

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (*Please Stand*) “*Hail to the Lord’s Anointed*” **LSB #398**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION p. 184

INTROIT

(*Sung responsively with the Adult Choir*)



Behold the Lord, the rul- | er, has come, *
and the kingdom and the power and the glory are | in his hand.
Give the king your justice, | O God, *
and your righteousness to the | royal son!
May he judge your people with | righteousness, *
and your poor with | justice!
May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render him | tribute;*
may the kings of Sheba and Seba | bring gifts!
May all kings fall down be- | fore him, *
all nations | serve him!
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.
Behold the Lord, the rul- | er, has come, *
and the kingdom and the power and the glory are | in his hand.

KYRIE p. 186 “*Lord, Have Mercy*”

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS p.187 “*Glory to God in the Highest*”

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY p. 189

*O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles.
Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence;
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

P) This is the Word of the Lord.
C) **Thanks be to God.**

CHORAL ANTHEM

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 3:1-12

P) This is the Word of the Lord.
C) **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA AND VERSE p. 190

HOLY GOSPEL READING (*Please Stand*)

Matthew 2:1-12

✠ (*The Gospel reading is read from the center of the church to signify its centrality to the life and faith of the church. Please turn to face the cross as the message of salvation is read.*)

P) This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C) **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

NICENE CREED p. 191

HYMN OF THE DAY

“*O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright*”

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SERMON

OFFERTORY p.192 “*Create in me a clean heart, O God*”

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (*stand*)

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT p. 194-199

COMMUNION HYMNS

“*The Star Proclaims the King Is Here*”

LSB #399

“*Brightest and Best of the Stars in the Morning*”

LSB #400

“*From God the Father, Virgin-Born*”

LSB #401

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE (*stand*) p. 199 *Nunc Dimittis*

THANKSGIVING, SALUTATION and BENECTION (*stand*) p. 200-202

CLOSING HYMN

“*As with Gladness Men of Old*”

LSB #397

Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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A congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

IN HIS SERVICE

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| Preaching | Rev. Randall Wurschmidt |
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| Deaconess Intern | Wendy Boehm |
| Head Elder | Lloyd Meyer |
| Elders on Duty | Lloyd Meyer and Dave Flesch |
| Kantor | Richard Brinkley |
| Choir | Adult Choir |
| Violinist | Amy Schueler |
| Altar Guild | Dalene Springer |
| Crucifer | Andrew Messmaker |
| Acolytes | Rachel Bauermeister and Leah Werling |
| Ushers | Josh Boehm, Rob Meyer, Apsen Fisher |
| | Brian Bauermeister, Don Schueler, Graham Stoppenhagen |

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THIS WEEK AT BETHLEHEM

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| TODAY | 9:00 a.m. Divine Service / Holy Communion |
| | 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Class or Sunday School |
| | 11:30 a.m. Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7 FM) |
| | 1:00 p.m. Visual Faith Event – Fellowship Hall |
| MONDAY | NO SCHOOL (Resumes January 8 th) |
| | 7:00 p.m. Handbell Choir Practice |
| WEDNESDAY | 10:15 a.m. Chapel Service |
| | 1:30 p.m. Ladies Aid / LWML Meeting |
| | 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice |
| FRIDAY- SATURDAY | Bethlehem Invitational Varsity Girls Tournament |
| 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) |
| | 6:30 p.m. LYF Bible Study |

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



THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

DIVINE SERVICE THREE

January 6, 2019

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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:

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.

Pastor Wurschmidt would like to start a winter men's Bible Study. Please let Pastor know if you are interested and we will find a time that works

A DOOR OFFERING will be taken TODAY for the **Visual Faith Event**

The event will be held today from 1pm-3pm in the Fellowship Hall. 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 on today's event, please contact Wendy Boehm.

LADIES AID / LWML MEETING: Wednesday, January 9th at 1:30 in the Church Fellowship Hall.

LADIES AID SOUP & BAKE SALE: Sunday January 21st following church service. Ladies please bake your favorite cookies, cakes, breads or pies.

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.

2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP

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

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 60:1-6 (ESV)

¹ Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. ² For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. ³ And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. ⁴ Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. ⁵ Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶ A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

Ephesians 3:1-12 (ESV)

¹ For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— ² assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for you, ³ how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. ⁴ When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵ which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. ⁶ This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. ⁷ Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God’s grace, which was given me by the working of his power. ⁸ To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹ and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, ¹⁰ so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹ This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹² in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

Matthew 2:1-12 (ESV)

¹ Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ² saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” ³ When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵ They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: ⁶ ‘‘And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.’ ’’ ⁷ Then Herod summoned the

wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸ And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” ⁹ After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹ And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

Offering December 30, 2018

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| <u>Average weekly need \$10,241</u> | |
| Home Fund Env. | \$22,952.16 |
| Synod | 22.00 |
| Loose | 875.34 |
| Improvement Fund | 840.00 |
| Endowment Fund | 300.00 |
| Scholarship Fund | |
| Sunday School | 16.25 |
| Fellowship Hall Rent | 90.00 |
| Christmas Eve | 1,355.25 |
| Christmas Day | <u>2,975.50</u> |
| Total | \$29,426.50 |

Financial Report

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| Home Fund Balance \$13,346.48 |
| Next week bills due amt: \$15,000 |
| Bills due in two weeks: \$2,000 |
| Savings Account Balance \$12,250.91 |
| Borrowed from Savings: \$35,500 |
| Operating Loan Debt: \$10,000 |

LAST SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

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| Divine Service | 160 |
| Holy Communion | 92 |
| Adult Bible Class | N/A |
| Sunday School | N/A |
| New Year’s Eve | 49 |

