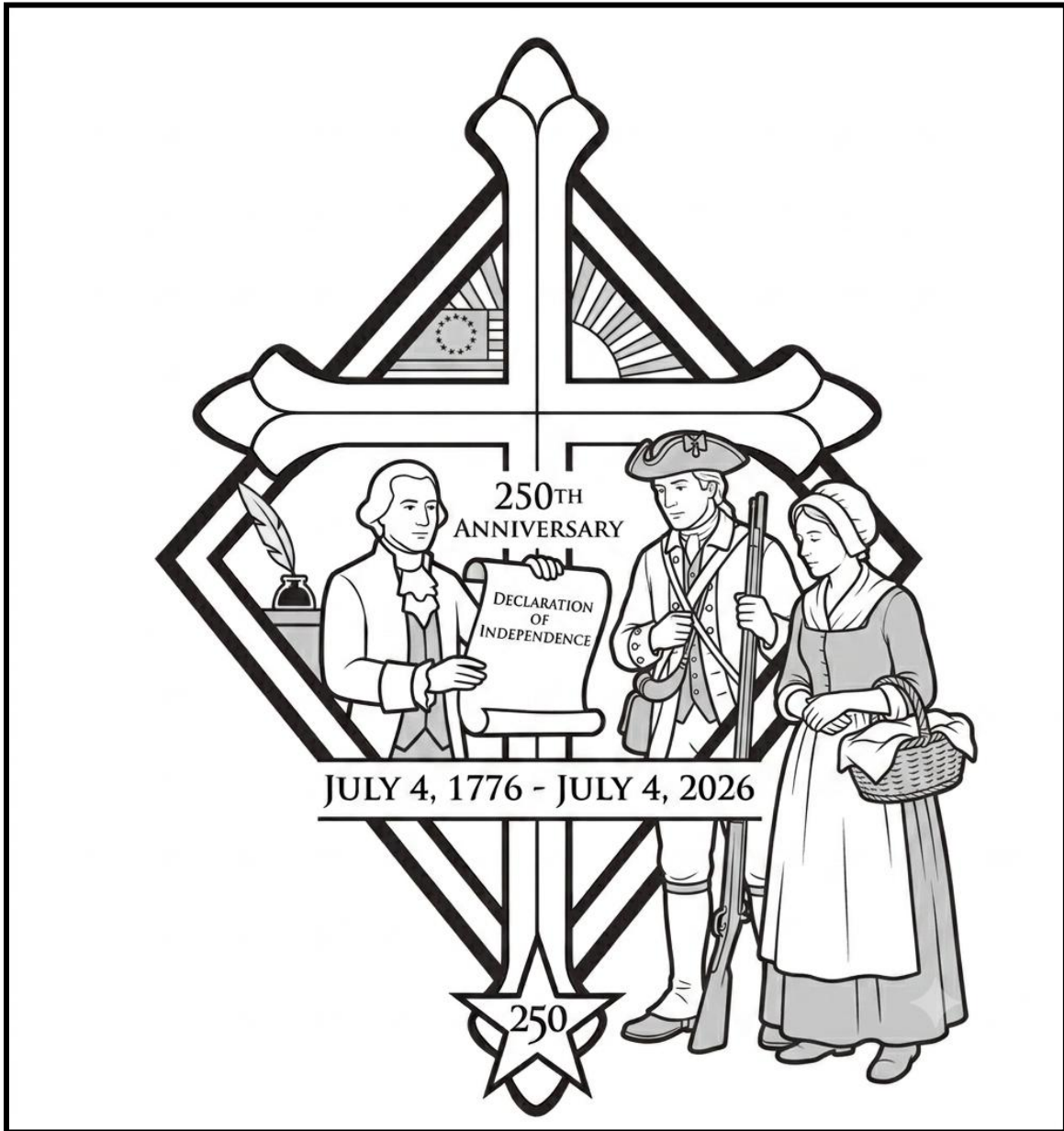

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

July 5, 2026



SERVING YOU TODAY

Pastor	Tony Pittenger
Organist	Kelli Gracia
Acolytes	Charleigh/Everett Walsh, Kayson/Kyler Crew
Ushers	Mike & Elijah Enstad
Elder on duty this week	Doug Seals

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday: Join with us as we use The Divine Service, Rite Two, starting on page 60, with modifications. Please follow along in the hymnal or above the altar as announced.

