

PALM SUNDAY – CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

April 13, 2025

Behold,

Behold your King

BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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“Let us go to Bethlehem...” Luke 2:15

Lent reminds us that the Lord has redeemed His people. That's why we come to church. Jesus redeems His people by His payment on the cross. We receive that redemption in His church. God wants to redeem all people. If you'd like to learn more about God's redemption or take Holy Communion please speak with Pastor Manley. God's people are encouraged to always repent and when needed go to private confession (next private confession May 1st, 6pm). Let us live in our Lord's redemption.

Prayers

In our prayers we remember:

Those in need of healing & comfort:

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| Annette Altman | Bernice Graumenz - LCC | Steve Voelker |
| Lucille Beccue- LCC | Lillian Grobengieser | Mildred Wolf – LCC |
| Karly Brummer - leukemia | Luke Grobengieser - recovery | Catherine Zumwalt – cancer |
| Heather Davis - cancer | Janice Heiden – cancer | Joyce Winter - recovery |
| Steve Flood – knee | Judy Stuemke – LCC | |

† For those who grieve, including the family of Kathy Hahn.

Birthdays this week (04/13-04/19): 04/13 – Abigail Wills, Diane Heiden;
04/15 – Jason Caraway; 04/16 – Evelyn Yagow-Wenthe; 04/19 – Carter Beccue, Kelly Stone

Anniversary: 04/17 – Kent & Roberta Phillips



In our prayers, we remember our confirmands, Garrett, John, Olliver, & Kevin, as they affirm their faith today in the Rite of Confirmation.

Garrett James Flood

Parents: Steven & Daphne Flood - Sponsors: Jeff & Jennifer Alwardt

John David Manley

Parents: Marcus & Amy Manley - Sponsors: Erin Giordano and Jason Taber

Olliver Gardner Shoaf

Parents: Alonzo & Megan Shoaf - Sponsors: Heather Webb and Ashtyn Mellendorf

Kevin Yagow

Parents: David Yagow & Deysi Gonzalez - Sponsor: Wayne Yagow

Church News

Trustee's Report:

Weekly amount needed for unified budget (General Fund)	\$ 7,400
Offering collected for <u>Home Purpose General Fund</u> on 04/06	\$ 6,622

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



Attendance: Sunday, 03/30, 9:30am – 122

Bible Class Today – Zechariah 14 - The Final Chapter continued



Bible Class will be held in the Nave.

- What is concerning about the New Jerusalem?
- What is comforting?
- What did Luther say about Zechariah?
- How does Zechariah end?

8th Grade Confirmation Reception: Sunday, April 13th, from 1:30-3pm - You are invited to Bethlehem Parish Hall for a joint reception of our 8th Grade Confirmands: Garrett, John, Olliver, and Kevin. Cake and drinks are provided. Thank you for praying for them and supporting them in their life long duty to learn and grow in their faith in Jesus Christ. We appreciate your thoughtfulness, but kindly request no gifts.

Kinderchor Reminder – Wednesday, April 16th – Kinderchor children will be picked up from ALIS after school, go to Joe’s Pizza, and then to the church for a special choir practice from 4:30 – 5:00.

Council Meeting: Wednesday, April 30th, 7:00 p.m.

Voters’ Assembly: Sunday, May 4th, 1:30 p.m.

Bethlehem Church Directory

- Sara Moran Photography indicated that it would be 3-4 weeks to process directory photos.
- The church is planning to set up one more day of photo sessions with Sara Moran Photography – TBD.
- For family photos not taken by Sara Moran Photography – please submit your family (indoor studio) photo via email to the church office: bethlehemaltamont@gmail.com by April 15th.
- **Church Directory Household Information form** – forms available in the church office



Lutheran Witness Subscriptions are due April 27th. If you would like to renew or start a new subscription to The Lutheran Witness, pay \$20.65 (2025 yearly subscription) to Bethlehem Church in the LW envelope provided in your offering box set.

 [District & Synod News, Community Items & Acknowledgments](#) 

Tre Ore- This year Tre Ore is hosted by Holy Cross, Vandalia on Good Friday, April 18th. Tre Ore, is a three hour prayer service (12pm-3pm) meditating on the 7 words of Christ on the cross. Attendees are welcome for the entirety of the service or for just part of it. You can arrive and leave at any portion. Area pastors, including Pastor Manley provide short sermons based on each of the 7 words of Christ on the cross.

ALIS is Hiring – **5th Grade Teacher** – starting 2025-2026 school year - send resume & references to robiflach@alistrockets.com .



EQUIPPING THE PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent topics include: Did Jesus Commune Judas? Secular Violence in Modern History, The Importance of Church Architecture, Anti-Semitism, The Hymn "Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle," and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.



Donation box for non-perishable items for the Altamont Food Pantry is located in the narthex. Monetary donations, checks payable to Altamont Ministerial Alliance (AMA) Food Pantry, are also accepted and may be placed in the "Church Office" box in the narthex.

*The Food Pantry had **34** participants on Tuesday. In addition to the Food Pantry, the AMA, provides other financial support to those in need in our community. This support comes in the form of motel vouchers, gas vouchers, food vouchers, and payment on utilities. All made possible with your generous donations. Your continued support and donations are greatly appreciated.*

This Week at Bethlehem:

Monday, April 14 ✠ Holy Monday

– 6:00 p.m. – Youth Group Meeting – Bethlehem Parish Hall

Tuesday, April 15 ✠ Holy Tuesday

Wednesday, April 16 ✠ Holy Wednesday

– 9:30 a.m. – Matins

– 4:30 p.m. – Special Practice for both Choirs

Thursday, April 17 ✠ Maundy Thursday

– 7:00 p.m. – Worship Service @ Zion

Friday, April 18 ✠ Good Friday

– 7:00 p.m. – Tenebrae @ Bethlehem

Saturday, April 19 - ✠ Holy Saturday

Sunday, April 20 The Resurrection of Our LORD

– 6:30 a.m. – Easter Sunrise - Divine Service w/ Holy Communion

– 9:30 a.m. – Easter Festival - Divine Service w/ Holy Communion

– 10:45-11:20 a.m. – Bible Study & Youth Sunday School

– 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