

# TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

Sunday, November 21, 2021

Watch therefore,  
for ye know neither the day  
nor the hour wherein the  
Son of man cometh.

Matthew 25:13



## BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

1861-2021 - Zum Kripplein Christi - 160 years



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*Welcome to Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church, we are happy you are here today. It is customary when you enter the church nave to observe silence for meditation during your silent prayer, the ringing of the bells, and the prelude, in order to prepare you for the beginning of the worship service.*

*Thank you for joining us today and God's Blessings.*

**Prayers**

*Prayer before worship: O Lord, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of the end of all things and the day of Your just judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You forever hereafter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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: *Carl Becker, Kaly Benning, Jason Caraway, Linda Crain, Tiffany Dunaway, Bernice Graumenz, Zoe Hoehler, Tim Mueller, Luella Rubin, Karen Stuemke, Steve Voelker, Gene Wharton, Lynn Winter, and Lilly Wright.*

Those celebrating **Birthdays:** (11/21-11/27) – 11/21 – Holden Caraway; 11/23 – Tina Benning; 11/24 – Karen Siddens

**Anniversary:** Steve & Shela Yagow..... 11/26..... 27 years

**Church News**

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

**Adult Bible Study:**

- Pastor will give a tutorial for how to Login and use Ramsey+.
- Come and see how simple and helpful it is.
- Avoid pitfalls and poor theology of Ramsey+.



**RAMSEY+** Now Free for Members

**FREE RAMSEY+:** The CEF of the CID is giving every member a free year subscription of Ramsey+. Go to our church website to access your free subscription: [bethlehemaltamont.org](http://bethlehemaltamont.org).

**Trustee's Report:**

Offering collected for the Home Purpose General Fund on November 14: \$4,132 (Our anticipated 2021 weekly amount needed is \$5,972.)

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

Church Window Project Fund total: \$13,987 (Total amount needed: \$55,000)

Building Fund Donations: \$50 (general) and \$2,000 (designated to sidewalk project)

## Thanksgiving Worship Services:

Wednesday, November 24 – Vespers Service @ Zion – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 25 – Matins Service @ Bethlehem – 9:30 a.m.

**Decorating of the church for Christmas** will be done on Saturday, December 4th at 8am. Lots of help is always appreciated!



The Christmas Season is almost here, and once again Blossom Paradise is offering church group discounts on all **Poinsettias and Christmas Wreaths**. If you would like to help decorate the church with beautiful poinsettias, please place your order with Janice Heiden by Tuesday, November 23.

Poinsettias – 3-5 blooms (red, pink, white, or marble) - \$15.00

Poinsettias – 6-10 blooms (red, pink, white, or marble) - \$35.00

Evergreen Wreaths - \$22.50

## THE ROAD TO BETHLEHEM – A Journey to the Newborn King

Bethlehem seemed an unlikely destination for the fulfillment of God's promise to send a Messiah. Bethlehem? Why would anyone – especially the Creator of the universe – choose that little remote village? Nothing good came from there! But as Scripture records, the road to Bethlehem was the road that ultimately led to God!

In celebration of the 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of Bethlehem Ev. Church the Bethlehem Choir will present

**“The Road to Bethlehem” – a musical Cantata**  
**Sunday, December 12 at 7:00 pm.**

Refreshments and Fellowship will follow in the Parish Hall.



## ☼☼☼ District & Synod News, Regional Items & Acknowledgments ☼☼☼

**Altamont Area Lutherans For Life Meeting** Sunday, Nov. 28, 1:30 p.m. at Immanuel. We will discuss the bus scheduled for Life March in Chicago on Sat. Jan. 8. Contact Pastor Mohr at Holy Cross 618-283-1133 for the bus to Chicago; and secondly, for a 5 p.m. prayer service Tues. Nov. 30 at LCMS Center in St. Louis. This bus leaves Holy Cross, Vandalia at 3 p.m.

**The Altamont Zone LWML will again collect food and personal items for the St. Louis Seminary.** Items will be collected on Thanksgiving Day (Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>) and Sunday, Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, Dec 5<sup>th</sup>. Items will be loaded on a trailer Sunday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 p.m. at Immanuel Church, Altamont and delivered to the seminary that week.

The items they are most in need of are: Canned Beans (black beans, garbanzo, refried, chili, navy), Diced Tomatoes, Tomato Sauce, Jarred Pasta Sauce, Salsa, Canned Fruit, Cereal, Crackers (any kind), Granola Bars, Fruit Bars, Honey, Olive oil, Canola Oil, Paper Towel, Kleenex, and Gluten free Pasta's, flours, crackers, cookies.

**Information about our Lutheran School ALIS – 4th Grade – Mrs. Zumwalt**



Fourth grade curriculum includes reviewing addition/subtraction facts and adding multiplication and division facts, and how numbers are in real life situations through fractions, money and probability. Different genres of books are used for Reading, such as historical fiction, biography, science fiction and others. Physical Education, Music and Art are additional subjects where students learn teamwork, recorders and 2-D/3-D visual arts, respectively. Religion is taught daily with memory work of Luther's Small catechism, Bible verses, prayers, hymns and songs. Students learn the history of the U.S. and its geographic regions in Social Studies.

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**The Early History of Bethlehem Ev. Lutheran #6**

In 1834 a new cabinet order proclaimed that there was only one church, the Evangelical Union State church for the conduct of all worship service and administration of the sacraments. Then followed another cabinet order which forbade people to conduct religious services in their own homes for more persons than their immediate family. Violators would be fined. Many Lutherans throughout Prussia who had been deprived of their churches, now worshipped in private homes, barns, woods, caves and open fields to conduct worship services by themselves without a pastor. Hymns were sung, prayers spoken, the Bible read and sermons delivered – read by an Elder. No child could get permission to work unless he had a certificate of confirmation from the State (Union Church). The persecution continued and the Lutherans remained steadfast in their faith.

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**This Week at Bethlehem:**

**Today, Sunday, November 21** -- Cantata practice – 1:30 p.m.

-- Catechesis Class – 6:30-8:00 p.m.

**Monday, November 22** – Elder's Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, November 23** – Matins Service – 9:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, November 24**– ALIS Chapel – 8:20 a.m.

-- Choir practice – 7:00 pm

**Thursday, November 25** – Thanksgiving Day – Matins Service – 9:30 a.m.

**Friday, November 26** – Office Closed

**Sunday, Nov. 28 – Advent 1** - Divine Service w/ Holy Communion – 9:30a.m.

-- Adult Bible Class and Youth Sunday School – 10:45 – 11:30 a.m.

-- Cantata practice – 1:30-3:00 p.m.

-- Catechesis Class – 6:30-8:00 p.m.

-- 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**