
BETHANY LUTHERAN

THIRD TO LAST SUNDAY

November 9, 2025



Remember your congregation, which you have had purchased of old, which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your heritage! Psalm 74:2

SERVING YOU TODAY

Preacher: Pastor Pittenger

Organist: Megan Enstad

Acolytes: Leah Evans, Isabel Gracia,
Meeah Lucas

Elder this week: Conrad Plyler

~Communion is offered on the

2nd and 4th Sundays & Mondays of the month~

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: page 128

HYMNS:

24	524:1,5,9	Distribution	Distribution	375
Lord, Open Thou My Heart to Hear	In Thee, Lord, Have I Put My Trust	252 I Walk in Danger All the Way	532 Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense	O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe

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, I put my trust; Let me never be ashamed.

COLLECT: Almighty God, we beseech You, show Your mercies to Your humble servants, that we who put no trust in our own merits may not be dealt with according to the severity of Your judgment, but according to Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

PSALM OF THE DAY

O God, why do you cast us off forever? Why does your anger smoke against the sheep of your pasture? ² Remember your congregation, which you have purchased of old, which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your heritage! Remember Mount Zion, where you have dwelt. *Psalm 74:1-2 (ESV)*

GRADUAL: Alleluia! O Lord, deal with Your servant according to Your mercy and teach me Your statutes. I am Your servant, give me understanding: that I may know Your testimonies. Alleluia!

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

And when it was decided that we should sail for Italy, they delivered Paul and some other prisoners to a centurion of the Augustan Cohort named Julius. ² And embarking in a ship of Adramyttium, which was about to sail to the ports along the coast of Asia, we put to sea, accompanied by Aristarchus, a Macedonian from Thessalonica. ³ The next day we put in at Sidon. And Julius treated Paul kindly and gave him leave to go to his friends and be cared for. ⁴ And putting out to sea from there we sailed under the lee of Cyprus, because the winds were against us. ⁵ And when we had sailed across the open sea along the coast of Cilicia and Pamphylia, we came to Myra in Lycia. ⁶ There the centurion found a ship of Alexandria sailing for Italy and put us on board. ⁷ We sailed slowly for a number of days and arrived with difficulty off Cnidus, and as the wind did not allow us to go farther, we sailed under the lee of Crete off Salmone. ⁸ Coasting along it with difficulty, we came to a place called Fair Havens, near which was the city of Lasea. ⁹ Since much time had passed, and the voyage was now dangerous because even the Fast was already over, Paul advised them, ¹⁰ saying, "Sirs, I perceive that the voyage will be with injury and much loss, not only of the cargo and the ship, but also of our lives." ¹¹ But the centurion paid more attention to the pilot and to the owner of the ship than to what Paul said. ¹² And because the harbor was not suitable to spend the winter in, the majority decided to put out to sea from there, on the chance that somehow they could reach Phoenix, a harbor of Crete, facing both southwest and northwest, and spend the winter there. ¹³ Now when the south wind blew gently, supposing that they had obtained their purpose, they weighed anchor and sailed along Crete, close to the shore. ¹⁴ But soon a tempestuous wind, called the northeaster, struck down from the land. ¹⁵ And when the ship was caught and could not face the wind, we gave way to it and were driven along. ¹⁶ Running under the lee of a small island called Cauda, we managed with difficulty to secure the ship's boat. ¹⁷ After hoisting it up, they used supports to undergird the ship. Then, fearing that they would run aground on the Syrtis, they lowered the gear, and thus they were driven along. ¹⁸ Since we were violently storm-tossed, they began the next day to jettison the cargo. ¹⁹ And on the third day they threw the ship's tackle overboard with their own hands. ²⁰ When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days, and no small tempest lay on us, all hope of our being saved was at last abandoned. ²¹ Since they had been without food for a long time, Paul stood up among them and said, "Men, you should have listened to me and not have set sail from Crete and incurred this injury and loss. ²² Yet now I urge you to take heart, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship. ²³ For this very night there stood before me an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I worship, ²⁴ and he said, 'Do not be afraid, Paul; you must stand before Caesar. And behold, God has granted you all those who sail with you.' ²⁵ So take heart, men, for I have faith in God that it will be exactly as I have been told. ²⁶ But we must run aground on some island." ²⁷ When the fourteenth night had come, as we were being driven across the Adriatic Sea, about midnight the sailors suspected that they were nearing land.

