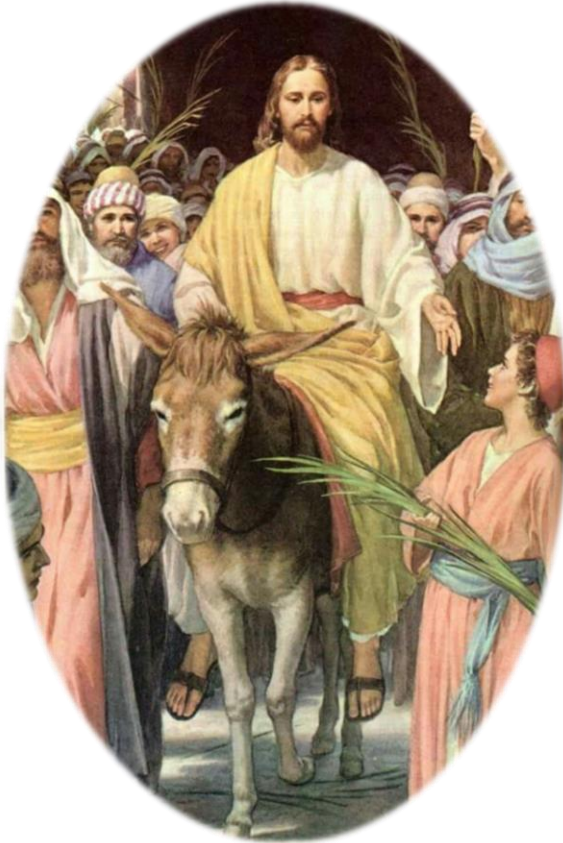


Palm Sunday  
Confirmation Sunday  
Sunday, March 28, 2021



*Ride On. Ride On in Majesty*

**BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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

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**Prayers**

**Prayer before worship** *Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, 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 Gelsing, Gene Goers, Bernice Graumenz, Alice Harmon, Tim Mueller, Cassandra Power, Luella Rubin, Susie Rush, Irene Spilker, Steve Voelker, Clete Westendorf, Lonnie Wilson, Gary Winter, Craig Wolff, and Lilly Wright.*

Those celebrating **Birthdays** this week: *03/30 – John Manley; 03/31 – Ron Koester; 04/02 – Matthew Putnam*

**Anniversaries:** *Dan & Myrna Hites.....03/29.....52 years*

*Prayers for the family and friends of Evadine Goers, who was called to her heavenly home on Thursday, March 18, 2021.*



*In our prayers we remember our Confirmands, Kingston Koester and Tyler Ruffner, as they affirm their faith today in the Rite of Confirmation.*

**Church News**

Communion Note – Low Gluten wafers and diluted wine available, please request prior to worship service.



**Adult Bible Class:**

No Adult Bible Class today and Easter Sunday  
(will resume Sunday, April 11)

**Trustee's Report:**

- Offering collected for the Home Purpose General Fund on Mar. 17 & 21: \$8,158 (*Our anticipated 2021 weekly amount needed is \$5,972.*)  
*All loose change in the offering plate has been designated for the LWML Mites.*
- Church Window Project Fund total: \$11,995 (Total amount needed: \$55,000)
- Building Fund deposit 03/21: \$160

*Have Thrivent Choice Dollars? – don't forget to direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars to the organization of your choice by March 30<sup>th</sup>. Contact Thrivent Client Services 800-847-4836.*

The **160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** Committee met this past Tuesday and the following items were finalized at the meeting:

- TODAY: Anniversary T-shirt design was finalized and information for ordering for same is located in each member's mailboxes. Please place those in the designated box located in the outer hall. This is a project of the Bethlehem Youth. **T-shirt orders are due April 11<sup>th</sup>**.
- April 4: "RSVP" forms will be placed in each member's mailboxes to determine an estimated count of members and their guests for the Anniversary Picnic Dinner.
- April 18: "RSVP" forms are to be returned and placed in designated box which will be located in the outer hall.
- May 2: Group congregation picture – outside after services. May 16 is the "rain date".
- June 6: Anniversary Service – 9:30 am.  
Anniversary Picnic Dinner following the service – seating outside under tent and/or inside the Parish Hall.  
Activities Planned for the afternoon: Several lawn games will be available including, badminton, lawn jarts, croquet, volleyball, corn hole, bocce ball, corn pit, kick ball (sponsored by Pastor Manley) in addition 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 next committee meeting is April 21 at 6:30 pm. All are welcomed!



