

OPENING HYMN*“Angels from the Realms of Glory”***LSB #367****LITURGY P. 219** *Common Responsory***VENITE** p. 220 *“Come, Let Us Sing” Psalm 95:1-7***PSALMODY** *Psalm 89:1-8**(Sung responsively with the Liturgist)*

*I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, for- | ever; *
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all gener- | ations.*

**For I said, “Steadfast love will be built up for- | ever; *
in the heavens you will establish your | faithfulness.”**

*You have said, “I have made a covenant with my | chosen one; *
I have sworn to David my | servant;*

**I will establish your offspring for- | ever, *
and build your throne for all gener- | ations.”**

*Let the heavens praise your wonders, | O Lord, *
your faithfulness in the assembly of the | holy ones!*

**For who in the skies can be compared | to the Lord? *
Who among the heavenly beings is | like the Lord,**

*a God greatly to be feared in the council of the | holy ones, *
and awesome above all who are a- | round him?*

**O Lord God of host, who is mighty as you are, | O Lord, *
with your faithfulness all a- | round you?**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son *
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning, *
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

OFFICE HYMN*“Let All Together Praise Our God”***LSB #389****OLD TESTAMENT READING***Isaiah 11:1-5**P: O Lord, have mercy on us.***C: Thanks be to God.****EPISTLE READING***Galatians 4:1-7**P: O Lord, have mercy on us.***C: Thanks be to God.****HOLY GOSPEL READING***Luke 2: (22-32) 33-40**P: O Lord, have mercy on us.***C: Thanks be to God.****COMMON RESPONSORY** p. 221*P: Forever, O Lord,***C: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your
glory dwells.****ATHANASIAN CREED** *(spoken responsively)* p. 319**SERMON****BENEDICTUS** p. 226**OFFERING****PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** *(please stand)***SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT** *(please stand)* p 194-199**COMMUNION HYMNS***“Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace”***LSB #937***“Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”***LSB #374***“What Child Is This”***LSB #370****POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE** *(stand)* p 199 *Nunc Dimittis***THANKSGIVING, SALUTATION and BENEDICTION** *(please stand)* p 200-202**CLOSING HYMN***“O Rejoice, Ye Christians, Loudly”***LSB #897**

Guest Preaching
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IN HIS SERVICE

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THIS WEEK AT BETHLEHEM

TODAY	9:00 a.m. Divine Service / Holy Communion
	NO Adult Bible Class or Sunday School
	11:30 a.m. Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7 FM)
MONDAY	7:00 p.m. New Year's Eve Service
NEXT SUNDAY	9:00 a.m. Divine Service / Holy Communion
	10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Class and Sunday School
	11:30 a.m. Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)

Announcements can be emailed to the church secretary at hklep@msn.com or by calling the church office at 597-7121.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS ARE NOW DUE



FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER in our worship. Bethlehem Lutheran Church administers this Holy Supper in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. It is celebrated in the confidence that we receive, along with the Bread and Wine, the very Body and Blood of Jesus through which we receive the forgiveness of sins. Furthermore, the communicants as a body of believers make a confession of the unity of their faith. Those desiring to receive the Sacrament with us, who are not communicant members of Bethlehem or of a sister congregation of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, are asked to please speak with the Pastor before the service.

WE WELCOME ALL OUR VISITORS this morning to our church and worship service in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Please introduce yourself to the Pastor and to others in attendance. Please complete a green visitor's pew card and include it in this morning offering plate. Please worship with us again.

IN OUR PRAYERS

All those in need of strength and healing: Keith Krick
Paul Wurschmidt

The Church and its faithful workers:

Rev. and Mrs. Steven Schumacher
Rachel Meyer (sister of Mr. Peter Meyer)

All military personnel: Active and Inactive

Our members currently shut-in:

Jackie Werling (now at Ossian Health Care), Ruth Witte and Ilene Meyer
(Ossian H.C.) Lorene Rekeweg (Woodcrest) Viola Graft (Millers Merry Manor)
Joan Eichler at home, Loren Stoppenhagen at home.

