

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC *Bethlehem Handbell Choir* “Praise My Soul the King of Heaven”
“Fanfare” from Drottinholm Suite

OPENING HYMN “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word” **LSB #655**

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INTROIT

(Sung responsively with the Junior Choir)



Awake! Why are you sleeping, | O Lord? *

Rouse yourself! Do not reject us for- | ever!

For our soul is bowed down | to the dust. *

Rise up; come | to our help!

O God, we have heard with our ears, our fathers have | told us,*

what deeds you performed in their days, in the | days of old:

you with your own hand drove out the nations,

but them you | planted; *

you afflicted the peoples, but them you | set free.

But you have saved us | from our foes *

and have put to shame those who | hate us.

In God we have boasted con- | tinually, *

and we will give thanks to your name for- | ever.

*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.

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Rouse yourself! Do not reject us for- | ever!

KYRIE p. 186 “Lord, Have Mercy”

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

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O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; 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

Isaiah 55:10-13

P) This is the Word of the Lord.

C) **Thanks be to God.**

CHORAL ANTHEM “Give Ear Unto Me”

EPISTLE READING

2 Corinthians 11:19- 12:9

P) This is the Word of the Lord.

C) **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL READING

Luke 8:4-15

P) This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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HYMN OF THE DAY

“May God Bestow on Us His Grace”

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SERMON

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OFFERING

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CLOSING HYMN

“Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast”

LSB #577

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

IN HIS SERVICE

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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
	11:30 a.m.	Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7 FM)
	1:00 p.m.	Board of Elders Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	LYF Bible Study
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
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

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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:

Charlotte Dippel, Helen Witte, Wurschmidt family

Birthday blessings: *Ralph and Hildegarde Bauermeister*

Sympathies: *Ruth Oswalt (mother of Julie Werling)*

Worship Anew 2000th Broadcast

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

THE BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS PLACED UNDER THE HYMNBOARD are given to the glory of God and in honor of Ralph and Hildegarde Bauermeister's February birthdays from the families of Mark and Beth Behning, Greg and Kellie Woods, Vince and Trudie Welch.

PASTORAL ASSISTANCE: As most of you know, Rev. Wurschmidt has resigned from his position here at Bethlehem. We thank Rev. Dr. Charles Geischen for being with us this morning in His Word and Sacrament. Please join us for Adult Bible Class and Sunday School after today's service. If pastoral care is need during this vacancy, please contact our Circuit Visitor, Rev. Shayne Jonker at 260-418-2206 or by email **shaynejonker@yahoo.com**.

PORK CHOP CARRY-OUT DINNER TODAY the parents and students of this year's Washington DC group will be hosting a Pork Chop Dinner today to raise funds for next year's class trip. Carry-out only 10:30-1 p.m. **Tickets \$9.00 each are still available**. Pick up /drive thru the north entrance to the school gym kitchen.

DECATUR LUTHERAN BIBLE February 26 at Wyneken Memorial School, Decatur. Come and learn! "A Study of the book of Hebrews."

Please join us for all you can eat fish/chicken buffet or order off the menu at The Galley in Decatur (a room will be reserved) at 5:30 p.m, with a short devotion at 6:30pm. Couples/anyone can attend, perfect for just before Decatur Institute Bible Study. **Please RSVP with Wendy Boehm or Kathy Nahrwold**.

ATTENTION ALL LADIES OF THE CHURCH –Come join us for some fellowship and fun on Tuesday, March 5th from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall to play board games and cards. Light refreshments will be served.

20's -30's GROUP – MARCH MADNESS EVENT - Saturday, March 16th at 10:00 a.m.

SHEBOYGAN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL LENTEN CONCERT: The Sheboygan Lutheran High School Symphonic Band and Konzertchor from Sheboygan, WI is pleased to announce that it will be performing in Decatur, IN at 7:00pm on Sunday, March 24th. The concert will be held at Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School (11565 US-27). "Victorious" is the theme for the concert which will feature devotional thoughts as well as a variety of sacred, choral and instrumental music. Admission is free to all who attend, however a free-will offering will be taken. Please invite family and friends to join the Sheboygan Lutheran Music Department for a wonderful night of music, worship, and fellowship.

WORSHIP ANEW -Please join us in giving thanks for God's many blessings as we commemorate 2,000 programs this coming Sunday, on the February 24th broadcast of Worship Anew. An Open House will take place at the Wolf Chapel Studio and Elsie Rossman Media Center (Fort Wayne, Indiana) that day from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Dessert and beverages will be served. If you have questions, please call 1 (888)286-8002 or e-mail **info@worshipanew.org**.

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.

Isaiah 55:10-13 (ESV)

¹⁰“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹²“For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

2 Corinthians 11:19-12:9 (ESV)

¹⁹For you gladly bear with fools, being wise yourselves! ²⁰For you bear it if someone makes slaves of you, or devours you, or takes advantage of you, or puts on airs, or strikes you in the face. ²¹To my shame, I must say, we were too weak for that! But whatever anyone else dares to boast of—I am speaking as a fool—I also dare to boast of that. ²²Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they offspring of Abraham? So am I. ²³Are they servants of Christ? I am a better one—I am talking like a madman—with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless beatings, and often near death. ²⁴Five times I received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. ²⁵Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I was adrift at sea; ²⁶on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers; ²⁷in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. ²⁸And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure on me of my anxiety for all the churches. ²⁹Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to fall, and I am not indignant? ³⁰If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness. ³¹The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. ³²At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas was guarding the city of Damascus in order to seize me, ³³but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall and escaped his hands. ¹I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. ²I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. ³And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— ⁴and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. ⁵On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶Though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. ⁷So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. ⁸Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹But he said to me, “**My grace is**

sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Luke 8:4-15 (ESV)

⁴And when a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable: ⁵“**A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. ⁶And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. ⁷And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. ⁸And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold.”** As he said these things, he called out, “**He who has ears to hear, let him hear.**” ⁹And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, ¹⁰he said, “**To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that ‘seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.’**” ¹¹Now the parable is this: **The seed is the word of God. ¹²The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. ¹³And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away. ¹⁴And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. ¹⁵As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.**

Offering February 17, 2019

<u>Average weekly need \$10,241</u>	
Home Fund Env.	\$5,925.00
Synod	80.00
Loose	284.67
Improvement Fund	110.00
Endowment Fund	
Scholarship Fund	
Sunday School	37.81
School Tuition	<u>2,000.00</u>
Total	\$8,440.48

Financial Report

Home Fund Balance (\$8,316.60)	
Next week bills due amt:	\$2,000
Bills due in two weeks:	\$20,000
Savings Account Balance \$10,664.41	
Borrowed from Savings:	\$39,000
Operating Loan Debt:	\$10,000

LAST SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

Divine Service	212
Holy Communion	140
Adult Bible Class	N/A
Sunday School	N/A

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.**