

**OPENING HYMN**

*“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”*

**LSB #717**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** p. 184

**INTROIT**

*(Sung responsively with the Adult Choir)*



Then they cried to the Lord in their | trouble, \*  
and he delivered them from | their distress.

**He made the | storm be still, \***

**and the waves of the | sea were hushed.**

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for | he is good, \*  
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever!

**Let them thank the Lord for his | steadfast love, \***

**for his wondrous works to the chil- | dren of men!**

They saw the deeds | of the Lord, \*  
his wondrous works | in the deep.

**For he commanded and raised the | stormy wind, \***

**which lifted up the waves | of the sea.**

**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.**

Then they cried to the Lord in their | trouble, \*  
and he delivered them from | their distress.

**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

*Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

**Jonah 1:1-17**

P) This is the Word of the Lord.

C) **Thanks be to God.**

**CHORAL ANTHEM** *“Sing to the Lord Now, All the Earth”*

**EPISTLE READING**

**Romans 13:8-10**

P) This is the Word of the Lord.

C) **Thanks be to God.**

**ALLELUIA AND VERSE** p. 190

**HOLY GOSPEL READING**

**Matthew 8:23-27**

P) This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C) **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

**NICENE CREED** p. 191

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*“Seek Where You May to Find a Way”*

**LSB #557**

**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**

*“Entrust Your Days and Burdens”*

**LSB #754**

*“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”*

**LSB #575**

*“I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table”*

**LSB #618**

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

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

**CLOSING HYMN**

*“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”*

**LSB #922**

**Preaching**  
**Fieldworker/Liturgist**  
**Deaconess Intern**  
**Head Elder**  
**Elders on Duty**  
**Kantor**  
**Choir**  
**Altar Guild**  
**Acolytes**  
**Ushers**

**IN HIS SERVICE**

Rev. Randall Wurschmidt  
 Sem. Andrew Twietmeyer, Sem. Matthew Goehring  
 Wendy Boehm  
 Lloyd Meyer  
 Neil Stoppenhagen and Bruce Thorpe  
 Richard Brinkley  
 Adult Choir  
 Dalene Springer  
 Anna Wurschmidt and Leah Werling  
 Gavin Laley, Cale Schumm, Ted Schumm  
 Evan Springer and Grant Scheumann

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**THIS WEEK AT BETHLEHEM**

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b> 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)
<b>MONDAY</b>	7:00 p.m. Handbell Choir Practice
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>10:15 a.m.</b> Chapel Service
	1:30 p.m. Ladies Aid Meeting
	7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
<b>THURSDAY</b>	10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study
	6:00 p.m. JV Girls vs Zion, Decatur (HOME)
	7:00 p.m. Var. Girls vs St. Joe, Decatur 8 <sup>th</sup> grade (HOME)
	7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b> Divine Service / Holy Communion
	10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Class and Sunday School
	11:30 a.m. Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)
	Noon- 3:00 p.m. Bethlehem Lutheran School Open House
	6:30 p.m. LYF Bible Study

*FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY*

**DIVINE SERVICE THREE**

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*Announcements can be emailed to the church secretary at [hklep@msn.com](mailto:hklep@msn.com)  
 or by calling the church office at 597-7121.*

## 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.*

**FLOWERS ADORNING THE ALTAR** this morning have been given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Werling.

**CHURCH CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENT-** In preparing for future church closings, we will now be listed on WANE-TV15 and WPTA 21 as Bethlehem Lutheran Ossian. The Elders will continue to make as many phone calls to members as we can. If you main phone number has changed, please notify the church office for proper notification. Thank you

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING – Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 a.m.**

**ATTENTION- ALL LADIES OF THE CHURCH** Please stay for a brief meeting after church today. Thank you

**Ladies Aid Monthly meeting, Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall**

**PICK UP YOUR SUPER BOWL SUBS TODAY** in the north hallway from 10:15 am - 11:30 am. **EXTRA SUBS** are still available to purchase. \$8 each or 2 for \$15. Thank you for supporting the Bethlehem Scholarship Fund!

**DECATUR LUTHERAN BIBLE INSTITUTE** What are you doing the next four Tuesday nights? February 5, 12, 19 and 26 at Wyneken Memorial School, Decatur. Come and learn! Choose from four courses of study: "Praying the Psalms," "Jesus in the Old Testament," "Leading as People of God," and "A Study of the book of Hebrews." Minimal time commitment...low cost...no homework! For more contact our LBI representatives, Mike and Linda Bultemeier.

