

---

# Bethany Lutheran Church

## Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

August 18, 2024

---

### WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Thank you for joining us for worship today.

In our service we gather before our almighty and saving God to offer Him our worship and praise. We also assemble to hear God's holy and powerful Word and celebrate His life-giving Sacraments. Through these means, God strengthens our faith and walks us ever closer to our eternal home with Him.

We greet you in Jesus' name!



### ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Sunday:** Join with us as we use

**The Matins Service** starting on page 109.

*Please follow along in the hymnal or above the altar.*

**Monday** pg. 128

#### HYMNS:

3

458

457

579

---

### STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

*Giving is the barometer of your heart – stormy or clear.*

---

### Epistle Lesson

**S**uch is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. <sup>5</sup> Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, <sup>6</sup> who has made us sufficient to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. <sup>7</sup> Now if the ministry of death, carved in letters on stone, came with such glory that the Israelites could not gaze at Moses' face because of its glory, which was being brought to an end, <sup>8</sup> will not the ministry of the Spirit have even more glory? <sup>9</sup> For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, the ministry of righteousness must far exceed it in glory. <sup>10</sup> Indeed, in this case, what once had glory has come to have no glory at all, because of the glory that surpasses it. <sup>11</sup> For if what was being brought to an end came with glory, much more will what is permanent have glory. *2 Corinthians 3:4-11 (ESV)*

---

## Gospel Lesson

**T**hen He returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup> And they brought to Him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged Him to lay His hand on him. <sup>33</sup> And taking him aside from the crowd privately, He put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup> And looking up to heaven, He sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” <sup>35</sup> And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup> And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more He charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup> And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.” *Mark 7:31–37 (ESV)*

---

## Prayer of the Church

Lord, You are our help and deliverer. We bring to You the prayers and petitions of Your people, that You may grant us all things needful and guard us against all things harmful. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God, open the ears of unbelievers to the word of Your salvation. Loose their lips to praise You aright and their mouths to confess that Jesus is Lord. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless all in authority by whose service You provide the gift of order, including parents and family, our government, our police and firemen, our military and our schools. Give them strength and endurance to carry out their duties for the good of those entrusted to their care. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, You sent Your Son, Jesus, as the Great Physician of body and soul. By His touch, He banished the fear of His disciples. Comfort those in need [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_] with peace in the midst of fear and wholeness of body and soul. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. To You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

---

## SWEET TREATS AND FELLOWSHIP

Following worship, join us for refreshments and visiting in the narthex. Kids are invited to gather for a ‘mini-Sunday School’ activity on the lawn (*or in the sanctuary if it’s rainy*). To help provide treats, sign up on the hallway bulletin board or click the QR code on pg.3.

---

---

## GATHER-GROW-GO

**Gather** to hear God's Word.

**Grow** in our faith and love for one another.

**Go** and serve neighbors as God enables us.



Scan this QR code to access our SignUPGenius page, where you can volunteer for worship roles, Bedtime Books, and property beautification.

*Not sure how? Stop by the office or find Pastor and Rosemary and we can show you.*

*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace. 1 Peter 4:10*

---

## MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Approved at last week's Voters Meeting:

Anette Charette and Dan Hope were accepted as communicant members,  
Welcome!

---



Girls 12 and older are invited to attend Friends In Faith adventures!

Questions? See Becky Bergemann or Carrie Grey.

## Friends in Faith End-of-Summer Fun:

Saturday, August 24

Explore Fort Worden & Historic Port Townsend

Depart Bethany parking lot 9am – return @ 5pm



---

## BETHANY BEACON

Monthly publication resumes with the September issue, and the deadline to submit articles, updates, announcements is THIS Tuesday August 20<sup>th</sup>. You will find forms in the top black wire basket next to the member mailboxes. Simply hand to Kathy or Connie after church, or email directly to Kathy Seals. Thank you.

---

---

## WORSHIP SLIDE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

*Can you climb the stairs to the choir loft, sit in a comfy chair and push a button?*

An easy way to assist Bethany with worship is to be part of the team rotating the slides that are displayed above the altar during the Sunday service. If we have a 5-person team for each service, no one serves more than one Sunday a month! Anyone confirmation age – retiree is welcome; talk to Pastor today.

---

## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, 8/18 *Trinity 12*

**9:00 am Worship**

*(livestreamed)*

*Sweet Treats & Fellowship following*

### MONDAY, 8/19

**7:00 pm**

Worship

### TUESDAY, 8/20

**7:00 pm**

Tuesdays at Lutherhaven

### WEDNESDAY, 8/21

**3:00-7:00 pm**

Back-to-School Night

### THURSDAY 8/22

**6:00 pm**

Lutherhaven Board meeting @ Bethany

### SATURDAY 8/24

**9:00 am**

Friends in Faith explore Fort Worden

**1:00pm**

*Memorial Service Anita Warmbo*

### SUNDAY, 8/25 *Trinity 13*

**9:00 am Worship w/ communion**

*(livestreamed)*

*Sweet Treats & Fellowship following*

---

*Flowers on the Altar this week are given to the glory of God by Dave and Heather Humphrey in celebration of their 21<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary.*

---

## SERVING YOU TODAY

**Preacher**

Pastor Tony Pittenger

**Organist/Accompanist**

Mrs. Kelli Gracia

**Acolytes**

Walsh, Crew

**Elder on duty this week**

Mike Lorette

*Communion is offered on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays & Mondays of the month.*

## COPYRIGHT INFORMATION

*Artwork by Jeffrey Hendrix; lectionary icon based on the Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary symbol by Chaplain Don Moldstad.*

---

**151 TREMONT ST, PORT ORCHARD WA 98366**

[www.bethanylutheranportorchard.org](http://www.bethanylutheranportorchard.org)

<http://facebook.com/Bethany.Kitsap>

[360-876-1300](tel:360-876-1300)

---