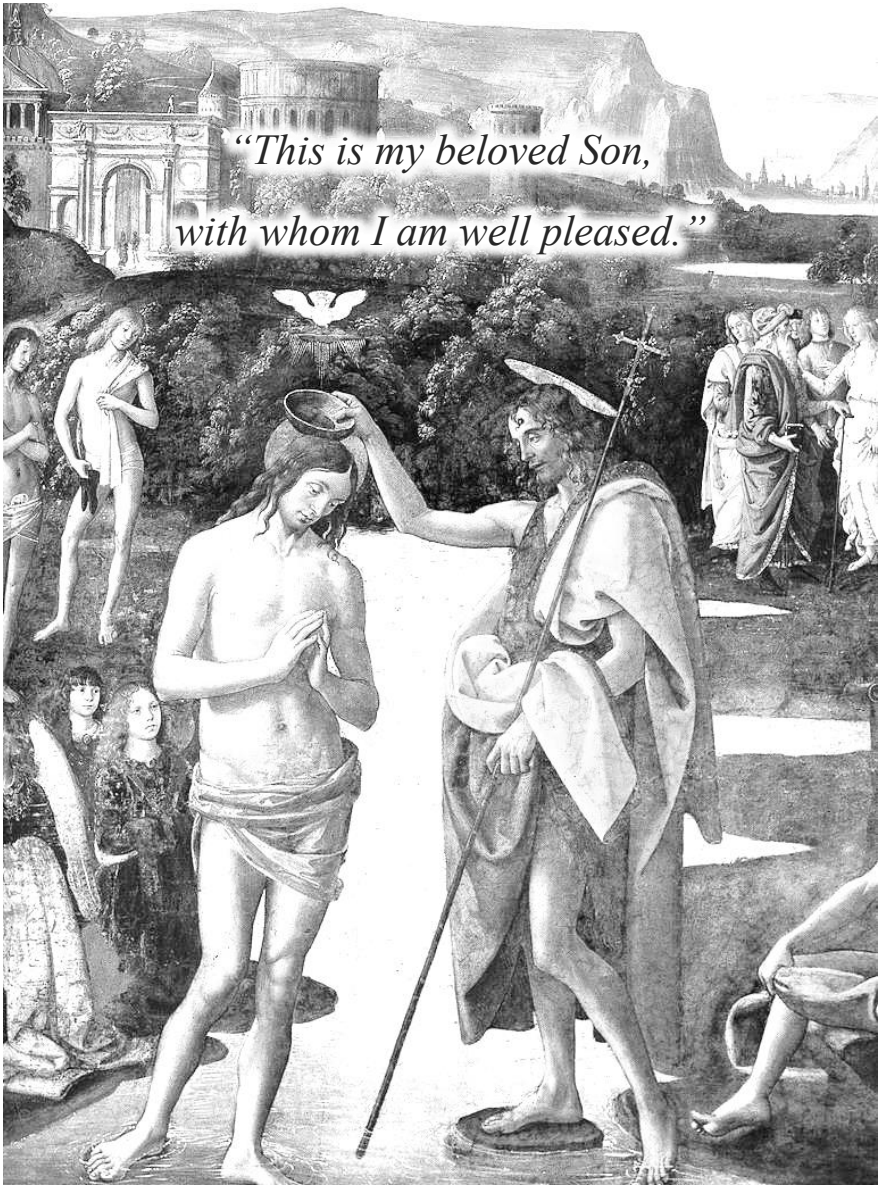


# BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

January 12, 2025



*“This is my beloved Son,  
with whom I am well pleased.”*

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*“Let us go to Bethlehem...” Luke 2:15*

*Blessed Epiphany, a time to recognize Jesus as the revealed Son of God. In many and various ways God spoke to the people of old by the prophets. But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son (Heb. 1:1-2). Jesus comes and shows Himself to us in His Word and Sacrament. Like the Magi, let us worship Him on His terms. In the Sacrament of the Altar God tells us to examine ourselves and discern His body and blood. If you have not been catechized and confirmed in the confession of the LC-MS please speak with Pastor Manley before coming to Holy Communion*

**Prayers**

**In our prayers we remember:**

Those in need of healing & comfort:

Lucille Beccue- LCC	Todd Luedtke - hospice	Steve Voelker
Heather Davis - cancer	Wanda Phillips	Mildred Wolf – LCC
Bernice Graumenz - LCC	Marion Schmidt – lung	Patti Wolff - heart
Lillian Grobengieser	Bert Siebert (shoulder surgery recovery)	Catherine Zumwalt – cancer
Janice Heiden – cancer	Shirley Siddens – LCC	
Pastor Heimgartner	Judy Stuemke – LCC	
Florence Leppin – cancer		

For Pastor Niermann who has accepted the call of Pastor for Immanuel Altamont.

