

****Giving Envelopes for 2019 are now ready and located on a table in the Overflow Room. Please locate yours and take them with you. Thank you! Carla****

GOOD NEWS!!

We are moving forward with the basement water damage. Earth Services will be on site January 7, 2019 to remove the floor tile—DCD Floors will put the new floor in the following week.



HELP NEEDED!! *We have to remove all the basement contents before January 7th. We have one enclosed trailer available. **We may need one more.** Moving day will be January 2nd and 3rd. Call either the Church or Aletha King at 712-298-0684 as for the time.*

Don't forget to attend the Annual Meeting.

It is an important meeting as part of the congregation.

Bethany's Meeting is January 20, 2019—Lost Island's is January 27, 2019
Bethany-Hope you all can make it and look over the information about the endowment fund so we can take a vote! Copies of this information are located on the Bulletin Board in the Overflow Room and also near the Ceramic Christmas Tree by the South Wall in the Overflow Room. It is also located in your January Newsletter.

Bethany Lutheran Church
703 Broadway- Emmetsburg, IA
Worship 10:30 AM
Sunday School –Resumes 1/6/19

Lost Island Lutheran Church
3797-310th St. - Ruthven, IA
Worship 8:45 AM
Sunday School 10:15 AM

Rev. F. Peter Morlock

We welcome you to worship today
December 30, 2018

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS—HEALING SERVICE

On the first Sunday of Christmas we find the boy Samuel and the boy Jesus, both in the temple, both growing in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and human-kind. We too have returned to the house of God "to sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God," who has gifted us with a savior. As the festival continues, "let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts." It is Christmas, still.

ORGAN PRELUDE

Today is "Pick A Hymn Sunday"

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS/ SIGNING OF FRIENDSHIP SHEETS

We invite everyone to please sign the attendance sheets in the black notebook located at the end of pew. If you are a visitor, we would like to get to know you better, please include your address and phone number. We welcome you to come again.

ORDER OF SERVICE-LBW SERVICE OF THE WORD LBW pg. 126 (green hymnal)

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:** LBW Pg. 56

*Those who are able, please stand

***GATHERING HYMN:** "PICK A HYMN"

***DIALOG:** LBW pg. 126 Read responsively

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe,

for in your wisdom you have formed us.

You feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

We bless you and praise your name forever.

You set free those who are bound.

We bless you and praise your name forever.

You raise up those whose courage falters.

We bless you and praise your name forever.

You provide for our every need.

Accept our grateful praises.

You have called us from all peoples.

We rejoice and bless your name forever.

You bless your people with peace.

We bless you and praise your loving grace.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe,

for in your wisdom you have formed us.

*APOSTLES' CREED

L: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Let us pray together.

Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

***SALUTATION:** L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

***FIRST READING: 1 SAMUEL 2:18-20, 26**

Having dedicated her son Samuel to God's service, Hannah visits him every year when she and her husband, Elkanah, come to the Lord's house to offer sacrifices. God grants Hannah more children, and Samuel himself gains favor in the sight of all.

¹⁸Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod. ¹⁹His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. ²⁰Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD"; and then they would return to their home. ²⁶Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the LORD and with the people.

TODAY, DEC. 30 BETHANY NEXT SUNDAY, JAN. 6, 2019

Organist Janis Campbell

Altar Guild December Kathy Mehan

Altar Guild January Mike & Pam Hermansen

Lector: Lindsay Carter Angie Hetrick

Greeters: Doug & Sherri Ort Family Pat Vician, Dawn Freeman

*Danny & Linda Umbrell

Ushers: Phil Andreasen, *John Larson Joel Saxton, *Joe Neary
Willard & Drake Schmeling Liza & Josie Saxton

Communion Asst: Angie Hetrick, Kristin Rienhardt, Bob Andersen

Acolytes: Mason Foxhoven, Parker Schmeling -Tate Carter, Jameson Boevers

LOST ISLAND

Organist: Tim Nielsen

Altar Guild for December Punky Kropf, Alaire Nielsen

Reader: Alaire Nielsen Troy Leininger

Communion Asst: Alaire Nielsen

Acolytes: Miriam Hackbart-Morlock Olivia Sorenson

OPPORTUNITIES

Tuesday, Jan. 1 New Year's Day—Office is Closed

Wednesday, Jan. 2 12 Noon Men's Bible Study

5:30 pm Journey Adult Bible Study

***Volunteers needed to help with removing items in
the basement at Bethany***

Thursday, Jan. 3 ***Volunteers needed to help with removing items in
the basement at Bethany***