**Hall Project** – Work continues...the following has been accomplished, thus far: Stair railings have been rebuilt to be secured and varnished. Ceiling painted and can light rings repainted. Drywall in process of being repaired in preparation for final painting. Woodwork in the hall was varnished as needed.

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

*BBQ Dinner Fundraiser was such a success, we served over 400 meals and raised about \$6,000 for the support of the Bethlehem ALIS student tuition costs. We are very blessed to have so much support from our members and community. Thank you to all the members, ALIS parents and youth, who donated their time to organize and work at the dinner. Thank you to all the members who donated items, all the wonderful pie bakers, and those that provided their time to help with the event. Thank you for supporting Christian youth education.*

**TRE ORE** - On Apr. 2, Good Friday 12pm-3pm, Bethlehem is hosting this year's Tre Ore Service for the Altamont Circuit. Tre Ore means "three hours" and denotes the hours of darkness in which Christ hung on the cross until His death. The three hour service (12pm-3pm) is comprised of meditations preached by LC-MS pastors on the 7 words of Christ on the cross. All are welcome. Attendees may come for a portion of the service or for all of it. If you would like to know more or have questions please call Bethlehem Church Office (618) 483-6756.

Immanuel will host a **Drive-Thru Easter Experience** March 28th from 2-4pm in the north parking lot. This experience will show the occurrences of Holy Week!

**LWML - Altamont & Effingham/Shelby Zone Societies** invite all ladies, pastors and guests to the **Joint Spring JOY Shop** – hosted by the Ladies of St. John’s **Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at St. John’s Effingham**. The evening will begin with a light meal serving at 6:00pm (free will donation) and the program will begin at 6:45pm in the church sanctuary with a bible study and a presentation on Trinity HOPE, a program that supports Lutheran Churches in Haiti.

They will also have an ingathering of non-perishable food items for the St. John’s Effingham Food Pantry. (Portals of Prayers will also be collected at this time – our collection box is located in the narthex)

If you plan to attend, contact Roberta Phillips by April 11.



**ALIS kindergarten orientation** will be held on Monday, April 26 in two sessions (5:30-6pm & 6:15-6:45pm). Please call the school office at 618-483-6428 to sign up. Students will meet their teacher and visit the kindergarten room while parents complete paperwork and ask questions. Masks are required. 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.

**ALIS CONSTITUTION-** ALIS has recently formed a Constitution Committee in order to bring its old constitution up-to-date. The Committee requires 1 confirmed member from each ALIS Lutheran congregation to be nominated at the April Voter’s Meeting. Please speak with pastor or Mrs. Robi Flach if you are interested in serving on this committee.

**This Week at Bethlehem:**

**Tuesday, March 30** – BLC Chapel – **Holy Tuesday** – matins service – 9:15 a.m.

**Wednesday, March 31** – **Holy Wednesday** – no worship service

**Thursday, April 1** – **Maundy Thursday** – DS w/ Holy Communion – 6:00 p.m.

-- No Kinderchor practice

-- Choir Practice – 7:00 p.m.

**Friday, April 2** – **Tre Ore** @ BLC – 12:00-3:00 p.m.

-- **Good Friday (Tenebrae Service)** @ BLC – **7:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, April 4** – **Easter Sunrise Service with Holy Communion** – 6:30 a.m.

-- **Easter Service (BLC)** Divine Service with Holy Communion - 9:30 a.m.

-- No Adult Bible Study this Sunday

-- No Youth Sunday School

-- 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