voelker, Clete Westendorf, Gene Wharton, Lonnie Wilson, Craig Wolff, and Lilly Wright.

Those celebrating **Birthdays** this week: 05/03 – Sue Borcharding, Jessica Guthery; 05/06 - Brady Jahraus

**Anniversaries:** Mark & Jennifer Berg.....05/07.....10 years

## Church News

Thank you for joining us for worship on the Wednesday Evening services at Bethlehem. For the time being, it has been decided to discontinue the non-seasonal Wednesday evening worship services. Join us for Sunday worship at 9:30 a.m. and Tuesday Matins service chapel. May 11 will be the last Tuesday Matins Chapel for the 2020/2021 school year, we will resume chapel after the start of the 2021/2022 school year.

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



Join us for Adult Bible Class Today

What does the Passover matter for Christians (Exodus 12)?

- How, What and When is the Lamb sacrificed?
- What is the meaning of unleavened bread (1 Cor. 5:6-8)?
- What did the people do with the sacrificed Lamb?

### **Trustee's Report:**

Offering collected for the Home Purpose General Fund on April 25: \$3,235  
(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:

- Donations in memory of Gene Goers \$50 for the Church Window Project
- Church Window Project Fund total: \$12,778 (Total amount needed: \$55,000)
- Donations for parking lot project: \$550
- Building Fund general donations: \$130

**Me? Churchwork?**- Pastor Manley is organizing a carpool for attending the Churchworker workshop on May 23 at St. John Effingham. Please speak with Pastor before May 7 to register.



## *160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration*

### *Sunday, June 6, 2021*

- May 2: Group congregation picture TODAY– outside after services.  
(May 16 is the “rain date”)  
Directions on how the congregation will be assembled outside will be given after the Service. Thank you!
- June 6: Anniversary Service – 9:30 am. w/ guest preacher Dr. Rev. Ben Ball.  
Anniversary Picnic Dinner following the service - outside tent seating and/or inside the Parish Hall.  
Activities Planned for the afternoon: Several lawn games, kick ball (sponsored by Pastor Manley), a walking tour of the church building – with an interesting history of the structure both interior and exterior. In the cemetery we will visit the resting place of several key founding members who dared to start a new life here 160 years ago.  
❖The Anniversary Committee is asking for assistance from the congregation in the following ways:  
1) Donate your choice of a favorite dessert to be served for the Picnic Meal.  
2) Donate cookies (can be made ahead of time and frozen) which will be served as "afternoon snacks".  
Both items can be brought to the Parish Hall Kitchen between 9-11 am on Saturday, June 5 or Sunday morning June 6.  
Thank you for your assistance!
- The next committee meeting is Wed., May 19<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. All are welcomed!

*“Let us go to Bethlehem” Luke 2:15*

**Are you receiving the Lutheran Witness?** – Annual subscriptions (11 issues) & renewals are due, just fill out the LW envelope (included in your offering envelope box set) and include \$15.96. New subscriptions and renewals are due by May 3 and begin with the June/July 2021 issue.

**LWML/Ladies’ Aid meeting** has been rescheduled to **Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** Hostesses: Amy Manley & Marcella Wolf

**Ascension Divine Service w/ Communion** – Thursday, May 13 at 7:00 p.m @ BLC.

♪ *Come Sing With Us!* ♪ The **Bethlehem Choir** practices every Thursday at 7:00 pm. We are working on anthems for May and special music for the 160th Anniversary Celebratory Service. Please come and join the Choir!

**BLC will be recognizing our 2021 graduates on Sunday, May 23.** If you are graduating this year from grade school, high school, vocational or institute of higher learning, please contact Pastor or the church office.

In observance of **Armed Forces Day (observed on Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at BLC)** we will be recognizing our BLC affiliated servicemen, past and present. Our current list is available for review in the narthex. Please contact Pastor or the church office for additions and/or corrections. Thank you.

**District & Synod News, Regional Items & Acknowledgments**



**2021 PTL Dinner Auction – May 8<sup>th</sup>** The evening will include a pulled-pork dinner (4:30-6pm) as well as silent and live auctions (beginning at 6:30 pm) followed by live band entertainment. Auction donations can be dropped off at ALIS or with a member of the auction committee. **All donations must be received by Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**, to guarantee they will be included in the auction booklet. Contact Alysia Wills or the ALIS office.

**ALIS Employment Opportunity – Part-time Assistant Cook** starting August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Accepting applications May 1-15, 2021, submit to ALIS office at [robiflach@aliscockets.com](mailto:robiflach@aliscockets.com). Please contact Lisa Conner or Robi Flach with any questions at 618-483-6428.

**Baby Bottle Project (Family Life Center Fundraiser) – Bottles will be available next Sunday, Mother's Day.** The Family Life Center, a Christian not-for-profit ministry, provides practical assistance, education and support to empower and equip women, men and families experiencing pregnancy, parenting and related issues, to live healthy, productive lives.

Family Life Center is supported solely by churches and individuals in our community.

**This Week at Bethlehem:**

**Monday, May 3** – Elder's meeting

**Tuesday, May 4** – BLC Chapel – matins service – 9:15 a.m.

**Wednesday, May 5** – Bell Ringing Practice – 1:30 p.m.

**Thursday, May 6** -- Kinderchor practice – 3:30-4:00 p.m.

-- Ladies' Aid/LWML Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

-- Choir Practice – 7:00 p.m.

**Saturday, May 8** – ALIS PTL Dinner Auction – 4:30 p.m.

**Sunday, May 9** – **Sixth Sunday of Easter** – Mother's Day

-- Matins Service – 9:30 a.m.

-- Adult Bible Study – 10:45-11:30 a.m.

-- Youth Sunday School – 10:45-11:30 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*