

Fourth Sunday in Lent
Judica – “*Vindicate me, O God*”
Sunday, March 22, 2026



Worthy is the Lamb
whose death make me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

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“Let us go to Bethlehem...” Luke 2:15

Pro Nobis means “for us.” We sing in Lent “He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people” (Ps. 32:1). In the Creed we confess Jesus’ incarnation, suffering, death, burial, and resurrection “for us men and for our salvation.” As we gather to worship our God this lent, let us remember God’s great love for us. In the Lord’s Supper we receive this love through the real presence of Jesus’ body and blood. If you are not a member and want to know more about taking Communion at Bethlehem please speak with Pastor Manley.



In our prayers we remember:

Those in need of healing & comfort:

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| Annette Altman | Bernice Graumenz | Brad Suckow – back |
| Lucille Beccue- LCC | Lillian Grobengieser | Steve Voelker |
| Karly Brummer - leukemia | Luke Grobengieser | Gary Wendling |
| Heather Davis - cancer | Judy Stuemke – LCC | Catherine Zumwalt – cancer |

Birthdays (03/22-03/29): 03/25 – Justine Carlson; 03/26 – Steve Flood

Anniversaries: 03/23 – Clark & Paige Phillips
03/24 – Ronnie & Kaylyn Putnam



Trustee’s Report:

Weekly amount needed for unified budget 2026	\$ 8730
Offering collected for <u>General Fund</u> on 03/15.....	\$ 5704

Loose change in the offering plate is designated for LWML Mites for Missions



Attendance: Sun., 03/15, 9:30am – 126; Wed., 03/18, 7:00pm - 43



Bible Study Today: Matthew 7:6-11 | Our Need to Pray

1. What is encouraging about Jesus telling us to ask, seek, and knock?
2. Why does Jesus call us evil in verse 10?
3. What is so good about our need for our prayers and faith to God?



Midweek Lent 5 worship service – Wed., March 25th, 7:00pm at Zion
– For Us Betrayed (Mark 8:31-9:1)

Bible Bowl - John, Kysson, Anna, and Emily competed in our regional Bible bowl along with teams from St. John's, Effingham, St. Paul Wheeler, and Faith, Sullivan. Today they will compete at the District Bowl at Camp CILCA at 3pm. Congratulations, Team Bethlehem!





Aubree Willenborg and Preston Kroening would like to invite everyone to their **Open House Celebrating their Confirmation** on Sunday March 29th, from 1pm-3pm, at the Bethlehem Church Parish Hall.

Easter Flower Orders Due Today - Help decorate the church for Easter with beautiful spring flowers! Order forms /envelopes are available in the narthex by the bulletins. Free-will donations are being accepted for your spring flower order (lilies, tulips, and hyacinths). Please place your completed order form/envelope with payment in the basket in the narthex. **All orders are due today.** Thank you for helping make our church beautiful for Easter! 🌸 🇺🇸



Tre Ore 2026 – Tre Ore “3 hours” will be held at Bethlehem, Altamont on Good Friday, April 3, 12pm-3pm. All Christians are welcome to remember the 3 hours of darkness Christ hung for us, meditating on the words He spoke from the cross. The service is led by Reverends Manley, Cornelius, Speers, Meyer, Bartens, Hart, Landskroener. You can come for any portion of the service or for its entirety.

 District & Synod News, Community Items & Acknowledgments 

Family-Friendly Creation Event!

Join us at Immanuel Lutheran Church for a fun and educational three-night event hosted by the Creation Truth Foundation!

Sunday, March 22nd, 6:30pm

Monday, March 23rd, 6:30pm

Tuesday, March 24th, 6:30pm

Great for kids and families!

Highlights include:

Mobile Fossil Museum –

See real fossils up close!

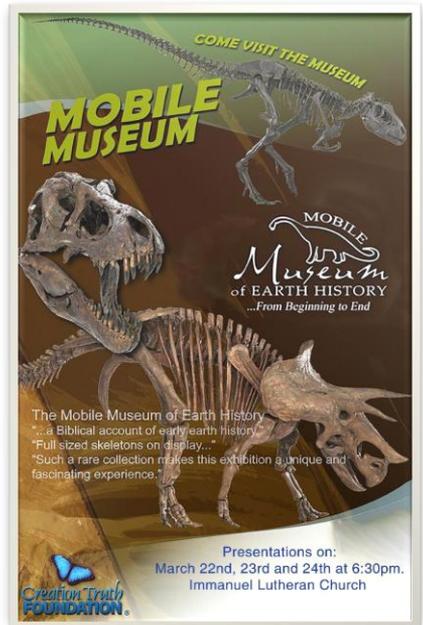
Dinosaurs & the Bible –

Learn where dinosaurs fit in history.

The Great Flood - Discover how it shaped our world.

Science & Creation - Explore scientific evidence about God's creation.

Easy-to-understand presentations for children and adults alike. Bring the whole family for an exciting evening of discovery, faith, and hands-on learning! Everyone is welcome, invite your friends and neighbors!



Thrivent clients with Choice Dollars®: Remember to direct before March 31st. If you would like to recommend your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Bethlehem Lutheran, Altamont, IL, contact Thrivent Client Services 800-847-4836 or online, thrivent.com/thriventchoice. Thank you for your consideration!



Donation box for non-perishable items for the Altamont Food Pantry is in the narthex. *The Food Pantry had **20** participants on Tuesday, 03/17/2026.* 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.

This Week at Bethlehem:

Monday, March 23

5:30 pm – Adult Instruction Class

Wednesday, March 25

3:30 pm – Kinderchor

6:00 pm – Bible Bowl practice

7:00 pm – Midweek of Lent 5 worship service at Zion

Choir practice following worship service

Friday, March 27

7:00 pm – Confirmation Examination @ Bethlehem

Saturday, March 28

8:00 am – Elders' Meeting

Sunday, March 29 – Palm Sunday / Confirmation Sunday

9:30 am – DSIII with Holy Communion

10:45 am – Adult Bible Class and Youth Sunday School

8:00 am – Pastor Manley's Radio program on KJ Country/102.3FM

5:00 pm – 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

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THE SALVATION OF MAN