²⁸ So they took a sounding and found twenty fathoms. A little farther on they took a sounding again and found fifteen fathoms. ²⁹ And fearing that we might run on the rocks, they let down four anchors from the stern and prayed for day to come. ³⁰ And as the sailors were seeking to escape from the ship, and had lowered the ship's boat into the sea under pretense of laying out anchors from the bow, ³¹ Paul said to the centurion and the soldiers, "Unless these men stay in the ship, you cannot be saved." ³² Then the soldiers cut away the ropes of the ship's boat and let it go. ³³ As day was about to dawn, Paul urged them all to take some food, saying, "Today is the fourteenth day that you have continued in suspense and without food, having taken nothing. ³⁴ Therefore I urge you to take some food. For it will give you strength, for not a hair is to perish from the head of any of you." ³⁵ And when he had said these things, he took bread, and giving thanks to God in the presence of all he broke it and began to eat. ³⁶ Then they all were encouraged and ate some food themselves. ³⁷ (We were in all 276 persons in the ship.) ³⁸ And when they had eaten enough, they lightened the ship, throwing out the wheat into the sea. ³⁹ Now when it was day, they did not recognize the land, but they noticed a bay with a beach, on which they planned if possible to run the ship ashore. ⁴⁰ So they cast off the anchors and left them in the sea, at the same time loosening the ropes that tied the rudders. Then hoisting the foresail to the wind they made for the beach. ⁴¹ But striking a reef, they ran the vessel aground. The bow stuck and remained immovable, and the stern was being broken up by the surf. ⁴² The soldiers' plan was to kill the prisoners, lest any should swim away and escape. ⁴³ But the centurion, wishing to save Paul, kept them from carrying out their plan. He ordered those who could swim to jump overboard first and make for the land, ⁴⁴ and the rest on planks or on pieces of the ship. And so it was that all were brought safely to land. ¹ After we were brought safely through, we then learned that the island was called Malta. ² The native people showed us unusual kindness, for they kindled a fire and welcomed us all, because it had begun to rain and was cold. ³ When Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and put them on the fire, a viper came out because of the heat and fastened on his hand. ⁴ When the native people saw the creature hanging from his hand, they said to one another, "No doubt this man is a murderer. Though he has escaped from the sea, Justice has not allowed him to live." ⁵ He, however, shook off the creature into the fire and suffered no harm. ⁶ They were waiting for him to swell up or suddenly fall down dead. But when they had waited a long time and saw no misfortune come to him, they changed their minds and said that he was a god. ⁷ Now in the neighborhood of that place were lands belonging to the chief man of the island, named Publius, who received us and entertained us hospitably for three days. ⁸ It happened that the father of Publius lay sick with fever and dysentery. And Paul visited him and prayed, and putting his hands on him, healed him. ⁹ And when this had taken place, the rest of the people on the island who had diseases also came and were cured. *Acts 27:1-28:9 (ESV)*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

In thanksgiving for the many blessings of creation, which our Lord sustains despite every ravage of sin, death and the devil; and for faith to receive His benefits with gratitude, knowing they come through Jesus' merits and not our own, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For our Synod president, our circuit pastor; all pastors, teachers, congregations and schools; including our own parish, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For creation and the good gift of man and woman with whom God has crowned it, let us give thanks to the Lord; and for His continued blessing of marriage with its callings and promises to husbands and wives, to fathers and mothers, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For creation, entrusted to us, that it may flourish; for farmers, that the land they tend may yield a rich harvest; and for strength to live out our particular callings according to God's holy will, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For *those in need, [especially _____],* that they may have faith in the love of Christ crucified, even in the midst of trial, sickness and loss, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For the fruits of the new creation, first and foremost holy Communion, that they would forgive our sins and bestow healing for body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

O Lord, heavenly Father, Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us until the End, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

80 for 80 update

Thank you for all the donations!

Thank you to our anonymous donor!

Thank God for ALL of our blessings!

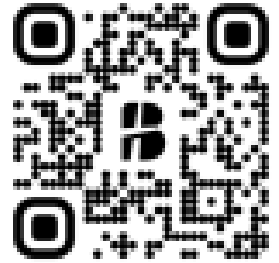
The congregation matched the \$6,400 (80 x 80) to bring the total to approximately

\$13,000.

Make plans to participate in the 2025 Give to Bethany Day on **Thursday, November 13**. Your gift will benefit The Bethany Fund providing students with the best Christ-centered college education possible. With gifts supporting our “Student Centered, Mission Focused” campaign, please help us reach our 2025 Give to Bethany Day goal!



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTION /QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS

It's that time of year where if you:

- 1) are in your 70s or more, and
- 2) have an IRA, you likely have the choice between an RMD and paying taxes on your interest.

Bethany Lutheran Church is an organization to which you could direct your RMD/QCD without having to pay tax on that donation.

