

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
Sunday, September 20, 2026

JESUS RAISES THE WIDOW'S SON AT NAIN



*The riches of his glory he may grant
you to be strengthened with power
through his Spirit in your inner being.*

Ephesians 3:16



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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	Lillian Grobengieser	Joe Strullmyer
Lucille Beccue – LCC	Dave Manley – back	Sam Stuemke – heart
Bonnie Becker – LCC	Noah Luke Owen	Katheryn Suckow – cancer
Dean Biggs – back	John Putnam	Steve Voelker
Karly Brummer – leukemia	Dale Roll	Carter Wasson
Bernice Graumenz	Ron Siebert – ankle	Catherine Zumwalt – cancer

Birthdays (09/20-09/26): 09/21 – Gary Winter; 09/22 – Nancy David, Roberta Phillips;
09/23 – Amanda Miller; 09/24 – Hadley Durbin

Anniversary: 09/26 – Lucas & Kaci Benning

Church News

Trustee's Report:

Weekly amount needed for unified budget 2026	\$ 10416
Offering collected for <u>General Fund</u> on 09/13	\$ 6243
<i>Change in the offering plate is designated for LWML Mites for Missions</i>	

2026/2027 Sunday School offerings project – The Sunday School students will be deciding a project to support with their offerings.

Attendance: Sun., 09/13, 9:30am – 100

Bible Class Today:



- Illinois Senate Bill 1950 "End of Life Options for Terminally Ill Patients Act"
- What is Physician Assisted Suicide?
 - What does this bill say and not say?
 - Why do and how should Christians faithfully oppose bills like these?

Today is **Stewardship Sunday** – *pledge cards available in the narthex.*

Anyone interested in helping to prepare, deep clean and organize the West classroom so it can be painted in the near future please contact a Trustee. A date of Monday, September 21 beginning at 9:30 is set for this "pre-painting" work.

Mission Festival – Join us on the evening of **September 27th** for a worship service at **7:00 p.m.**, which will include singing by the **Kinderchor**. Following the service, our guest, **Pastor Patrick Gumz of CID Missions** will give a presentation in the Parish Hall. **Ice cream and desserts** will be provided by the Youth Group.

The **Bethlehem Youth** are sponsoring a **Fall Festival** for the Congregation on Sunday, October 16th.

WHERE: Wolf/Manuel Barn built in the 1870's

TIME: Potluck Meal begins at 6:00 p.m.

BRING: Side Dish, Lawn Chairs

PROVIDED: Hot Dogs, buns, table service

The Youth will provide drinks and S'mores.

ACTIVITY: Fellowship, games, and hayrides



Reformation Run/Walk 5K – Saturday, October 31, 2026 – 8am – Join us for a Reformation Fun Run/ Walk from Zion Lutheran Church to Bethlehem Lutheran Church in rural Altamont on October 31, 2026! This is a fundraiser to support the tuition of Bethlehem and Zion students at ALIS. This is a 4 mile, one-way route. Transportation by hayride will be provided back to parking at Zion. Age group awards will be given along with “Fastest Pastor” and best Martin Luther costume. Scan the QR code to register. For more information contact Jenna Murray [618-292-1411](tel:618-292-1411) or Lexie Caraway [217-343-8884](tel:217-343-8884).



✂✂✂✂ District & Synod News, Community Items & Acknowledgments ✂✂✂✂

We're raising dough! ALIS 8th Grade Class Trip – Panera Fundraising – TODAY
- Sunday, September 20th, 4:00pm – 8:00pm, 1601 Damron Court, Effingham, IL.
Use code **FUND4U** at panerabread.com, in the Panera App, or at the kiosk in-café.
Additional information on the event flyer, copies available in the narthex.

The **Altamont Area Lutherans for Life** will be meeting Wednesday, September 23rd, at 7 pm in the Immanuel Lutheran Church parish hall. The agenda will include planning an event with the area youth, including junior high students from ALIS, St Peter Lutheran School, and Trinity Lutheran School in Stewardson. Please join us. If you have any questions, please contact Anita Ziegler at [217-821-9101](tel:217-821-9101).



Holy Trinity Lutheran High School will be holding a **workday** at our initial location ([901 W Jefferson Ave, Effingham](http://901-W-Jefferson-Ave-Effingham)) on Saturday, September 26th, starting at 8:00AM. We are looking for construction-minded volunteers to help with this project. Tasks scheduled for completion that day include: Removing 3 walls (2 concrete block walls and 1 stud/drywall) - with cleanup. Installing drywall, wall insulation, and drop ceiling in new bathrooms. If you are able to help out, please let one of us know. Chris Debolt - [217-690-0890](tel:217-690-0890) Cleo McManaway - [217-246-3493](tel:217-246-3493) Troy Probst - [217-690-1735](tel:217-690-1735)



Altamont Lutheran
INTERPARISH SCHOOL

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 4th Grade Teacher Mrs. Margeaux Buhrmann



I've been married to my husband Eli for 3 years and we have one daughter, Avaleigh. I completed my education in Indiana where I became a special education aide. I was thankful to move back to my hometown of Altamont to teach 4th grade at ALIS, where I have taught 4 years now. I was led to become a teacher because I've always had a deep love for helping children learn and grow. There's something incredibly rewarding about watching a child gain confidence, overcome challenges, and discover new things about the world and themselves. Being part of that journey, and knowing I can make a lasting impact, is what drew me to teaching. My family and I enjoy going to sporting events, traveling, crafting, hiking, and reading.



Donation box for non-perishable items 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.

This Week at Bethlehem:

Monday, September 21 – St. Matthew

Wednesday, September 23

3:30-4:15 pm – Kinderchor

7:00 pm – Choir

Sunday, September 27 – Trinity 17

9:30 am – DSIII with Holy Communion

10:45 am – Bible Study & Youth Sunday School

7:00 pm – Mission Festival

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