

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday, June 28, 2026

JUDGE NOT, AND YOU WILL NOT BE JUDGED:
CONDEMN NOT, AND YOU WILL NOT BE CONDEMNED:
FORGIVE, AND YOU WILL BE FORGIVEN:
GIVE, AND IT WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU.

GOOD MEASURE, PRESSED DOWN,
SHAKEN TOGETHER, RUNNING OVER,
WILL BE PUT INTO YOUR LAP.



FOR WITH THE MEASURE
YOU USE
IT WILL BE
MEASURED BACK TO YOU.

LUKE 6:36-38

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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:

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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 | | |

Birthdays (06/28 – 06/04): 06/29 – Chad Grobengieser, Dayton Tabbert, Jack Kortte, Janet Hamilton; 06/30 – Sally Wilson; 07/03 – Abram Carlson, Amy Manley, Angela Shewmake, Janice Schroeder, Wayne Yagow; 07/04 – Jane Laatsch

Today we celebrate the baptism of Charlotte Lorraine Kortte, daughter of JJ & Kayla Kortte.

Prayers of peace and comfort for those who grieve, including the families of Jeannine Muchow and Frank Putnam (John Putnam's brother).

Church News

Trustee's Report:

Weekly amount needed for unified budget 2026	\$ 8730
Offering collected for <u>General Fund</u> on 06/21	\$ 6342

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

Attendance: Sun., 06/21, 9:30am – 108



Bible Class will be held in the Parish Hall Conference Room this morning.

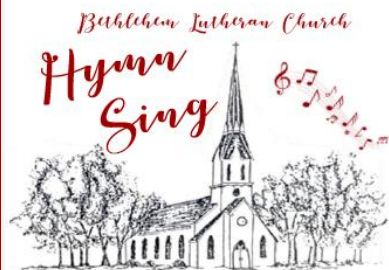
Matthew 9:9-13 | The Calling of Matthew and Sinners

- How long is Matthew's personal testimony?
- Is Jesus association with sinners permissive to continue in sin?
- What is significant about Jesus' analogy of the sick needing a physician?
- How should we understand Jesus' desire for mercy and not sacrifice?

**Hymn Sing and Fellowship at Bethlehem
Guess the hymn!**

Join us this evening, Sunday, June 28th, 5:00pm, for a Hymn Sing at Bethlehem Church. Fellowship and pizza at 6:00pm in the Bethlehem Parish Hall. All are welcome.

*Pizza will be provided.
(optional: you may bring a dessert to share)*



Pastor will be out of town visiting family June 30 - July 8. For pastoral care, contact Elder Dennis Guffey 618-267-5595.

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.*

Sunday, July 26 - OLD SCHOOL WORKDAY - Wear work clothes to church or bring a change of clothes. Right after church we'll clean out the old school. Please sign up in the narthex so a count can be determined. The Ladies Aid will be providing lunch for all who help. On August 9, items not kept by the Church will be offered to any member of the Congregation for pick up on that day. All items left after August 9 will be disposed. Contact Eric Grobengieser if you have questions.

**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, ring toss, and \$1 cake walk
- 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 Gary Grobengieser 618-553-9856



A/C units, that are no longer needed in the Parish Hall, are available with donation:

- (1) 220-volt units, 24,000 BTU, suggested donation: \$200
- (1) 220-volt units, 18,000 BTU, suggested donation: \$150
- (1) 110-volt unit, 7,500 BTU, Free

For more information, please contact a Church Trustee.

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 38 participants on Tuesday, 06/23/2026.* 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.



The School Board for **Holy Trinity Lutheran High School** continues to work diligently toward the opening of the school. At our most recent meeting we discussed and prayerfully deliberated extending a call for our first principal. We interviewed four candidates and voted to extend the call to Pastor Rutherford of Lincoln, MO. Please join us in praying for him, his family, those he is currently serving, and Holy Trinity Lutheran High School as he considers this call.

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 29

5:30 a.m. – Adult Instruction

Sunday, July 5 – Trinity 5

9:30 am – DSIII with Holy Communion - Guest Pastor, Rev. Richard Salcido

10:45 am – Bible Class

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)