THIRD TO LAST

November 8, 2026



SERVING YOU TODAY

Pastor	Tony Pittenger
Accompanist	Kelli Gracia
Acolytes	Kayson, Kyler, Dominic, Jaden
Ushers	Jeremy Gracia Ricky Pasillas
Elder on Duty	Conrad Plyler

November 9-15

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, page 128.

HYMNS

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585	**534: 1-5**	**532**	**533**	**535**
How Blessed Is the Little Flock	*The World Is Very Evil*	*Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense*	*Preserve Thy Word, O Savior*	*Farewell I Gladly Bid Thee*

INTROIT: Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; Deliver me from the hand of my enemies, And from those who persecute me. Do not let me be ashamed, O LORD, for I have called upon You; In You, O LORD, I put my trust; Let me never be ashamed.

COLLECT: Lord God, heavenly Father, we most heartily thank You that by Your Word You have brought us out of the darkness of error into the light of Your grace: We beseech You, mercifully help us to walk in that light, guard us from all error and false doctrine, and grant that we may not become ungrateful and despise and persecute Your Word, but receive it with all our heart, govern our lives according to it, and put all our trust in Your grace, through the merit of Your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. [14] For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. [15] For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. [16] For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. [17] Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. [18] Therefore encourage one another with these words. *1 Thessalonians 4:13–18 (ESV)*

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

GOSPEL LESSON

So when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), [16] then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. [17] Let the one who is on the housetop not go down to take what is in his house, [18] and let the one who is in the field not turn back to take his cloak. [19] And alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! [20] Pray that your flight may not be in winter or on a Sabbath. [21] For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be. [22] And if those days had not been cut short, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short. [23] Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There he is!' do not believe it. [24] For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. [25] See, I have told you beforehand. [26] So, if they say to you, 'Look, he is in the wilderness,' do not go out. If they say, 'Look, he is in the inner rooms,' do not believe it. [27] For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. [28] Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather. *John 8:28–32 (ESV)*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For faith in the plans God has set for us, that we may leave the future to His care and walk wisely in His heavenly way, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our homes, that they may rest on godly wisdom, which humbles us and turns us from evil and pride; and that our children may abound in fruitful, godly lives, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For humility, that we may render due honor to our rulers, while faithfully serving Christ, by whom all kings reign, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the afflicted and suffering of any kind, *[especially _____,]* that according to God's good pleasure, they would receive relief from pain, healing from sickness, deliverance from afflictions and courage in trials, let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, have mercy.

Heavenly Father, that which our flesh desires cannot compare with Your gift of wisdom. Preserve us from treasuring the jewels and riches of this life. Instead, let us place our trust in the priceless treasure of Your Son, even Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

STEWARDSHIP

Our donations to Bethany are currently falling a little short of our budgeted expectations for the year. As we approach the end of the year, please prayerfully consider remembering Bethany with your gifts and offerings as we work toward ending the year without a deficit. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our church.

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SERVING NEXT WEEK, November 15th-22nd

Organist: Cathy Sharrett
Acolytes: Commissioning of New Acolytes
Elder on Duty: Jeremy Gracia
Ushers: Larry Sharrett and Isaac Sharrett

Lutheran Military Support Group (LMSG) provides Christ-centered support to Military Service Members, Veterans, and their Families. Founded in 2015 by ELS and WELS Military Members, LMSG offers:

- Spiritual Retreats for Military Members, Veterans, and their Spouses
- Workshops for Military Members and First Responders
- Christian counseling and resources for those facing the challenges of trauma and moral injury
- The Christian Service Members' Handbook, a spiritual warfare resource for Christian Warriors
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- Grants for Military Members and congregations serving Military Families

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CALENDAR

SUNDAY, 11/8 Third to Last
9:00am Worship with Communion
10:15am Sunday School

MONDAY, 11/9
11:00am Bethany 55s
7:00pm Worship

TUESDAY, 11/10
1:00pm Juanita's Bible Study
6:00pm Council Meeting
7:00pm Voters Meeting

WEDNESDAY, 11/11
Veterans Day
Office Closed

THURSDAY, 11/12
9:00am Power Hour

SATURDAY, 11/14
9:00am-5:00pm Craft Bazaar

SUNDAY, 11/15 Second to Last
1st-4th Grades Singing Sunday
9:00am Worship
10:15am Sunday School for all ages

Flowers on the Altar this week are given to the glory of God by Audrey Amiling in celebration of Raynette and Joshua's Birthdays.