**Birthdays this week (01/12-01/18):** 01/17 – Lena Spour, Leti Spour

**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 01/05/2025 .....	\$ 4,090

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



Attendance: Sunday, 01/05, 9:30am – 61



**Bible Class Today: Zechariah 5**

*Visions of a flying scroll and woman in a basket.*

**Church Officers:** There were no nominations for Vice President or Head Usher at our annual Election Meeting. We need a voting member to serve as Vice President and a communicant member as Head Usher.

**2025 Offering Envelopes** – please pick up your 2025 offering envelope box set, available in your bulletin box or on the table in the narthex. Thank you.

**Council Meeting – Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm**

**Voters' Assembly – Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 1:30pm**

If you have an item that you would like to have considered and included in the meeting agenda, please contact Dean Manuel, [manueldean9@gmail.com](mailto:manueldean9@gmail.com).

- The Annual Written Report of the Affairs of Bethlehem Ev. Lutheran Church for the year 2024 will be completed and presented by the Church Council at the Voters' Assembly.



In recognition of Life Sunday 2025, January 19<sup>th</sup>, we are having a

**Baby Diaper Drive** for the **Family Life Center**.

Any size diapers or pullups are fine but their biggest needs right now are size 2, 3, and 5. They could also use wipes. Your donation may be placed in the narthex from now until Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Thank you for your support!

**Adult Catechism Class:** All are welcome to come and/or invite others to Adult Catechism Class taught by Pastor Manley beginning this Tuesday, Jan. 14th at 6pm. Classes will be in the Conference Room in Bethlehem Parish Hall.

**Spaghetti Supper:** Bethlehem Youth Group will host the Valentine's Spaghetti Supper on Sunday, Feb. 16th, 4-8pm. Mark your calendars. More information will be forthcoming.

**District & Synod News, Community Items & Acknowledgments**



***Summer Camp Registration is OPEN!*** In celebration of CILCA's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, all program sessions for 2025 will be available for \$75 if you register before April 1. [www.cilca.org](http://www.cilca.org)

**"Effingham Area Right To Life"** 49th annual Pro-Life Breakfast will be held on Sunday, January 19 from 7:00am-Noon at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall. Free will donation accepted for breakfast, which includes whole hog sausage, eggs, and a variety of home baked breads, along with juice, milk, and water. Volunteers are needed. Please text Susan at 217.663.2084 to sign up for a shift. Donations of breads, rolls, donut holes, & muffins are needed, and can be dropped off on Saturday, January 18 from 12-4pm at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall. This is the primary fundraiser for Effingham Area Right to Life. If you're unable to attend the breakfast, please consider sending a donation to PO Box 861, Effingham IL62401. Learn more by visiting "EffinghamAreaRightToLife" on Facebook.

**2025 National March for Life in D.C. On Friday, Jan. 24, 2025** - The march is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. An LCMS presence at the march helps provide a public witness to our Lord's creation of life and His design for marriage and the family. Are you interested in joining President Harrison, your district leader, and hundreds of other LCMS Lutherans at the March for Life?

- Begin the day with a Divine Service at Immanuel Lutheran Church (1801 Russell Rd.; Alexandria, Va.; 22301). A brunch will follow the service.
- [Register online](#) to be notified about the meeting location of LCMS Lutherans prior to the march and stay updated on other pertinent details.



**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.**

*Did you know that 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, January 13**

– 12:00 p.m. – Elder's Meeting

#### **Wednesday, January 15**

– 9:30 a.m. – Matins

– 3:30 p.m. – Kinderchor

– 7:00 p.m. – Council Meeting

#### **Thursday, January 16**

– 7:00 p.m. – Choir

#### **Sunday, January 19 – Epiphany 2**

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

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

– 1:30 p.m. – Voters' Assembly

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– 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

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THE SALVATION OF MAN