

OPENING HYMN

“Salvation unto Us Has Come”

LSB #555

(1-5)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION p. 184

INTROIT

(Sung responsively with the Liturgist)



The cords of Sheol en- | tangled me; *
the snares of death con- | fronted me.

In my distress I called up- | on the Lord. *

From his temple he | heard my voice.

I love you, O | Lord, my strength, *

The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my de- | liverer,

For you save a humble | people, *

but the haughty eyes | you bring down.

You have equipped | me with strength *
and made my way | blameless.

For this I will praise you, O Lord, among the | nations, *

and sing | to your name.

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.

The cords of Sheol en- | tangled me; *
the snares of death con- | fronted me.

KYRIE p. 186 *“Lord, Have Mercy”*

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O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; 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

Exodus 17:1-7

P) This is the Word of the Lord.

C) **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL *(sung by the congregation)*

The Lord is a stronghold for | the oppressed, *

A stronghold in times of | trouble.

And those who know your name put their | trust in you, *

For you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who | seek you.

For the needy shall not always be for- | gotten, *

And the hope of the poor shall not perish for- | ever.

A- | rise, O Lord! *

Let not | man prevail.

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 9:24 – 10:5

P) This is the Word of the Lord.

C) **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL READING

Matthew 20:1-16

P) This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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HYMN OF THE DAY

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SERMON

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

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(stand)*

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COMMUNION HYMNS

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

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“Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling”

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“Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise”

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CLOSING HYMN

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer”

LSB #918

IN HIS SERVICE

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Deaconess Intern
Head Elder
Elders on Duty
Kantor
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Altar Guild
Acolytes
Ushers

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Neil Stoppenhagen and Bruce Thorpe
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THIS WEEK AT BETHLEHEM

TODAY 9:00 a.m. **Divine Service / Holy Communion**
10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Class or Sunday School
11:15 a.m. Church Council Meeting
11:30 a.m. Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7 FM)
MONDAY 7:00 p.m. Handbell Choir Practice
WEDNESDAY 10:15 a.m. **Chapel Service**
7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
THURSDAY 10am & 6pm Women's Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study
7:00 p.m. LWML Meeting
NEXT SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. **Divine Service / Holy Communion**
10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Class and Sunday School
11:15 a.m. Board of Elders Meeting
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.*

NEWSLETTER ITEMS ARE NOW DUE

SEPTUAGESIMA
DIVINE SERVICE THREE

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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.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING – TODAY Sunday, February 17th at 11:15 a.m.

LADIES AID PIE AND SOUP SALE – TODAY Sunday, February 17th.

DECATUR LUTHERAN BIBLE February 19 and 26 at Wyneken Memorial School, Decatur. Come and learn! Choose from four courses of study: "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.

PORK CHOP DINNER- the parents and students of this year's Washington DC group will be hosting a Pork Chop Dinner on Sunday, February 24th to raise funds for next year's class trip. Carry-out only 10:30-1 p.m. Tickets \$9.00 each will go on sale today after church.

There will be Fish Fry meeting on Monday February 18th at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Anyone interested in serving on this committee may attend. If you have questions, please contact Kathy Nahrwold @ 705-6257.

CARD SHOWER - The Ladies Aid Members will be helping Judy Clausen celebrate her 70th Birthday on February 18th with a card shower. Those wishing to send her a card may send it to the following address: 41922 W, Avilla Drive, Maricopa, AZ 85138.

February Events planned by the Woman's group:

Thursday 21st, 7pm LWML: Vicki Schallhorn will be leading a short Bible study and then the ladies will need help making cancer pads. Bring yard stick if have one, if would like to donate sheets please wash and bleach them first.

Tuesday 26th, 5:30pm: all you can eat fish/chicken buffet or order off the menu at The Galley in Decatur (a room will be reserved), with a short devotion at 6:30pm. Couples/anyone can attend, perfect for just before Decatur Institute Bible Study. Come when you can. If you need a ride please let Kathy or Wendy know.

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.

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.

BE SURE TO VISIT OUR UPDATED WEBSITE 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.**

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

Exodus 17:1-7 (ESV)

¹ All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” And Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” ³ But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?” ⁴ So Moses cried to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” ⁵ And the LORD said to Moses, “Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶ Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

1 Corinthians 9:24-10:5 (ESV)

²⁴ Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. ²⁵ Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. ²⁶ So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. ²⁷ But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified. ¹ For I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³ and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. ⁵ Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

Matthew 20:1-16 (ESV)

¹ “For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵ So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶ And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ ⁸ And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ ⁹ And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰ Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more,

but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹² saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first last.”

Offering February 10, 2019

<u>Average weekly need \$10,241</u>	
Home Fund Env.	\$6,629.00
Synod	32.00
Loose	116.20
Improvement Fund	40.00
Endowment Fund	
Scholarship Fund	665.48
Sunday School	33.55
Kroger Rewards	<u>72.54</u>
Total	\$7,587.77

Financial Report

Home Fund Balance \$2,887.76
Next week bills due amt: \$25,000
Bills due in two weeks: \$2,000
Savings Account Balance \$10,553.90
Borrowed from Savings: \$39,000
Operating Loan Debt: \$10,000

LAST SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

Divine Service	175
Holy Communion	93
Adult Bible Class	46
Sunday School	13