

# THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday, August 14, 2022



One who is faithful in a very little is also  
faithful in much, & one who is dishonest in a  
very little is also dishonest in much.

## BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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: *Pam Berg-Kepley, Jim Brasel, Mike Gaede, Bernice Graumenz, Lillian Grobengieser, Luella Rubin, Thea Spour, Steve Voelker, Gene Wharton, Scott Wharton, and Marcella Wolf.*

Those celebrating Birthdays: *08/16 – Kayla Miller*



*Prayers for the Children & Staff at ALIS as they begin a new school year on August 16:*

*Lord Jesus, You promise Your blessing upon Your church to teach everything that you have commanded and from the founding of our congregation You have upheld Bethlehem Lutheran School and ALIS. Sustain and nurture all teachers, staff, and students of ALIS*

*as they begin another school year and through the members of our church generously support all our schools needs out of love toward you and toward our children for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

**Church News**

Communion Note – diluted wine is available, please request prior to worship service.

**Trustee’s Report:**

Offering collected for Home Purpose General Fund on August 7: \$ 5,256

<i>Weekly amount needed for Bethlehem’s tuition students to ALIS.....</i>	<i>\$3,238.46</i>
<i>Weekly budgeted for salary and home purpose in addition to tuition.....</i>	<i>\$2,733.54</i>
<i>Weekly total.....</i>	<i>\$5,972.00</i>

Missions as of 06/30/2022 - \$2,000 sent of \$8,000 annual commitment.

Issues, Etc. as of 06/30/2022 - \$0 collected/sent of \$1,000 annual commitment.

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

**PASTOR OUT OF TOWN-** Today through Thursday Aug. 17 pastor will be out of town. If you are in need of pastoral care please call Dennis Guffey (618) 267-5595. Thank you.

**MATINS AT BETHLEHEM-** All are invited to Matins every Tuesday at 9:30am at Bethlehem, Altamont. Whether you were unable to make it to church on Sunday, have the day off, or need to pray about something. Every service is themed around a part of the Small Catechism. Here is the schedule for the upcoming weeks:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Hymn</u>	<u>Catechism</u>	<u>Bible</u>
Aug. 16	<i>NO MATINS</i>	<i>Pastor out of town</i>	
Aug. 23	LSB #857	ToD- To Workers + Employers	Eph. 6:5-8; Eph. 9
Aug. 30	LSB #864	ToD- Youth	1 Peter 5:5-6

**BETHLEHEM CHOIR and KINDERCHOR**

It is time to begin planning for a new season of Music Ministry for our Church Services. Here are the dates to mark down on your calendars:



BETHLEHEM CHOIR: Orientation & first practice, Wed., August 24, 7 pm

KINDERCHOR: Orientation and practice, Thursday, August 25, 4:30 pm

We will plan on singing for Bethlehem’s Mission Festival – September 25  
 MORE information will be discussed at the orientations.

The Ev. Lutheran Church in general and the Bethlehem Congregation in particular are grounded in the WORD and this is expressed in the Music Ministry. I am looking for additional members for the choirs. We are planning on offering anthems, solos and instrumental music in our church. Let us be joyful and give God glory though His gift of music! Thank you all!

-Dean Manuel, Director, cell: 618-267-7914 email: manueldean9@gmail.com

**✿✿✿ District & Synod News, Regional Items & Acknowledgments ✿✿✿**

**ALIS NEWS:**

- **Save the date → ALIS 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual BBQ Fundraiser**  
 Saturday, Sept.10, located at the Effingham County Fairgrounds.



- **Empower Illinois Program can give you tax credits for contributions to ALIS.** An informational meeting will be Monday, August 15th at 6 PM at ALIS. The speaker will be Chelsie Leffelman, Regional Manager for Empower Illinois.



**The Altamont Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry** - The week of July 31st there was a total of 23 people served. Altamont Food Pantry is open on Tuesdays from 1PM-3PM and is located at the First United Methodist Church, Altamont.

### LIFE QUOTES 2022

“Why bother living today as a child of God, striving to follow the Lord’s will in words and actions in spite of trials? Why bother showing love and forgiveness toward those who hurt you? Why share the news of a Savior when it seems to have little effect? Because we live in the light of Jesus’ love. Our sins are paid for and gone. Jesus’ victory is ours. He promises: ‘I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life’ (John 8:12). In His light every difficulty, no matter how intimidating in our eyes, fades away. Problems become opportunities for His glory to shine all the more!” *Daily Devotion, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*



### Blessed For Life

“... the Lord protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessed in the land; you do not give him up to the will of his enemies.” Psalm 41:2

*Lutherans For Life - Altamont Area Chapter - met on Wednesday, July 20, decision was made to rotate meetings among the churches in the future. More info to follow...*

**SAVE THE DATE! - 2022 Lutherans For Life National Conference – October 21-22 – All day Friday until Saturday at noon – Rock Island, Illinois**

### This Week at Bethlehem:

#### **Tuesday, August 9**

– No Matins today.

#### **Sunday, August 21 –Trinity 9**

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

– *No Adult Bible Class (class will resume on August 28)*

– 8:00 a.m. – Pastor Manley’s Radio program on KJ Country/102.3FM  
(Also available on the BLC website home page)

– 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