Monday: The Office of Compline, pg. 128

Flowers on the altar this week are given to the glory of God by Jeremy and Kelli Gracia in celebration of Isabel's 10th birthday.

HYMNS

Please follow along in the hymnal or above the altar as announced.

INTROIT: Surely the Lord is in this place; this is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven. The Lord reigns, He is clothed in majesty; the Lord is clothed, He has girded Himself with strength; Holiness adorns Your house, O Lord, forever.

COLLECT: O Lord God almighty, mercifully grant that we, who know You by faith, may with our whole heart believe in Jesus Christ, our only Savior, serve Him, and steadfastly confess and glorify Him, making known His saving Word among all nations; through the same, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

PSALM

The Lord looks down from Heaven; He sees all the children of man;
¹⁴ **from where He sits enthroned He looks out on all the inhabitants of the earth,**
¹⁵ He who fashions the hearts of them all and observes all their deeds.

¹⁶ **The king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.**

¹⁷ The war horse is a false hope for salvation, and by its great might it cannot rescue.

¹⁸ **Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him, on those who hope in His steadfast love,**

¹⁹ that He may deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine.

²⁰ **Our soul waits for the Lord; He is our help and our shield.**

²¹ For our heart is glad in Him, because we trust in His holy name.

²² **Let Your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in You. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son +, and to the Holy Spirit! As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore, amen.** *Psalm 33:13-22 (ESV)*

GRADUAL: Alleluia! Blessed be the Lord God of our fathers: praise Him and highly exalt Him forever. Alleluia!

EPISTLE LESSON

Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise. ²⁹ But just as at that time he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, so also it is now. ³⁰ But what does the Scripture say? “Cast out the slave woman and her son, for the son of the slave woman shall not inherit with the son of the free woman.” ³¹ So, brothers, we are not children of the slave but of the free woman. ¹ For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. *Galatians 4:28-5:1 (ESV)*

GOSPEL LESSON

He said to them, “You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. ²⁴ I told you that you would die in your sins, for unless you believe that I am He you will die in your sins.” ²⁵ So they said to Him, “Who are You?” Jesus said to them, “Just what I have been telling you from the beginning. ²⁶ I have much to say about you and much to judge, but He who sent Me is true, and I declare to the world what I have heard from Him.” ²⁷ They did not understand that He had been speaking to them about the Father. ²⁸ So Jesus said to them, “When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and that I do nothing on My own authority, but speak just as the Father taught Me. ²⁹ And He who sent Me is with Me. He has not left Me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to Him.” ³⁰ As He was saying these things, many believed in Him. ³¹ So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³ They answered Him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that You say, ‘You will become free’?” ³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. *John 8:23-36 (ESV)*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord, God of hosts, ruler of all nations, we thank You for the blessings You have bestowed upon the United States of America and her people for 250 years. We pray that You would grant her good and wise government and sustain her in peace and security, especially so that Your Holy Gospel may be confessed openly and received gladly by her people. Bless the celebrations of this milestone, that they may unite our country as a people and cause us to renew our commitment to the public good. Let all Christians give respect, honor and love where each is due, as servants of Christ in this world whose eternal citizenship is in heaven. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God of hosts, give us faith to let down the nets of Your Word in our daily vocations and trust Your Son to do His gracious work through poor sinners like us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God of hosts, bless [and] all who suffer in body or mind. Since Christ is at their right hand, they cannot be shaken. Make their flesh dwell securely, and give them peace in the promise that You will not abandon their souls to the grave. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God of hosts, bless all who suffer for righteousness' sake, and keep them in Christ from fearing or being troubled by those who persecute them. In every generation You preserve a remnant who have not bowed their knees to the false gods of this world. By Your Spirit, keep all believers faithful to You, and grant repentance to those who have fallen away. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Beautiful Savior, King of Creation, bless this week's final preparations for our annual summer camp, giving our volunteers strength and endurance for the long week and our counselors integrity to model the Christian lives of young adults. Lord in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, never depart from us. Though we are unworthy of You and Your bounty, You are pleased to receive our meager thanks and reluctant obedience for the sake of Christ's perfect obedience. Let Your Word rule us and Your Spirit revive us to leave behind pride and anxiety alike, that we may follow You in all we do; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

