

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
Sunday, June 21, 2026

THE PARABLE OF THE PRODIGAL SON

LUKE 15:11-32

FATHER, I HAVE SINNED AGAINST HEAVEN AND BEFORE YOU.



HE WAS LOST, AND IS FOUND.

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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.



In our prayers we remember:

Those in need of healing & comfort:

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| Annette Altman | Gail Robert Heimgartner - cancer | Brad Suckow – back |
| Dwayne Beccue | Noah Luke Owen – heart | Katheryn Suckow – cancer |
| Lucille Beccue- LCC | Dale Roll | Steve Voelker |
| Karly Brummer - leukemia | Judy Stuemke – LCC | Catherine Zumwalt – cancer |
| Bernice Graumenz | Sam Stuemke – heart | |
| Lillian Grobengieser | | |

† For those who grieve, including the family of Heather Davis

Birthdays (6/21-6/27): 6/21 – August Laatsch; 6/22 – Justin Durbin; 6/24 – Griffin Kroening; 6/25 – Cody Voelker, Leigh Ann Ruffner; 6/27 – Easton Caraway

Anniversaries: 06/26 – Mike & Patti Wolff
06/27 – Matt & Jeanine Putnam

A Father's Prayer: *O faithful God and Father, maker and upholder of all creatures: I thank You from my heart for the offspring which You have given me by Your blessing. And whereas You said that You will give the Holy Spirit to all who ask You for Him, I heartily beseech You to grace my poor children with Your Holy Spirit, that He may kindle in them the true fear of the Lord, which is the beginning of wisdom, and a good understanding, which if anyone practices it, his praise endures forever. Bless them with true knowledge of You; keep them from all idolatry and false teaching; let them increase in the true, saving faith and in all godliness; and continue therein until their end. Give them a believing, obedient, humble heart with true wisdom and understanding, that they may grow and increase in stature and in favor with God and man. Oh, plant in their hearts a love for God's Word, that they may be devout in prayer and worship, respectful to the servant of the Word, upright in their dealings with all men, modest in behavior, self-controlled in manner, true in words, faithful in works, diligent in labors, successful in carrying out their duty and office, judicious in their af-fairs, right in all things, and meek and kind to all men. Keep them from all the offenses of the wicked world, that they may not be led astray by bad company, fall into the mire of immodesty, unduly shorten their own lives, nor do harm to any other. Be their protection in all danger, that they may not die a sudden death. Let me not live to see dishonor and shame in them, but joy and honor, that by them also Your kingdom may be increased and the number of believers enlarged, and that they may sit in heaven around Your table like heavenly olive shoots, and with all the elect give honor, praise, and glory to You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*



Trustee's Report:

Weekly amount needed for unified budget 2026	\$	8730
Offering collected for <u>General Fund</u> on 06/14	\$	6309

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

Matthew 9:1-9 | Jesus Forgives and Heals a Paralytic

1. What is the conclusion we should have of Jesus when He heals the paralytic?
2. What is his own city (Matt. 9:1)?
3. What similar miracle do we witness every Sunday?
4. What should be our response to this miracle?



- **Meals on Wheels** – June 22, 23, & 24. Contact Janice Heiden to volunteer to help deliver meals.
- **Movie Night** and Popcorn at Bethlehem Parish Hall - *The Story of Everything* - Wed., June 24, 7pm

Hymn Sing and Fellowship at Bethlehem Guess the hymn!

Join us on Sunday, June 28th at Bethlehem. Hymn sing starts at 5:00 pm in the Bethlehem Church. Fellowship and pizza at 6:00 pm in Bethlehem Parish Hall. All are welcome.

Pizza will be provided.

(optional: you may bring a dessert to share)



- **Sunday School Teachers Meeting** - Wed., July 15, 6pm
- **Altar Guild Meeting at Barn & Bottle** - Fri., July 17, 6pm
- **Family VBS** after church + Mini Bible Lesson, Craft, then Pool Party and Lunch at Rich and Pam Siddens. Sun., July 19, after church – *Please RSVP to Pastor or email the church office.*
- **Church Workday** cleaning out the old school. Wear your work clothes to church! Lunch Provided. Sun., July 26, after church

Bethlehem Lutheran Church Altamont, IL – BBQ - August 30th - 11am - until the food is gone.

- Menu: Brisket, pulled pork, smoked chicken, hotdogs, German potato salad, apple pie baked beans, coleslaw, tea, lemonade, and Bethlehem Ladies Aid famous desserts.
- Free Games: Barnyard Basketball, volleyball, badminton, cornhole, cake walk, ring toss
- Freewill donation.
- Proceeds go to help with Bethlehem ALIS Tuition.
- Meal served in Bethlehem Parish Hall.

All are welcome to bring lawn chairs and stay for games, fellowship, and fun.

Contact Luke Grobengieser 618-553-7304

Bethlehem Church's Focus for June 2026:



Donation box for non-perishable items for the Altamont Food Pantry is in the narthex. *The Food Pantry had 25 participants on Tuesday, 06/16/2026.*

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.

Note from the Food Pantry: Just to update you...we are currently low on the following in the Food Pantry: Meat Helpers (Hamburger/Tuna), Fruit, Canned Chicken, Cereal, Ramen Noodles, Spam, Mustard, Ketchup, plus Milk and Hot Dogs are always appreciated.

We are currently blessed with an abundance of canned corn, green beans, spaghetti sauce/pasta noodles, soups, mac & cheese, and pancake syrup.

Braille Volunteer Luncheon – Tuesday, July 14th at noon, at St. John’s Effingham Fellowship Hall. The president of Lutheran Braille Workers, Rev. Dr. Robert Hartwell, will be our special guest. A sign-up sheet for attendance is in the Braille workroom at St. John’s. If you cannot sign up in person, please call Marilyn (217-821-0508) or Kathy (217-254-9390). Please sign up by July 6th.

This Week at Bethlehem:

Monday, June 22

5:30 a.m. – Adult Instruction

Wednesday, June 24

7:00 p.m. – Movie Night

Sunday, June 28 – Trinity 4

9:30 am – DSIII with Holy Communion

10:45 am – Bible Class

5:00 pm – Hymn Sing 🎵

8:00 am – Bethlehem’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
&
THE SALVATION OF MAN**