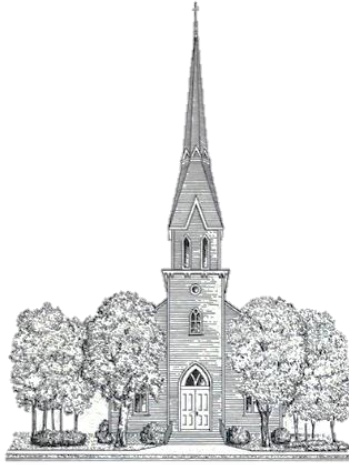


# SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

June 18, 2023



SO THEN YOU ARE NO LONGER STRANGERS AND ALIENS,  
BUT YOU ARE FELLOW CITIZENS WITH THE SAINTS AND MEMBERS OF THE  
HOUSEHOLD OF GOD,  
BUILT ON THE FOUNDATION OF THE APOSTLES AND PROPHETS,  
CHRIST JESUS HIMSELF BEING THE CORNERSTONE,  
IN WHOM THE WHOLE STRUCTURE, BEING JOINED TOGETHER,  
GROWS INTO A HOLY TEMPLE IN THE LORD.  
IN HIM YOU ALSO ARE BEING BUILT TOGETHER INTO A DWELLING PLACE  
FOR GOD BY THE SPIRIT. EPHESIANS 2:19-22

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*“Let us go to Bethlehem...” Luke 2:15*

Bethlehem is Hebrew for “House of Bread,” the city of David, King of Israel, and the birthplace of the Lord Jesus. This land was originally planned to be a town called Bethlehem, and eventually our congregation adopted it as its name. You are invited to believe that Jesus is present here, at Bethlehem today according to His Word and to confess the very Bread of Life Jesus feeds us with in the Sacrament.

**Prayers**

**In our prayers we remember:**

Those in need of healing & comfort: *Butch Bahrns, Linda Crain, Bernice Graumenz, Arlin & Lillian Grobengieser, Dennis Guffey, Zoe Hoehler, Marybeth Potts (Patti Wolff’s mother), Debra Sloan-Shirley (aunt of Alysia Wills), Steve Voelker, Gene Wharton, and Mildred Wolf.*

Those celebrating Birthdays this week (06/18-06/24): 06/18 – *Matthew Putnam*; 06/20 – *Aubree Willenborg*; 06/21 – *August Laatsch*; 06/22 – *Justin Durbin*; 06/24 – *Griffin Kroening*

Anniversary: 06/22 – *Marion & Mary Schmidt (65)*

*Prayers of peace and comfort for the family and friends of Luella Rubin.*

*Prayers for Matthew & Serena (Strullmyer) Buchanan, who were married on Saturday, June 17.*

**Church News**

**Trustee’s Report:**

Offering collected for <u>Home Purpose General Fund</u> on 06/11/2023.....	\$ 7,833
<u>Weekly amount needed for unified budget:</u> .....	\$ 7,400
Steeple Fund Donations.....	\$ 175
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<i>Steeple &amp; Roof Project Fund (goal of \$100,000) – collected \$42,982</i>	

*Loose change in the offering plate has been designated for the LWML Mites.*

*Sunday School & Bible Class offering has been designated for our Radio Ministry.*

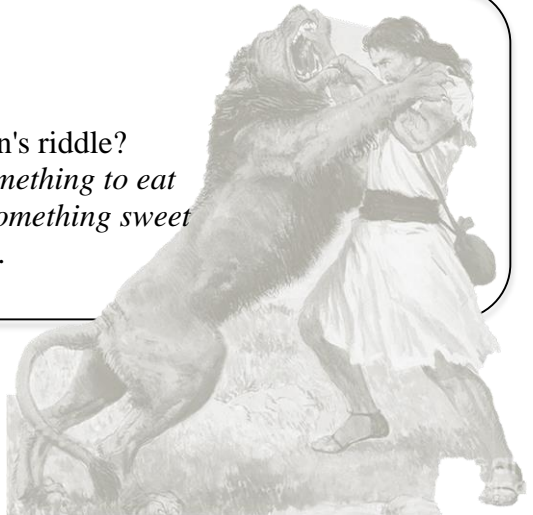
Attendance: Sunday, 06/11, 9:30am – 88

*Today in Bible Class:*

**Judges 14-15**

- What is Samson's wife's name?
- Do you know the answer Samson's riddle?  
*Out of the eater came something to eat  
 Out of the strong came something sweet*
- Samson caught < or > 100 foxes.

