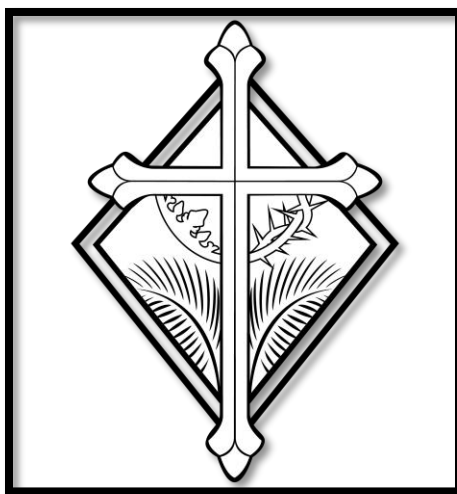

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

ADVENT

November 30, 2025



SERVING YOU TODAY

Preacher Pastor Pittenger
Organist Mrs. Megan Enstad
Acolytes Charleigh & Everett Walsh,
Kayson Crew, Audrey Pasillas
Elder on duty this week Larry Sharrett

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Monday: The Office of Compline, pg. 128

HYMNS

	279	90	89
<i>Gathering Rite</i>	<i>Hosanna, Loud Hosanna</i>	<i>Savior of the Nations, Come</i>	<i>Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring</i>

INTROIT: To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul; O my God, I trust in You. Let me not be ashamed; let not my enemies triumph over me. Indeed, let no one who waits on You be ashamed. Show me Your ways, O Lord; teach me Your paths.

COLLECT: Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You, we bless and praise You forever, that You sent Your Son to rule over us poor sinners, who for our transgressions justly deserved to remain in the bondage of sin and Satan, and that in Him You gave us a meek and righteous King, who by His death became our Savior from sin and eternal death. We beseech You so to enlighten, govern and direct us by Your Holy Spirit, that we may ever remain faithful to this righteous King and Savior, and not, after the manner of the world, be offended by His humbled form and despised Word, but, firmly believing in Him, obtain eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON

Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³ Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. Romans 13:11-14 (ESV).

GRADUAL: Alleluia! Remember, O Lord, Your tender mercies: for they have been from of old. Alleluia!

GOSPEL LESSON

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to Me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” ⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, ⁵ “Say to the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, Your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’” ⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and He sat on them. ⁸ Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ And the crowds that went before Him and that followed Him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”
Matthew 21:1-9 (ESV)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

For the whole Church, that as we wait for the coming of our King, our hearts may be filled with His joy and our lips with His praise, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That the Lord would renew the faith and quicken the love of all Christians to cast off the works of darkness, put on Jesus Christ and live as children of the eternal day, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our homes, that God would provide companionship for those who are alone, strengthen the bonds of marriage, and equip parents to raise their children in love and faith; and that, for Jesus’ sake, our homes would be places of joy, reasonableness, peace and prayer, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our nation, its leaders and our armed forces, that God would take them under His care and let His blessing rest upon them, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick, the suffering and those in need, [*especially* _____,] that our Father in heaven would ease their pain, increase their faith, and grant them healing and peace in accordance with His own wisdom and will, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who mourn, that Christ would comfort them with His promises and fill their hearts with the peace that passes understanding, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the Holy Church, that God would preserve her against all enemies, leading His people to walk in His ways and follow His paths, so that when Jesus returns in His glory we may welcome Him with glad hosannas, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Hear us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

Matthew 6:33 (ESV)

*But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,
and all these things will be added to you.*

SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS!

ALTAR CARE FOR 2026

Ladies, please prayerfully consider assisting with 2026 Altar Care. Monthly teams of 2-3 are needed. Training is available if you're new or want a 'refresher'. If you have any questions, ask the office, or contact the current Altar Care Chairman Arin Starkel.

CAROLING PRACTICE INVITATION

Bethany members who would like to run through caroling songs with choir members before our Caroling Afternoon on December 7 are invited to join the choir practice next

Wednesday, December 3, at 6:15 p.m.