Talk to your financial, or tax, advisors for more info.

◆ **BETHANY 55s:** If you are 55 or better, join them Monday, **November 10th**, at *That One Place* in Port Orchard for their monthly no-host brunch fellowship.

◆ LMSG AMMO CAN DONATIONS

As Veterans Day approaches, our congregations' Lutheran Military Support Group (LMSG) is asking for donations in support of our military men, women, and their families. LMSG, a partnership of ELS & WELS veterans, is working to grow awareness of and bring Christian support to military members and their families in our congregations and beyond. By placing your gift in the AMMO can located in the narthex, you are supporting the work of local congregations that are ministering to nearby military families, the WELS European chaplain program and global broadcasts of *Time of Grace* to our military. Questions? Visit www.lutheranmilitary.org. THANK YOU for standing shoulder to shoulder with those serving our nation!!

◆ TACO DINNER

Last chance for tickets! You can get yours in the Narthex following the service, a Youth Group member will be selling tickets for \$7/plate. Tickets are \$10/plate the day of. Cash or Venmo accepted.. Taco Night is Friday, **November 14th**. All proceeds go toward Youth Group summer convention costs in July. Questions? Contact Katie Denney.

BOBCAT OPPORTUNITIES



PIZZA PARTY: The Read-A-Thon is well underway! All funds raised will go to purchase new athletic uniforms. We need volunteers and fruit/drinks for our celebratory pizza party for ALL students ELC-8th grade on November 21, 2025. See the attached Sign Up Genius QR code.



We still need fresh produce and dinner rolls for our faculty baskets. Baskets will be handed out to faculty as a gift from Bethany families on 11/21. **Please sign up on the purple bulletin board** by the bathroom, or see the Sign Up Genius link. Reach out to Kristen Alas with questions.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050849ADA828A4FE3-59342765-thanksgiving>

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

Our school is collecting non-perishable food items to help local families in need this holiday season. From now through November 21, your donations make a real difference and help bring joy to the table!

Suggested items: canned vegetables and fruits, soups, pasta and sauce, rice, beans, peanut butter, and tuna. **Holiday favorites** like stuffing, gravy, cranberry sauce, dessert mixes, and hot cocoa are also welcome. **Cooking essentials** such as oil, sugar, flour, and spices.

Please bring donated items and place on the table down by the school entrance.

Thank you for helping us share the spirit of giving this season!

COMMUNITY OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Hi, Bethany Friends!

It's time once again to help spread the message of Christmas love and joy to children around the world. Please join millions of Christians who participate in the annual Operation Christmas Child effort of Samaritan's Purse. It is simple to fill a shoe box with gifts and messages from your family, and it means so much to children who have so little. Supplies and information are available now in the Narthex. Boxes will be collected at Church the week of 11/16 through 11/23.

For more information, Google Operation Christmas Child. Thanks!

Nancy Busek



HOLIDAY BASKETS AND GIVING TREE

With Thanksgiving and Christmas right around the corner, Bethany is blessed to offer ways to help ease the burden of the holidays.

THANKSGIVING & CHRISTMAS BASKETS

If you or someone you know would benefit, please contact the office with:

- Point of contact
- Family size
- Any dietary restrictions

GIVING TREE

Names and needs can be submitted between this Sunday and December 12th. Please provide:

- Point of contact
- Ages, sizes, and color preferences
- Clothing needs and a couple of “want” items

Please return items to Bethany



CALENDAR

SUNDAY, 11/09

Third to Last Sunday

9:00am Worship w/communion

(livestreamed)

10:15am Bible Class/Sunday School

11:15am "B" Confirmation

MONDAY, 11/10

No School. Office Hours 9:30-3:00

11:00am Bethany 55s

7:00pm Worship

TUESDAY, 11/11

Veterans Day

No School. Office Hours 9:30-3:00

6:00pm Elder's Meeting

WEDNESDAY, 11/12

No School. Office Hours 9:30-3:00

6:15pm Choir

THURSDAY, 11/13

9:00am Power Hour

FRIDAY, 11/14

6:00pm Taco Night!

SUNDAY, 11/16 *Second to Last*

9:00am Worship w/communion

(livestreamed)

ELC/Kindergarten sing

10:15am Bible Class/Sunday School

Bethany Lutheran Youth Group's

TACO NIGHT

Friday, November 14 | 6:00-7:30pm

Build your own tacos or taco salad!

\$7
Per plate
Pre-purchased between
October 19-November 9

\$10
Per plate
Purchased at the door



All proceeds go towards Youth Group summer convention costs

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Worship Schedule: Sunday 9:00am, Monday 7:00pm.