

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
Sunday, September 12, 2021



*But seek first the kingdom of God
and his righteousness,
and all these things will be added to you.*

*Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow,
for tomorrow will be anxious for itself.
Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.*

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, we implore You, let Your continual pity cleanse and defend Your Church; and because she cannot continue in safety without Your aid, preserve her evermore by Your help and goodness; 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, Sherry Dahnke, Tiffany Dunaway, Bernice Graumenz, Zoe Hoehler, Tim Mueller, Luella Rubin, Susie Rush, Karen Stuemke, Steve Voelker, Clete Westendorf, Gene Wharton, and Lilly Wright.*

Those celebrating **Birthdays:** (09/12-09/18) – 09/12 – *Kaylyn Putnam;*
09/13 – *Alf Davis;* 09/15 – *Ray Braasch;* 09/17 – *Dean Manuel, Hilma Berg;*
09/18 – *Denice Schmidt, Mike Runge, Tyler Ruffner*

Anniversaries: *Mark & Jean Durbin*..... 09/12..... 34 years
 Joe & Sherry Strullmyer..... 09/17..... 38 years

Church News

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

Adult Bible Study – Planning & Vocation: What's your plan Christian?

- How does God help me plan my offering?
- How does God help me to plan my life?
- How does planning ease my worrying?

2021/2022 Youth Sunday School starts today! 10:45-11:30 a.m.

Trustee's Report:

Offering collected for the Home Purpose General Fund on September 5: \$4,283
(Our anticipated 2021 weekly amount needed is \$5,972.)

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

- Church Window Project Fund total: \$13,678 (Total amount needed: \$55,000)

CID LCMS Missions – YTD 06/30: \$3,200 (2021 annual Commitment is \$8,000)

Issues, Etc. – YTD 08/29: \$425 (2021 annual commitment is \$1,000)

9:30 a.m. Tuesday Morning Matins Service:

September 14th – Holy Cross Day – “The Word of the Cross is folly”

Adult Catechesis (Instruction) Class starts TODAY, 5:00 p.m.: If you or anyone you know is interested in learning what Lutherans believe, teach, and confess please speak with Pastor Manley. Adult Catechesis is open and free to all. Spouses are encouraged to attend together. Classes are held at Bethlehem Parish Hall on Sundays at 5pm.

One Hundred Sixtieth Anniversary Continues... **A cantata “The Road to Bethlehem” will be presented on Dec. 12th** to the Glory of God and in Grateful Thanks for Bethlehem’s 160th Christmas Celebration. **Rehearsal from 1:30-3:00pm starting TODAY, Sept. 12th**. All singers are encouraged to participate.

Final Victory Workshop

Next Sunday, September 19, 2021 – 12pm-3pm

You’re going to die; you might as well die like a Christian who believes he’s going to live forever. You’re going to have a funeral; you might as well confess Jesus at it. You have possessions; you need a will to help others keep the 9th Commandment. You want to be generous; you might as well learn how you can leave an inheritance or memorials for the church, which will not end. Your body will be buried; you might as well know what is said over it. Every Christian believes, “I believe in the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.” Learn how to confess that faith at the Final Victory Workshop, September 19th, 12pm-3pm. “It’s your funeral.” But it’s Christ’s victory for you.

- Register by Monday, Sept. 13th. Workshop begins with free lunch in Bethlehem Parish Hall.

Featured speakers will address how to faithfully make preparations for yourself and your family to leave the church on earth and enter into the church triumphant. Luncheon provided at noon.

Featured Presenters:

Rev. Marcus Manley- Making the Case for Lutheran Funerals

Rev. Ken Schurb - Gift Planning

Mr. Dale Wolff & Mrs. Kirsten Osteen - Wills, Trusts, and Estate Planning

Mr. Wayne Yagow - Burial Basics

Rev. Michael Mohr - "Ars moriendi" The Art of Dying
& a Funeral Hymn Sing



Workshop will be held at the Bethlehem Church Parish Hall.

Lunch and workshop 12pm-3pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

To register for this free workshop, please contact the Bethlehem Church Office by Mon., Sept. 13, email: bethlehaltamont@gmail.com or call the office, 618-483-6756.

Braille - Bethlehem is scheduled to work this Tuesday, September 14 at St. John's Effingham Braille and Large Print Center. To volunteer to help with this ministry, please contact Mary Schmidt or the church office.

Special Voters' Assembly – Sunday, September 19th, following the worship service, to discuss possible improvements to the cemetery.

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

Together Time @ Immanuel on Wednesday, September 15
- Jr. High -5:00-7:30 pm – Sr. High – 6:00-8:30 pm

HOW CAN YOU HELP? - The LC-MS helped thousands of victims after hurricane Katrina. It's time to do it again after Ida. You can learn more at: [LCMS Disaster Response \(lcms-iert.org\)](http://LCMS Disaster Response (lcms-iert.org)) and [Disaster Response - The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod \(lcms.org\)](http://Disaster Response - The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (lcms.org))

This Week at Bethlehem:

Today, Sunday, September 12 – Cantata Rehearsal – 1:30–3:00 p.m.

-- Catechesis Class – 5:00-6:30

Monday, September 13 – Register for the Final Victory Workshop

Tuesday, September 14 – Matins Service – Holy Cross Day - 9:30 a.m.

-- Braille @ St. John's, Effingham

-- Pastor Winkel @ St. Peter

-- Bible Class at Zion – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 16 – no choir practice

Sunday, September 19 – Trinity 16

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

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

-- **FINAL VICTORY WORKSHOP – 12:00-3:00PM**

-- Catechesis Class – 5:00-6:30 p.m.

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

-- Cantata practice – 1:30-3:00 p.m.

-- 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