

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, April 12, 2026



“Peace be with you.

As the Father has sent me,
even so I am sending you.”

And when He had said this,

He breathed on them and said to them,

“Receive the Holy Spirit.”

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

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Welcome to Bethlehem.

Whether you are a member or visitor we gather here at Bethlehem to hear the Gospel that not only Christ is risen, but He promises the same for all believers. To celebrate this, we receive the Lord's Supper every Sunday. Since not all Christians share in their belief and practice in the Lord's Supper, we ask visitors to please speak with Pastor Manley, before coming to the Lord's table at Bethlehem. Thank you

Prayers

In our prayers we remember:

Those in need of healing & comfort:

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| Annette Altman | Bernice Graumenz | Brad Suckow – back |
| Lucille Beccue- LCC | Lillian Grobengieser | Katheryn Suckow – cancer |
| Karly Brummer - leukemia | Dale Roll | Steve Voelker |
| Heather Davis - cancer | Judy Stuemke – LCC | Catherine Zumwalt – cancer |

Birthday (04/12-04/18): 04/13 – Abigail Wills, Diane Heiden; 04/15 – Jason Caraway; 04/16 – Evelyn Yagow-Wenthe

Anniversary: 04/17 – Kent & Roberta Phillips



Easter Flowers in the church sanctuary are given to the Glory of God this Easter morning from: Eric & Barb Grobengieser, Luke & Amanda Grobengieser, Dennis & Deb Guffey, Cody & Konnie Heiden, Orville & Janice Heiden, Jeremy & Leigh Ann Ruffner, Tony & Karen Siddens, Joe & Sherri Strullmyer, Gary & Joyce Winter

Jeff & Jenn Alwardt – In memory of Susie Rush and Glenn Alwardt.

Mike & Diane Buzzard – In honor of our new grandson, Lane Alvin.

Dean & Karen Manuel – In memory of our parents, Clifford & Lora Manuel and Harold & Mildred Wolf.

Flowers may be picked up after the worship service today. Please check the tag on the flower for your name. Thank you.

Church News

Trustee's Report:

Weekly amount needed for unified budget 2026	\$	8730
Offering collected for <u>General Fund</u> on 04/03 & 04/05	\$	9311

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

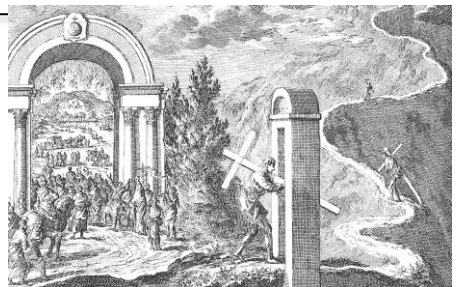


Attendance: Fri. 04/03, 7:00pm - 80 Sun., 04/05, 6:30am – 32, 9:30am – 154

Bible Study Today: Matthew 7:12-14



1. Why does Luther call the Golden Rule, "A sermon in your heart?"
2. What did pastor teach is the narrow gate on Good Friday?
3. How can Christians think we have found the only God?"
4. Does our flesh agree with the wide gate of the world or narrow gate to heaven?



Bethlehem **Large Print workers** - Tuesday, April 14th, at LBW Center at St. John's, Effingham. Contact Mary Schmidt.

1Q 2026 Council Meeting – Wednesday, April 15th, 7:00pm
1Q 2026 Voter's Assembly – Sunday, April 19th, 1:30pm

Thanks to Acolyte Families - This past Easter Monday acolytes met for practice led mostly by the older acolytes teaching the younger. You will see that practice put to work in the Gospel processional. Acolytes were reminded how they help draw our attention and worship onto Jesus who is the true one worthy of our praise. The acolytes also enjoyed games and lunch together without injuries.

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Lutheran Young Adult Bible Study Contact: Violet Wendling – 618-704-6114

- **Sunday, April 12 at 5:00 PM** - Join fellow LCMS young adults (ages 18–35) as we celebrate two years of Young Adult Bible Study! We will gather at Joe's Pizza in Altamont for fellowship and food.
- **Thursday, April 16 at 6:30 PM** - We will begin a new study on the *Book of Job* and the idea of suffering. Bible study will be led by Pastor Niermann at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Altamont Lutherans for Life Meeting – Thursday, April 16th, 7pm @ Immanuel Lutheran, Altamont



81st LWML CID Convention – Saturday, April 25, 2026, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Decatur.

In Gathering Items – (collection box in the narthex)

- **God's Shelter of Love:**
New Socks & underwear for children and female adults.
Personal Items (toothbrushes, mouth wash, body wash, shampoo, conditioner).
Cleaning supplies (bleach, paper towels).
Paper products (tissues, plates).
Treats for children.
- **New Life Pregnancy Center:** *toddler socks, baby wash clothes, new bottles, size 5 & 6 diapers.*



Issues, Etc.

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Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent teachings include: The Easter Hymn "The Day of Resurrection;" Worship, Adiaphora & the Lutheran Confessions; First-Century Jewish Historian Josephus on Jesus of Nazareth; Restoring Faith, Freedom & Family; and more. You can listen at your convenience at [issuesetc.org](https://www.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 in the narthex. *The Food Pantry had 31 participants on Tuesday, 04/07/2026.* Jesus said, I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me." (Mt. 25:35). The Altamont Ministerial Alliance does this by caring for the poor in our community. The Altamont Food pantry is open at First United Methodist Church every Tuesday, 1-3pm for citizens with an Altamont address. When available, other funds are given to the poor with an Altamont address to help with their needs. The Altamont Ministerial Alliance has checks and balances to properly steward all donations to those who are living in our community and follow Jesus' words to care for the poor.

This Week at Bethlehem:

Monday, April 13

5:30 pm – Adult Instruction

Wednesday, April 15

3:30 pm – Kinderchor

7:00 pm – Council Meeting

Thursday, April 16

7:00 pm – Choir

Sunday, April 19 – The Third Sunday of Easter

9:30 am – DSIII with Holy Communion

10:45 am – Adult Bible Class and Youth Sunday School

1:30 pm – Voters' Assembly

8:00 am – Pastor Manley'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

“Christ has triumphed!

Alleluia!”