

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday, July 05, 2026



Our God we pray to Thee  
Thanks for our liberty  
In our homeland.  
By Your great providence  
Our country had its birth  
Two hundred fifty years ago  
Your will was done.

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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	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 (07/05-07/11):** 06/06 – Barb Grobengieser; 07/07 – Janice Heiden, Lucas Benning; 07/08 – Isabella Yagow; 07/11 – Roxie Alwardt

**Anniversaries:** 07/07 – Steve & Daphne Flood  
07/11 – Clint & Erica Storck

Church News

**Trustee's Report:**

Weekly amount needed for unified budget 2026 .....	\$ 8730
Offering collected for <u>General Fund</u> on 06/28 .....	\$ 12445

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

Attendance: Sun., 06/28, 9:30am – 124



No Bible Class Today

**Thank you to our guest pastor, Rev. Richard Salcido for leading us in our worship service this morning.** Rev. Salcido has been in church work in the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod his entire career. After graduation from Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Illinois (now Concordia University Chicago) from 1976-1982 he served as the Director of Christian Education of Blessed Savior Lutheran Church, New Berlin, WI. From 1982-1988 he served as the Director of Christian Education of Trinity Lutheran Church, Decatur, IL.

Since his completion of Colloquy (1988-1991) at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, he has served from 1991-1994 as Pastor of Our Savior Lutheran Church, El Paso, TX.; from 1994-2008 as Associate Pastor of Salem Lutheran Church, Jacksonville, IL., (including 1998-1999 as Interim Principal, Salem Lutheran School, Jacksonville, IL), and as Senior Pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Ida Grove, IA, from 2008 until his retirement in August, 2023. He now lives in Grace Lutheran Village in Paris, Illinois with his wife, Suzanne.

**Pastor Manley is 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.*

The new wireless **Sound System will be installed on July 20**. Two different **training sessions** will be offered by the Sound System installers. Either July 21 or 22 both from 6:00-8:00 p.m. We have several who have signed up to be trained and if you are interested in being trained, please contact either Ronnie Puttnam or Eric Grobengieser. The new system is made possible through a generous gift from the Kenny Jones estate.

**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 30<sup>th</sup> - 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*



**Bethlehem Lutheran Church Sweet Corn Plot** – The sweet corn plot, located in the field west of the Parish Hall, should be ready for harvest in the next 2–3 weeks. A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex for those willing to help pick the corn, as well as a separate sign-up sheet for those wanting sweet corn. Sweet corn is available for a freewill donation, with all proceeds benefiting Bethlehem's ALIS tuition. For more information, please contact Pastor Manley or Lucas Kroening 618-977-9373.



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.

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**Donation box for non-perishable items for the Altamont Food Pantry is in the narthex. *The Food Pantry had 26 participants on Tuesday, 06/30/2026.***

**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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup>.

**This Week at Bethlehem:**

**Monday, July 6**

No Adult Instruction

**Thursday, July 9**

7:00 pm – Ladies' Aid / LWML Meeting. Hostesses: Diane Buzzard & Andy Dahnke

**Sunday, July 12 – Trinity 6**

9:30 am – DSIII with Holy Communion - Guest Pastor, Rev. Bill Jensen

10:45 am – Presentation by Bill Jensen

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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**