All are welcome—Bethany Choir is always looking for additional voices as we continue practicing the Advent Gathering Rite.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD We collected 37 boxes! Thanks to all who participated to send the love of Jesus to children all over the world

You are awesome!

Nancy Busek



ANNOUNCEMENTS

GIVING TREE

Keep an eye out for our annual Giving Tree that will be up after Sunday's service to sponsor a child/family in our community.

Please select a tag, shop, wrap and return the present, with tag attached, and place under the tree. **Deadline to return is Monday, December 15th.**

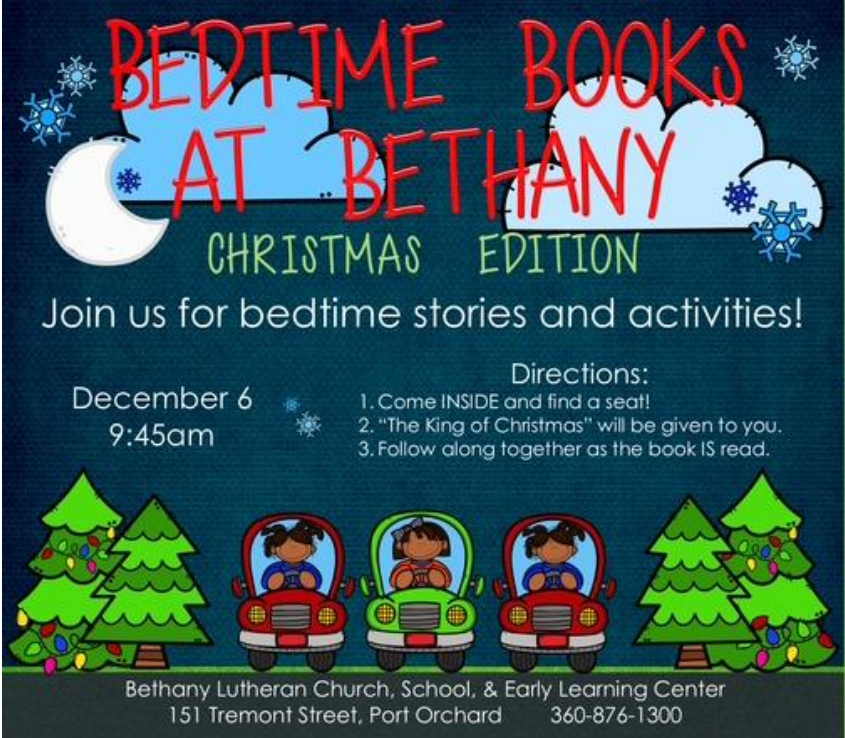
If you would like to add a family in need to the tree, please let the office know.



ANNOUNCEMENTS cont. CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS

It's not too early!

If you know a family who could benefit from a Christmas Food Basket, please let the office know.



**BEDTIME BOOKS
AT BETHANY**
CHRISTMAS EDITION

Join us for bedtime stories and activities!

December 6
9:45am

Directions:

1. Come INSIDE and find a seat!
2. "The King of Christmas" will be given to you.
3. Follow along together as the book IS read.

Bethany Lutheran Church, School, & Early Learning Center
151 Tremont Street, Port Orchard 360-876-1300

MEET THE
ILLUSTRATOR
Before books:
9:00am
After books:
10:30am

CHRISTMAS
CAROLS
9:45-10:00am

COOKIES &
COCOA
Before and after
books

DONATION
COLLECTION
NEW pajamas
for foster kids

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, 11/30 *Advent One*

9:00am Worship *(livestreamed)*

10:15am Bible Class/Sunday School

11:00am Christmas Decorating

11:15am Confirmation B

MONDAY, 12/1

7:00pm Worship

TUESDAY, 12/02

1:00pm Juanita's Bible Study

6:00pm Sunday School mtg

7:00pm School Board mtg

WEDNESDAY 12/03

6:15pm Choir/Caroling Practice

SATURDAY, 12/06

9:00am Bethany Activities

10:00am Bedtime Books

SUNDAY, 12/07 *Advent Two*

9:00am Worship

(livestreamed)

10:15am Bible Class/Sunday School

2:00 Christmas Caroling

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