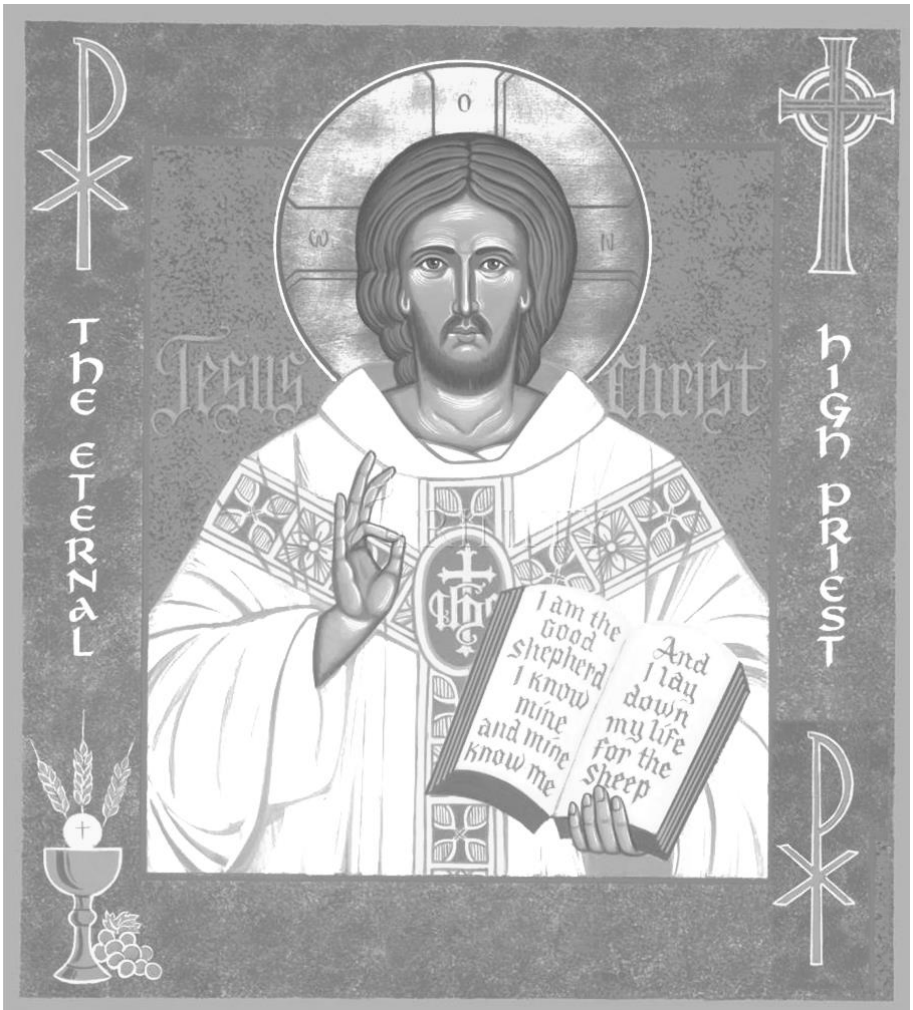


FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday, February 26, 2023



BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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“Let us go to Bethlehem...” Luke 2:15

Bethlehem is Hebrew for “House of Bread,” the city of David, King of Israel, and the birthplace of the Lord Jesus. This land was originally planned to be a town called Bethlehem, and eventually our congregation adopted it as its name. You are invited to believe that Jesus is present here, at Bethlehem today according to His Word and to confess the very Bread of Life Jesus feeds us with in the Sacrament.

Prayers

In our prayers we remember:

Those in need of healing & comfort: *Howard “Butch” Bahrns, Mike Gaede, Bernice Graumenz, Arlin Grobengieser, Lillian Grobengieser, John Parker, Luella Rubin, Steve Voelker, Gene Wharton, and Marcella Wolf.*

Those celebrating Birthdays this week: (02/26 – 03/04) 03/01 – Megan Shoaf; 03/02 – Vaughn Voelker; 03/04 – Kathy Grobengieser, Vivian Kroening

Prayers of comfort and peace for the family and friends of Marcella Wolf, who was called to her heavenly home on Thursday, February 23, 2023.

Church News

Trustee’s Report:

Offering collected for Home Purpose General Fund on February 19: \$ 6,224
Weekly amount needed for unified budget.....\$ 7,400

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

Sunday School offering has been designated for our Radio Ministry.

Attendance: Sunday, 02/19, 9:30am – 98

Ash Wednesday, 02/22, 7:00pm – 80

Have Thrivent Choice Dollars? – don’t forget to direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars to the organization of your choice by March 31st. If you would like to recommend Thrivent Choice Dollars to Bethlehem Lutheran, Altamont, IL, contact Thrivent Client Services 800-847-4836. Thank you!

- Today in Bible Class - Judges 5 -- The Song of Deborah and Barak*
- What is the content and purpose of Deborah and Barak's song?
 - What other songs are there in Scripture?
 - Should or shouldn't we sing these?

Homemade Pie baked by Janice Heiden - One pie will be offered for silent bid auction every Sunday, during Bible Class – highest bidder will take home the pie – all proceeds will go towards the church steeple project. Another reason to come to Bible Class!