**Bethlehem Lutheran School OPEN HOUSE /KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP** will be held Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup> from 1:00- 3:00 p.m. A focus on Kindergarten will take place at 1:00 with Mrs. Schallhorn. Please invite anyone who might be interested in visiting our school and getting more information for next year's enrollment.

**PORK CHOP DINNER-** the parents and students of this year's Washington DC group will be hosting a Pork Chop Dinner on Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup> to raise funds for next year's class trip. Tickets will go on sale today after church.

**BE SURE TO VISIT OUR UPDATED WEBSITE [www.bethlehemossian.org](http://www.bethlehemossian.org)**

Thank you to Josh and Wendy Boehm for updating the look and adding more information to our church and school website. **Bethlehem has added the option for E-Giving for our members to give their offerings online.**

**CONCORDIA SEMINARY GUILD** –The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 in Luther Hall. Keynote speaker will be Dr. Don Wiley. Bethlehem members have been asked to help with serving snacks and the lunch. Please plan to attend. If questions, contact Helen Witte.

**Senior Citizens Lunch and Program at New Hope Lutheran Church, Ossian,** Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. Special Program with Rev. Peter Brock speaking on the end of life decisions and care. Free will offering accepted to cover the cost of the food. Please call the church office to RSVP 622-7954 by Feb 5<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

**Jonah 1:1-17 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, <sup>2</sup> “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it, for their evil has come up before me.” <sup>3</sup> But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish. So he paid the fare and went on board, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the LORD. <sup>4</sup> But the LORD hurled a great wind upon the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship threatened to break up. <sup>5</sup> Then the mariners were afraid, and each cried out to his god. And they hurled the cargo that was in the ship into the sea to lighten it for them. But Jonah had gone down into the inner part of the ship and had lain down and was fast asleep. <sup>6</sup> So the captain came and said to him, “What do you mean, you sleeper? Arise, call out to your god! Perhaps the god will give a thought to us, that we may not perish.” <sup>7</sup> And they said to one another, “Come, let us cast lots, that we may know on whose account this evil has come upon us.” So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. <sup>8</sup> Then they said to him, “Tell us on whose account this evil has come upon us. What is your occupation? And where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?” <sup>9</sup> And he said to them, “I am a Hebrew, and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land.” <sup>10</sup> Then the men were exceedingly afraid and said to him, “What is this that you have done!” For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them. <sup>11</sup> Then they said to him, “What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?” For the sea grew more and more tempestuous. <sup>12</sup> He said to them, “Pick me up and hurl me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you, for I know it is because of me that this great tempest has come upon you.” <sup>13</sup> Nevertheless, the men rowed hard to get back to dry land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more tempestuous against them. <sup>14</sup> Therefore they called out to the LORD, “O LORD, let us not perish for this man’s life, and lay not on us innocent blood, for you, O LORD, have done as it pleased you.” <sup>15</sup> So they picked up Jonah and hurled him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging. <sup>16</sup> Then the men feared the LORD exceedingly, and they offered a sacrifice to the LORD and made vows. <sup>17</sup> And the LORD appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

**Romans 13:8-10 (ESV)**

<sup>8</sup> Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup> For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>10</sup> Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

**Matthew 8:23-27 (ESV)**

<sup>23</sup> And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. <sup>24</sup> And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. <sup>25</sup> And they went and woke him, saying, “Save us, Lord; we are perishing.” <sup>26</sup> And he said to them, “**Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?**” Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. <sup>27</sup> And the men marveled, saying, “What sort of man is this, that even winds and sea obey him?”

**Offering January 27, 2019**

<u>Average weekly need \$10,241</u>	
Home Fund Env.	\$14,456.00
Synod	114.00
Loose	180.63
Improvement Fund	130.00
Endowment Fund	200.00
Scholarship Fund	
Sunday School	<u>28.10</u>
Total	\$15,108.73

**Financial Report**

<b>Home Fund Balance \$1,630.69</b>
Next week bills due amt: \$15,000
Bills due in two weeks: 25,000
<b>Savings Account Balance \$13,348.42</b>
Borrowed from Savings: \$35,500
Operating Loan Debt: \$10,000

**LAST SUNDAY ATTENDANCE**

Divine Service	195
Holy Communion	132
Adult Bible Class	42
Sunday School	22

**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](http://www.thrivent.com) or contact customer service at 1-800-847-4836 and designate your dollars. Thank you

**ENDOWMENT UPDATE-** The Lutheran Foundation will match \$14,100 for this 2018-19 school year. Due to gracious donations given so far, we have \$5,967.58 going towards that matching amount. Our goal is to reach the full matching amount before the end of May, 2019. Thank you