Sunday, Jan. 6 8:45 am Lost Island Worship, Communion
10:15 am Sunday School at Lost Island
9:30 am Sunday School at Bethany
10:30 am Bethany Worship, Communion
Outreach—Okoboji Camp

***THE LORD'S PRAYER:** LBW Pg. 130

***BENEDICTION:** LBW Pg. 130

***SENDING HYMN:** "PICK A HYMN"

***DISMISSAL:** L: Go in peace to love & serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN POSTLUDE

PRAYER REQUESTS

Linda Umbrell, Bill Ortman, Kevin Schentzel,
Pastor Chris Lange, Pastor Tom Summerfield,
Pastor Trudy Peterson, Shirley Knutson,

Teresa Jensen, Dorothy Moore, RoxAnn Hanson, Phyllis Schroeder, Janis Campbell, Debra Zanfes, Jim Anderson, Richard & Irene Omundson, Fern Schmidt, Garwin Anderson, Lois Quam, Rod Snavely, Bill Ziegler, Bob Mortenson, Lucille Anderson and those we name in our hearts.

*Our missionary: Courtney Davis in Papua New Guinea

*Our companion synods: The Southern Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania-Yakobi Parish, companion with Lost Island and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chile.

Our Sympathy to the Bill Ziegler family and friends as Nancy passed away on December 24th and her funeral was held here on December 29th. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

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***PSALM 148** Please Read Responsively

The splendor of the LORD is over earth and heaven. (Ps. 148:13)

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise God in the heights.

²**Praise the LORD, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

³Praise the LORD, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.

⁴**Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.**

⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD, who commanded, and they were created,

⁶**who made them stand fast forever and ever, giving them a law that shall not pass away.**

⁷Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;

⁸**fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**

⁹mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

¹⁰**wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;**

¹¹sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

¹²**young men and maidens, old and young together.**

¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD, whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

¹⁴**The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. Hallelujah!**

***SECOND READING: COLOSSIANS 3:12-17**

Just as newly baptized Christians in the early church were clothed with white robes upon arising from the baptismal waters, so all who have received God's gift of life in Jesus Christ are covered with the character of Christ.

¹²As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Here ends the reading. Please stand for the Alleluia response.

***RESPONSE: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

***GOSPEL ANNOUNCED and RESPONSE: Glory to you, O Lord.**

***GOSPEL: LUKE 2:41-52**

Jesus grew up in a family that went to the Passover festival each year. It was in this environment of faithful adherence to the law that Jesus grew into spiritual maturity and an understanding of his identity and mission.

⁴¹Now every year [Jesus'] parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. ⁴⁴Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." ⁴⁹He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

***GOSPEL RESPONSE: Praise to you, O Christ. (spoken)**

***CHILDRENS SERMON**

***SERMON**

***HYMN OF THE DAY: "PICK A HYMN"**

***SHARING OF THE PEACE:** Please be seated while the offering is received

***OFFERING/OFFERTORY:**

***OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us-ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING**

During laying on of hands congregation sings:

Those who wish to receive laying on of hands and anointing come to the altar and if able kneel.

O God, the giver of health and salvation: As the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ, at his command, anointed many that were sick and healed them, send now your Holy Spirit, that anointed with this oil, we may in repentance and faith be made whole; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen**

TFF (red) /Praise #183/408 "I Must Tell Jesus"

TFF (red) /Praise #187/517 "God Forgave My Sin In Jesus"

TFF (red) /Praise #118/319 "Blessed Assurance"

After all have returned to their places:

The almighty Lord—a strong tower to all who put their trust in him to whom all things in heaven, on earth, and under the earth bow and whom they obey—be now and evermore your defense, and make you know and feel that the only name under heaven given for health and salvation is the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. **C: Amen.**

***THE PRAYERS**

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "O Lord, Hear My Prayer". It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal lines. The first system has the lyrics "O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me." The second system has the lyrics "O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me."