ENTRANCE CANOPY – DOORS - Work is continuing on the "overhang canopy" for the front doors. The custom made doors are scheduled to be installed in about 9 weeks. This project was approved by the voters and is funded by a member donor.

CHURCH STEEPLE – Committee members are continuing to receive quotes for the steeple project. Once all quotes are received and reviewed the committee will present them to the congregation.



Matins - Wednesdays - 9:30am at Bethlehem - Whether you were unable to make it to church on Sunday, have the day off, or need to pray about something, join us on Wednesday mornings for our Matins worship service.

Date	Text	Psalm	Hymn
03/01 – Ember Wednesday	1 Kings 19:3b-8	Psalm 6	419
03/08 – Wednesday of Reminiscere	Esther 8:3-8, 15-17	Psalm 121	877
03/15 – Wednesday of Oculi:Epistle	Exodus 20:12-24a	Psalm 4	579
03/22 – Wednesday of Laetare: Gospel	John 9:1-38	Psalm 132:8-18	694
03/29 – Wednesday in Judica: Epistle	Leviticus 19	Psalm 43	689

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

St. Clare Catholic Church in Altamont, IL will be having a **Sausage Breakfast** today, Sunday, February 26th from 7:30am until 12:00pm. The menu includes sausage patties, country ham, scrambled eggs, biscuit and gravy, pancakes, sweet rolls, sweet breads, milk, juice, and coffee. St. Clare is located at 216 N 9th Street, Altamont, IL 62411. Free will donations will be accepted.

CID LLL District Convention – March 4 – Redeemer Lutheran in Peoria, IL. More information on the flyer in the narthex.



Altamont Lutheran Interparish School hosts **Creation Truth Foundation** dinosaur week March 5-8 at ALIS. Displays include dinosaur fossils and replicas. This event is

for the whole family; showing the evidence for creation science. **Free and open to the public of all ages on:** Sunday March 5@6pm; Monday March 6@6pm; Tuesday March 7@6pm; Wednesday March 8@7pm. This free event at ALIS is for all Christians and churches. Kids and Youth focused on Creation Science. All ages are invited.

21st Annual Immanuel Grilled Pork Loin Dinner at ALIS Gym Sunday, March 5, from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Dinner will be “Dine In” or “Carry Out”. Menu consists of grilled pork loin, pork burger/hotdog, baked potato, chips, baked beans, green beans, coleslaw, applesauce, desserts, dinner roll. Cost is \$12 for loin dinner; \$7 for pork burger or hotdog meal. Children ages 4 and under eat FREE.

ALIS 29th Annual PTL Dinner Auction – The annual ALIS PTL dinner auction will be held on March 11th at the Carriage House Event Center, doors will open at 4:30. RSVP with payment to ALIS office by March 3rd. RSVP and donation slip forms are located in the narthex.

❖❖ *Bethlehem, Zion, & Immanuel youth are offering babysitting for parents attending the auction. For Children 2 yrs. old – 6th grade, from 4-10pm in the Immanuel parish hall basement. Free will donation goes to Higher Things youth conference trip.* ❖❖

ALIS KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION will be held on Mon., March 20 from 6:00-6:45pm. Students will meet their teacher and visit the kindergarten room while parents complete paperwork and ask questions. Bring a copy of your child's certified birth certificate to the orientation. Students will need a full physical, dental exam, eye exam, current immunizations, and a lead screening before school starts in August. Please call the school office at 618-483-6428, or email alisoffice2@gmail.com to RSVP.

MARCH FOR LIFE New Location: Springfield; **New Day:** Tuesday, March 21, 2023.
Same Mission: Save Midwestern lives by marching for life in the public square. **Trip:** A bus will leave Immanuel North Parking Lot at **8AM** and return approx. 4-5PM. No charge for the bus; bring a sack lunch. **BUS IS FULL! You can still drive yourself and meet us there!** *Plan to attend by meeting us at a 10:30 AM service at Trinity, Springfield by CID President Mohr.*



Donation box is located in the narthex. Monetary donations and checks, payable to Altamont Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry, are also accepted, please place in the "Church Inbox".

Items currently in need at the Food Pantry: Crackers-all kinds, Cereal-hot and cold, Breakfast bars, Instant potatoes, Boxed Helpers

Tuesday, February 21, the food pantry had 17 participants.

This Week at Bethlehem:

Wednesday, March 1

- 9:30 a.m. – **Matins – Ember Wednesday**
- 4:30 p.m. – Kinderchor practice
- 5:30 p.m. – Youth Group Bible Bowl Practice
- 7:00 p.m. – **Lent Vespers Service @ Zion** "Incarnate Crossed"
- following worship service – Choir practice

Friday, March 3

- 6:30-7:30 a.m. – Private Confession

Sunday, March 5 – Lent 2

- 9:30 a.m. – Divine Service with Holy Communion
- 10:45-11:30 a.m. - Adult Bible Class & Youth Sunday School
- 8:00 a.m. – Pastor Manley's Radio program on KJ Country/102.3FM
- 5:00 p.m. – Sunday morning worship service TV broadcast Ch.81
(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