CLOSING COLLECT

I now make it my earnest prayer, that God would have the United States in His holy protection, that He would incline the hearts of the Citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to Government, to entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another, for their fellow citizens of the United States at large, and particularly for their brethren who have served in the Field, and finally, that He would most graciously be pleased to dispose us all, to do Justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that Charity, humility and pacific temper of mind, which were the Characteristicks of the Devine Author of our blessed Religion, and without an humble imitation of whose example in these things, we can never hope to be a happy Nation. Amen.

Prayer adapted from Washington's [Circular Letter to the States](#), which he wrote on June 8, 1783, as the commander in chief, at his headquarters in Newburgh, New York. This circular was directed to the governors and states of the new nation. His reference to them has been replaced by the words "the United States." Otherwise, the words and the spellings are those of General George Washington of the Continental Army.

THE DOGLOCK MUSKET/FOWLER

The musket used in the service today is a firearm that preceded the 'true' flintlock in rifles, muskets, and pistols in the 17th century. Commonly used throughout Europe in the 17th century, it gained popular favor in the British and Dutch military.

Much like the later flintlock devices, it contained the flint, frizzen, and pan, yet had an external catch as a half-cock safety, known as the "dog". This fell out of favor with the British before 1720. Later flintlocks would contain no such catch, as the half-cock position had been created with the internal parts of the lock.

By the 1720s the dog lock had been replaced in the Army by the Brown Bess. Thousands of surplus doglock muskets were shipped to the American Colonies. American colonists would have been glad to pick up a surplus doglock in their dispute with King George III.

This model has a 46 inch fowler barrel, in .76 caliber. In the militia, it would have been shot with a .69 caliber one-ounce patched ball with 75-100 grains of FFG black powder. As a hunting arm, it would have shot lead shot pellets. It weighs 9 pounds and did not come with a sling. This musket is a true reproduction which is capable of being fired, but is used as a part of a uniform worn by educators from the Sons of the American Revolution in schools and other venues.

The Sons of the American Revolution is made up of men and boys who can trace their ancestry to a person who either fought or supported the American Revolution. The organizations goals are historical, genealogical and educational.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

Hebrews 13:5 (ESV)

*Keep your life free from love of money, and be content
with what you have,*

for He has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

Similar instructions for personal sacrifice are found in 1 Timothy 3:3, 1 Timothy 6:7-8, and Philippians 4:11.

(From the Lutheran Study Bible ESV)