PLEASE WELCOME this morning as our Guest Preacher, Rev. Martin Moehring. Pastor Wurschmidt took an emergency flight to Sacramento, CA to be with his father who had a heart attack this last week. Pastor would appreciate prayers for his father who endured 3 stents and is recovering well.

THERE WILL BE NO ADULT BIBLE CLASS OR SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY.

Please join us for Divine Service on Monday evening for New Year's Eve at 7:00 p.m. with Rev. Moehring preaching and Holy Communion offered.

2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP

The LWML will meet Thursday, January 17th at 7:00 p.m. Our speaker will be Carolina Wurschmidt, who will talk about living in her native country, Venezuela. Everyone is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served. Mites will be collected for missions.

DECATUR LUTHERAN BIBLE INSTITUTE will be in session again in 2019. The session dates are on Tuesdays, February 5, 12, 19 and 26. Look for class information in January regarding the class subjects and instructors. Plan to attend. They are always interesting and informative.

The Altar Guild is asking members to please sign up to place flowers on the altar or hymnboard. Simply use the 2019 flower chart posted on the bulletin board to sign up on the date you wish to have flowers placed. More than one person can sign on each date. **Announcements concerning the flowers should be given to the church office.** For help in placing the flowers, please contact Amy Schueler or Dalene Springer. Thank you

Altar Guild Duty – Please consider signing up to help with altar preparation. A weekly signup sheet is posted to the bulletin board. Feel free to pick one, two or more weeks. If interested and need instruction, please contact Amy Schueler, Dalene Springer or Wendy Boehm for more information. Thank you

On Sunday January 6th, 2019 from 1pm-3pm Bethlehem Lutheran Church will host a "**Visual Faith Event**" in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Wendy Boehm at 260-415-8526 call or text by Friday January 4th in order to get the supplies needed. Ossian native, Teresa (Graft) Davis will speak on using Devotional art to connect the heart, mind and soul with God's Word. For more information about Visual Faith Ministry please check out the flyer attached or information in the church hallway!

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS - Eligible members are reminded that they can recommend where Thrivent distributes a portion of its charitable funding by directing Choice dollars. Please consider logging into your account online at www.thrivent.com or contact customer service at 1-800-847-4836 and designate your dollars. Thank you

The SCRIP TABLE will be OPEN TODAY. Plan to visit the SCRIP Table every Sunday for your gift giving and shopping needs. Contact Sheryl Bauermeister 260-341-6145 with questions and for weekly orders. Thank you for your support.

Isaiah 11:1-5 (ESV)

¹ There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. ² And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. ³ And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, ⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

Galatians 4:1-7 (ESV)

¹ I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, ² but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. ³ In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. ⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Luke 2:22-40 (ESV)

²² And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") ²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." ²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶ And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷ And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, ²⁸ he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, ²⁹ "Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; ³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation ³¹ that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel." ³³ And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴ And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed ³⁵ (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed." ³⁶ And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of

Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, ³⁷ and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸ And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem. ³⁹ And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

Offering December 23, 2018

<u>Average weekly need \$10,241</u>	
Home Fund Env.	\$10,310.00
Synod	51.00
Loose	251.78
Improvement Fund	
Endowment Fund	
Scholarship Fund	
Sunday School	23.77
Copy Machine Use	32.00
Advent Service	<u>370.00</u>
Total	\$11,038.55

Financial Report

Home Fund Balance \$2,873.63
Next week bills due amt: \$5,000
Bills due in two weeks: \$15,000
Savings Account Balance \$11,410.91
Borrowed from Savings: \$35,500
Operating Loan Debt: \$20,000

LAST SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

Divine Service	218
Holy Communion	122
Adult Bible Class	43
Sunday School	15
Christmas Eve	227
Christmas Day	181