**No Bible Class scheduled during July.**



**Matins - Wednesdays - 9:30am at Bethlehem** - Whether you were unable to make it to church on Sunday, have the day off, or need to pray about something, join us on Wednesday mornings for our Matins worship service.

Date	Hymn	Psalm	Text
06/21 – The Holy Spirit Gathers	644	Ps. 106:1, 40-48	Eph. 4:1-16
06/28 – The Holy Spirit Enlightens	839	Ps. 19:7-14	1 Cor. 2:6-15

**No Wednesday Matins worship services scheduled during July.**



*Thank you from Bethlehem Vacation Bible School – Zoomerang - Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's VBS a huge success. We feel truly blessed to have had approximately 50 children attend our VBS this past week.*

*Thank you to our director, Jennifer Berg, and to all the teachers and helpers. Thank you to all those who helped in the kitchen and to all those who donated cookies & fruit. Thank you to all the children for attending our VBS and allowing us to share the unforgettable wildlife, culture, and beauty of Australia while exploring the wonder and value of life, from the lives of pre-born babies to eternal life in the kingdom of God. From the tiniest to the oldest, each person is made in the image of God—wonderfully designed to know Him and live for Him!*

**Steeple Project** - A display in the church hall has been created to show the progress of funds toward the goal of \$100,000. The down payment for the project has been sent to INSPIRED HEIGHTS STEEPLE JACKS. It is hoped that the steeple reroofing will be completed this fall.

Donations for this project should be designated “**Steeple Project**”.

*May the Lord bless this endeavor as our church continues to “Lift High the Cross”.*



- ❖ ❖ Please respect that the **church property disposal dumpster** is strictly for use only for church property trash disposal. – Church Trustees ❖ ❖

❖ ❖ District & Synod News, Regional Items & Acknowledgments ❖ ❖

❖ **BOTTLES DUE BACK TODAY** ❖

**Baby Bottle Project (Family Life Center Fundraiser)** – Simply take a bottle provided to you at church and fill it with change from Mother’s Day to Father’s Day. The church will collect the filled bottles and forward the proceeds to the Family Life Center for the continuation of its pro-life ministry.

The Family Life Center, a Christian not-for-profit ministry, provides practical assistance, education and support to empower and equip women, men and families experiencing pregnancy, parenting and related issues, to live healthy, productive lives. Family Life Center is supported solely by churches and individuals in our community.

**Holy Cross Lutheran Church – Vandalia – Installation of their new shepherd, Rev. Brett E. Cornelius.** The installation service will held today, Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00pm, led by CID President, Rev. Michael W. Mohr.

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**CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org:** Finish the book of Revelation on Sharper Iron's "Come Soon, Lord Jesus!" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), study 2 Samuel 11-15 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and study "Article 4: Justification" in the Augsburg Confession on Concord Matters (7/1 at 10:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfu.org](http://kfu.org) and the KFUO Radio app!



Donation box for non-perishable items is located in the narthex. Monetary donations and checks, payable to Altamont Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry, are also accepted, please place in the "Church Inbox".

Items in need: Hamburger Helpers, Ramen Noodles, Spaghetti Sauce and Noodles, Cereal Bars or pop tarts, Hot Dogs **School is out and kids are at home.**  
**Your continued support and donations are greatly appreciated.**

### **This Week at Bethlehem:**

**Wednesday, June 21**

– 9:30 a.m. – Matins

**Sunday, June 25 – Trinity 3**

– 9:30 a.m. – Divine Service with Holy Communion

– 10:45-11:30 a.m. – Adult Bible Class

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

– 5:00 p.m. – 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**