

## IN HIS SERVICE

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<b>TODAY</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Divine Service</b>
	NO	Adult Bible Class and Sunday School
	11:30 a.m.	Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)
	NO	Lutheran Doctrine Class
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>New Year's Eve Service</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Practice
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Divine Service</b>
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	11:30 a.m.	Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)
	NO	Lutheran Doctrine Class

**NO SCHOOL December 23-January 6**

**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.  
NEWSLETTER ITEMS ARE NOW DUE**

# Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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*A congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod*



**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**  
**Divine Service – Setting 1**  
**December 29, 2019**  
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OPENING HYMN “Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising” LSB #375

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION p. 151 (stand)

INTROIT  
(Sung responsively with the Liturgist)



Your decrees are very | trustworthy; \*  
holiness befits your house, O Lord, for- | evermore.

Your throne is established | from of old; \*  
you are from ever- | lasting.

The Lord reigns; he is robed in | majesty; \*  
the Lord is robed; he has put on strength | as his belt.

Yes, the world is es- | tablished; \*  
it shall nev- | er be moved.

The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted | up their voice; \*  
the floods lift up their | roaring.

Mightier than the thunders of many waters,  
mightier than the waves | of the sea, \*

the Lord on high is | mighty!  
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.

Your decrees are very | trustworthy; \*  
holiness befits your house, O Lord, for- | evermore.

KYRIE p. 152 “Lord, Have Mercy”

HYMN OF PRAISE p. 154 “Gloria in Excelsis”

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

FIRST READING *Isaiah 11:1-5*

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

GRADUAL  
You are the most handsome of the | sons of men; \*  
grace is poured up- | on your lips.  
I address my verses | to the king; \*  
my tongue is like the pen of a | ready scribe.

EPISTLE READING *Galatians 4:1-7*

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

ALLELUIA and VERSE - COMMON p. 156

HOLY GOSPEL READING (please stand) *Luke 2:22-40*

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

NICENE CREED p. 158

HYMN OF THE DAY “Let All Together Praise Our God” LSB #389

SERMON

RITE OF CONFIRMATION p. 272

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (stand)

OFFERING  
OFFERTORY p. 159 (stand)

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT p. 160-164

COMMUNION HYMNS “Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling” LSB #630  
“Once He Came in Blessing” LSB #333  
“Angels from the Realms of Glory” LSB #367

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE (stand) p. 165 Nunc Dimittis

BENEDICTION (stand) p. 166

CLOSING HYMN “O Rejoice, Ye Christians, Loudly” LSB #897

## 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. **The church has larger print Bibles, hymnals and hearing devices for those members or guests needing them. Please ask an elder for assistance.**

### **IN OUR PRAYERS**

**All those in need of continued strength and healing:**

**Confirmation blessing:** Nathan Householder

**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, Ilene Meyer (Ossian H.C.)*

*Lorene Rekeweg, Imogene Bultemeier (Woodcrest)*

**ADULT CONFIRMATION-** after receiving adult instruction, Nathan Householder was accepted into communicant membership at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. We welcome Nathan and pray God's blessings on this special day.

**HOLIDAY SERVICES -** Please join us for worship:  
December 31 – New Year's Eve Divine Service 7:00 p.m.

**LADIES AID MONTHLY MEETING-** Wednesday January 8th at 1:30 p.m. The LWML meeting will precede.

**LADIES AID SOUP & BAKE SALE** will be on Sunday, January 19th.

**PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK THE KITCHEN FOR ANY LEFT ITEMS.**

**ALTAR GUILD DUTY** – Please consider signing up to help with altar preparation. A weekly sign-up sheet is posted to the bulletin board. Feel free to pick one, two or more weeks. If interested and need instruction, please contact Dalene Springer or Wendy Boehm for more information. Thank you

**THE ALTAR GUILD IS ASKING MEMBERS TO PLEASE SIGN UP TO PLACE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR OR HYMNBOARD.** Simply use the 2020 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 Dalene Springer. 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 CLOSED today Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>** Plan to use SCRIP cards for all of your holiday shopping and gift giving. Please contact Melissa Price for all your SCRIP needs 433-5307.

**SGO TAX CREDITS are GOING FAST!** The Scholarship Granting Organization of Indiana is urging donors wanting to support SGO scholarships and receive the 50% State Tax Credit to make your donations before the end of the year. Your donation will go to help our Bethlehem Lutheran School families who struggle with tuition cost but want to be sure they are providing a Christian Education for their children. Thank you. To donate, go to: **www.lutheransgo.org** or pick up an application on the Narthex table.

**2020 OFFERING BOXES ARE NOW AVAILABLE in the north hallway.**

Isaiah 11:1-5 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> 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, <sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

Galatians 4:1-7 (ESV)

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

Luke 2:22-40 (ESV)

<sup>22</sup> 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 <sup>23</sup> (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) <sup>24</sup> and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” <sup>25</sup> 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. <sup>26</sup> 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. <sup>27</sup> 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, <sup>28</sup> he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, <sup>29</sup> “Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; <sup>30</sup> for my eyes have seen your salvation <sup>31</sup> that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, <sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.” <sup>33</sup> And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. <sup>34</sup> 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 <sup>35</sup> (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.” <sup>36</sup> 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, <sup>37</sup> and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshipping with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup> 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. <sup>39</sup> And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup> And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

Offering December 22, 2019

Financial Report

<u>Average weekly need \$11,342</u>	
Home Fund Env.	\$20,085.00
Synod	60.00
Loose	225.92
Sunday School	24.60
Improvement Fund	140.00
Endowment Fund	
Scholarship Fund	100.00
Music Fund	5.00
Advent Service	641.10
Sound System	<u>3,000.00</u>
Total	\$24,281.62

**Home Fund Balance (\$1,176.00)**

Next week bills due amt: \$13,000

Bills due in two weeks: \$13,000

**Savings Account Balance \$32,356.18**

Borrowed from Savings: \$20,321.00

Operating Loan Debt: \$25,000

**Phase II Roof Balance \$16,047.13**

**AC Unit Balance \$12,594.57**

**LAST SUNDAY ATTENDANCE**

Divine Service	183
Holy Communion	118
Adult Bible Class	29
Sunday School	N/A
Christmas Eve	189
Christmas Day	145