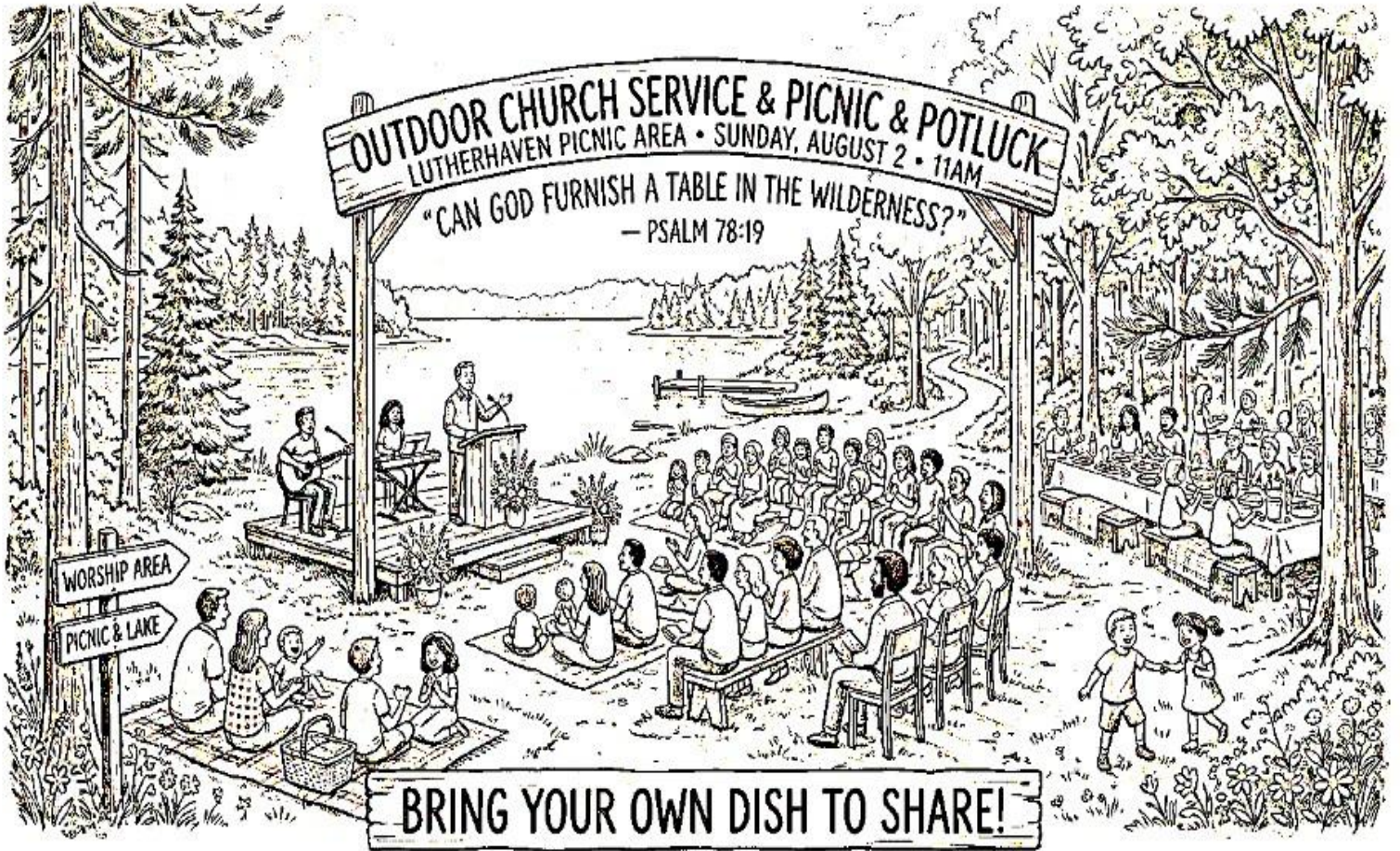
LUTERHAVEN CAMP NEEDS:

If you have chickens and have some eggs to spare, our lovely cooks at camp would be delighted to take them off your hands. Cost of camp down has been able to keep the cost down significantly because they have the menu down to a science.

Kathy Seals is asking for about 5 dozen egg donations to help combat rising grocery prices. Let me know if you have any questions or would like to drop some off.

Thanks!

GATHER-GROW-GO



*Sign up to volunteer and what dishes you would like to bring **on the door besides the cry room**. For more information or questions, contact Stephanie Pasillas.*



CALENDAR

SUNDAY, 7/5

9:00am Worship

MONDAY, 7/6

10:00am Friends in Faith

7:00pm Worship

WEDNESDAY, 7/8

6:00pm Bedtime Books

FRIDAY, 7/10

Counselors at Camp

SATURDAY, 7/11

2:00pm Camper drop off

SUNDAY, 7/12 Trinity Six

9:00am Worship with Communion



BEDTIME BOOKS AT BETHANY


Join us for bedtime stories in the parking lot!

July 8, 15, 22, & 29
August 5 & 12

6:45pm

Directions:

1. Park as directed: sit in your car, lawn chair, or on a blanket.
2. Read aloud books will be brought to you.
3. Follow along together as the book is read.
4. Go home with an additional book of your choice!



Bethany Lutheran Church, School, & Early Learning Center
151 Tremont Street, Port Orchard



including
SK SUMMER SUPPERS

SKSD Food & Nutrition will be providing no cost meals to children under the age of 18!



Summer suppers will be served from 5:45-6:45pm each week!

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